



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>

Planning Committee Votes YES To New Scoring System

The Planning Committee has decided to change the scoring system. You may ask what was wrong with the old system. The old system didn't allow equality for all Events. Theoretically a member could have enough points in one Event to win Angler of the Year because it added your point totals for all the fish you caught in your four best Events. So if you caught 40 keepers in one event, all of them counted. The new system developed would make it similar to a typical bass tournament that totals your best 5 fish. But since our events are multi-species, our system will be the limit of 5 fish or 5 fish equivalent. We have devised a method that assigns a per fish equivalent to each species to provide an even playing field. The club has continuously tried to encourage more members to fish the Events and we hope that this design will inspire just that. "Hopefully we will be able to promote teaching and understanding of the fishing process and as a result, more catching of quality and quantity for everyone, stated Mark Corah who is one of the members responsible for this system. Come to our next meeting to learn more about it!

Boat Positioning

Often anglers get so focused on lure selection and plan of attack for fishing their favorite spot; they forget to consider how to position the boat when they get there. Boat positioning may be the most overlooked part of fishing and the most important. Mishandling the boat makes it that much harder to locate the right casting angles and it may spook the fish or muddy the water before you even make your first cast. The first thing to consider is how to maximize your casting effectiveness. Think about the angle you want to present the lure and how to bring the fish out after it's hooked. Second is to create an area that minimizes the impact on the environment and not alert the fish to your presence. This can change depending on water clarity, current, wind and light conditions.

- Position yourself for longer casts in clearer water.
- Avoid hitting the bank or cover with the boat.
- Always cast upstream when there is current.
- Always keep your trolling motor at a constant speed and whenever possible let the wind help. Using the wind to your advantage can also save your battery from discharging as quick.

Fish of the Month December 2011

There were no photos submitted for fish of the Month for December.

The 2011 Fish of the Year will be announced at the Cabin Fever Party.

Officers and Members of the Planning Committee

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 3-5	Timber Creek Outdoor Expo
Feb 11	Cabin Fever Party
Mar 31-April 1	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

February 6th Meeting Speaker

Bring your rods, Tom Cebula will be teaching us how to pitch. If you don't know how, here's a good chance to learn. If you already know how, here is your chance to get some practice in or help teach other members.

We have changed the way we score for Fishing Events. If you want to hear an explanation of our new scoring system, attend our February meeting.

Membership Dues

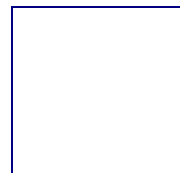
Membership Dues are now due. If you haven't paid your 2012 dues, please see Jim Barton. The dues are still \$40 annually.

Fisherman's Valentines

I'm hooked on you!	There's no Culling You!
Nice Bass!	You can use my Rod anytime!
You Lure Me!	You're a keeper!
Wanna Tie a Clinch Knot together?	I wouldn't trade you for a bass boat (Yeah, right!)
You're the best catch of my life!	I have you on my Sonar!

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