



FLATLANDERS

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August 2014

MEETINGS: 7:30 P.M. ~ FOURTH THURSDAY ~ LOVES PARK VFW ~ 2018 WINDSOR RD ~ LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS

Dave Jack's big fish best in Challenge

By Jeff Blanck

Flatlander's president

As organizer of the 2014 Flatlander Chapter Challenge, I am proud to be part of the teams that represented the Flatlanders. The group was very professional and represented our chapter nicely and finished in fifth and 15th place out of 30 teams. Thank you guys for making this a fun trip for me. Dave Jack donated the official uniforms for the event. Thanks, Dave, for making us look like a team. I'd like to give a formal thank you to our host and fellow Flatlander Joe Zammuto. Joe invited us to stay at his lake home on Lake of the Woods, which happens to be located right around the corner from the Chapter Challenge host site of Red Wing Lodge. This proved to be a great place to relax and strategize for the event. I'd like to also thank Dick Estes for handing out flashlights to each participant before the fishing started, thus making any low light activities a little safer and easier. Dick Cholke did a great job gathering up all the "community food" items before we left, again making the trip easier for everyone. He also, donated a rib dinner one night and all were quiet while chowing down and licking fingers...huh? (inside joke). Thanks Dicks. Speaking of food ... dinner was especially good Friday night as Joe put on a nice fish fry with the walleye we caught Friday after the award ceremony. Joe set us up with equipment and locations to catch walleye for dinner. We gathered in 2 boats and headed out to some key reefs to bottom bounce up some walleye. What a change from the constant twitching of a jackpot.

Chapter Challenge Pools

During the LOTW Chapter Challenge, the Flatlander teams had a little pool of their own to make the week interesting in-house. While setting it up, I enacted a new rule to shake things up. That rule was that no-one can win more than one pool category. This gave everyone a chance to get in on the fun. The categories and winners were as follows:

Big fish: Dave Jack 52"

Most points: (also Dave Jack but chose the big fish category) Dick Estes 65 points

Longest pike:- Wally Haas 41"

Skunk: Joe Zammuto (now that's a host, choosing not to out fish anyone)

Wednesday random caught fish: Jason Penticoff



Dave Jack's 52-inch musky was the biggest fish in the 2014 Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge. Craig Born's 49.5-inch was tied for the second biggest. Those fish helped Flatlanders Team 1 finish in fifth place.

Thursday random caught fish- Craig Born

Friday random caught fish: Dick Cholke

All remaining random caught fish: Brock Jack



The team shot. Ten anglers made the trip to the Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge. Dave Jack donated the team shirts. The dog just happened to be there.



Those are a bunch of musky guys walleye fishing. It paid off with a great Friday night fish fry.

Thursday Blanck/Born Boat

After fishing the Eastern area for a few days we needed a fix for the northwest angle area. The bloom down east was bad (and all over the lake, for that matter) so Craig and I decided to give the old haunts a try. We called Frank Walsh for a report on the algae bloom and it sounded like there were a few places where it was better than where we were so we ventured over for a half day. We stopped by Bay Store for some gas and a few hellos before heading out. The other Flatlanders (staying at Bay Store - Jack, Dean, Duane, Gene, Ted, Harvey) were about to head out so we got a few reports from them while there. It sounded like the Monkey Rocks area water was clear. We worked through a few familiar spots heading up past Johnston Passage and settled in to a familiar saddle that we love to fish. First cast Craig got a strike on the fourth twitch with his Phantom...nice! He landed a 37 incher. We're on the board! 5 minutes later I have a nice fish coming in on a blk/blk

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 A photograph of a white floating lodge on a lake. The lodge has a flat roof and several windows. It is surrounded by water and trees in the background.

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double 10 and goes around on the 8 for a good 30 for a good 30 seconds before sinking out of site. We cast a few times at it and decide to leave for a while to let it settle down.

It was chasing but not eating. We moved to a near-by complex and when the incoming clouds and thunder appeared to be getting too close, we went back to the saddle. An hour or so had gone by since the follow and we couldn't stand it anymore.

We moved into the spot, killed the trolling motor and each made our first cast. I had the dbl 10 on again and Craig had changed to

his ciscoe 10" Jake on. The fish had moved about 25' to where Craig casted. First cast and it came up under his Jake at boat side and went around about 3 times when I told Craig to "speed it up fast and then pause". The bait stopped at the top of the outside turn and the water parted with a huge head coming up out of the water with the Jake in it's mouth. Craig pounded it home and the battle was on. I had my lure in by the time he was in his second turn of the 8 so I was ready to grab the net. After a half minute, the fish was in the net. On the bump board it stretched to 49.5" (Photo attached 062). Another fish on the boards, and a nice one to boot! We fished that spot for a few more minutes as there seemed to be a few fish on it, but left a few minutes later as we had one more spot to hit before having to be back at Red Wing by 7:00. We motored up to the top of Tranquil to a familiar spot and dropped the trolling motor. Second cast, Craig moved a nice mid 40's fish but no hook-ups. He got a nice pike (if there is such a thing in a musky tournament) and we raised 2 more fish before we had to leave. It dawned on us that there may still be a bog in the French Portage and if we couldn't get through, we would have to go back by Monkey Rocks to get back in time. We took off. Motoring down the narrows, the portage came into sight. Clear as a bell and another boat was coming from the other way to show it was clear to go through. We went through slow and then raced back towards Red Wing, in time to make a few casts on a spot we liked by Boom Stick Island before getting there.

All in all, it was a great trip over and proved that there's no place like home...the Northwest Angle area rocks! The area we fished was very nice but it's not as familiar as the angle where we have over a decade of data under our belts. I love that lake. I look forward to next year. Thanks for the reports Frank. I hope your fall goes well.

Meanwhile, at Bay Store

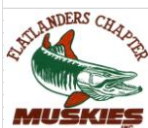
Jack Pertz, Dean Stoehr, Gene Seuring, Duane Nichols, Ted Ustich and Harvey Gustafson were catching fish across the lake from where the Chapter Challenge was. The six anglers boated 20 muskies. Dean caught a 30 and 34-incher; Jack got two 36s and a 37; Gene and Harvey caught five with Harvey's 46-incher being the biggest; Ted boated a 48 and Duane a 47 along with some other nice fish.

June LOTW trip

Lee Bach, Mike Tronc, Gary Severson, Lee Edgcomb and two non Flatlanders had a tough go of it during a June trip. They fished for seven and a half days with very poor results. Eight legal muskies were caught with the biggest being a 42. Lots of smallmouth bass, up to 20 inches, were caught, most on Mepps Musky Killers. The weather was cool, 48 degrees with winds of 30-40 mph out of the north. The rest of the week was moderate with winds varying form NE to SE. They missed a half day of fishing because of thunder and lightning. The water was at a 100-year record high with some floating docks a foot under water. They had to search for weed growth over one foot high even in places they knew had weeds.



**Flatlanders Chapter of Muskies Inc
2014 Lake of the Woods - Chapter Challenge - Braggin' Board**



Times based on the Muskie Inc Calendar - Twin Cities Time

Minor AM 1:06AM	Minor AM 4:53AM	Minor AM 11:59AM	Minor AM 12:23AM	Minor AM 6:36AM	Minor AM 1:10AM	Minor AM 1:55AM	Minor AM 2:38AM	Minor AM 3:19AM
Major AM 4:53AM	Major AM 5:46AM	Major AM 6:36AM	Major AM 7:22AM	Major AM 8:07AM	Major AM 8:52AM	Major AM 9:37AM	Major AM 10:21AM	Major AM 11:04AM
Minor PM 11:32PM	Minor PM 6:11PM	Minor PM 12:48PM	Minor PM 1:35PM	Minor PM 2:19PM	Minor PM 3:01PM	Minor PM 3:42PM	Minor PM 4:22AM	Minor PM 5:01AM
Major PM 5:19PM	Major PM 6:11PM	Major PM 7:01PM	Major PM 7:47PM	Major PM 8:31PM	Major PM 9:13PM	Major PM 9:54PM	Major PM 10:34PM	Major PM 11:13PM
Sunrise 6:16 AM	Sunrise 6:17 AM	Sunrise 6:18 AM	Sunrise 6:19 AM	Sunrise 6:21 AM	Sunrise 6:22 AM	Sunrise 6:23 AM	Sunrise 6:23 AM	Sunrise 6:23 AM
Sunset 8:17 PM	Sunset 8:16 PM	Sunset 8:14 PM	Sunset 8:13 PM	Sunset 8:11 PM	Sunset 8:09 PM	Sunset 8:07 PM	Sunset 8:07 PM	Sunset 8:07 PM
Moonrise 11:43PM	Moonrise No Moon	Moonrise 12:24AM	Moonrise 1:09AM	Moonrise 1:57AM	Moonrise 2:48AM	Moonrise 3:43AM	Moonrise 4:43AM	Moonrise 5:48AM
Moonset 1:23PM	Moonset 2:35PM	Moonset 3:22PM	Moonset 4:15PM	Moonset 5:01PM	Moonset 5:42PM	Moonset 6:18PM	Moonset 6:59PM	Moonset 7:55PM
Moon Up 6:09AM	Moon Up 7:01AM	Moon Up 7:52AM	Moon Up 8:41AM	Moon Up 9:30AM	Moon Up 10:17AM	Moon Up 10:54AM	Moon Up 11:30AM	Moon Up 12:05AM
Moon Down 6:35PM	Moon Down 7:26PM	Moon Down 8:16PM	Moon Down 9:06PM	Moon Down 9:54PM	Moon Down 10:41PM	Moon Down 11:28PM	Moon Down 12:14PM	Moon Down 12:59PM

	Sat 8/16	Sun 8/17	Mon 8/18	Tues 8/19	Wed 8/20	Thurs 8/21	Fri 8/22	Total Points	Boat Pts	
Joe Zamutto - Godfather								0	78	
Dave Jack - Spitz					0	52	39	45	46	78
Jeff Blanck - Chunkz		33	38					19	54	
Craig Born - Pounder\$						37	50	35		
Brock Jack - Pinball			42					16	28	
Jason Pentecoff - Jinx					38			12		
Lori Anderson								0	0	
Kathern Zata Jones								0		
Dick Estes - Columbus		38	42	43		46		65	124	
Wally Haas - Sleepz		39	36		48		40	59		
Dick Cholke - What?			43	31		37	31	38	71	
Tim Scruggs - Sparkz		45				40		33		
Total Points	0	61	83	22	23	147	19	355		
Team #1 Points	160									
Team #2 Points	195									
Challenge Points #1	125									
Challenge Points #2	55									
Total Points	355									

* Possible no shows

Dave Jack won big fish with a 52"
Craig Born had second big fish with a 49.5"

AS OF 7/31/14

MENS DIVISION

- 1) Tim Scruggs - 31, 31.5, 33.5, 38, 39.5, **52.5** = 72 pts 0
- 2) **Jeremy Venhuizen** - 34.5, 35.25, 43.5, 37, 41.0 = 62 pts 0
- 3) Dick Cholke - 41.5, 36, 37, 40.5 = 52 pts 0
- 4) Stu Adrian - 36, 47, 47, = 52 Pts
- 5) Jack Pertz - 37, 38, 36, 37, 37, 45, 49.5 = 44 pts 0
- 6) **Dick Estes** - 38, 40, 35 = 35 Pts 0
- 7) Greg Lehmann - 34.75, 35.25, 37.5 = 30 pts 0
- 8) Doug Simonson - 42, 35, = 25 Pts
- 9) Travis Brady - 33, 31, 39 = 25 pts 0
- 10) Frank Wilery - 39, 30, 32.5 = 24 pts
- 11) Brock Jack - 43, 31, = 22 pts
- 12) Jamie Bowman - 30, 35, = 13 pts 0
- 13) Brandon Simonson 36, = 10 pts
- 14) Jerry Larson - 34, = 8 Pts
- 15) Mike Kruger - 33, = 7 pts

TOTAL FISH MENS DIVISION **24**

MENS MASTERS

- 1) Jeromio Oestreich - 40, 37.5, 34.5, 33.5, 48, 36.5, 41.5, 45.5, 40.5, 41, **51**, = 156 pts
- 2) Dave Jack - 38, 38, 31.5, 40.5, 44, 47, = 84 pts 0
- 3) Mike Bowers - 30.5, 38.5 = 18 pts 0

TOTAL FISH MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION **2**

MENS MASTERS 400

1) Steve Ruhmann - 33.5, 32, 37, 39, **51.5** = 64 pts

2) Russ Hoernecke - 42, 43, 44, = 51pts

3) Duane Nichols - 47 = 21 pts

TOTAL FISH MEN'S MASTERS 400 DIVISION

0

2

WOMANS MASTERS

1) Mary Hoernecke - 40, 41, = 29 pts

WOMANS

1) Tammy - 36 = 10 pts

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1) Collin - 46.5 = 21 pts

2) Ben Wilery - 33, 30, 30.5 = 16 pts

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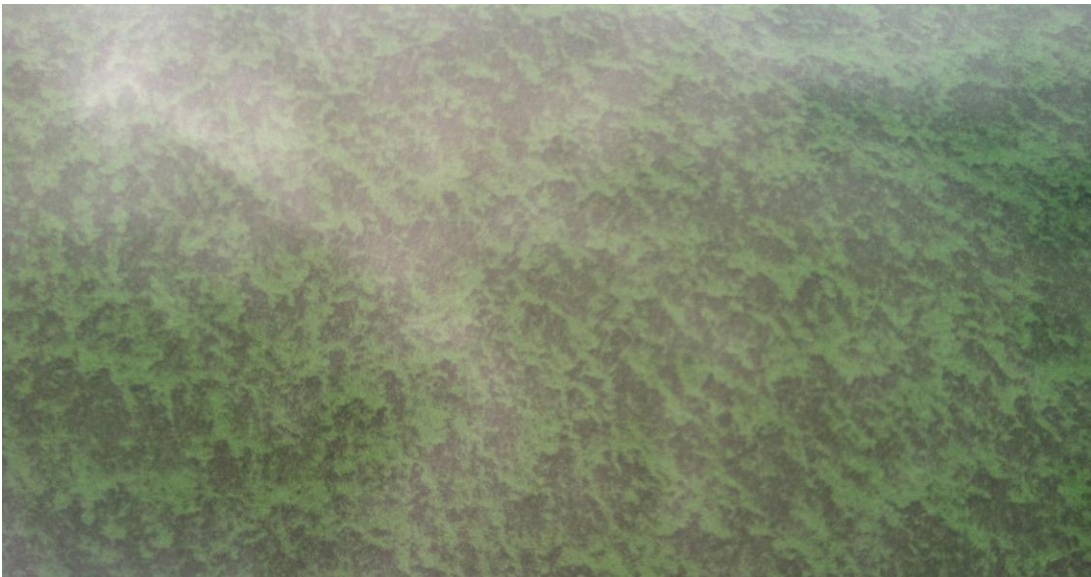
One-of-a-kind display tackle box

Dick Lapp has donated a unique tackle box that any angler would be happy to own to display his or her favorite lures. The tackle box will be raffled off during one of our meetings. Only a limited number of tickets will be available. It's pretty cool. I don't think the photo does it justice.



Ask this question

Congratulations to anyone who made it this far into the newsletter. If you attend the meeting Thursday, and we hope you do, ask "How many Flatlanders does it take to change a flat tire?"



What is it?

That's a picture of the bloom on LOTW during the August trip. Most anglers agreed it was the worst we've seen.