



May 2019 newsletter

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

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See you Saturday on Lake Evergreen

Will second outing of year be as successful as the first? Come fish and find out



Camaraderie is what outings are all about. Here's the Lake Storey group chowing down.

*By Dick Cholke
Flatlanders president*

Our second outing takes us down to Lake Evergreen. This is a new lake for a Flatlander's

outing and should be an interesting day. If you want to check some information and regulations the website is:

<https://www.mcleancountyil.gov/360/Fishing>. Some of the highlights include: 925 acres, 55' maximum depth, average depth 19', minimum size for muskie 48" and a 10 HP Max restriction (the large motor must be out of the water). The Lake Storey outing emphasized that communication really does help everyone. A few anglers found the pattern at Lake Storey to be that the fish were in the deeper water outside the weed edge. A few phone calls and meeting for lunch helped to put fish in the net. Let's meet for lunch at Lake Evergreen near the northeast launch at 2 p.m. If things change you can call Dick Cholke's cell phone 815-222-1062. Note: there is another launch near the dam on the southeast shore. The solar tables indicate the day is rated "Best" with the major 12:51 p.m. – 2:51 p.m. and the minors at 5:42 a.m. – 6:42 a.m. and 8:08 p.m. – 9:08 p.m.. Sunset is 8:14 p.m. The website for this information is: <http://www.solunarforecast.com/solunarcalendar.aspx>. This lake has produced some larger fish in the past and hopefully a few will be on the board Saturday.

Our next general meeting is May 21. This is one should be a good reminder for all of us, especially those fishing the Lake of the Woods trip. Lee Bach will be presenting on first aid and items that should be in your first aid kit – in the boat! Lee made this presentation a few years back and I remember there were a number of items I would have never considered for a first aid kit. He will also demonstrate how to remove a hook – we may ask for a volunteer for the demo. To be prepared at Lake of the Woods, we ask for "ICE," In Case of Emergency, phone numbers of all the anglers on the outing. We will also get advice from Frank on which location is best for emergency situations. This may seem a little cautious but when time is of the essence, it might help our fishing partners.

Here is a recap of the Lake Storey outing weekend:

Friday: Five anglers on Lake McMaster, three muskies were spotted with their post spawn scars, no follows, bright and sunny

Saturday: Nine adult anglers and two juniors fished in some rain and overcast skies. Action



started early with the pattern showing a deeper water location produced most of the fish. The fish were active. Tim's boat had 5 follows and Bob Cholke had 6 follows. I am not sure on the count from the rest of the group. A large fish near 50" followed and gave Kyle a nice look. Is this Brian's fish from three years ago? The group stayed over and had a good meal together Saturday night. The "Big Dog" from last

year reappeared again this year to take top honors.

Randy Brady: 42"
Tim Scruggs: 39"
Doug Simonson: 30"
Bob Cholke: 25"
Duane Wedler: Hit and spit

Sunday: Six anglers faced bright skies but still managed to catch fish.

Colin Bowman: 38"
Brandon Simonson: 35"
Bob Cholke: 25" walleye – a pair of 25"ers for the weekend!

In the future do not back away from a Lake Storey outing because of a little rain in the forecast. This lake produces with overcast skies and some showers.

For those of you that need to register your fish in the Muskie Inc. database there is a new print system. Enter your fish and get your number, same as before the update – Lunge Log/My Lunge Log/My Lunge Log Fish Entry. After you get your number go into "My Fish List" and there is a "P" next to the entry number -- hit that and there you go. At the top of the column is PRT (Print). Sent it off to Steve Ruhmann, remember, you have 30 days to enter your fish.

Looking forward, the June meeting we will get together to finalize our Lake of the Woods outing. Make sure to bring your maps. We will be sharing a lot of spots that have produced in past years and every year. The Executive Committee is looking into getting a speaker for our September meeting.

For those of you who are considering our September outing to the Bay of Green Bay, we have some more information. Currently four of us have booked rooms at the Econo Lodge in Oconto. To avoid the traffic of the Packer game on Thursday Sept. 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,

May 21: Flatlanders General Meeting

June 18: Flatlanders General Meeting - prep for the Lake of the Woods outing

July 12 – 20: Outing at Lake of the Woods

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

This season plan to fish a few more of our outings and donate a few hours to support our chapter.

Get on the water and get on the board.

LOTW is coming up

Just a reminder those folks going on the LOTW outing July 13-20. You still need your RABC, license and passport. We do not need the I-68 but will be required to report through the CBP Roam app. or use the kiosk over at Sunset resort. I am trying to understand the app. now. Jerry Oestreich has downloaded it and believes he knows how we should use it. Regardless, LOTW is two months away, (Bob Cholke, how many days?) so be ready for another great trip. We have 24- 28 people attending this year so it may be a record for attendance.




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