

## LUNKER HUNTER-SPOONPLUGGERS MEETING NOV.2, 2006

### “SPEED CONTROL”



Charlie with a 12 pound pike

Charlie Myers talked about “Speed Control” and how we need to check all speeds in our lure presentation. He held up Buck Perrys’ book: “Spoonplugging-Your Guide to Lunker Catches” (the “Green Book”) and quoted the guideline stating: **“All fishing successes and all fishing failures must be answered in terms of depth and speed control”**. He explained speed as the range of movement we impart to our lures, **from zero to very fast**. We are constantly reminded in proper presentation of lures to check all speeds, but we often get into a rut and don’t do that. Charlie learned this past summer that **sometimes, after checking faster speeds, a very slowly worked plastic worm was the only speed that would take fish**. This requires a mapped and proven fish producing spot, and sometimes just waiting for the fish to become active. At other times, these same spots were only productive by casting or trolling Spoonplugs very fast. Most of the time, productive speeds are somewhere in-between these two extremes. **Speed will vary from hour to hour, day to day, and season to season. Weather, water temperature, and water color all have an impact on the speed needed to trigger fish to (reflex) strike a lure**. Charlie mentioned that the direction or angle of the lure path is important also, and sometimes **changing anchoring position** is the key to getting fish to strike. Buck Perry has mentioned that **sometimes even zero speed** is needed ( bobber, dead bait, etc). Many thanks to Charlie for a great program and testimonial to the importance of **“checking all speeds”!**

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