



There's No Fool Like A Fishin' Fool

## ***Fishin' Lines***

**February 2018**

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](mailto: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**

## **PRESIDENT DON'S PONDERING**



Hello fools,

Welcome back to another year with the club, we also welcome some new faces to the club and with

myself let's make them feel at home, we have another great year planned with some new water to fish and some new venues to explore with a relationship in the works with the Bass fishing teams from our Oswego high schools. I look forward to working with all members to make this a fun year! All ideas to make the club better will be listened to and discussed at our planning meetings which are open to all members.

Good fishin' -- Don

## **Jim Kopjo is Guest Speaker**



The "Crappie Professor", Jim Kopjo will return to the club's Feb 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with a slightly different presentation. Sure, he'll talk ice fishing some but

he will also cover open water fishing targeting various species at Heidecke Lake, the location of our May fishing event. This promises to be an informative talk so you may be well-advised to bring a pen and note pad.

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## February 10<sup>th</sup> is Almost Here! CABIN FEVER 2018

Appetizers will be served at 5:30 PM followed by dinner, awards, games, gifts, etc. You don't want to miss the fun and excitement of our annual Cabin Fever party. It's a chance to meet other members and their spouse/other guest and get to know some people a little better. It's always fun so wrap something up for a white elephant gift (just about anything; it doesn't have to be new) and come join the party on Saturday, Feb 10, 2018 at the Riverview Diner, Montgomery. Be at the February 5th meeting for more details and to reserve seats for you and a guest! Only \$20 per person.

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**Reminder:** Please remember to remit your membership dues for 2018 A.S.A.P. The small annual dues help us provide speakers, offset Cabin Fever expenses and provide other valuable benefits for our members. All officers and committee persons volunteer their time and none are compensated for their work on behalf of the club (in case you were wondering).

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## Bedford Sales Open House

Mike Noland and Jim Frolich will be co-chairman for our club's promotion at Bedford Sales' Open House in Morris on February 17 & 18. Owner, Sam Rosefsky has once again, extended a generous offer to provide us a booth at no charge to our club. This is an opportunity to promote our club, find leads for future guest speakers and possibly even recruit new members.

Your help in manning the booth for a few hours on either/both days would be a great help. If there are enough volunteers it means that one or two may

be able to take time out to browse the other booths, talk to vendors or sit in on a seminar.

Please let either Mike or Jim know if you are able to help make our club promotion a success.

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## 2018 Fishing Events

Date	Location
April 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Tournaments on both days launching at the South Ramp	Braidwood Lake
April 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Tournaments on both days launching from the Marina	Clinton Lake
May 19 <sup>th</sup> Tournament on Saturday Only	Heidecke Lake –
May 20 <sup>th</sup> No Tournament	LaSalle Lake
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tournament at Prairie Lake on Sunday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lake Jacksonville
July 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Tournaments on both days	Shabbona Lake
August 18 <sup>th</sup> August 19 <sup>th</sup> Tournaments on both days	Spring Valley (Barto's Landing) Ottawa (Allen Park)
September 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> the Wolf)	Winneconne (Landing on Tournaments on both days
October 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> Tournaments on both days	Big Green Lake

***\*We offer Tournaments to all members during Events when noted above. It's not required that you participate in the Tournaments. All Participants in the Tournaments are required to provide a copy of their Boat Insurance and sign a Waiver prior to the Tournament start.***

# Major Changes Come to Tournaments

This year we will have 9 Events with 14 Tournaments offered to Members who want to participate. It's not required that you participate, but if you want to compete for Angler of the Year, you need to participate in the Tournament during the Event. Below is a highlight of the Major Changes to Tournament Fishing during our Events.

1) Honor System – No longer will it be required that you have a witness for your catch. Each Member will sign their own scoresheet and certify their catch. This will help Members that don't have a partner for the Tournament able to still participate without having to hold their fish in a live well or take pictures. We are fishing for fun (keyword: "Fun") and not for the big paycheck at the end of the Tournament.

2) All Boat Owners must provide Proof of Insurance and all Participants must sign a Waiver prior to fishing in the Tournament.

3) Members are allowed to fish with Non-Members. Since no Witness is required, Members will be allowed to fish with whoever they like. However, it's encouraged to have another Member fish with you. This will allow Members to bring family members, neighbors and friends to help promote the Club and spread the word that our Club is here for all and not a "Hardcore" Tournament Club.

4) Members are allowed to have a Non-Member participate as a Guest twice a year. Unlike being able to just fish in the Tournament with a Member, the Non-Member will also be able to participate for "Bragging Rights". The Non-Member will not be able to participate for Angler of the Year. We are hoping this will help bring in new members by showing Non-Members how our Tournaments work while having fun on the water.

All of these changes are being made to help retain participation in the Tournaments and promote the club to others.



## December Fish of the Month

Proving that he's a true Fishin' Fool, Tom Cebula braved the December weather and ventured out to the Montgomery Dam on the Mighty Fox River where he managed to catch this 18.5" Walleye on a 1/16 oz. jig & a 3" Gulp Minnow on the 12th of December 2017.

<b>Angler:</b>	Tom Cebula
<b>Fish:</b>	18.5 in. Walleye
<b>Bait:</b>	3" Gulp Minnow
<b>Location:</b>	Fox River at the Montgomery Dam
<b>When:</b>	Dec 12, 2017

Nice Catch Tom!

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## Say it in Pictures!

Please send your fishing photos or your original articles to me, Mike Noland at: [menoland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:menoland@sbcglobal.net)

Thanks!



# Area Fishing Shows

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| Jan 26 – 28 | Pantograph Fish & Feather Expo,<br>Bloomington, IL<br><a href="http://www.pantagraph.com/fishandfeather">www.pantagraph.com/fishandfeather</a> |
| Jan 26 – 29 | Chicagoland Fishing, Travel & Outdoor<br>Expo, Schaumburg, IL<br><a href="http://www.SportsShows.com/Chicago">www.SportsShows.com/Chicago</a>  |
| Feb 9 & 10  | Central IL Outdoor Expo, Arthur, IL<br><a href="http://www.arthuroutdoorexpo.com">www.arthuroutdoorexpo.com</a>                                |
| Feb 10 & 11 | Tinley Park Fishing & Outdoor Show,<br><a href="http://www.tinleyparkfishingshow.com">www.tinleyparkfishingshow.com</a>                        |

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## Lake of Egypt Side Trip

May 3-6, (4 days, 3 nights)

There is currently space open at the house for 2 people on this trip with a cost of \$150 (prepaid) for the 3 nights. Either the first floor apt or the 2 bedrooms on the main floor. A kitchen is available on each floor and a separate bathroom. This house is on the water with a dock. You will only need to launch once and pay one fee. I have a client on the water and business. They are from Batavia and stated we can leave our trailers on their lot. Fishing has ALWAYS been good at this time, as I have been doing this trip for 10 yrs., check with Mark Corah. Weather is usually in the 70s. I will be cancelling the 2nd house reserved in Feb since it is not needed at this time.

If you have additional questions at a meeting, please talk to Mark Corah and he can answer some of them.

If interested please email me ASAP at:  
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-- Brian Murphy