



# The Fishin' Line

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Keep  
Collecting  
Cans and Batteries



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>

## Fishing Line Recycle Program

What do you do with your tangled lines or old fishing line? Discarded fishing line is a significant hazard to wildlife and marine engines. Have you ever tried to remove line from your boats prop? While fishing, keep a plastic bag handy to put your tangled mess in to dispose of at the dock. No responsible angler would ever throw fishing line away in nature, but abandoned line turns up in the wrong places. For wildlife, the discarded line can mean the end of the line literally. At many lakes and rivers in Illinois, collection bins for old fishing line along with their spools have been installed to help keep our



waterways free of snags. Don't see a collection container? Berkley has recycled more than 9 million miles of fishing line since 1990. That's enough line to supply each angler in America 2 spools of line. Send your line to Berkley Recycling, 1900 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.

## The Alabama Rig

What's all the rage about this rig? It's another tool in the many thousands of lures on the market to be used (for now). If you haven't seen this lure (or should I say lures), it's a rig that looks like an umbrella of hanging lures that imitates a school of bait fish swimming in



unison. The reason for such the fuss over this lure is the use of it in Professional Bass Tournaments. Should it be outlawed? That is one of the questions being asked. But before you buy one, by the way which has a back order of 5 weeks or more, they are illegal in some states, including Illinois. Illinois regulations only allow 2 hooks or lures per line.

## Fish of the Month November 2011

There is no Fish of the Month for November. Remember, the deadline for tuning any photos in for Fish of the Year is Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. See Gene Walkling.

## Officers and Members of the Planning Committee

Dick Banning, President  
Jim Frohlich, Vice President  
Danny Cossich, Secretary  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 20-22	Bedford Sales Open House
Feb 3-5	Timber Creek Outdoor Expo
Feb 11	Cabin Fever Party
Mar 31	Lake of Egypt Event
April 21	Illinois River – Utica Event
May 19-20	Lake Jacksonville
June 16	PrairieFest Kids Fishing Clinic
June 22-23	Turtle-Flambeau, WI (or 28-29)
July 21	Fox River Event and Picnic (Oswego)
Aug 18	Madison Chain of Lakes Event
Sept 22-23	N. Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days
Sept 29-30	Lake Shelbyville
Oct 20	Illinois River - Ottawa

## Club News

### Elections

Elections for President and Secretary were held at our last meeting. With a unanimous vote, Dick Banning is our new President and Danny Cossich is Secretary. The Board of Directors also met in December and have appointed Jim Frolich as Vice President to complete the remaining term of the vacated position.

### Membership Dues

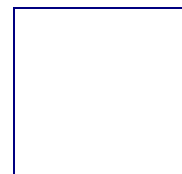
Membership Dues are now due. If you haven't paid your 2012 dues, please see Jim Barton. The dues are still \$40 annually.

### Cabin Fever Party

Cabin Fever will be on February 11th at Open Range in Sugar Grove. Jim Barton is trying to get a head count for the number of attendees. The cost is \$22 per person and is open to all members and invitees. As a reminder, this party is for adults only. Please see Jim at the next meeting to reserve your seating. See the flyer inside for additional details. We look forward to seeing you there!

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