



FLATLANDERS

TAILS

June 2015

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

Wilhelmson's Waubesa fish biggest so far

Charlie Wilhelmson caught his personal best Wisconsin musky last month while he was fishing for bass. The 47.25-incher was caught on small spinner bait. Landing the fish was a chore because Charlie and his companions did not have a musky net and had to squeeze the fish into a bass-sized net.

It worked out, the fish had its picture taken and is back swimming in Lake Waubesa. Charlie didn't catch any bass that day, but that didn't seem to bother him much. His fish is the biggest of the year so far. For more fish stories, keep reading.

Release contest update

By Steve Ruhmann

Release chairman

Howdy fellow Flatlanders. Our weather is getting nicer and we are starting to see a couple more fish. Unstable weather conditions have made for an inconsistent bite. With July just around the corner, we can expect the numbers to jump significantly as we see warmer weather and we start making trips to our favorite bodies of water. Still a few Flatlanders have put a few fish in the boat. We start this month's report with Men's Division leader Greg Lehman. Greg has been down on Storey Lake and has been rewarded with a fish just about every time out there. Greg has boated fish measuring 35.5, 35.5, 36, and 38 inches. His friend and current Men's Masters Division leader, Jeremy Venhuizen, also has been on Storey and stuck a 32.5 incher.

Our Bone Lake expert Frank Wilary has been out and on opening weekend jigged up a 37-inch toothy critter. His father-in-law Mike Bowers also has been out and trolled up a 35-inch Esox on Wingra. And we finish this month's report with Wally Haas. Wally was also out on Wingra and popped a 35.5 incher on a Tandem.

I have been out but so far the fish are not interested in what I am chucking at them. Still things should get better as summer rolls along and with the Lake of the Woods trip right around the corner, I would hope that there will be a few chances. Please remember if you have something memorable that happens while out chasing



Charlie Wilhelmson caught this 47.25-inch musky while fishing for bass with a quarter-ounce spinner bait.

the ever elusive *Esox Masquinongy*, please tell me about it so I can share it with the rest of the class.

So get out there and stick a piggy!

Well that is it for this month's report. Remember to send your release forms postmarked within 30 days to:

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And the outings leader is ...

After the first two chapter outings of the year the Flatlanders Chapter president Jeff Blank is out to an early lead. Jeff caught a nice 41" fish on Lake Wingra in the first outing of the year. That has been the only fish registered in the first two outings.

There are three outings remaining for those of you who may want to get involved. Jeff is out to an early lead but with three outings remaining I would say the winning prize is still up for grabs!

The remaining outings are as follows

LOTW: July 10-18

Deer, Bone, Apple River : Sept. 18-20

Eagle River Chain: Oct 9-11

Lake of the Woods trip coming up

By Steve Ruhmann

We will be leaving for Lake of the Woods on July 10 for the club's annual trip. For those of you that want to travel in the caravan, we are wheels up from the Flying J on Highway 75 in South Beloit at 6 a.m. Some of us are staying at the Patch Motel in Warroad on Friday night. Their phone number is [218-386-2723](tel:218-386-2723) and they are located in Warroad, Minnesota. Most of you going on this trip know the routine but for you folks new to the adventure, traveling in the caravan is a fun and safe way to go. We all use CB radio's to communicate as we travel. This allows us to organize gas stops, insult each other and also help each other in case one of our vehicles has a problem. Traveling in a large group does slow us down a bit but the safety as well as the camaraderie make it well worth the little bit of extra time. As of this writing the water levels are coming up to average pool and the temperatures are right on track for this time of year. If all goes well, this could again be one of those great years that we have experienced in the past. So get those trailers and vehicles in travel ready condition, hooks sharpened and all your supplies organized for another assault on Walsh's Bay Store Camp. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at [815-558-3666](tel:815-558-3666). I will probably be frantically pacing in the garage waiting for my biggest trip of the year.

As of right now we are going to have a separate night for a walleye fish fry. I will want to know who all is interested. (Please tell me when we do the raffles first thing Saturday so we can ensure we have enough fish, oil and batter etc.) As you some of you saw in my e-mail on the subject, Walsh's Bay Store Camp will sell us the fish, oil, with the seasoning being optional. They have big cast iron pans for us to use also. Remember, this is a group function so we will need people to help with the cooking besides myself. It has been suggested that we will also want some fried potatoes and onions; again in order for this to happen we will all need to pitch in to make this happen. We can bring potatoes and onions up with us, so if would like to have this with the fish, please help bring some for everyone. If we will chip in a little, it will benefit the whole group.

New baits from Leaders & Lures



Gene Seuring is always tinkering trying to come up with the next hot bait. Lee Bach is holding Gene's latest creation, the Perfect 8, in the photo at left. If you want to know more about the bait, ask Lee at this month's meeting.

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