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Ode to a Gummy Reel

By Stan Nichols

At the January meeting Cory Steil of Badfish Creek Reel Service /Repair presented tips for maintaining fishing reels. Before getting into his presentation I offer a counterpoint to having a well-maintained reel. My fishing buddy, Brian, has the latest, finest, and best maintained fishing equipment. One of our favorite fishing trips is floating the Chippewa River for smallmouth and muskies. Brian can cast a mile. The only problem is we spend half of the time getting his lures out of trees and brush along the bank. With my trusty and gummy Mitchell 300s (I think Cory relegated the 300s to antique status) I never have that problem. I can't cast that far. Besides my reel has this grinding noise that aggravates Brian to no end. Oh what fun!

I took my reel in to Bob's Rod and Reel one time because the gears were jamming when pressure was put on the line. Bob said he could fix it but it would cost as much as buying a good reel. In the mean time Hal Joyce, a former club members, brought in three Mitchell 300s for sale. For \$10 I have a good supply of parts. Another advantage I've seen with these "antique" reels is the tolerances are sloppy. Especially after 40 years of use. This is a big advantage when fishing off the sand bars in the Wisconsin River. Sand in the gears is inevitable, but swish the reel around in the water a few times and you are back in action.

So what to do if you don't like my recommendations and are obsessed with clean, well-maintained reels? Between what was presented at the meeting and what I plagiarized off Cory's web site (www.badfishcreekreels.com) here are his recommendations.

-Best reel cleaning products: TG's Rocket Fuel Bearing oil, Super Lube-ptfe grease, Slick 50/ Triflow lubricant, and Shimano Drag Grease. I also heard

him say Hot Sauce was good and I saw some engine degreaser products on the table. Don't use WD-40.

-Needed tools: small screwdrivers both regular and Phillips head, tweezers, wrench (sometimes comes with the reels), foam take-out trays for parts. I find a magnifying glass and good light also helps.

-A schematic for the reel. Know where all the parts go after you take the reel apart. Many schematics can be found on-line.

-Oil the bearings and grease the gears. Less is more-don't overdo the lube.

-Check all the screws and nuts. Make sure everything is tight.

-When changing line, wind line for casting reels from the front of the spool; for spinning reels wind it over the side of the spool.

-Put backing on the reel when spooling super-lines (braided lines).

-If super-lines become frayed or faded just reverse them on the spool (actually this works for any line).

-When storing your reels in the off-season back off the drag and cast control. This releases pressure on the drag washer and adds longevity to the reel.

-Store reels in a dust free and moisture free environment.

-When putting new line on a reel, fill it to the specified level. This allows your reel to operate at peak casting efficiency.

-When casting with a spinning reel, close the bail by hand. This reduces line twist.


Cory charges \$10 for maintenance on reels and \$15 plus parts and shipping for repairs and upgrades. Besides his website he can be contacted at 608-628-4889. He picks up and delivers reels at D&S, Dorns, and J&B Liquors in McFarland.

The February 10th meeting - A WEDNESDAY - will be at the VFW Hall 301 Cottage Grove Road. This Special Auction Meeting starts at 6:45 p.m.

Kids Ice Fishing Day January 2016



Many more pictures are on the YFC Website, with the Ice Fishing day pics going back many years.



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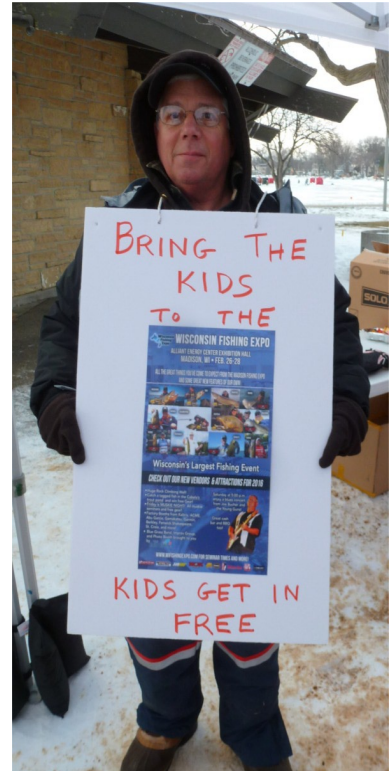


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January: Lake Winnibigoshish- currently 3-4 going March 11-13. If you're interested let me know right away as these spots are already mostly booked. Trips can be set-up anytime from now through March 13. Week day trips have the most availability but some weekends are still open. Cost can be as low as \$50 per day in a sleeper shack or about \$100 a day with a day shack and cabin rental. Winnie is known for jumbo perch but also walleye and northern and is a 7 hour trip from Madison. The March trip is prime time for perch!

February: Sturgeon Bay Whitefish outing- so far we have 17 people signed up for this great trip Feb. 12-14. You can fish Saturday and Sunday or just Saturday. Current price is \$60 per day and hotel costs another \$25-50 per person depending on how many sharing a room. This is a guided trip with great action and great food. You can reserve you spot up to the week before the trip but if we get 30 people signed up the cost will go down to \$50 a day.

March: Fox River in Depere- we will be chasing big walleyes and big numbers. With better current flow hopefully than last year this could be an amazing trip. Most likely this will be the weekends of March 12-13, March 19-20 and March 26. This can be a day trip or full weekend. If you're interested and especially if you have a boat that you're willing to bring please let me know

March 20th: Clements Fishing Barge- Opening day on the barge catching perch, walleye, sauger, northern and more. Anything is possible on the Mississippi river and no boat is needed. This will be an early morning departure trying to be in line for the first group before 7 AM. Adult cost is \$18 and kids \$5. This is a 2 hour trip each way. What a great trip to start out your fishing season!

March-April-May: Milwaukee Harbor- this will be an open water trip chasing brown trout, steelhead and possibly lakers or even coho. This will be highly weather dependent with winds under 10 mph. NO heavy tackle is needed for this trip as we will be fishing with medium spinning or casting gear trolling, jigging and casting. Be flexible and ready to fish as we give you an update on the possible dates during those months. Check out the video link mentioned on the newsletter email to see what outstanding fishing is possible.

April: Kentucky Lake- explore this famous lake in Kentucky in mid April in 60 degree water temperature chasing your limit of jumbo crappies, bonus bluegills, big largemouth, smallmouth bass and stripers. License cost is \$30 and lodging only \$20-30 per night based on shared rooms or lodge. This is an approximately 7 hour trip from Madison. Experience early warm weather and great fishing!

May: Big Bay du Noc/Nahma Michigan- this trip will be one of your favorites. Step back in time staying at a bed & breakfast inn while chasing big numbers of 15-20+ inch prespawn smallmouth bass. Dates are May 20-22, 27-30 or during the week around that time. The rooms are cheap, the food and bar plentiful and the chance of getting a sore arm from catching so many smallies is possible. There is limited availability for this trip so reserve with me early or plan on a trip during the week.

July: Eagle Lake, Ontario Canada- want a chance to experience a famous Canadian shield lake fishing for walleye, northern, perch, small mouth bass, lake trout and world class muskie? Here's your chance and we have 2 great resorts for you to choose from but don't wait because they will fill up for the summer over the next few months. I will be there the week of July 23-30 but you can go any time during the summer or fall. Camping costs about \$250 per site (your whole group not individual), housekeeping packages around \$500 per person, kids 16 and under free at one resort and 12 and under free at the other, and American Plans starting around \$800 per person. All prices are for an entire week folks! Truly a trip of a lifetime and get the advice of club members who have already gone to help make your trip more memorable! Check out the links mentioned in the newsletter email. Contact me with questions.

KIDS FISHING DAY RAFFLE

PLEASE BRING YOUR SOLD AND UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS ALONG WITH YOUR MONEY TO OUR FEBRUARY 10TH MEETING! If you're unable to make this meeting or you would like continue to sell them up to the expo then please contact me to make arrangements. You will not be able to turn your money or tickets in at the Expo except through me and I will need to know ahead of time. All tickets and money will need to be turned in before the drawing on Feb 28th.

WI Fishing Expo Feb 26-28

Our club will once again have a booth at the fishing expo and we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to help Friday morning assisting vendors hauling their booth supplies in. Everyone helping will get a free admission ticket to the expo and the help also gets us a booth. This shift is typically from 8:00 AM - noon. I will have a sign-up sheet at our February meeting but you can also sign-up by email or phone. We currently only have 7 people signed up and could use your help!

Our club will also need your help to man our booth at the expo. This is our opportunity to sell our club to potential new members, promote our activities and kid events and also sell raffle tickets to support our kids fishing days. Again a sign-up sheet will be at our meeting and you can set your shift up with me anytime. **WE CURRENTLY HAVE 15 TIME SLOTS THAT WE NEED TO FILL!**

Check out the seminar schedule to coordinate your volunteer schedule with me at wifishingexpo.com.

Thanks for all your help!

Jim Pankratz

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15th Intermediate & Advanced Muskie Fishing School

To Be Held March 12, 2016 in Waunakee!

Contact: capitalcitymuskiesinc.org, Geoff Crandall crandall@msbnrg.com o (608-219-0164 mobile) or Steve Reinstra at mpd339r@charter.net or 608-770-7131.

The Capital City Chapter of Muskies, Inc. announced today that the 15th annual Intermediate and Advanced Muskie School will be held on Saturday, March 12th 2016. This unique all-day training opportunity will be held at the Waunakee High School and is open to the public. The faculty this year has over 300 years of combined muskie fishing experience. Students will have many classes to choose from including some not offered before. If you want to accomplish a new personal best muskie in 2016 this is your opportunity to pick up some new tricks to help you accomplish that goal. Find out how at this intense all-day school. Then more than two-dozen classes will be offered including trolling, setting up for digital photography and GoPro systems, lure demonstrations in the pool, Canadian muskies, making leaders, Green Bay Muskie Fishing, Madison Chain Muskies, Making Lures, Basic Muskie Fishing and many more.

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We generally get a few guys (jack H, paul Z, Mike M, Dick Brandt, etc) to help out by joining us to fish...we'll supply bait . We'll fish the 24th and 25th to stockpile fish.

PLEASE announce the need to the club at the next mtg and coordinate with Mike (cc line) as he'll have the location details.

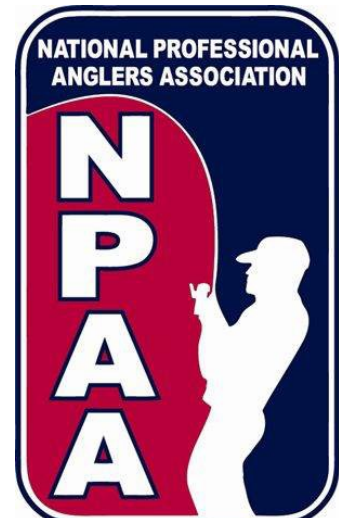
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Fisheries manager, Fisheries Bureau, Water Division



Lee Kernen article in WI Outdoor News

Lee wrote a great article about our club and the kid's days in the WI Outdoor News, it's dated Feb.5th. 2016. He gave me a copy, good neighbor. I hope someone can make copies for our Feb. meeting to pass around.

Tom I hope you can put this in February's newsletter.

I am off to Costa Rica!! Colleen

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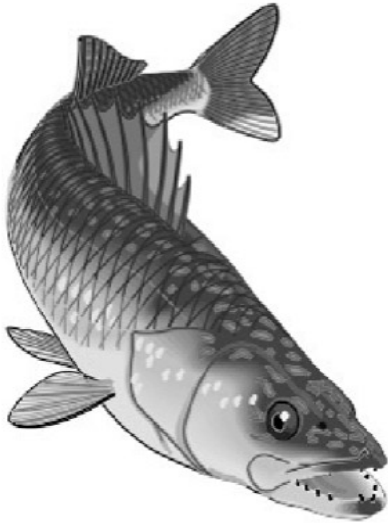
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**The next meeting is Wednesday, February 10th, at the VFW Hall
301 Cottage Grove Road. Club Auction
This special meeting starts at 6:45 p.m.**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February Events

February 10th, Regular club meeting . Annual Club Auction
February 26-28th, Madison Fishing Expo

March Events

March 9th Regular club meeting .
March 12, 15th Intermediate & Advanced Muskie Fishing School Waunakee. See Page 5.

The Yahara Fishing Club's doors are open to **EVERYONE**, so invite a friend to the meeting!

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