

LUNKER HUNTER SPOONPLUGGERS MEETING, JANUARY 3, 2013

“LEARNED THIS PAST YEAR”

“LEARNING IS A FUNCTION OF ATTITUDE, NOT AGE”

Terry Velting led a **discussion on what we learned this past fishing season**. This gives us insight as to **what we need to be doing to improve our fishing results in the future**. Charlie Myers said he learned to **be more persistent** and **not give up** so as not to miss a fish movement. He also found the shallows to be more productive than he thought, and will be checking them more thoroughly in the future. Jim Van Asselt mentioned that he **needs to get on the water more often**, a sentiment expressed by others also. Tom said that he learned to **not be afraid to ask others for information**. His experience on Lake Michigan during the Muskegon Outing where **he inquired about where fish were** seen on the sounder allowed him to **make a great catch of king Salmon on blade baits** right at the pierheads. Ron Vance fished the river more last year and learned to **try different speed controls when trolling**. Clarence Allen, our “resident **panfish expert**”, **uses speed control even when bobber fishing**. John Bouws noted that **colder water in Lake Michigan often brings the baitfish in closer to shore**, so he will be watching that more closely in the future. Roger Bouwkamp has been working on **fishing deeper with control**, and now feels more comfortable when trolling breaks and breaklines **in the 30-40 foot range**. This relates to Buck Perrys’ guideline that states: “when you are fishing properly and not catching fish, you are **not fishing deep enough**”. He also experienced that **proper speed is more related to the weather than to temperature**, since he caught fish going quite fast, even in very cold water.

The **stories of misadventures** were even more interesting! Roger **missed jumping into the boat** and got a nasty knob on his leg. Charlie will need to take some lessons on **boat launching!** Once this summer, he **tied the rope end to the boat** instead of the trailer when launching, and **watched it slowly drift away**. He ended up **swimming out to retrieve the boat**. To top that off, in November doing the same thing, the **snap popped of his boat and it drifted** down the shore and got caught in a fallen tree in the lake. With 43 degree water, he was forced to **carefully tiptoe out on the tree to retrieve the boat**. A video of that would have won first prize on any “Funniest Video” TV show!!

Chase Klinesteker