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YFC Show and Tell

Notes by Stan The Man Nichols

The October YFC meeting was a “show and tell” by members describing a variety of fishing and tackle making techniques. I circuited the room and got bits and pieces of every ones presentations. I didn’t get it all, but here is what I learned.

Jim Kloth demonstrated how to make spinner rigs for walleye trolling with crawlers. Jim starts with a fluorocarbon leader 6 to 8 feet long. He uses a variety of leader strengths from 4 to 14 pound test. He also found a nice item at Walmart for storing leader material. The leader should be shorter than the trolling rod you are using. On the end of the leader he snells on a treble hook. An important techniques is to learn to tie the snell knot. If he feels ambitious he will add a drop of fishing glue to make sure the knot is secure. About five inches up from the treble he snells in a single sickle hook. Jim likes sickle hooks for their strength. After that you can add beads, floats, spinner blades, etc. to your hearts content. What ever you think will work. Tie a loop in the other end of the leader and you are finished. Use a piece of round pipe insulation or a swimming pool noodle to wrap the spinner rigs around for storage.

Jesse Tougas demonstrated fly tying. When I watched he was making a Wooly Bugger. If you are a trout fisherman a Wooly Bugger is the fly you would probably choose if you had only one fly you could fish with. It also works for smallmouth bass. I tie small ones (mini-buggers?) for bluegill fishing. There are a variety of options for tying Wooly Buggers so they float or sink. The can imitate an aquatic insect larva, a minnow, or a grasshopper. Later I stopped again and Jesse was doing an egg loop that could be used for stream fishing Great Lakes trout or salmon when they are in rivers. Jesse and Paul Zoch where trying to figure out how to tie a surgeons loop, a handy knot for tying two pieces of leader material together.

Once you have your Wooly Bugger tied you could go visit Gene Wengert. Gene was showing how to fly fish with a spinning outfit. The most important piece

equipment here is a casting bubble. A casting bubble is a float, usually clear plastic, that you can add water to change the weight. This allows you to adjust the weight you are casting so you can cast very light flies.

If you are going after larger fish you could stop and see Tom Wilke. He was showing how he modifies larger spoons and plugs for muskies and big pike. Tom also showed some of his fish cutout wall hangings.

Stop bye Duffy’s location if you wanted to hear about how and where to use the spoons on Lake Mendota. Some of Duffy’s favorite locations are off Fox Bluff. An area from Marshall Park to Pheasant Branch, both sides of Governor’s Island, and the east side of Warner Bay-areas with steep drop-offs. For Gator Spoons, Duffy likes gold better than silver for Lake Mendota and keep those spoons just “ticking” the tops of the weeds.

Charlie Grimm is a man of many talents. He demonstrated rod building and jig pouring. You may not want to build your own rod, but the techniques are handy if you ever have to repair a rod. Do you know how to find the spline of rod? You need to know that if you are going to build a rod. The technique for wrapping on guides is similar to what you may have learned in scouts for whipping the end of a rope.

For jig pouring you need a pot to heat the lead, the proper jig hook size, and the molds. Old wheel weights are one source of lead or old lead pipe if you can find it. You use to be able to buy plumbers lead at the hardware store and sporting goods catalogs sell lead for casting bullets. There are also lead substitutes like tin and titanium that some prefer but they are more expensive. A key to casting good jigs is to get the mold hot enough so the lead doesn’t cool too fast. This means you usually have to pour some jig heads that don’t turn out very well to warm up the mold. No problem, just remelt the lead off the hook. With powder paint, painting jigs has become much more easy and the finish much more durable. Go to Harbor Freight

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and buy a heat gun for an easy way to heat the powder paint. The jig eyes are harder to clean out with powder paint so you may want to clean them out before you take the jigs out in the boat.

A number of techniques involve tying knots of various types. Tom Raschke demonstrated knot tying and Eldon Boehm had a tool that helps tying hooks to the line and for making slip-bobber knots. The uni-knot, palomar knot, snell knot, surgeons loop, and whip finish will get you a long ways in the knots you should know for fishing. If you want to "brush-up" on your knot tying go to www.NetKnots.com to learn a variety of fishing, boating, and outdoor knots.

Finally I stopped by Phil James location. Phil was showing a downrigger and line release that he really likes for Great Lakes salmon fishing. The release is called a Chamberlain release and it was invented by a fellow in Vermont for trolling for trout in inland lakes. It can be set to be very sensitive so small fish will trigger the release. You won't be dragging small fish around with out knowing it because the release didn't release. It may also work well for downrigger trolling for walleyes. The Walker downrigger that Phil demonstrated has an adjustable arm so sections can be added or taken out. This allows different arm lengths if you want to use the downrigger off the side of the boat or off the back of the boat.

That about all I learned. If you have any questions just "corner" the appropriate person at the next meeting and get more details.

November Meeting Speaker

john stellflue(STELLFLUE), former musky guide.....has written articles for musky hunter magazine....a chance for members to pick up some new tips and locations for their musky hunting.

Charlie

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Pete Froland award winners.

Starting in 2000 the club has chosen to recognize extraordinary service by presenting them with the Pete Froland award. Below is a list of members who have been awarded this honor.

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2001	Stan Nichols
2002	Jerry Paffenroth
2003.	Eric Olson
2004	Bill Jansen
2005	Kevin Tvedten
2006	Marv and Mary Cutrell
2007	Dave and Milly Dahl
2008	Dave Price
2009	Duffy Kopf
2010	Brad Czebotar
2011	Jim Pankratz

Kids Ice Fishing Day

When: Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013

Where: Brittingham Bay Shelter - Lake Monona

What: First 300 kids 14 and under receive a free ice rod/reel combo and bucket

Free lunch and hot chocolate

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Outings update for December 2012

There is no outing planned for December due to the busy holiday season. Well, actually, the YFC Christmas Meeting and potluck is kind of an outing on Dec. 12th.

The WFC derby on Waubesa January 19th will replace the original outing scheduled for Perch. Jim Kloth and Duffy can use volunteers to help with this.

The weekend of February 9th will be icing whitefish out of sturgeon Bay. This extravaganza was great last year in spite of tough ice conditions and an arctic blast. The conditions got to be better this year.

This is a stay over Friday and Saturday with special rates at a Sturgeon Bay motel.

A neat outing looking down 20 plus feet in crystal clear water and seeing schools of whitefish circling our baits – all in the comfort of a heated shack. I will do a straw poll at the Dec. meeting for interest or feel free to contact me before hand so we can reserve shacks.

The rest of early 2013 is as scheduled:

March 16 or 23 Clements' barge on the Mississippi.

April 7 -14 Reelfoot Lake, TN

May 18th weekend (?) Walleye on Green Bay.

For those sure of going to Reelfoot, be prepared to deposit \$100 payable to Bluebank Resort by early Jan. I can collect checks at the Dec. meeting and hold until Jan 1 at which time I will send all checks to Reelfoot to secure our existing reservation.

Tom K, Outings Chair

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YFC Ice Fishing Derby

Back in the day, YFC sponsored the Percharee. I wasn't a member then, but I think what happened is it got to be too big so it got to be too much work for the membership to handle. It was a good moneymaker for the club. But why should kids have all the fun so YFC is sponsoring an Ice Fishing Derby. Mark your calendar for January 19, 2013. Registration is from 6:00 to 10:00 A.M., with weigh-in is at 2:00 P.M. It will be held on Lake Waubesa off the Green Lantern Restaurant. 4412 Siggelkow Road, McFarland. There will be many door prizes and the money raised will be used for YFC kids events. There will be prizes awarded for the largest, by weight of walleyes, bass, pike, and 10 panfish. For kids there will be a prize for the largest single panfish. First place for each species will be \$75 and second place will be \$25. Kids prize (12 and under) will be merchandise. There will be a professional style weigh-in with Gary Engberg hosting it. YFC encourages catch and release so release holes will be readily available. All Wisconsin fishing rules apply. The Green Lantern will have food specials all day. There are many sponsors for the door prizes. Jim Kloth is "heading it up". He will need plenty of help. You can contact Jim at 608-636-0116 or jkloth62@charter.net.

THE YAHARA FISHING CLUB
MADISON, WI
Ice Fishing Derby

When: Jan. 19, 2013 (alt. date: 2/9/2013)
Registration 6:00am - 10:00am
(Red ticket for weigh in)
Fishing starts at 7:00am

Where: Lake Waubesa
Green Lantern Restaurant
4412 Siggelkow Road
McFarland, WI 53558
Food specials all day

Why: Raise money for YFC kids events

Door Prize Tickets - \$2 or 3 for \$5 (Blue tickets) **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**
Prizes from Jiffy, JB Lures, HT, AquaVu, Pure Fishing, Clam

Grand Prize: Nebulus Flotation Device
Drawings at 3:00pm

Award Categories by weight
Walleye, Bass (L&S), Pike, 10 panfish (gills, perch or crappie) - Kids (12 & under) - largest single panfish

Weigh In - 2:00pm (need red ticket)
1st place each species - \$75
2nd place each species - \$25
Kid winner - merchandise

Professional style weigh in with MC Gary Engberg - Outdoor Horizons Radio
All Wisconsin fishing rules apply

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Notes From the Prez

Another month has come and gone. Time sure does fly. I hope everyone had a chance to do some fall fishing. Our November outing for Northern fishing was Saturday. Thanks Duffy for planning this event along with Tom K.

Our next meeting will be a busy one. We have elections for our new board members, and we still have a couple of positions open. So please think about joining the board. If you would like to nominate someone please get their permission to do so.

A reminder that if you want to nominate anyone for the Pete Froland award, time is running out. We listed the former winners on the YFC web page. I know several of you told me who you would like to receive it. This means several good choices. The rules state that you need to send a paragraph or two why someone should receive the award. You can do this via email or a letter to the club post office box. I need to have them by noon on Tuesday via email or if hand delivered by the start of the board meeting which is 6 pm. A decision will be made by the board at our November meeting.

Our speaker for this month will be John Stellflue, a former musky guide. He has written articles for Musky Hunter Magazine, so here is a chance for members to pick up tips and locations for Musky fishing.

The next few months will be very busy with the holiday season. Don't forget to come

celebrate with us in December. Dues for next year are due at our December meeting as well. In January we will have the Kids Ice Fishing day on the 12th. On the 19th is our Fishing Derby. Jim Kloth has made posters for both events and will have them at the next meeting for anyone to post.

Dennis has asked if anyone has a rack or anyone can make a rack for literature for the Fishing Expo for our booth to please let the board know. Last year we had plenty of fliers on the tables but it would be nice to have that space to display our raffle gifts instead.

Don't forget that our fishing contest ends the last day of November. So be sure to get those pictures in. You can find the details on our web page.

Have a good week and I will see you soon.

Karlette



Eric Olson's personal best 21.25" largie caught on a swin jig on Mendota on 9/25



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The Warner Park Lagoon

Recently, each summer YFC uses Warner Park Lagoon for Kid's Fishing Day. But the lagoon has a long history of fishing. May be you fished there back in the "old-days"? The lagoon also has a long history of fish surveys carried out by Paul DuVair's, a biology teacher at East High School, aquatic biology classes. In fact there are 49 years of information collected by these classes. Netting fish occurred in the third week of June, in the same location, using the same type of net since 1964. Jack Hurst shared some of the findings at the October meeting. The "highlights" are as follows:

Fish of Warner Lagoon- 1983-2012

Species	Number Caught
Bluegills	2601
Silver and Gold Shiners	515
White Crappies	448
Black Bullheads	268
Largemouth Bass	213
Pumpkinseeds	165
Carp	68
Yellow Perch	17
Northern Pike	16
Walleye	13
Brown Bullheads	6
Smallmouth Bass	6
Bigmouth Buffalo	4
Sheepshead	4
Muskie	2
White Bass	1
Yellow Bullhead	1

Nothorn pike, once a common resident in the lagoon was last captured as fingerlings in 2001. Muskies were last captured in 1987.

There were no winter fish kills in the lagoon until 1992 when a fish kill nearly destroyed the lagoon's entire fish population (only 16%) survived. Bluegills maintained a fragile dominance. Another fish kill occurred in 1999. The following year gold and silver shiners established dominance. Another fish kill occurred in 2006 and dominance was not established because another fish kill struck in 2008. Black bullheads established dominance in the nearly empty lagoon.

The biology class attributes much of the fish kills to the lagoon becoming shallower, mainly from refuse and storm sewer pollution and runoff.

Duffy and Jim launch a boat.



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Preliminary Report on the November 3d Pike Outing

More details in the next newsletter. There were 11 people or so on the outing. The only fish caught by a club member was an 18 inch smallmouth bass. The youngster to the right was with his parent in Duffy's boat and caught a 15 1/2 inch bass.

The weather corporated by staying cloudy, with no wind and best of all no Rain! It's just a shame the fish did not corporate! It was a good turnout for the outing!



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Except for special Summer "On the water" dates, meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Lakeside VFW Hall, John

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The next meeting is on Tuesday, November 13th, at the Lakeside VFW Hall (John Nolen Rr. & Lakeside St.)
The Board Of Directors meet at 5:45 pm, The General Membership meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Meeting will Feature John Stellflue, Muskie Guide

Calendar of Upcoming Events

November Events

November 3d, Warner Park, Pike outing

November 13th, regular club meeting. John Stellflue, See page 2.

December Events

December 11th, regular club meeting. Potluck holiday Christmas party

The Yahara Fishing Club's doors are open to **EVERYONE**, so invite a friend to the meeting!

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