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hook'n line

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Coming Events

General Membership Meeting
Tues, November 8th, 7:30 pm

Speaker: Chris Taurasano

Chris will be our speaker at the November General Membership meeting. Chris is a full-time guide that concentrates on Lake Delevan and the Fox Chain 'O Lakes.

Chris will be talking about multispecies fishing on different bodies of water, with specific focus on the Fox Chain 'O Lakes.

Come out and listen to Chris present his on the water knowledge that will help put more fish in your boat!

Upcoming Club Meetings:

December 13 – General Membership

January 10 – General Membership



For the October General Membership meeting, the 3 top boat captains were our speakers. They spoke about what worked for them and what kept putting fish in their boats all tournament season long. A big thanks goes out to Doug McCallister, John Straus, and Norb Piorek!

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**General Membership Meetings at
VFW HALL - 7:30 to 10:00 PM
400 E Devon Ave, Elk Grove Village, IL**

President's Report

Plenty of people miss their share of happiness, not because they never found it, but because they didn't stop to enjoy it. - William Feather

Well by now all our boats that were in the water should be out and put to bed for the winter. There is much to do to organize our schedule for next season and I have attended a few meetings with the good folks running Waukegan Harbor and the Greater Waukegan Development Coalition and it looks like Salmon Unlimited of Illinois will hold the 2nd Annual Pass the Passion Pro/Am at Waukegan Harbor.

Waukegan will provide free slips for any boat that wants one during the tournament and they have new festival grounds on the North side of the harbor area adjacent to the park. The area has a stage for entertainment, a wet bar, numerous fire pits to warm up if necessary and bathrooms that are all permanent structures. They are going to set up a big tented area where we will hold the weigh in and allow us to drop off coolers from the boats at the yacht club dock. Rest assured we are working on all the details and this should be a great event. An expanded fish cleaning area is also being added for the tournament.

The GWDC is having one of their 5 festivals that weekend with food vendors and live bands for entertainment. We will have an area next to the stage to continuously show tournament results and pictures through a projector and screen. Our tournament will be the headline event for the public to come out and see while enjoying the great food and music. It will remain a 2 day event for the Pros and 1 day event for the amateurs. Please mark your calendars for June 23rd and 24th , 2017 when

we will once again raise money for a worthy Illinois High School Fishing Team.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving everyone, it's Florida next week for me.

Jim Nelligan

President

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Spaghetti Night!

It's that time of year again! As we near the end of 2016, the membership committee (Jim and Chris Maechtle) and other volunteers start stuffing envelopes with the renewal paperwork that we all see in the early part of the year.

What we're looking for, are volunteers that would like to come over for a fabulous spaghetti dinner, good company, and to help stuff envelopes with renewal paperwork!

For anyone interested in helping out, please shoot an email over to the SalmonUnlimitedNews@Yahoo.com email address and let me know that you're planning on coming.

Pizza night will be held December 10th @ 5pm at the Maechtle's home in Geneva, IL. I'll send the address to any interested parties that contact me through the email above.

Thanks!

Mark Sandahl

Hook-N-Line Editor



A long distance SU angler

Like many SU anglers getting ready for one of our tournaments, I do my best to prepare in advance. I try to arrange an extra day or two off for pre-fishing before the tournament (note: it never helps!). Our team, the "Fish n Crew" - 2017 Boat of the Year - talks about conditions, tactics, what Johnny is serving for lunch that week - all the important stuff. Days ahead of time, I check my gear and make sure I have all the right clothes and equipment ready. And then, on the Thursday before a Saturday tournament, I hop in my car at 3:00 p.m. after an 8 hour day in the office and drive 12 hours - 755 miles - to get to the boat for a tournament weekend. Washington DC is a long way from Winthrop Harbor!

Of course, I did not join SU Illinois while I was originally based in DC. I was a Chicago suburbanite from the time I was 10 years old: Glen Ellyn, Evanston, Beverly and then Northbrook - a 40 year existence. My first trip on the Lake was in 1977 on my next-door neighbor's boat - Jim Croce playing on the 8-track player. My next time fishing on the Lake was 33 years later, at the "pier" at Tower Road. I had always been an inland fisherman, and never thought about shore fishing on Lake Michigan until my kids grew up and I had more time on my hands. I acquired better gear, graduated to Government Pier in Waukegan and caught my first salmon, met my "Fish n Crew" mates and lots of other great people, and decided, after some bad outings on other people's boats, that we needed our own boat to use as we liked, when we liked. Four years ago, the FnC was acquired and our participation in SU tournaments under the FnC name started.

The FnC and I were all-in, and after winning "Rookie Boat of the Year" we were even more committed fishermen. Even with a sophomore slump in tournament performance, I continued

to enjoy my time as an SU Illinois member. And then, on of those things a person cannot anticipate happened: I was approached by The American Red Cross to become their Director and Chief Investment Officer. After 25 years as the Chief Investment Officer for BP America in Chicago, the Red Cross presented a fantastic opportunity to help a great organization achieve its truly important mission (or, as a friend put it to me, better to work for an organization that works to alleviate suffering due to disasters - the Red Cross - than the organization that caused so much suffering in the first place - BP!). The problem: the job would be based in Washington DC, meaning much less year-round Lake Michigan fishing, much less time on the boat, and a frenetic tournament fishing travel schedule. The mission of the new position outweighed the personal costs however, and I moved to DC the week before the first SU tournament of the season two years ago. Knock on wood - I haven't missed a regular SU Illinois tournament yet!

Traveling 24 hours round-trip for a 30 hour stay in Winthrop Harbor can be grueling, but fortunately I only drive for half the tournaments and I fly in for the rest. I do need to drive occasionally to take a cooler full of tasty fillets back for personal consumption and to share with less-fortunate DC-ites. It is depressing that certain people working at rest stops in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana know me by name, but the drive gives me downtime to think and count deer and turkeys from the highway (best one-way trip: 24 deer and 11 turkeys sighted). Flying certainly gives me more time on the Lake, but even that can be problematic: lost luggage, broken fishing rod caddies and flight delays due to the ever-present summer rainstorm around O'Hare can cause some trips to take almost as long as driving. Surprisingly, TSA agents don't seem to mind fishing lures in your carry-on bags. Just don't forget about your pocket knife or you will

get a thorough pat-down!

Fishing in DC is not bad. The Potomac river is loaded with bass, walleye, catfish and the spring striped bass run. My personal biggest fish was a 47 lb blue catfish that I caught from shore this past New Year's Day, 5 minutes from my house on the Potomac. Still, it is not the same as sitting on your boat, talking with the other SU people on your dock, complaining about the NorthPoint facilities, and eating way too much fried food at The Tropics while watching the Blackhawks in the playoffs. I'll give it another five years, and I'll be back for good. Until then, stay off the turnpike on a Thursday night during the summer!

Greg Williamson

Captain, Fish n' Crew





Salmon Unlimited Swap Meet

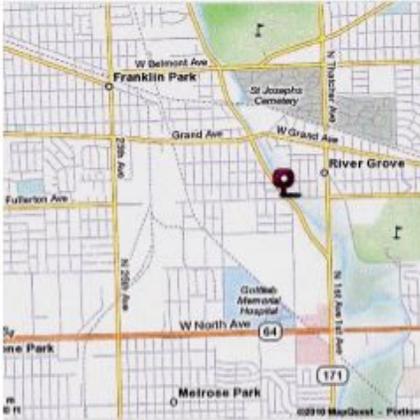
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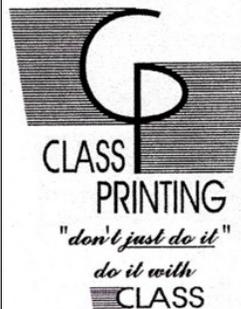


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