



Fishin' Lines

July 2017

The Oswegoland Fishin' Fools is a multi-species fishing club. We meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Allied First Bank Building, 3201 Orchard Road, Oswego Visit us on the Web at: <http://www.fishinfools.org>

If you have an article to submit, please send it to me at: menoland@sbcglobal.net or if you would like help writing an article you can either email or call me at 630-730-3490. Thanks – Mike Noland

OSWEGOLAND FISHIN' FOOLS

July 10th Meeting at Bass Pro, Bolingbrook to Feature Cabela's and Lowrance Pro-Staffer Mark O'Neill



“My name is Mark O'Neill and I am a Marine Electronics and Fishing Educator [and] licensed Wisconsin fishing guide. As an educator and guide, I spent much of my time helping fellow anglers get a better understanding of what lies below the surface to help them catch more fish.”

Make a note to mark your calendar! The July meeting date AND location have changed . . .

Fishin' Fools, don't miss this rare opportunity to gain a better understanding of your sonar from a real expert on the subject. Mark O'Neill has taught classes from Illinois to Ontario, Canada and will undoubtedly clear up some of the confusion many of us share on how to get the most from our sonar units.

Check out Mark's website:
www.structurefishing.com

Invite your friends but please remember that admission for non-members is \$5 (applicable to a new membership).

-- Mike

Sturgeon Bay Results

The winds were rough and the prediction of storms forced the Event to switch days. However, 11 members were still able to get out. On Day 1 which was moved to Friday, Rock Bass won the Event. There were a few Smallies caught, but Rock Bass was the star with Tyler De Boer, Don De Boer and Bob Evans catching a total of 139 Rock Bass between the three of them. With a show of good sportsmanship and demonstrating what

2017 Sturgeon Bay, IL - Day 1 Event Totals		Total Inches	Event Total Pts
1	Tyler DeBoer	442.5	2401.76
2	Don DeBoer	365	2097.84
3	Jim Frohlich	144	1866.41
4	Bob Evans	381	1831.53
5	Tom Witzke	284.5	1809.945
6	Tom Cebula	164.5	1543.135
7	Mark Lutz	84	1201.64
8	Herman Kunz	148	1081.77
9	Donna Witzke	181.5	825.18
10	Bob Arundale	14	215.46
11	Roger Schmidt	0	0

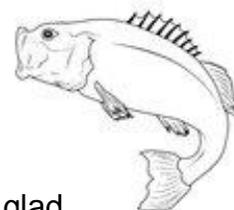
this club should be, Tyler and Don put Bob's boat on the hotspot of a rock pile where there were plenty for all to partake in the fun. This was Tyler's first Tournament, and what an Event. Tyler won the event with 2401.76 points with good old Dad coming in second place with 2097.84 points. Jim Frohlich came in third place with a limit of Smallies, but the quality of the Smallmouth Bass did not match the quality of the Rock Bass. Fish of the Day was Bass and Mark Lutz captured 1st place in Fish of the Day with an 18" Smallmouth and Tom Cebula came in 2nd place with an 18" Smallmouth.

	Day 2 Event Totals	Total Inches	Event Total Pts
1	Tom Witzke	91.5	1408.185
2	Jim Frohlich	80	992.01
3	Bob Arundale	46	571.26
4	Donna Witzke	32	492.48
5	Don DeBoer	30.5	281.46
6	Herman Kunz	22	240.02
7	Bob Evans	13	200.07
8	Tom Cebula	31	124
9	Tyler DeBoer	24.5	98
10	Mark Lutz	0	0
10	Roger Schmidt	0	0

On Day 2's Tournament, it was a totally different day and conditions. On Day 2, Herman Kunz caught a 22" Northern. Tom Witzke came in with the only limit of Smallmouth Bass. The only other highlight of Day 2 was a new Club Record set by Bob Arundale with a 12" Rock Bass. The fish of the Day was Perch; however none were caught so we had to go to our backup fish of Bass. Bob Arundale came in 1st place with a 19" Smallmouth and Jim Frohlich came in 2nd place with an 18" Smallmouth. See the daily standings above and Angler of the year below.

2017 Angler of the Year		Best 4 Events Totals	Number of Events Fished
	Member's Name		
1	Tom Witzke	4327.430	4
2	Jim Frohlich	3701.490	3
3	Tom Cebula	3365.010	4
4	Don De Boer	2862.330	3
5	Tyler DeBoer	2499.760	2
6	Danny Cossich	2304.130	2
7	Bob Evans	2031.600	2
8	Herman Kunz	1321.790	3
9	Donna Witzke	1317.660	2
10	Mark Lutz	1201.640	2
11	Amy Andrews	987.500	2
12	Jim Barton	812.460	1
13	Bob Arundale	786.420	2
14	John Cox	717.000	2
15	Dick Banning	300.000	4
16	Paul Rathman	200.070	1
17	Ginny Banning	148.500	4
18	Frank Gonzales	127.500	1
19	Roger Schmidt	0.000	2
19	Jeff Hansen	0.000	1

Have a favorite fishing spot?



Organize a side trip. Need help? Just ask. Club officers (even other members) will be glad to assist you in organizing and promoting your trip. Why wait? Do it now!

Fishin' Fools' 2017 Tournament Schedule

(Events Remaining)

Date/Time	Location	F.O.D.
July 8 th & 9 th 6:00 – 3:00	The Tony Cox Memorial Illinois River – Spring Valley Barto's Landing	Walleye / Other
August 12 th & 13 th 6:00 – 12:00 Note: Fishing must end at Noon on both days. Check-in is no later than 2:00 p.m.	Clinton Lake (Clinton Lake Marina)	Bluegill / Crappie
September 30 th & October 1 st 6:00 – 3:00	Winneconne (Landing on the Wolf)	White Bass / Northern
October 14 th & 15 th 7:00 – 3:00	Shelbyville West Dam Recreational Area (9 th St.)	Bass / Bluegill

***All Tournaments are one-day Tournaments. i.e. – August 12th & 13th will be two one-day Tournaments.**

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Hello fellow fools, summer is now upon us and looks like the hot days are here. Does that mean fishing has to slow down or even stop? Heck no! One fishing spot that a lot of people overlook is



within an hour's ride from our area. That is, the Illinois River.

I make it a point every summer to hit this river a lot during the "dog days" of summer as they say.

Most people do not know that the river has a great white bass, Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass population. I used to believe that it was just Catfish and Drum that was in the river to catch. There are some very large catfish and drum to be caught but bass are everywhere in the river. I personally like looking for gravel and sand shore lines.

It usually takes simple tackle to catch some good fish. I like using small crank baits or even blade baits in almost every color you can throw.

If you can get your boat out of the current, throw a slider jig with a plastic grub on it working it real slow, feeling for the light tap-tap or line movement.

Also look for eddies in the current and cast up into them. If you feel lazy, bring your lawn chair with you in your boat, put on your favorite sports game and throw out a glob of Sonny's stink bait or a juicy night-crawler with a slightly heavier weight on the bottom and sit back and relax and wait for old Mister Whiskers or a decent drum to take your bait. If you do this make sure you apply sun screen to your face in case you doze off for 5 innings. You might be surprised what you will catch.

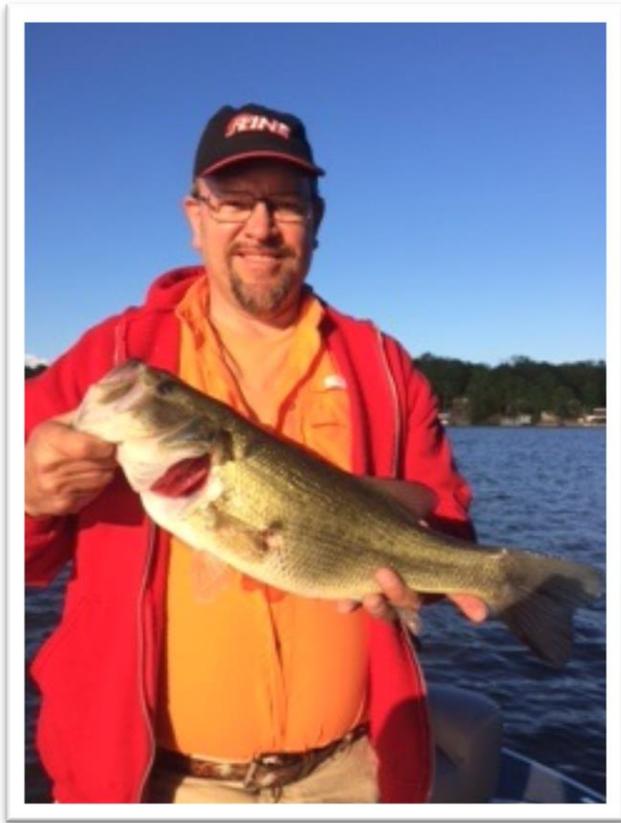
The Fools are fishing the Illinois River in July so if you want to go make some calls and get in a boat with somebody. Until next month, I will keep Pondering!

-- Jim

Confishus Says:

Your first attempt to navigate a strange boat ramp will be witnessed by exactly four million snickering know-it-alls and one fishing partner who wants to know what they're all laughing at.

MAY FISH OF THE MONTH



Angler: Mark Corah
Fish: 19" Largemouth Bass
Location: Lake of Egypt
Bait: Yo-Zuri Vibe
Set up: Santee rig
Date: 05/06/2017

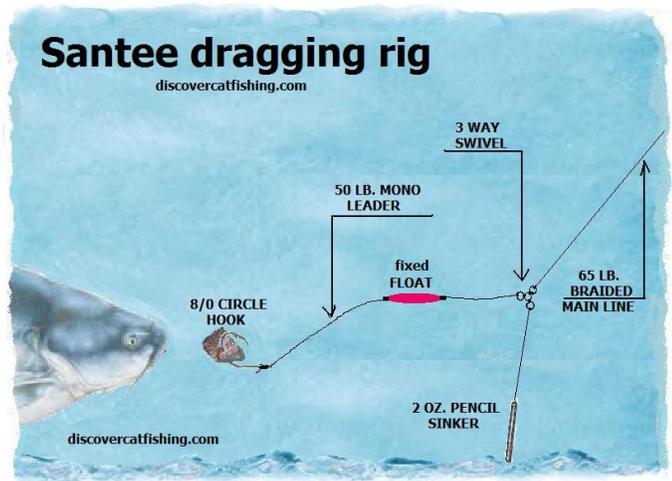
Big Bass Mark!

Santee Cooper Rig

By Danny Cossich

If you ever heard me talk about Blue Catfish, you have heard me state time again that Shad is the best bait. I have given demonstrations on how to use a cast net to catch Shad, but if you just can't get the hang of throwing one or whatever the reason, you can still catch those big fish anyway. Everyone can catch Bluegill, and those monsters love them as well. Just remember, that Bluegill is a gamefish, so you

are only allowed to use them as bait if you catch them on a hook and line. You can cut the bait into filets, or you can use the whole Bluegill. If you use live Bluegill, it's possible that you might even catch a large Flathead.



The Santee Cooper Rig is a rig that has been gaining popularity in the catfishing world, when targeting blues or channel catfish on lakes and in Rivers that have slow current. The catfish rig acquired its name as it gained popularity by catfishermen in the 90's when they used it on the Santee Cooper Chain in South Carolina. There are a number of variations, but the basic rig consists of a slip sinker rig with a longer leader and adding a float to keep the bait off of the bottom. You will catch larger fish by placing the bait in front of the fish instead of the bottom of the lake where many of the little catfish are feeding. I have caught many catfish either drift fishing, or anchored. The key is first locating the catfish, but that's another article that will follow.



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