



August 2018 newsletter

No meeting this month; gone fishing. Next meeting is 7 p.m. Sept. 18

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## Blue crew scores big

25 Flatlanders boat 73 muskies during annual Lake of the Woods trip



*These hardy anglers braved difficult conditions during the annual outing to Lake of the Woods.*

By **Dick Cholke**  
Flatlanders president

Before I get started, remember there is no meeting in August. We start back up 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at the VFW Post in Loves Park.

Lake of the Woods 2018 – Another great week! As No. 1 Leaders & Lures Pro Staffer Kyle Scruggs said: "It is not so much about the fish but the comradery and having fun." It also helps to be "Top Dog" for the week with a 50-incher. Seventy three fish were put on the board by 25 members. These numbers were down from last year's average of 4.2 fish per angler. As you can tell by the board some guys did well and some

worked hard to get their fish. I personally enjoyed fishing some new water and having success in those areas. The weather was reasonable but it did give the guy running the trolling motor a workout in the first part of the week. We always say there are two kinds of people on LOTW, ones that have damaged the lower end of their outboard and those who are going to. The photos tell it all, welcome the new boat to the club and be happy the initiation process is done (until next year). There will be a great video in the February, Year in Review, how one Flatlander enjoys an alternate sport on

**Flatlanders Chapter of Muskies Inc**  
**2018 Lake of the Woods Braggin' Board**

	Saturday 7/14	Sunday 7/15	Monday 7/16	Tuesday 7/17	Wednesday 7/18	Thursday 7/19	Friday 7/20	Total
Dick Estes								
Wally Haas								
Mike Kruger			MIKE 32" STU	35 1/2"			STU 45 1/2"	
Stuart Adrian			DAVE 42"			DWZ 41"	DWZ 39" 30 1/2" 36 1/2" 42"	
Dave Jack	DAVE 37" BLAKE 43"							
Blake Jack							KEVIN 58" KEVIN 59 1/2" KEVIN 37" 41"	
Kevin Stenzel							KEVIN 42 1/2" ASH 34"	
Jack Pertz								
Jerry Oestreich	STEVE 37 1/2"	BECKY 40"	BECKY 34" 41"	41"	40"			
Becky Oestreich								
Steve Ruhmann	BRANDON 39"	STEVE 51 1/2"	STEVE 43 1/2"	BRANDON 37"		BRANDON 48 1/2"	BRANDON 40" STEVE 49 1/2"	
Brandon Simonson								
Brock Jack	BOB 39" 38"	JASON 40"		BOB 36" 41"	37"	BOB 41" 39"	BOB 36" 38" 39" 41"	
Jason Pentecoff								
Dick Cholke			BOB 44 1/2"			BOB 30" 36"		
Bob Cholke								
Jeremy VanHuizen	GREG 45" 37"		TELEMY 36 1/2" GREG 34"	43" 41"	36 1/2"	42" 49"	40 1/2"	
Greg Lehman								
Tim Scruggs			STEVE 39"				Tim 41 1/2" 44 1/2"	
Kyle Scruggs	STEVE 46" 45" 39 1/2"	KYLE 45" 39 1/2"	KYLE 50"		KYLE 48 1/2"			
Steve Turner								
Jeff Blanck	JEFF 37" 36"				JEFF 41 1/2"	JEFF 35"	DAW 45"	DW 36 1/2" 39"
Dan Blanck		PHIL 41"						
Phil Blanck								
Jay Smith								
Rock Orlando							DICK 38"	
Rock								

LOTW. Swimming for a boat with wanderlust does make for interesting shore lunches. It is always great to get everyone together for the steak fry and the awards on Friday night. Steve should have a good recap of the folks taking top honors. We are all looking forward to getting back to the big water next year. While it is still fresh on your mind make sure to send me the photos of the LOTW trip. I need to update the website and get those photos ready for the presentation in February. A few of us are packing up again for the Muskie Inc. Chapter Challenge at the end of August. Justin of Mylies Resort indicated that the muskie fishing stabilized last week and the action has been good. Four Flatlander's are doing the research on LOTW patterns this week and the returning Capital City Chapter will also give us input next week for the Chapter Challenge.

Many of us have been pounding the local water since we have been back. The boat launch stories keep us coming back with hopes of getting one more on the board. Make sure to attend the September meeting to catch up on latest reports. We don't mind if you tell a good tale about the one that didn't get away. We also will be voting on the outings for next year. We need your input to create a fun 2019 season.



Leaders and Lures' top pro staffer Kyle Scruggs celebrated his 50-incher with a shot of the good stuff with President Dick Cholke and Dad Tim. Hey Kyle. Where's that bait?



Looking forward, the Swan Lake trip will be September 29, after the general meeting. Consider staying overnight in the area and fishing Sunday. The lake will be chosen by the group Saturday night. This format worked well on our spring trip to Lake McMaster. A few of us can give some insight to this nice 400 acre lake at the meeting. Bob Bell has been in contact with me for the Wormsoaker trip in October. He has over 60 Rockford anglers heading up to Lake Namekagon. This is the largest group to date. He is arranging for the Flatlanders share a cabin.

Again here are the remaining outings:

**Sept. 29:** Swan Lake near Portage, WI with some folks staying over and fishing Sunday in the area

**Oct. 11-14:** Lake Namekagon with the Wormsoakers. (over 60 Rockford area anglers have reserved their spot on this outing)

The mid-week Flatlanders trips are rolling every week. Feel free to join us. Get on the e-mail list. Sharing information with the weekend group helps everyone stay on the active fish.

Get on the water and get on the board!



### **Trailer for sale**

2002 Cedar Creek 36-foot fifth wheel trailer. 3 power slideouts, 23' awning, luggage rack/ladder. Ducted AC, washer/dryer combo, fireplace. Surround sound/12V stereo radio/CD, ceiling fan. 10 gallon electric/gas water heater, cable/satellite hookup Great condition! Have all maintenance records and brochures.

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Trailer: \$15,900 plus balance of seasonal rental fee.

**Call/text Jeff: 262-497-3973.** WiFi available.

## **Lake Carlson update**

The Lake Carlton launch is scheduled to be rebuilt with new piers. The sign and the concession folks indicated that it was scheduled to be closed August 5 and construction will take most of the fall. Construction has not started as of tonight.

## **Musky stocking report**

There are nearly 27,000 7-8 inch muskies at the Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery just waiting to be stocked into Illinois lakes. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources plans to put the fish into lakes at the end of August or early September. By the time they're stocked, the fish should be 11-12 inches long.

## **To: Muskie based organizations**

As you may or may not know, there is a strong and energetic effort to help bring Muskies back to Lake Shelbyville as they were when it was the premier Muskie Lake in Illinois.

One of the efforts involve the creation of the Lake Shelbyville Muskie Task Force. This group has had one meeting in the spring and has the second meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 8. More information to follow if interested in attending. We are hoping for some exciting results.

The other effort has to do with restoring the habitat to Lake Shelbyville,. The Lake Shelbyville Habitat Alliance has been nothing but absolutely FANTASTIC!!! Successful fishing reports have been received as a result of the CUBES! As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, approximately 313 CUBES and 40 artificial STUMPS will have been placed in the lake, all marked with "GPS coordinates" and placed on an available map for your use.

While the Alliance has been awarded impressive grants for this state and nationally recognized program, we do not anticipate these funds being available until later this year. Consequently we are very concerned that we might not have funds ready for the two builds scheduled for 2018. With this "fear" in mind, we are soliciting additional funds to carry us thru until the grant funds arrive.

Our fund raising plan for this time period is to offer an "ADOPT A CUBE" program whereby an individual, business or organization can help with this successful project by adopting one or more cubes to be placed in the Lake. Each adopted cube will have its GPS location and donors' name placed on the map that will be freely distributed prior to the spring 2019 fishing season.

The fee structure for this program is as follows: **One cube at \$100.00, two cubes at \$150.00, three cube cluster at \$225.00 and two, three cube clusters at \$400.00.**

Your participation in this 501c3 project may be initiated by mailing the appropriate check to: Lake Volunteers Association, 1989 State Hwy 16, Shelbyville Ill. 62565 or simply mail it to me and I'll see that it gets appropriately recorded. Please make the check payable to the Lake Volunteer Association with "Fish Habitat" written in the memo part of the check.

With an appropriate response from the Muskie community, I hope to have the sponsored CUBES placed in the same general area, such as "Muskie Cove", "Muskie Lane", etc.

Wanted you to know that the Lake Shelbyville Habitat Alliance is also going to attempt to restore plant structure to the shoreline of the lake. Keep your fingers crossed.

Thanks for your continued support

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