



July 2019 newsletter

Meetings at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at the Loves Park VFW

Becky bags a fifty!

Frank Walsh says he's pretty sure she's the first woman to ring the bell at Bay Store



Becky Oestreich caught this 50-incher during the Flatlanders annual Lake of the Woods outing. Details will be available in next month's newsletter

Other than Becky Oestreich's 50, I haven't heard much from the group that's fishing on Lake of the Woods this week. I know lots of fish have been seen and quite a few have been caught. I'm sure there will be plenty of stories to share in

next month's newsletter. Reminder: No meeting this month or next because there are so many club members fishing. Let's hope the fishing is as hot as the weather. Now it's time to get back to our regularly scheduled programming ...

*By Dick Cholke
Flatlanders president*

I asked Wally when we were going to put out the newsletter. The reply was when we were at Lake of the Woods! Wellllll! Here is my article:

Gone Fishing!

Well maybe I can add a few things and I will repeat a few things from last month.

The Executive Committee is hoping to get a speaker for our September meeting. I met with the Rock Valley Anglers last week and discussed the Rockford All City Muskie Night. They were very happy with the past event and we agreed we should work together again for a second annual RACMN. Mark your calendars for April 8, 2020 for another great evening. We discussed some improvements and ideas for speakers. Please forward me the names of any speakers you would like to see present. We are looking for someone with national recognition that will help draw a larger crowd.

I have been getting a few text messages and e-mails lately. It looks like we may be adding more anglers to the Green Bay trip. I have had interest for an additional six anglers. This may be an outing with a good number of Flatlanders heading north to the big water. If you have any questions on trolling feel free to give me a call. Stock up on your Super Shad Raps. To repeat the logistics: Currently we are booking rooms at the Econo Lodge in Oconto. To avoid the traffic of the Packer game on Thursday September 26 the outing will be on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday the 28.29.30. The Econo Lodge was formally the Riverview Motel. Duane and I stayed there a while back. The rate is better than some of the Green Bay motels at \$76.50. You will save about \$10 if you call them directly. If you are thinking about fishing this outing book the rooms now and avoid any problems. They have a 24 hour cancellation policy. At this time the place is wide open - we were the first reservation for that weekend.

Also don't forget we are scheduled to fish Lake Alice for the last outing on Oct. 18-20. Lee Bach

has been hearing rumors of some really big fish out of Lake Alice and Lake Mohawkson. This is a reasonable drive for a weekend trip.

Here's what's still ahead:

Aug. 17-24: Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge

Sept. 17: Flatlanders General Meeting

Sept. 28, 29,30: Flatlanders Outing at the Bay of Green Bay – Note these dates have been changed because of the recently released Green Bay Packer schedule (The Packers finally posted their schedule)

Oct. 15: Flatlanders General Meeting

Oct. 18-20: Lake Alice

Nov.19: General Meeting – elections

Dec. 17: Flatlanders General Meeting – Christmas Party and Lure Swap

St. Clair stirs up 5 in 15

On June 24 and 25^h Kevin Stenzel and Jack Pertz made what is becoming an annual trip to Lake St. Clair. Upon arriving at the Marina we were surprised to see the lake level was very high, two to three feet above normal. Many of the docks were under water and lower areas were flooded. The high water caused a lot of shore debris to float into the lake and we encountered many floating logs and some floating lumber. We were fishing with Captain Jason Quintano and First Mate Alec Pascua aboard Jason's new boat the Calypso under the Fins & Grins Muskie Charters banner!

Jason informed us that fishing was a little slower than normal for this time of year, most likely due to the high water. We hit the water at 7 a.m. on Monday and began the ride to the Canadian side where Jason spends most of his time fishing. We were setup and fishing by 8 a.m. Within 5 minutes, the first rod got hit and Kevin landed a nice 42-inch muskie! We took that as a good sign! A little over an hour later, we got another hit and Jack reeled in a 38-incher. About a half hour later Kevin cranked in a 30 incher. That's when all heck broke loose. Another rod got hit and Jack cranked in a 28-inch dink. Yet another rod got hit and Kevin reeled in a 31-incher. And another rod got hit and Jack put a 41-incher in the boat. One more fish was added to that flurry when Kevin landed a 37-incher. In

15 minutes we caught five muskies and lost a short one at boat side. At one point we had 3 fish in the live well and had to make room for number 4. Most of the charter captains use big 60 inch live wells to revive fish before releasing them. A couple weeks earlier Jason had a pair of 50s in there! We were hoping to duplicate that, but it was not to be this trip! We finished day 1 with 2 more fish; Kevin landed a 38-incher and Jack landed a 48-incher. Almost all fish were caught on Ziggy crank baits of assorted colors. Only one fish was caught on a big bait; the 31 incher ate a 12 inch Matlock! Double tens never got hit.

In total we caught or contacted 21 muskies in 2 days of fishing. Only 14 measured 30 inches or better. All in all, not a bad trip! Looking forward to October on the big pond!

Day 2 was totally different than day 1. The wind switched to the west/southwest from southeast the day before. It also picked up speed and we encountered 3- to 4-foot waves. Thankfully Jason's new boat was a 31 foot Tiara with a 13 foot beam, so it handled that water just fine! Seven fish were boated over the 6 hours we spent fishing. Kevin boated fish measuring 34, 35 and 39 inches. Jack's day 2 fish measured 41, 33, 34 and 49 inches. Again all fish being caught on Loke's, Ziggy's and one caught on Meatballs! Check that one out, it's a cool little crankbait!



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