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## *THE DEPTH FINDER*

Luke 5:4—"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." - Jesus directs us if we listen.

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**A Communication for Deep C's Members**

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### **DEEP C'S DIRECTOR - STEVE CRUIKSHANK**

Hello All,

I'm writing this article while I'm fishing on Lake of the Woods for the Minnesota fishing opener. We are staying at Borderview Lodge. We have caught some nice fish in our group with 30 ¼ being the largest. I was able to catch a 35" northern as well as several nice walleyes. Our group was able to have a fish fry on Saturday evening. It's really great to have someone else cook the fish for a change.



So the COVID-19 stay at home order is extended to the 18th of May. We will again be using the BlueJeans app to run our meetings this month. I will be sending out an invite to the call in my monthly meeting reminder. Please join us if you can.

The FFL banquet will be live on the 10th of May and run till the 17th of May. Please go online and bid on the silent auction items. There will be a chance for you to ask Ron & Al Lindner questions on the 17th of May. Look for more info on the Giverly site. Sara has sent out a link in an email so look for that.



Thank you for all you do to support FFL we can not do what we do without people like you. May God keep you safe and supply you with many blessings.

Steve

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## Coping with COVID-19

Hello all. I hope you all are staying happy and healthy during this COVID 19 pandemic. Sometimes people, myself included, have found it hard to stay happy and positive through this so we need to find ways to help get us through this. For example, my family does happy hours with beverages and snacks but there are many ways to cope. Maybe with a TV show or a game night or even something different but the big key is to stay positive. Yeah, we could say this sucks and move on but the world right now is so full of negative behavior that its not funny. The great Joel Osteen once said, "You're going to go through tough times, that's life. But I say, nothing happens to you, it happens for you. See the positive in negative events."

So ask yourself what can I do to do that? I challenge you to figure that out this month because we can get through this if we do the right thing.

Have a happy and healthy month and I will talk to you in June.



Handicapped Director Tyler Pinor

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## High C's Fishing Camps

Praise The Lord! Out of 77 guide spots only 13 are left to fill for our upcoming camps.

With COVID 19 potential changes to our plans going on we need to trust the truths of our faith. A verse that can comfort us in this is Prov 16:9 ESV - *The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.*

Day Camp #1: Mon 6/8-Thurs 6/11  
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Day Camp #2: Mon 6/22-Thurs 6/25  
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Day Camp #3: Mon 6/29-Thurs 7/02  
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Camp House: Sun, 7/05 - Fri, 7/10  
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Adult/Child Camp: Wed 7/15-Sun 7/19  
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Day Camp #4: Mon 7/27-Thurs 7/30  
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2

Camp Fish: Mon, 8/03 - Fri, 8/07  
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Ironwood Springs: Mon 8/10-Fri 8/14  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Deep C's May Speaker Dwight Nelson:

- West - May 12 -
- South - May 14 -
- East - May 26 -
- North - May 28 -

"Dwight Nelson will be giving a talk and demo on how to maintain, clean and lubricate spinning reels. This will include a tear down and re-assembly of a new Shimano spinning reel. Included will be recommendations on tools, greases and oils to use."

Deep C's Leaders & Volunteers	
Deep C's Director	Steve Cruikshank
Depth Finder Editor	Daryle Hamlin
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Spiritual Leader	Vaughn Blackburn
Chapter Coordinators	Kent Lillehaugen & Ron Buster
Food Coordinator	Perry Whitney
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Spiritual Leader	Daryle Hamlin
Chapter Coordinators	Terry Branham & Gary Christianson
Food Coordinator	Jeff Wynne
East Chapter - Oakdale - 4th Tuesday	
Spiritual Leader	Dan Pilla
Chapter Coordinators	Randy Markey & Troy Sonnenfeld
Food Coordinator	Randy Markey
North Chapter - Blaine - 4th Thursday	
Spiritual Leader	Dan Pilla
Chapter Coordinators	Travis Busch & Ken Stahn
Food Coordinator	Nathaniel Fox

Join us for our Deep Cs virtual meetings.

Fishing for Life has picked the BlueJeans App for these meetings.

*Depth Finder is a monthly publication for our Deep C's groups.*

*Submissions should be emailed to the editor. All articles, testimonies, informational items, pictures, recipes, and items for sale or wanted are welcomed and encouraged. Please make submissions to the editor or Steve.*

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Fishing For Life, founded in 2004, is a tax exempt charitable organization whose mission is to inspire a love of fishing and outdoor activities through Christ-centered programming.

Within Fishing For Life, there is a men's ministry called Deep C's. There are four chapters active - West, South, East, and North - each meeting once / month. The Deep C's meetings all begin at 6pm with a free supper. All are welcome at any of the meetings.

#### **2020 Theme** **"Abide in Me"**

John 15:4 - "Abide in Me, as I also abide in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must abide in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in me."

Cost for membership is \$20/ year collected in February.

### Deep C's Men's Group

*Deep C's is a men's group that regularly gathers together to share in their knowledge of and love for the outdoors, and, most importantly, to fellowship with one another through faith in Jesus Christ. We desire to deepen our relationships with Him and with each other. There are currently four active groups across the Twin Cities. All are welcome!*



## Fishing Tips – Quick Fix for Broken Rods

Chances are you have a broken fishing rod from last season that is just waiting for some attention! I have one from last summer when I was fishing with my grand nephew. Somehow it got stepped on and it broke.

Stuff like that happens but here are a couple of quick fixes that while not perfect will get you going again. The same techniques work on broken handles too. Don't ask how I know <:-).



### Rod Tip Repair

If the rod is broken very near the tip (within the last 1-8") you can simply cut the end clean and move the tip guide from the broken off end to the rod. You will lose a few inches of rod length but it will function fine.

To do this you will need a lighter of some sort, a pair of pliers and a hot melt glue stick. You can also buy rod tip glue from any major sports seller but hot melt glue works fine too.

Stabilize the rod somehow or have someone else hold it. Heat the base of the top guide for 5-10 seconds with the lighter while tugging on it with pliers. When the hot melt glue softens you should be able to easily pull it right off.

Clean the end of the rod where it was broken, cutting it back a little bit if necessary so that it will cleanly fit into the rod tip. Heat the end of the rod for a few seconds and roll it around on the glue stick until the last 3/8" to 1/2" of the rod has a thin coating of glue on it.

Heat up the tip of the rod with the lighter until the glue melts and flows nicely. Slide the tip onto the rod, making sure that the tip is in line with the rest of the guides. A minute later and you are good to go!

### Rod Repair

If the rod is broken 3 or 4 guides down and you would rather not have a rod that is 2 or 3 feet shorter, consider this option: This procedure basically involves inserting and gluing a carbon fiber rod into each rod end connecting the two halves together. Testing this final rod repair with weights showed almost no impairment to the action!

Cut each end clean. A Dremel tool with a high speed cut off wheel is great for this. A table saw with a 40 tooth carbide blade or a plywood blade works great too.



Now head off to the hobby store and pick up some carbon fiber rod. Hopefully you can find one that just smoothly slides into **both** ends. Pick up some epoxy and shrink wrap tubing

while you are at it. My favorite epoxy is Locktite Marine waterproof epoxy with a 3 hour set time.

Stabilize the rod by taping it down to a workplace and slide a 2-3" piece of shrink wrap tubing onto the rod. Spread a little of the epoxy on half of a 4-6" piece of



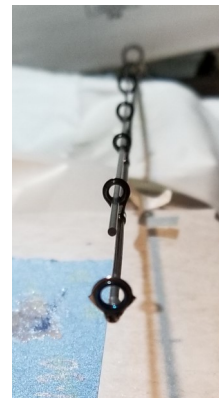
the new carbon fiber rod. Insert the glued end into the end of the fishing rod. Coat the other

half of the carbon fiber rod with epoxy and slide it into the other broken piece making sure you don't push the first end into the rod any further.

Note: Make sure the guide tip lines up with the rest of the guides before the epoxy sets! Clean off the extra epoxy where the rods meet. Use the left over carbon fiber rod to help line up the guides too. A little tape over the joint will stabilize it until the epoxy has set.

Leave it until the epoxy has set and slide the shrink wrap tubing up over the joint and heat shrink it.

Instead of using heat shrink tubing you can use thread to wrap the joint for about a half an inch on either side and seal it with epoxy but that procedure, while perhaps better, is somewhat more time consuming and detailed.



Tight Lines and God Bless!

Dwight Nelson

# Greetings from Fishing for Life!

With all that is changing during this time of the pandemic, we too are making the necessary adjustments to serve our youth, families, military, veterans and communities. Please join us **May 10th-17th** for our Virtual Banquet.

## Register [HERE](#)

We are planning to use the proceeds to:

- Fund our existing programs
- Expand our offerings and support for women anglers
- Increase and repair failing transportation

This is one of our largest fundraising events of the year, and **we are counting on your support!**

Our virtual banquet will feature daily ministry highlights, testimonials, and giveaways. We close out the week with an exciting virtual live event on the evening of May 17 with **Ron and Al Lindner!** You won't want to miss it!

Please join us and extend the invite to anyone that would like to hear more about what Fishing for Life is doing in the community! Also watch our Facebook page for live videos, drawings and testimonials! [FACEBOOK LINK](#)

### **There will be 3 LEVELS for donors at our virtual tables:**

- **Muskie Sponsorship Level:** \$1,000-\$3,000- Contact Tom, 612-987-5466 |

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- **Walleye Level:** Table purchaser-\$200 (Purchase through ticketing)\*
- **Crappie Level:** Individual seat purchaser-\$25 (Purchase through ticketing)\*
- **Participant Level:** Auction Access (Just register for event)

\*We will have a drawing on Sunday, May 17th for those that purchased a table and a drawing for those that purchased a seat at this VIRTUAL Banquet.

**To become a donor, please go to this link and click the Purchase Tickets link: [HERE](#)**

Thank you for your continued support of Fishing for Life and our commitment to serving youth, families, military, veterans and the broader community!  
FFL Staff and Board

## Jimmy's Walleye Bites

(Excellent with Northern Pike too)

Cut walleye or northern pike fillets into 1 inch squares. Wrap with bacon and fasten with toothpicks. Coat with your favorite BBQ sauce and grill for 10-15 minutes or until bacon is crispy. Re-glaze with BBQ sauce every few minutes while grilling.

Alternate broiling procedure: place "bites" on a foil-lined cookie sheet and broil in oven for 20 minutes or until bacon crisps.

Enjoy!



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## Archie's Funnies

A man was stopped by a game-warden recently with two buckets of fish leaving a lake well known for its fishing. The game warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?" The man replied to the game warden, "No, sir. These are my pet fish." "Pet fish?!" the warden replied. "Yes, sir. Every night I take these here fish down to the lake and let them swim around for a while. I whistle and they jump back into their buckets, and I take em home." "That's a bunch of hooey! Fish can't do that!" The man looked at the game warden for a moment, and then said, "Here, I ll show you. It really works." "O.K. I've GOT to see this!" The game warden was curious. The man poured the fish in to the river and stood and waited. After several minutes, the game warden turned to the man and said, "Well?" "Well, what?" the man responded. "When are you going to call them back?" the game warden prompted. "Call who back?" the man asked. "The FISH" "What fish?" the man asked.



Submit your favorite jokes for future issues.



# 2020 Calendar

*Due to the COVID-19 virus, our calendar is in a tentative status. Many events for have been either cancelled, postponed, or we are waiting for a go ahead from the government.*

*Please bare with us while we are working through our programming during this time.*

- ▲ 11—High C's Disability Evening Camp #1, 5-8pm, Medicine Lake
- ≈ 13—Edina, Centennial Lakes Disability lake event
- ▲ 14-19—High C's Fish Camp @ Shore's of St. Andrew **CANCELLED**
- ▲ 22-26—High C's Day Camp #2, Minnehaha Academy
- ▲ 29-Jul 2—High C's Day Camp #3, Minnehaha Academy
- ▲ 29-Jul 2—High C's Superior Hiking Trail Camping Trip

## JULY

- ★ 4—Trout Pond at Interlachen
- ▲ 5-10—High C's Fish Camp @Camp House-30 min NW of Two Harbors @ Brimson, MN
- ≈ 11—Lake Event: Medicine Lake Monster
- ▲ 15-19—High C's Adult/Child Camp @Miracle Bible Camp-Hackensack, MN
- ▲ 16—High C's Disability Evening Camp-#2, 5-8pm Medicine Lake
- ▲ 20-24—High C's BWCA Experience-Ely
- ≈ 25—Lake Bebe, Families of Disable
- ▲ 27-31—High C's Day Camp #4, Minnehaha Academy

## AUGUST

- ≈ 1—Lake Event: 4th Reel Girls Fish Event Lake Marion in Lakeville
- ▲ 3-7—High C's Fish Camp @Camp JIM - Brainerd, MN
- ▲ 10-14—High C's Fish Camp @Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch-**CANCELLED**
- 5—IB Golf Tournament
- ≈ 7—Lake Event: CAST with the Anoka County Sheriff's Dept, Lake George
- ★ 7-9—Game Fair (1 of 2 weekends) Trout Pond
- ▲ 17-21—High C's Poole's Paradise Fish Camp at Leech Lake
- ≈ 11—Pastor's Tournament with Jesus In The City
- ★ 14-16—Game Fair (2 of 2 weekends) Trout Pond
- ≈ ★ 31-Sept 3—LOTW Pay it Forward Trip

## SEPTEMBER

- ≈ 10-11—Marathon Man
- 17-20—Deep C's Men's Fall Retreat & Fishing Tournament
- ▲ ★ 11-13—Gold Star Weekend with Ironwood Springs Christian Camp-**CANCELLED**
- ≈ 28—Metro Mold Private Event

## OCTOBER

- ≈ 3—Lake Event: Forest Lake Lunker/Trolling for Trophies
- 24 (tentative)—Fishing Careers Workshop
- ≈ ★ 28—Muskie Mayhem Event

## NOVEMBER

- 6-8—High C's Deer Camp Opening Weekend, @Various locations
- 11—Veteran's Day
- 12—Give to the Max Day

## DECEMBER

- TBD—St. Paul Ice Show 2020
- 10—All FFL Christmas Party @Bethlehem Baptist Church
- 12 (tentative)—Tip Up Weekend

### Key

- ▲ High C's Fishing Camps
- ≈ Lake Events
- ★ Trout Pond
- ★ Veteran Programming

Dates are subject to change.

## APRIL

- 2-5—NW Sports Show at the Convention Center
- ★ 17-18—Thorne Bros Spring Sale-Trout Pond
- 25—North Rush Lake Crappie Fishing w/MNTC Lakeside
- ★ TBD—R&R Military Marriage Retreat
- 27—Crappie Contest-FFL/White Stone Servant Ministry Event

## MAY

- ≈ ★ 2—Ron Schara Crappie Contest
- 7-12—Governor's Fishing Opener
- 14—Reel'Em In Rod and Reel Rebuilding - Emma B. Howe YMCA
- 16—New Get Hooked Carnival Fundraising Event
- TBD—High C's Wilderness Safety Training

## JUNE

- 6—MN Fishing Challenge for MN Adult & Teen Challenge
- 5—Reel'Em In Rod Rebuild at Thorne Bros - Deloitte
- 5-7—Mille Lacs Boat Launch
- ≈ ★ 11—AFFFC at Lake Minnetonka
- ▲ 8-12—High C's Day Camp #1 Minnehaha Academy

**Monthly Deep C's Men's Group Gatherings with FREE dinner at 6PM. Bring a friend!**

**WEST GROUP - 2nd Tuesday**  
6 PM—Cabela's, Rogers

**SOUTH GROUP - 2nd Thursday**  
6 PM—Mercy Road Church, Burnsville

**EAST GROUP - 4th Tuesday**  
6 PM—Fractional Toys, 2967 Hudson Road, Oakdale

**NORTH GROUP - 4th Thursday**  
6 PM—Thorne Bros, Blaine

### Monthly Women's Groups

**MONTICELLO - TBD**

**VICTORIA - TBD**



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