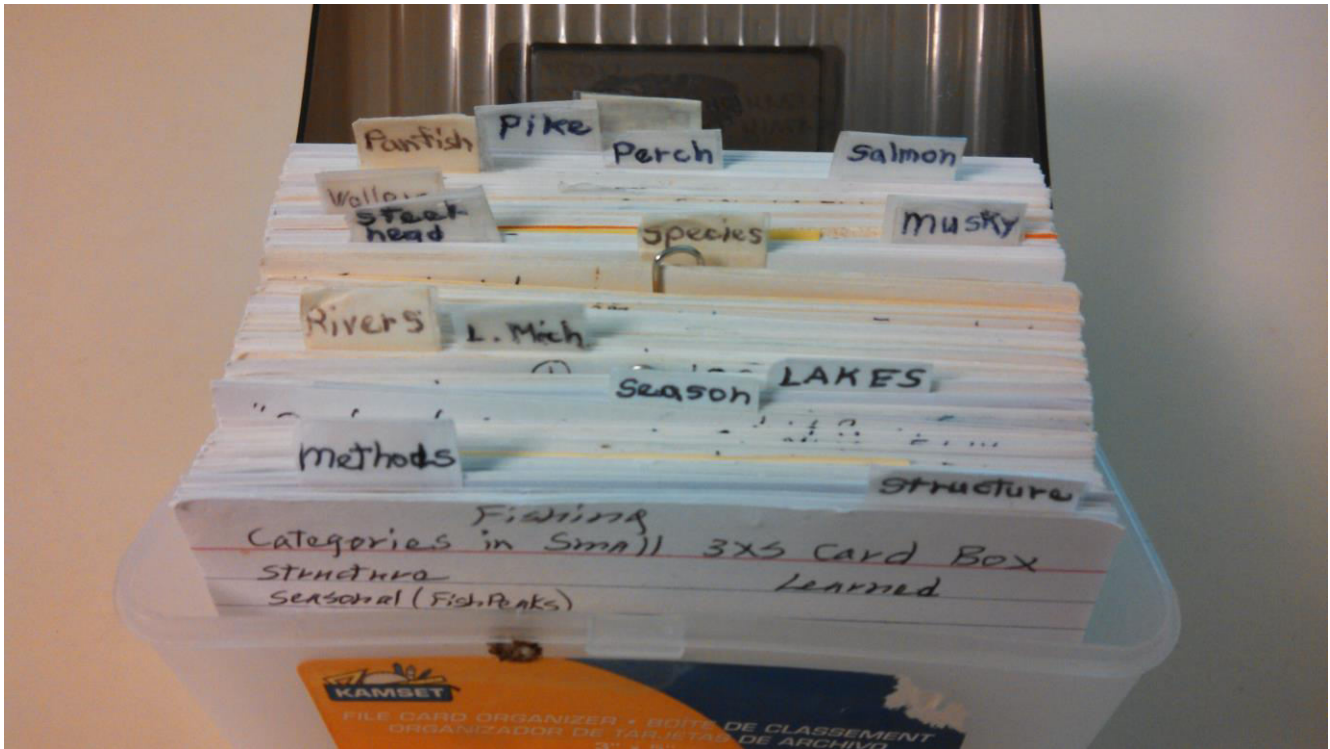


"LEARNING FASTER"

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The **most important** thing in learning something **is to review (repeat)** it enough times so it is not forgotten. In the past, I spent a number of years going to college. I never would have graduated (learned enough to pass the tests) if I **had not taken notes and reviewed the material** I was presented. Study is nothing more than **review----going over material enough to become familiar with it.** To accomplish this, **persistence** is much **more important** than mental ability. It is the **same with the fishing knowledge** given to us by Mr. Perry. We cannot use his material effectively on the water if we are not totally familiar with it. This **requires more than just reading** the "Green Book" **once or twice.**

The human mind requires repetition for learning. If we **go to a seminar**, we often **feel lucky if we get one or two good ideas** from it. But **what if that seminar contains great amounts of valuable information** we would like to utilize in our fishing (e.g. a seminar given by Terry O'Malley or video by Buck Perry)? A week later, **most of it will be forgotten.** **Taking notes helps us remember** things better since we put ideas down in our own words. It **also allows for future review to refresh our memory.**

In the past I have had the opportunity to spend **time on the water** with top Spoonplugging instructors Terry O'Malley and John Bales. The **ideas, advice, and instruction** I was given was **almost overwhelming**. At the **end of the day I would sit and write down ideas that were shown me on 3x5 cards**. Much of the material was written down since it was so fresh in my memory. **To have waited** a week or even a few days to write down the ideas **would not have worked**. **How** and on what media **one records** information they are exposed to is a **personal matter**. Ideas recorded in any manner that can be later reviewed is the most important thing.

I feel that much of **my progress** as a fisherman in the last few years is **due to** the **quality instruction** I received **and the fact that I made notes** of the material presented. **Review of these notes helped me remember** the correct thing to do when I got out on the water. Jotting down notes **is not** a **difficult** thing to do. It is **for you only**, no one else. It is using your mind to its' best advantage. Writing something down on paper helps **burn it into your memory**.

Taking notes and learning Spoonplugging guidelines is **not the final step** to knowledge. **Experiencing those guidelines on the water** in your fishing **completes the process**. When the fisherman **does not have to stop and think about what to do next** on any lake, **true working knowledge** has been **acquired**. This is why Spoonplugging is a **lifetime learning process**.