

OSWEGOLAND FISHIN' FOOLS



FISHIN' LINE

July/August 2020

The Oswegoland Fishin' Fools is a multi-species fishing club. We meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Oswego Police Department located at 3355 Woolley Road in Oswego. The Community Room.

Visit us on the Web at: <http://www.fishinfools.org>

Newsletter Editor's Ponderings



Hello Fishin' Fools, I will try and fill in for this newsletter so bear with me, I am no writer. The topic I want to discuss is something new to me called PARTICIPATION. I have been a member on and off since 2003 and participation is not what I do. I have a

tendency to sit on the side lines and not say much. As many of you see me at meetings, I basically don't say much. I am trying something different this year by getting involved more with the club. Our club is a great club, but without ALL of us participating, we will stagnate. We need new and fresh ideas. We need to get all of us involved. The monthly meeting for June only had 9 participants. Some of our fishing events only have 2-4 people. We all need to get involved.

Maybe more new lakes each year, A scramble format for picking a non-boat person for an event. I know, as a non-boat person, it is very difficult for me to ask a person to take me fishing. I don't know if any of these ideas are good or not, but without any ideas at all from our members we will always be doing the same thing. Variety is the spice of life. So signon / come to the meetings. Send us suggestions. Sit next to someone different than the same people each month. I know I would appreciate it.

Jeff Nieland

All FISHING Tournaments have been cancelled until next year. However, we have not canceled Events. What that means, we will not have competition but we will have outings for those who want to go. If anyone wants to go fishing on any of these Events, please email Danny and he will send out email

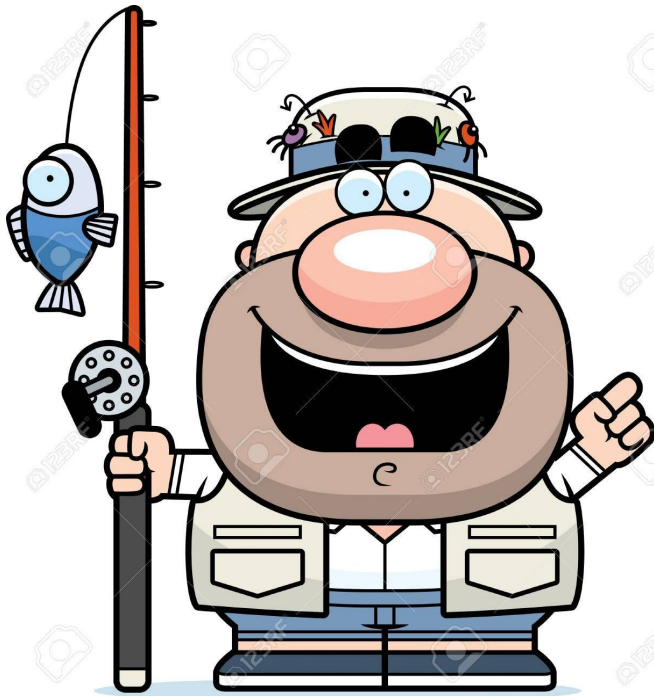
notifications to everyone who will be going and who is looking for someone to fish with.



FISH OF THE MONTH

April

**This could be you!
If you would have submitted a fish.**



If you have a favorite place to fish, please share your spot and write a little synopsis of what makes it special. Send it to jjnieland@gmail.com



FISH OF THE MONTH

May

Brian Murphy



5.2 pounds 21" Largemouth Bass caught at Lakeview Estate pond

Prairie Fest has been suspended for 2020.

Fish & Hook Show was rescheduled to February 20, 2021

Your donation of aluminum cans and batteries helps our club pay for speakers and programs that benefit YOU! Please be generous and DONATE!

Put the Wolf River in your Summer

Plans From Mike Ratter Midwest Outdoors

The big spring run for the walleyes on the Wolf River is in full swing. Every spring, the little village of Fremont, Wis. becomes the fishing capital of the Midwest.

The warming days of April trigger the spawning run, as fine, eating males travel upriver from Lake Winnebago, Lake Winneconne and Poygan and Butte De Morts lakes, followed by the larger females, to complete their annual spawning run.

The river will be lined with boats throughout April and anglers fishing jig/minnow combinations will be rewarded with limits of these great eaters. The 1/4-ounce jigs in colors like FireTiger and parrot along with minnows are likely the top producers.

Overlapping the end of the run in late April and early May is the world-famous white bass run late into May. This is the run that put Fremont on the map, making it the "White Bass Capital of the World."

With no size or bag limits on white bass, catches of over 100 fish per day don't raise too many eyebrows.

During these spring months, Fremont takes on the look of an old prospecting town during the Gold Rush with the hustle and bustle everywhere.

But if you are more a fan of relaxation and quiet, I've got just the place for you—Fremont. That's right, Fremont again.

Once Memorial Day passes, the town seemingly takes on the transformation from

an on-the-go fishing frenzy to a lazy little river town. Gone are the huge crowds and wall-to-wall boats. You will think you are in a different place with the peace and quiet replacing the havoc of the spring runs. This tranquility lasts throughout summer and has some red-hot fishing. In fact, it's probably one of Wisconsin's best-kept secrets.

There are plenty of white bass throughout the summer, as they will be feeding along the rock walls or seawalls in the river at dawn and at dusk feeding on the minnows.

After these feeding periods, head to Partridge, Poygan and Winneconne to watch for the seagulls. When you see them diving for minnows, it's a good bet the white bass will be right below them feeding. Get on the outskirts of the gulls and cast Shad Raps or small spoons like Castmasters, Little Cleos, K-O Wobblers or the new Williams Ridge/Backs.

Many other species are readily available in the Wolf River and its backwaters throughout the summer including channel catfish, flatheads, northerns, walleyes and panfish like perch, bluegills, crappies and sunfish.

One of my favorite summer species on the Wolf is the channel catfish. Setting up at dusk and fishing into the night will usually reward you with a cooler of cats that will take two men to lift.

When he has a night off, I enjoy getting out for an evening of catfishing with Patrick Morack, a Fremont resident. Patrick is one of the top guides on the river and seems to know where the fish are at all times. He fishes catfish with a medium-heavy 7-foot St. Croix rod and a baitcasting reel loaded with 20- to 40-pound-test braided line. He uses a "sliding" Wolf River rig and a number 1 circle hook. The drop line to the sinker is approximately 10 to 12 inches with a 24- to 30-inch leader to the hook. He uses fish livers

and cut minnows for bait and primarily fishes above logjams, fallen trees and drop-offs.

He says there are keys to using circle hooks: rod holders and locking your rod in the holder and not trying to set the hook. The tension of the fish running with the bait pulls the hook to the corner of the catfish's mouth and the fish hooks itself.

As soon as he catches a bunch of white bass in the spring it's time for catfishing. The bigger catfish now are very active and aggressively feeding.

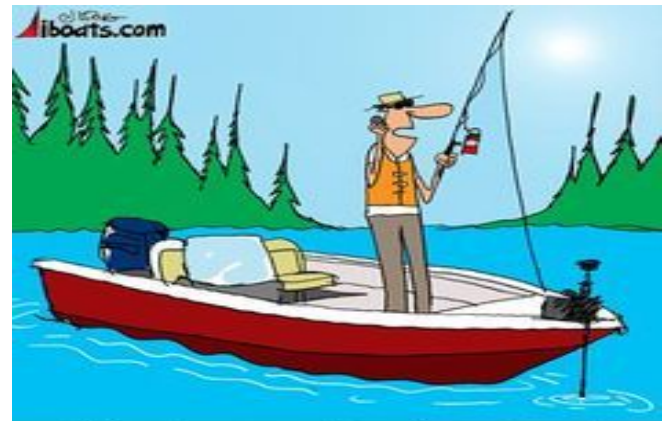
The last time Patrick and I fished together we started at dusk and wrapped it up at 9:40 p.m. The only reason we quit that early was because we ran out of bait. We did manage to put 35 catfish in the box, though.

Summer also features some prime fishing for walleyes, either working the river with jigs or trolling on Lake Winnebago or Lake Poygan.

If you are new to fishing the Wolf River during the summer months, I would highly recommend a guide at least for the first few times out. Although it still is an extremely productive fishery in summer, the areas and techniques change and having a capable guide to learn from will really cut to the chase and put you right on the fish.

Patrick Morack, owner of Moracktion Guide Service, comes highly recommended. He is a multi-species guide and will be happy to target what you want or he will recommend what's biting best. He will furnish all the bait and equipment unless you prefer to use your own and can pick you up and get you right on the fish.

Got a great fish photo or story? Share it in our newsletter. Send photos and/or stories to the newsletter in care of Jeff Nieland at: jjnieland@gmail.com



"Yes dear, everything here at work is going well. Can I call you back? I have something, I mean, someone on the other line."



The reporter asks the winners of a Fishing Contest what their secret is:
3rd place winner - I am a surgeon, Once I tried to catch with human appendix, fish liked it, I caught a lot of pike, carp and chub with it.
2nd place winner - I also work in a hospital and specialize in Adenoid glands removal. I also tried once to fish with glands with great success. The results far exceeded the expectations. Perch, crucian carp, sunfish loved the glands.
Question to the winner: you must also be a doctor?
The contest winner - Oh, you're going to be laughing...
I am a rabbi in the local synagogue, I do circumcisions every day..