



Fishin' Lines

Nov/Dec 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 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

2018 is Almost a “Wrap”

by Mike Noland



The weather has definitely done its job in convincing us that Summer is well behind us and while there may be a day or two of “tolerable”

temps left, fall too is now a mere memory. Old man Winter wants us to know that only the heartiest of fishermen will have a chance at being rewarded with a fish on the line for the next several months.

Does that mean that we close our doors and hide under the covers depressed and dysfunctional until Spring? Not us. Fishin' Fools can always find plenty of things to keep actively engaged in our sport. Even if you're not an ice fisherman there's still reel and tackle maintenance, boat repairs and upgrades (for those with a boat) and possibly taking inventory to determine if there are things that can be set aside for our “Swap Meet, 2019” in order to better organize and prioritize what remains.

Another activity that we should consider at this time of year is trip planning. Once we learn what bodies of water our club intends to fish next year, the logical thing to do might be to decide which outings we are likely to be attending. The factors involved in that decision are many and varied. Work/family schedules and favorite bodies of water as well as past participation experience can all impact our decision.

Once the decision is made as to when and where to fish there is still the question of “how”; how will we fish a given body of water.

Studying lake maps, checking with local anglers and whatever published reports we can find is, of course helpful; even more so if that source of information is known to be reliable. One of the greatest benefits of belonging to a great fishing club like the Fishin' Fools is the opportunity to learn, both from other members who are more familiar with the location we plan to fish and from the many professional fishermen and guides that the club hires to speak.

Considering the amount of information to be studied and the many tasks to perform in preparation for the coming season, we may be short on time! Better get busy it looks like Spring is just around the corner.



Jim Frohlich Wins Angler of the Year Title!

by Danny Cossich

Jim has won his first Angler of the Year title with only 5 events fished this year. It's been a slow year for everyone with events plagued by high winds and rain but through it all, Jim prevailed. He

was in second place going into the final event. All he needed was to have about 90 points at Kincaid to take the title. But given the way the year has been going, that wasn't going to be a slam dunk, so the pressure was on. Even with the bad fishing, Gene Walkling was able to catch the only fish to break a club record this year with an 18" White Bass caught at Heidecke Lake. Below are our final Standings in Angler of the Year for 2018.

2018 Angler of the Year		Best 4 Events Totals	Number of Events Fished
	Member's Name		
1	Jim Frohlich	4088.190	5
2	Paul Rathman, Jr.	3247.685	4
3	John Cox	2945.725	4
4	Roger Schmidt	2125.860	2
5	Tyler DeBoer	1996.935	1
6	Danny Cossich	1964.290	6
7	Don De Boer	1896.575	2
8	Amy Andrews	1789.960	5
9	Jerry Gallagher	1746.245	1
10	Dick Banning	1515.295	5
11	Ginny Banning	1456.820	5
12	Bob Boelke	1361.720	3
13	Mike Noland	934.330	2
14	Jim Barton	886.335	1
15	Carl Fiorini	840.130	4
16	Bob Arundale	834.720	2
17	Keith Wolff	369.280	2
18	Gene Walkling	298.350	2
19	Filipe Sanchez	215.460	2
20	Bill Jorgenson	0.000	2

Congratulations Jim Frolich!

Say it in Pictures!

Please send your fishing photos or your original articles to me, Mike Noland at: menoland@sbcglobal.net Thanks!

October Fish of the Month



Bob Boelke

31" Muskie

Caught: Lake Kinkaid

Bait: Fire Tiger Crankbait

Date: Oct. 13, 2018

September Fish of the Month



Brian Murphy

18" Smallmouth Bass

Caught: Laker Winneconne

Bait: Shad Rap by Rapala

Date: Sept. 2018

Catching Up: I would like to apologize to all of our readers. Due to a number of personal issues I was not able to bring you a newsletter in November. Also this issue should have gone out earlier. Please forgive me. – Mike Noland

President Don Steps Down



Don De Boer has announced he is stepping down as Club President. This means that we will hold the required “special election” concurrent with our regular election at the December meeting. The other positions up for voting are Planning Committee Chairman and Treasurer.

Club members also passed a By-law change to eliminate the Vice President position and add another Planning Committee position. Continued difficulty in filling officer/committee persons positions and a duplicity of responsibilities between Pres. & V.P. made this a “no-brainer”.

At the close of elections, the focus of the December meeting will be a “round-table” discussion on topics of concern to members.

Please remember the dues for the coming year are being accepted now as well as reservations for the Feb 9 Cabin Fever Dinner. Help us (the planning committee) determine how many diners we should plan for by signing up early. Thanks!

Preview 2019

Here is a partial list of planned club activities and events for the coming 1st Quarter of 2019:

Jan 7: Club meeting with guest speaker, Jim Crowley.

Feb 4: Club meeting with guest speaker, Bart Durham, Pres. IL Smallmouth Alliance.

Feb 9: Cabin Fever Dinner Party at Riverview Diner on the Fox. Sign up early!

Feb 16 & 17: Bedford Sales open house. Helpers needed to staff our booth. See Mike Noland or Jim Frolich.

2019 Fishin’ Fools Event Calendar

April 13, 14	Clinton Lake, IL
April 27, 28	Jacksonville, IL (non-tournament)
May 28, 19	Big Green Lake, WI
June 1, 2	Braidwood
July 13	Spring Valley (Barto’s Landing)
July 14	Ottawa (Allen Park)
Aug 17	Prairie Lake (Jim Edgar-Panther Creek)
Sep 28, 29	Winneconne, WI (Landing on the Wolf)
Oct 12	Lake Kincaid (Main Ramp)
Oct 13	Crab Orchard Lake (West end ramp)

*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 sign a Release of Liability prior to the Tournament start and all Boat Owners are encouraged to carry Boat Insurance.



FEBRUARY 9, 2019

CABIN FEVER PARTY

Join us for the Oswegoland Fishin' Fools Cabin Fever Party. We will have a "Buffet" style Dinner. The Cost is \$20 per Person. Please make payment by the January 7th Meeting or make arrangements with Danny Cossich for payment.



Place:

River View Diner
1420 S. East River Rd.
Montgomery, IL
(Rt. 25 and Mill Street
near the Montgomery
Dam)

Time:

5:30 P.M.

The "Room" will be open and available to us at 4:30. Enter on the North side fo the Building. Hors D'oeuvres will be served at 5:30. NO ALCOHOL

MENU

Broasted Chicken
Roast Beef
Ham Dinner
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Broasted Potatoes
Green Beens
Salad: Tomatoes, onions,
cucumber
Rolls and Butter
Coffee, Tea, Soda and Water
Dessert: Choice of Pie or Ice
Cream

Hors D'oeuvres: BBQ
Meatballs and Vegi Tray

