

LUNKER HUNTER SPOONPLUGGERS MEETING MAY 2, 2013

“CASTING LINES”



Many types of casting lines available

Tom Moore presented the program on **different casting lines** used for fishing. There are **many materials** used to make lines. He emphasized that **mono deteriorates quickly when exposed to heat and sunlight** when fishing, and that we need to **replace it more often**, up to every month or 2 if one does a lot of fishing. When **casting mono**, he **cuts and reties the end every hour**, as this is where most of the stress and wear occurs. He **prefers to use fluorocarbon for baitcasting reels**. It is **slightly stiffer**, but it is **tough and sinks**, giving good depth when casting Spoonplugs and other lures. For **open faced spinning reels**, Tom likes **braid, especially Power-Pro**. It casts well and is very **durable**. **Fireline is good also**, but will **fray more from casting and needs to be retied**. **Fresh line of all types will cast farther and work better** and he **replaces it frequently**. **Reel-Magic is a line lubricant** that will **help preserve mono and fluorocarbon lines**, but it does **not benefit braid** very much. The **feel from using braid** and to some extent fluorocarbon is **much better than from mono**, so he uses them mostly. He **cautions us not to use too stiff a rod with braid** or we will **lose fish by pulling the hooks out**. He **uses a backing on his reels and only changes 60 yards when putting on new line**. He **doesn't like closed faced spinning reels** because the **pin that catches the line will nick and deteriorate it quickly**.

Tom then passed out a **handout about knots** that he uses. For **braid**, he uses the **Palomar Knot**, and he **leaves a line tag up to ½ inch**. **If the knot slips a little**, it may save you from losing the fish of a lifetime! For **fluorocarbon and mono**, he likes to use the **Trilene Knot**, making sure to **moisten it first and leaving a**

tag also. He cautions us from using a **Trilene Knot with braid**, as it **could slip**. He **uses fluorocarbon leaders with braid** and **joins** them with a **Double Uni Knot**. Many thanks, Tom, for a very informative program. No matter which line we use, the information can **help us not lose fish**. It **doesn't make sense** to **spend big bucks** on a fishing **trip**, and then **lose fish because of old, worn, or improper line!!**

Chase Klinesteker