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Roll Your Own Fishing Tackle

By Stan Nichols

One of the planned speakers for a fall meeting is going to talk about making fishing lures. For those interested I thought I would give you a head start. It can be an interesting hobby and can save you money on fishing tackle. The projects are endless from making jigs, live bait harnesses, flies, poppers, bucktails, spinnerbaits, in-line spinners, plastic baits, leaders, quickstrike-rigs, worm threaders and crankbaits. Some are relatively easy to make, others take some woodworking skills and artistic talent. Some may be most efficiently done as a partial project. For instance I usually don't cast jig heads unless it is an unusual style. Unpainted jig heads are cheap and they can be easily painted with powder paint. Likewise Mepp's spinners are a lot cheaper undressed and you can tie your own bucktails. I bought a plastic worm kit at a garage sale one time but after reading the instructions I've never used it. Plastic baits are relatively cheap and the whole operation of making them looked pretty messy. I cheaply make Panther Martin equivalent spinners for trout fishing. I'm not afraid of tossing them into the brush to catch a trout. With the bite-offs by northern pike at Devils Lake, N.D. this summer I would have gone broke buying commercially made spinner-rigs. These are good

projects for sitting in the basement and working when the temperature reaches 102° or -20° with the wind blowing outside. Besides you can get as creative as you want. You know just the lure that will catch fish but nobody makes it. Remember how Laurie Rapalla got his start.

I'm not going to give you a class on lure making. It would take too much space in the newsletter and there are a lot more knowledge out there than I can give. Instead I will give a list of resources with some comments:

For general instruction go to www.luremaking.com. They provide instructions on how to make crankbaits, crankbait lips, live bait harnesses, spinnerbaits, and spinners. They also tell you how to use powder paints. As you might suspect they also sell supplies.

For tying flies watch for the fly tying courses offered by Trout Unlimited in the Madison area. They have beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes. Usually they start around the middle of January and are free or inexpensive. I've taken a couple and must admit I don't tie many trout flies but I do tie hair jigs, bluegill flies, ice flies and bucktails.

For carving wooden fishing lures, a good book is Rich Rousseau, Making Wooden Fishing Lures, Fox Chapel Publishing.

For casting jigs you might look

at the website www.make lure.com

Some lure making components like hooks, swivels, etc. can be bought locally but other components are harder to find. Some sites to look are:

www.vandykestaxidermy.com
www.tackle-craft.com
www.jannsnecraft.com
www.lurepartsonline.com

You also can refer to some traditional catalogs like Cabela's and Rollie and Helen's. Cabela's has plastic crankbait bodies that you can finish along with a variety of hooks, spinner blades, etc. Rollie and Helen's has heavier duty gear for making musky lures. Rollie and Helens also has patterns in the back of the catalog for making crankbait lips. I am sure both Cabela's and Rollie and Helen's have websites.

If you want to learn the knots to tie all these lures to the end of your line try www.netknots.com

If I want patterns or ideas for making lures look in the catalogs or outdoor magazines. If I find a good picture of a lure I will copy it on a copy machine and shrink it or "blow it up" to the size I want.

Good luck and have fun

OUTINGS FOR 2012 – 2013 – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER: Saturday the 13th. Clements barge on the river for Walleye, Sauger, and whatever swims in the Mississippi. This is a prime time for the barge fishing and a good time for YFC members. We can car pool and I will have a signup at the meetings.

NOVEMBER: SATURDAY THE 3RD. Duffy Kopf will guide us to Northern Pike fishing on Mendota. We will boat pool for this one day outing with a signup sheet at the meetings.

JANUARY 2013: Saturday the 19th. John Kanvik will lead us to Perch either on Monona or Mendota depending on fishing reports. We will try to have ATV's to haul us out on the ice.

MARCH 2013: Saturday the 16th. Back to the Clements barge for whopper Perch, Walleye, Sauger, and N. Pike. We can car pool on this outing.

APRIL 2013: Sometime between Sunday the 7th and Sunday the 14th. We will be heading south to Reelfoot Lake in NE Tennessee. Accommodations will be at the Blue Bank Resort in the Hunters cabin which has room for up to 19 persons. More persons can stay in the main lodge. The Hunters lodge is right on the water with our own boat dockage, has a large kitchen and sitting area. This is a package deal and includes a 16 foot Jon boat, 8 – 9 HP motor, bait, gas, ice, etc.

The package can be either a 3 day or 4 day. The 4 day starts on Sunday, ends on Thursday. The 3 day starts on Thursday, ends on Sunday. Check out is 11am. I am opting for the 3 day package but will take a poll to confirm. The probable dates will be April 11th through the 13th.

This is prime time for Crappies (30 per day, possession limit 90, which average 1 ¾ lbs). Also Largemouth (15 inch, 5 per day), Bluegill (average ½ to ¾ lb, no limit), and Catfish catchable depending on water temp. A freezer is available to store your catch – we could stock up for our fish fry at Fishing Has No boundaries. The cost is the same for a 3 or 4 day package at \$299 per person. We can cook our own food or there is the option of the restaurant for 3 meals a day where you order off the menu (chicken, burgers, fish, steak, breakfast is buffet) for the package stay at \$125. A TN fishing license is \$27 for a three day or \$38.50 for a 4 day. We can car pool and don't have to be concerned about pulling boats and hauling food if we opt for the restaurant. A deposit of \$100 per person is required. Check it out at www.bluebankresort.com.

MAY 2013: Saturday the 18th. We will head to the Fox River for the Whitebass run. If we miss the run, it will be Walleyes out in Lake Winnebago. This one day trip will be car and boat pooling.

Note, some dates may change due to weather or conflicts, but fishing should be great as well as the camaraderie. Feel free to contact me with questions or to sign up for any of the outings.

Tom Klein

Spoonplugging with Clay

Clay Russell was in town on the third week of August for a 50th class reunion. He is still a member of the club but the outings are getting far for him since he lives in Denton, Texas. Anyhow the thought we should have a spoonplugging outing for big northern pike in Lake Mendota. He had his fishing tackle with him so he gave me a call. We had a nice slow boat ride around Lake Mendota on a fine summer day. No fish in the usual haunts. He did report that the Illinois Spoonpluggers that traditionally come up and fish Lake Mendota did very well on northern pikes the weekend after July 4

Stan Nichols



Notes From the Prez

Labor day has come and gone and I hope everyone got out to celebrate with the nice weather we had. Did summer fly by this year or what? With the heat I didn't get out to fish as much as I had wanted to. I really look forward to some cool weather fall fishing. Tom K. has some great fall fishing events planned for our our club and will be discussing them at the September meeting. I hope to see many of you there!

What a great turn out we had for the "on the water" meeting on Waubesa. I think everyone caught fish. We had some new potential members join us as well. Even the DNR showed up to give a quick talk about invasive species and care of your boat. It was good to see Clay who was here from Texas as well. Thanks Duffy for planning another fun event! Thanks to all members who showed up, and enjoyed these fishing events. A special thank you to Jack Paul and Duffy who fished the lakes in advance and showed us where to fish. for our "on the water" meetings. What a great club we have.

Our next meeting is September 11th. It will be back at the VFW . Our very own Paul Zoch will talk about Fall walleye fishing. If you want to catch more walleyes, Paul's discussion will certainly give you some great pointers. Also, Charlie has some great meeting events planned until the end of the year and he will be sharing what is coming up at the next meeting.

September 14th is our second fish fry at St. Paul's Lutheran on Sherman Ave. This is the friday after our meeting and we will have last minute tickets for sale at the meeting. This is a great fund raiser for us and every ticket sold goes to help our

kids fishing event. Jack Hurst has the tickets and can be reached at 249-4720 or myself at 242-8803. Also, we can mail you the tickets if we know a week in advance.. Dave Dahl and his crew will be cooking up some great fish, shrimp and chicken. We have two servings, one at 4:30 and the second one at 5:45. You can't find a better fish fry in Madison for \$10.

We will have some openings on the board this fall. If you are interested in helping out be sure to let us know. Or if you know of someone who would be great on the board and they are ok with you volunteering them let us know as well. We will teach you what you need to know and do on the board so you don't need any special skills.

Thats all folks, see you at the next meeting!

Karlette

Note taker needed for the Sept 11 Club meeting.

We need someone to take notes during Paul's presentation. Nothing special, you can just give me your meeting notes after the presentation. Let me know if I have a volunteer.

Tom Raschke, editor.

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Report for the August outing

The August On-the-water meeting was held on August 14 at Lake Farm Park on Lake Waubesa. The following is a report by Kevin Tvedten

There was a good turn out August outing. That night fished I fished with Jack and Paul. We did real good on gils, crappies and a few perch in 6 - 9 feet of water straight across from the Lake Farm boat launch. I went back the next day with Art Webb from Stoughton. We used same presentation, drifting willyworms with spikes. We did well that day too.



September Speaker

Long time member and current board of director, Paul Zoch, will talk on fall walleyes at the Sept. 11 meeting. Paul is already doing some night stalking and reports getting a few this year. I have fished with Paul for quite a few years and he catches more walleyes than any other fisherman I know. Don't miss the talk if you want to be a better walleye angler

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Club Fish Fry Details

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or 5:45 seating

Tickets are \$10.00

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WDNR Fishing Report

Dane County - Fishing in Dane County slowed over the last week, which is pretty typical for the dog days of August. Anglers in the boats and from shore have been catching a few panfish but are working hard to find them. Panfish are running a little on the small side. Game fishing on Lake Monona has been slow. Very few musky and walleyes were being caught but largemouth bass has been fairly productive. Lake Mendota has started to slow down a bit. Smallmouth were still really biting on Lake Mendota. Walleye and northern pike fishing has been slow although some anglers report catching a few undersize walleyes. It is important to remember that Mendota has different size and bag limits than the other Dane County Lakes. Bass has an 18-inch size limit and only one fish may be kept. Walleye has an 18-inch size limit and only three fish may be kept. Northern pike has a 40-inch size limit and only one fish may be kept. Lake Kegonsa has been slow for bluegills as well. Some walleyes were being caught but most of them are undersize. Lake Waubesa has been a little better than the other lakes. Some catches of bluegills and crappies have been coming off the water. Successful anglers have been fishing them in deeper water. The section of the Wisconsin River that borders Dane County is extremely low. Boaters are advised to use caution as certain parts of the river where you could travel may no longer be navigable. Fishing on the river has been average, with smallmouth bass providing the best bite right now.

WDNR News Release, August 30:

No Asian Carp eDNA Found in Wisconsin's Lake Michigan Waters

MILWAUKEE - No environmental DNA evidence of Asian carp has been found in Wisconsin's Lake Michigan tributaries or harbors, according to results received this week by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Analysis of 275 water samples taken from Sheboygan River, Milwaukee River and Harbor, Menomonee River, Kinnickinnic River, Root River, Racine Harbor and Kenosha Harbor found no traces of silver carp or bighead carp eDNA. DNR provided boats and boat operators to help collect the water samples for analysis by the University of Notre Dame under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and funded through the federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

"The great news is all of the samples taken from Wisconsin waters were negative for Asian carp," says Bob Wakeman, DNR's aquatic invasive species coordinator.

Several species of Asian carp, voracious eaters that compete for the same food as young fish and other aquatic life, have on occasion been found in Wisconsin waters of the Mississippi River. No Asian carp have been found through traditional netting or electrofishing surveys.

eDNA has been used as an early detection surveillance tool since 2009 and provides information about whether Asian carp DNA is present in water samples. More about eDNA is available on the Asian Carp Coordinating Committee website under the sampling and monitoring heading.

More information on efforts to prevent Asian carp from getting into Lake Michigan and the Upper Mississippi River, along with photos to help anglers and others identify Asian carp species and what to do if they catch or see such species, can be found on DNR's Asian Carp Control pages.



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Go Pack.....
Kevin

Aug 31 The bluegills have been biting well on Lake Monona the last two mornings. Fishing about straight south of the mouth of the Yahara river in 40-45 f.o.w. Biting on both small sized spinner rigs and jigs with twister tails about 12-15 ft. down. Spikes on both rigs. Saw Paul Zoch at the landing when I came in this morning and he also had a limit of gills

Stan

Sep 1

Hi,
Marvin had a motorcycle accident last week. Mary said he had broken bones and surgery. He is now out of the hospital and healing at home. I wish him the best!
We will need help selling raffle tickets at the front door. Prefer someone there by 6:30 to help Mary. Let me know if you are interested.

Thanks and see you soon!
Karlette

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Except for special Summer “On the water” dates, meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Lakeside VFW Hall, John Nolan Dr, & Lakeside St. in Madison.

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The next meeting is on Tuesday, September 11th, at the Lakeside VFW Hall (John Nolen Rr. & Lakeside St.)
The Board Of Directors meet at 5:45 pm, The General Membership meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Speaker: Paul Zoch

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September Events

September 11th, regular club meeting
September 14th, Second Fish Fry at St. Paul's Lutheran on Sherman Ave

October Events

October 9th, regular club meeting

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

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