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Things are a changing-Perch wise

Notes by Stan Nichols

I knew things were changing for winter perch fishing a number of years ago. When was the last time you caught a perch on a Swish rod, or even used one? Swish rods were heavy rigs and you used big rockers, a gob of spikes, and you caught fish. As years went by you had to use lighter and lighter tackle to catch perch and the bite was much more subtle. Why the change? I don't know. May be all the perch that were dumb enough to bite on Swish rods were caught and taken out of the gene pool. I liked Swish rods, especially for fishing in cold weather.

Things are changing again. The waterfleas (*Daphnia*), especially the large ones that are a big part of the perch diet, are becoming fewer with the advent of spiny waterfleas-an exotic species, that because of their long, sharp tail are not utilized as fish forage. Local perch are turning more to a minnows. Of course using minnows for perch fishing is not new, especially if you have fished on Lake of the Woods, Winnibigosh, Devils Lake, North Dakota, or other famed perch lakes in Minnesota or the Dakotas. Usually they sell minnows by the pound.

But as Mendota Jim Kusuda explained at the January meeting local perch anglers are going to have to adapt. As Jim explained he still uses hanger rigs, a glow rocker, and spikes to catch perch-old habits are hard to break. He is experimenting with minnow and minnow imitations with good luck. For minnow imitations he is using Jigging Rapalas and similar lures I didn't recognize when he passed them around. The also uses plastic minnow imitations or live minnows on a small treble hook. To keep the minnows on the treble use bait buttons or make your own if you have a small leather punch and punch them out of an old inner tube or cut off sections from small plastic worms. Place the treble below a hanger rig or use a split shot for weight but be careful with the split shot, it is easy to tangle the line.

Jim likes to put the fish he catches in a bucket of water and see what they barf up. He can then match the hatch. You will see that the perch are feeding on minnows including small bluegills. Another important fish food is bloodworms (chironomids). They are found in "sticky" and organic bottoms. They are red because they have high amounts of hemoglobin to survive in low oxygen environments. That could be the reason red plastics work well for panfish and why panfish are often found near the bottom. When found where there is plenty of oxygen they can be white or greenish-perhaps why white grubs work.

The minnow-grub dilemma isn't an either-or consideration. You can put two lures on the line. Traditionally a dropper rig with a jig is put under a Jigging Rapala, Kastmaster, Swedish Pimple or other heavy lure. It is easy to tangle your line so dropping the rig should be done slowly. I haven't tried it but the rigs we use for whitefishing might be the way to go. Put the heavy lure on the bottom and a dropper up the line. The Slick jigs with a minnow tail on might also work and drops the need to carry live bait on the ice. If you perch fanatics try this and it works, let me know.

If you have the time and interest there is a wealth of information from over 80 years of research on perch in Lake Mendota in the Limnology Center Library. Two things I remember from reading some of it is that perch don't see well after dark so they usually lay motionless on the bottom at night where they aren't as easily found by night predators like walleyes. As daylight comes they rise off the bottom, usually slowly but as the day progresses the schools rise up higher in the water column and move more quickly around feeding. In the late afternoon the process reverses. That is probably why it is easier to stay on a school of fish early and late in the day and why you have to move around more during mid-day. The other thing I remember, although more foggily, is the schools of perch move around the deep main basin of Lake Mendota in a counter clockwise direction in the winter.

Other bits of advise Jim had was to use a battery powered aerator to keep holes open in the winter and use a side scanning sonar to look for schools of fish that are not directly below the hole. The one I liked was the Clam metered frostline. It is metered every ten feet with different colors so you can keep track of the depth you are catching fish. Back in the day before good sonars that show your lure drop I would tie up my own.

If you have more questions for Jim he is usually at the meetings and is local.

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March 2018 YFC speaker

Dave McCoy will be presenting techniques for spring crappies and bluegills.

YFC—Florida Chapter Updates

Gard probably didn't know that YFC has a Florida Chapter. Enclosed is a Chapter photo. For long-time members you may recognize Clay Russell. For newer members Clay is a past YFC president. Note the YFC sticker on Clay's boat and the YFC cap.

I've known Clay since I was in 7th grade (Clay was in 6th). We had many fishing adventures through high school but then went our separate ways until Clay moved back to Madison in the 1980s. About 10-years ago Clay moved to Texas then to Florida. He lives about 70 miles southwest of Daytona Beach.

I was in Daytona Beach the third week of January to I contacted Clay for a day of fishing. We fished two lakes- Griffin and Yale. Griffin first, I had my lure in the water less than a minute and caught a large-mouth bass over 20-inches. About 10-minutes later Clay caught one over 16-inches. Things slowed after that and we fished a couple more hours with just one fish. Clay asked me if I wanted to stay or go to a different lake. I opted for the different lake, more to see the country rather than worrying about catching more fish so we moved to Yale Lake. It was a repeat of the morning fishing. Within five minutes I caught a 16-inch bass and within 15-minutes Clay caught one over 21-inches. Then things slowed but in about 5-hours of fishing we caught two bass over 20-inches, three more over 16-inches and a couple of smaller fish. Not bad bass fishing for a Wisconsinite. We visited with one of Clay's fishing buddies who stayed on Harrison Lake and fished in the afternoon. He caught eight more bass. You don't leave fish to find fish!

As some remember Clay is a Spoonplug guru and he caught one of the larger bass on a spoonplug. He has broadened his horizons and uses a lot the DT series Rapalas. The lakes we fished were mostly dishpans with little structure. Maximum depths are about 25-feet. This time of year Clay trolls the deepest part of the lake, looking for transitions between hard and soft bottom. There is little competition out there and Clay has caught bass up to 10-pounds this winter.

If you get in Clay's neighborhood or just want to contact him to say hello his email is cbr2442@aol.com



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CAPITAL CITY CHAPTER
MUSKIES

17TH INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED MUSKIE SCHOOL SATURDAY MARCH 17, 2018

7:30 Doors Open/Registration
8:20 Welcome @ Performing Arts Center
8:30 Pros and Cons Of A 50" Muskie Size Limit (Dan Oele-DNR/Scot Stewart-DNR retired)@ PAC

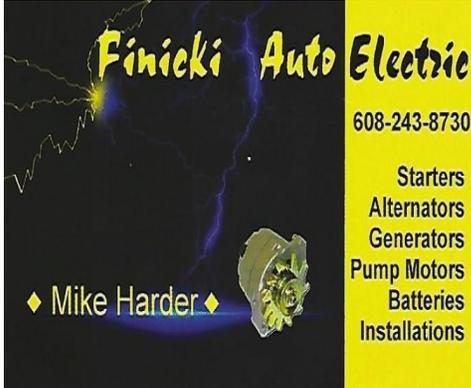
9:00 A) River Muskie Techniques (Michael Hanson) @ PAC
9:00 B) Poolside Lure Demonstration-Tips & Techniques (Lee Tauchen) @ Pool
9:00 C) Opening Day Muskies (Dale Anderson/Matt Devos/Leif Spilde) @ Small Aud.
9:00 D) Humminbird Basic Sonar/GPS (Greg Fitch) @ Library
9:00 E) Rod Building-Part One (Al Hutchinson) @ Stage Workshop
9:00 F) Making Muskie Lures A-Z (John Eversoll) @ Room 1201
9:00 G) Spinnerbaits/Bucktail Tips & Techniques (Dewey Stewart) @ Room 1203
9:00 H) Muskie Fishing Basics (Duffy Kopf) @ Room 1204
9:00 I) Muskies On The Fly (Dan Small) @ Room 1205
9:00 J) Suspended Muskies Casting/Trolling (Chris Taurisano) @ Room 1207
9:00 K) Fall Muskies (Lee Bartolini/Jim Stroede) @ Room 1208
9:00 L) Reel Repair & Maintenance (Gary Liegel/Cory Steil) @ Room 1209
9:00 M) Fishing Oneida & Vilas County (Steve Worrall/Jerry Georgeson) @ Room 1210
9:00 N) Making Steel & Fluor Leaders (Tony Enger/Scot Stewart) @ Room 1211
9:00 O) St. Germain Area Muskies (Matt McCumber) @ Room 1213

10:35 A) Go-Pro Photography & Muskie Fishing (Brian Skaife/Justin Blanchard) @ PAC
10:35 B) Poolside Lure Demonstration-Tip and Techniques (Jeff Hanson/Leif Spilde) @ Pool
10:35 C) Mercer – "A Season Of Muskies" (Dale Anderson/Bobby Orr) @ Small Aud.
10:35 D) Humminbird Advanced Sonar/GPS (Greg Fitch) @ Library
10:35 E) Rod Building-Part Two (Al Hutchinson) @ Stage Workshop
10:35 F) Lowrance Basic Sonar/GPS (Tim Pattermann) @ Room 1201
10:35 G) Women Fishing Muskies (Deb Bernaden/Kathy Bernaden) @ Room 1203
10:35 H) Wisconsin River Muskies (Mike Collins) @ Room 1205
10:35 I) Canada Muskies: Lake Of The Woods (Matt Devos) @ Room 1207
10:35 J) Sawyer County & Northwest Wisconsin Muskies (Jim Stroede) @ Room 1208
10:35 K) Reel Repair & Maintenance (Gary Liegel/Cory Steil) @ Room 1209
10:35 L) Fishing Southeastern Wisconsin – Pewaukee/Okauchee (Mike Koepf) @ Room 1210
10:35 M) Live Baiting Muskie From A-Z: A Comprehensive Approach (Steve Herbeck) @ Room 1213

1:00 A) Lake Monona & Lake Waubesa Muskies (Jeff Hanson/Leif Spilde) @ PAC
1:00 B) Poolside Lure Demonstration-Tips & Techniques (Steve Worrall) @ Pool
1:00 C) Finesse Muskies (Lee Tauchen) @ Small Aud.
1:00 D) Guiding Northern Wisconsin Muskies (Jeff Van Remortel) @ Library
1:00 E) Rod Building-Part Three (Al Hutchinson) @ Stage Workshop
1:00 F) Lowrance Advanced Sonar/GPS (Tim Pattermann) @ Room 1201
1:00 G) Oddball Baits & Modifications (Robbie Jarnigo) @ Room 1203
1:00 H) Sucker Fishing Rigging/Techniques (Jerry Georgeson) @ Room 1204
1:00 I) Making Spinnerbaits & Bucktails (Scot Stewart) @ Room 1205
1:00 J) Shore Fishing & Muskie By Kayak (Israel Dunn) @ Room 1207
1:00 K) Catching Difficult Muskies Tips and Tricks (Noah Humfeld) @ Room 1208
1:00 L) Reel Repair & Maintenance (Gary Liegel/Cory Steil) @ Room 1209
1:00 M) Green Bay Muskies (Capt. Kevin Pischke) @ Room 1210
1:00 N) Eagle Lake Ontario (Steve Herbeck) @ Room 1213

2017 Yahara Fishing Contest Winners

Below is a link to the results of the 2017 contest, as presented by Paul Zoch at the Christmas Party. In the future we'll publish the results in the newsletter and on the Website. Anyone who wants a copy of the results let me know. Tom Raschke
<http://yaharafishingclub.org/wp-content/uploads/YFC-2017-Fishing-Club-Contest-Results-1.pdf>



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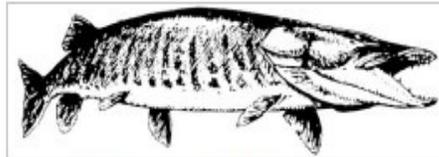
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Notes from the Prez

Yahara Fishing Club

Thanks to all of the Fishing Club members who gave their time and energy to help make this year's installment of Kids' ice Fishing Day a rousing success. And a special thanks goes to Phil James for organizing and coordinating the event. The weather was nearly perfect with temperatures in the 40's but plenty of solid ice for the kids and their families to get out and catch fish. And catch fish they did, with this year's event producing lots of bluegills and various other species as well. It was easily the best fishing I can recall for the event. Our Club gave away to the kids something close to 300 ice fishing rods, not to mention bait, buckets, and other gear and supplies. We provided hot chocolate and lunch for the kids and their families. On top of all of this, we sold a considerable number of tickets for our big fund-raising raffle, and we got more than the usual number of donations from grateful parents. Our Club can be proud of having once again done a considerable service for the community, and for being true to our Club's purpose to support and encourage the sport of fishing among area kids and their families.

It's the start of a busy month for Club members. There will be a big group headed for Sturgeon Bay over the weekend of February 10th and 11th to be part of the Club's annual outing to catch whitefish on Green Bay. I've been getting my gear organized for the past two weeks, and watching You Tube videos to sharpen my skills, and I'm nearly ready to go. Then, a few days after we return, we have the annual Fishing Club auction of donated fishing gear (and lots of other things). It will be Charlie Grimm's swan song as auc-

ioneer, so don't miss the meeting. If past auctions are any sort of indication, there will be lots of really good fishing gear to be purchased, and we will raise lots money for our Club's cause. Be sure to look through your boats, your closets and storage rooms, and bring your serviceable and little-used fishing gear to the auction (and get a tax deduction for the value of the gear you donate!)

A week-and-a-half after the auction comes the Wisconsin Fishing Exposition. As always, there will be a big group of Club member helping the Expo exhibitors set up their booths for the weekend (and that includes our Club's booth). There will also be a number of Club members volunteering time to help with the Expo, taking tickets and helping the Expo organizers with the nuts and bolts of running the event. Then the Club will have its own presence at the Expo, getting the word out about our Club, and selling more tickets for the Club's big fund-raising raffle, with the drawings to take place on Sunday afternoon. There's always room for Club members to contribute, and of course lots to see and do over the Expo weekend. We still need volunteers to fill time slots manning the Club's booth over the weekend, so come join me and others, as part of the Fishing Club work crew, and in the process take plenty of time to enjoy all there is to do at the Expo. Gard

Turn in your YFC Kid's fishing day raffle tickets

Hi everyone- It's time to turn your raffle tickets in along with any money or unsold tickets. Please bring them to the club auction or make arrangements with me for a different time. The last day to turn them in will be at the fishing expo but you will still need to let me know that this is your intention and you must turn them into me so I can check you off. Please do not turn them into anyone else without talking to me. Also there is still time to sell more tickets and chase Gerry King and Jack Hurst in our top seller race! Pick up tickets at the auction or again contact me for more.

Thanks to everyone who has helped make this our best raffle ever! Remember our Top prize is \$1000, second prize \$500 plus 50 other prizes! Jim Pankratz 608-709-6442 or jimannepan@aol.com

Ken Terrill's Ice Fishing Device, Patent Pending.



Pictures from Kids Ice Fishing Day 2018

There are a lot more excellent pictures on our Facebook Page. Any questions on how to join let me know. Tom Raschke (tomraschke50@gmail.com)



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2018 YFC Outings

Help create YOUR outings for our club! Let me know what you want to fish for and where and I will try to set an outing up. Better yet you can volunteer to lead an outing. Below is a calendar of likely and suggested outings for 2018. Thanks and looking forward to our best fishing year yet!

- February:** Sturgeon Bay white fish 2/10-11, local ice perch fishing, possible Red Lake, MN walleye/perch
- March:** Local late ice fishing, Depere Fox River wall-eyes, possible Lake MI Coho, possible Oshkosh white bass.
- April:** Oconto river walleyes, Depere Fox River wall-eyes, Lake MI Coho/salmon, Clements Fishing Barge
- May:** Big Bay de Noc smallmouth, Lake MI salmon, local outing, possible Door County smallmouth, possible Vilas County smallmouth
- June:** Green Bay walleyes, YFC on water meeting, local outing, possible Lake Winnebago outing
- July:** local outing, YFC on water meeting, Canada Eagle Lake, possible Green Bay, Lake MI Charter
- August:** YFC on water meeting, local outing, possible Lake Winnebago outing, Lake MI Charter
- September:** Clements Fishing Barge, Lake Mendota northern, Lake MI salmon
- October:** Lake Mendota smallmouth/northern, Lake MI salmon
- November:** Tenney Park break wall walleyes
- December:** local outing

Guided trips on local lakes, Green Bay/Sturgeon Bay or others: Would you like to learn a lake better or techniques with a guide and join other club members to get a better rate? Contact me if interested.

All outings above are open to club members, our Rock Valley Angler friends, your family and friends! We need members with boats but you can participate even if you don't have one. Sign-ups will be at club meetings but also on Facebook or through club emails. As always you can contact me at any time to sign-up or if you have questions or just want advice.
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Waunakee High School Fishing Club February 1, 2018

Take A Vet Fishing Fund Raiser April 14, 2018 - 11:00am - 3:00pm Waun-A-Bowl - Waunakee, WI

Contact: Duffy Kopf - ljkopf@tds.net 608-576-2700

The Waunakee High School Fishing Club announced that they will be conducting a fund raiser to help with the Take A Vet Fishing event on Lake Waubesa in June.

The Club wants as many people as possible to come to the Waun-A-Bowl and take advantage of the 50/50 Raffle, Bucket Raffles, Meat Raffle, \$2.00 bowling (includes shoes - bring the kids), and some food/drink specials.

Club members are also looking for businesses, organizations and individuals who are willing to make a donation of money, merchandise, or gift/discount cards.

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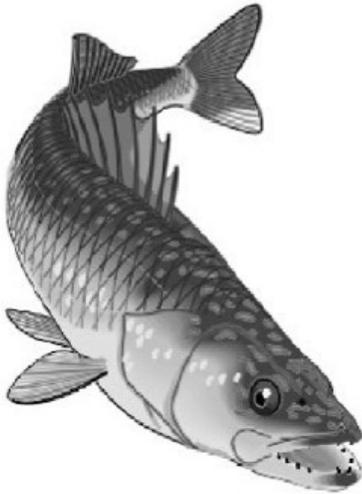
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Annual Club Auction**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February Events

February 14, 2018, Annual club auction at the VFW hall at 301 Cottage Grove Road
February 23-25, 2018, Wisconsin Fishing Expo, Alliant Energy Center
<http://wifishingexpo.com/>

March Events

March 14, 2018, Regular club meeting at the VFW hall at 301 Cottage Grove Road. Speaker is Dave McCoy from the Rock Valley Anglers who will speak on techniques for spring crappies and bluegills.

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