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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 pray each of you has been safe and healthy during this Pandemic. Lockdown is not very much fun, but I believe the virus would be much worse than our lockdown experience. As you all know we canceled most our Deep C's meetings for the month of March. The West group was able to meet as scheduled. Moving forward we will be canceling all Deep C's meetings until further notice. With that said we still want to stay connected with all of you. With today's video age there are several virtual meeting apps out there. Fishing for Life has picked the BlueJeans App. Going forward our meeting will be done by using the BlueJeans App. Here is what you need to know.

- ⇒ Go to App Store on you phone and search for the word BlueJeans.
- ⇒ If you want to use your laptop search the internet for BlueJeans.
- ⇒ Download App and install.
- ⇒ If you would like to be part of the video call (we can have up to 100 people) please send me an email stating so. I will add you to an email invite the day before the scheduled meeting.
- ⇒ Once you get the email invite and it's a couple minutes before the scheduled meeting click on the link and join the call.
- ⇒ If you have trouble please contact me after the meeting time as I will be on the call.

As for all of our upcoming events Here is what we know so far.

- May 2nd--52nd MN Bound Crappie Contest: We will have an answer the week of April 6th as to if we will be having to cancel this event or not. This event is a fund-raising event for Fishing for Life. The proceeds from this event were used to help run our programming throughout the summer months.
- May 16th—Our Banquet Fundraising Event: We have been in full planning mode for this, so many non-refundable deposits have already been paid. So, instead of cancelling this event completely... we have decided to take this event online. We are asking those that would have attended or were



interested in attending to consider making your normal admission ticket into a donation. For the online banquet we will be doing the normal silent auction and fund-a-need requests, along with rolling our regular live-auction items into the silent auction as featured items. We are also looking to have this go for a week-long and ending on May 16th evening. This will allow for further reach for possible supporters interested in bidding on our items, trips and fund-a-need requests.

- NextGEN and Camps: At this time we will not be planning large gatherings for these groups... instead we suggest that all NextGen pairings reach out to their mentees via phone/video chat to stay connected.

As we go through the next phase of this virus, please keep in mind that God's LOVE for you is BIGGER. John 3:16. And that we have NOTHING to fear-- "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." ~John 16:33

Your Brother in Christ,

Steve

A note from Tom.

Hello Men, in the midst of this battle, FFL is uniquely positioned with Christ, Men, Boats, Bibles and lots of equipment to impact families, Vets, kids and communities. We are planning some out-of-the-Box programming for you men that will put us all on the front lines of ministry!! Details will come shortly in a larger message from

Tom and the Staff, via email, snail mail and every means possible. Please be in Prayer that as a staff, as and organization we have the Mind of Christ and we execute well!

Tom

Fishing with a Disability

Each year 50 million Americans, of which 10 million are youth, go fishing to experience the great outdoors.

I recently went and visited a guy that runs a small company from home called Lake Lady Rods. If any of you have physical challenges fishing, I encourage you to check him out and be ready for service with a smile and lots of stories.

What has happened since last month?

Perry Whitney and I have been visiting local Lions clubs explaining our project and trying to raise funds for our Party on Beebe event on July 25th.

I look forward to talking to you in May.



Handicapped Director Tyler Pinor

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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2

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
1
2
3

Ironwood Springs: Mon 8/10-Fri 8/14
1

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Deep C's April Speaker will be Doug Groen.

- West - April 14 -
- South - April 9 -
- East - April 28 -
- North - April 23 -

Doug will speak on the following:

1. New Lowrance Hook Reveal
2. Active Image 3 in 1 transducer
3. New C-Map features
4. New Ghost trolling motor
5. Q & A



Join us for our Deep Cs virtual meetings.

Fishing for Life has picked the BlueJeans App for these meetings. See page 1 of this newsletter for details.

I am looking forward to our BlueJeans meeting on the 9th - it will be Maundy Thursday and we will look at our theme "Abide in Me" through the lens of the Last Supper.

Blessings,
Daryle Hamlin
South Spiritual Leader

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 Leaders & Volunteers	
Deep C's Director	Steve Cruikshank
Depth Finder Editor	Daryle Hamlin
West Chapter - Rogers - 2nd Tuesday	
Spiritual Leader	Vaughn Blackburn
Chapter Coordinators	Kent Lillehaugen & Ron Buster
Food Coordinator	Perry Whitney
South Chapter -Burnsville-2nd Thursday	
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

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 - Getting Ready for Fishing Opener

This month's Tips column will focus more on reminders and checklists for getting ready for the summer fishing season. We hope and pray that there will be a summer fishing season! Even though the Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener celebration was postponed for a year, Minnesota Gov. Walz said that he will be out fishing on opener, obeying of course safe social distancing!

With all that is going on in this world, it would be good to stop for a minute and thank God for the world of nature He has given to us and to pray for the safety and health of our families, friends and neighbors. I thank God too for all healthcare workers and the support staff behind them that are caring for people with COVID-19.

Fishing Equipment

Check rods: guides should not be bent; no cracks or grooves in guide inserts (from braided line mostly) – one of my rods mysteriously lost an insert over the winter! Fix rods with broken tips or just move the tip off the broken section onto the end of the rod.

Check reels: Re-spool reels that have mono line (see March post). Clean and lube reels; if you do not do this yourself, get it into the shop NOW before they get backlogged. See link below for a list of reel schematics.

Tackle/Gear: Early on the water will be cold; slow your presentations down; bring cold weather clothes.

The Boat

Safety: Check life jackets for wear. If you have auto PFDs, check the bobbins and cartridges. Note too that Wisconsin has different regulations for wearing them than does Minnesota. If you fish Lake Superior make sure your flares are up to date.

Electrical: Check your Nav lights, pumps, fuses, etc. Check your batteries to make sure they are in good shape for boating season. There are some good sales now on marine batteries. Find your electronics! Re-mount your transducers if you take them off for the winter.

Motor: Get fresh gas in your tank. Your motor may not even start with old gas in the tank. If you need to pump out and dispose of old gas, Harbor Freight sells a handy little battery powered fuel pump to pump it out. Old gas can be recycled at Bay West or other recycling centers. See the link below for non-oxy gas stations in MN. Consider installing new spark plugs and creating a maintenance log if you don't have one. Finally, check your motor with the garden hose and muffs to make sure the water pump works (water should come out of the "pee hole"). Make sure your trolling motor and remote work too.



If You Can't Wait for Walleye/Northern Opener in May

- 1) Fish now for crappies and perch shallow; Mississippi River Pool 4 for walleyes and sauger.
- 2) Explore the MN DNR Lake Finder web site; there is some great information out there on MN lakes.
- 3) Read up on the DNR regulations and changes for 2020; download the regs to your phone.
- 4) Get a license if you have not already! (Required for ages 16-89).
- 5) Organize your tackle box; make sure you have extra swivels, snaps, bobber stops, sinkers, etc.
- 6) Make some jigs/lures (see me if you want to pour some lead – I have lots of molds and non-toxic "lead")

Links

MN DNR Lake Finder: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/index.html>

Minnesota fishing regulations for 2020: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/fishing/index.html>

Non-Oxy Gas Stations in MN: <https://www.pure-gas.org/index.jsp?stateprov=MN>

Mike's Reel Repair (comprehensive list of reel schematics): <https://www.mikesreelrepair.com/schematics/>

As always, Tight Lines and God Bless You,

Dwight Nelson

Honey Fried Walleye Fillets

Ingredients:

- 10 Walleye Fillets
- 2 tsp. Honey
- 2 Cups of coarsely crushed crackers
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/3 Cup Flour
- 2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon red cayenne pepper



Directions:

1. Ensure fillets are completely dry.
2. Mix the honey and egg together. Add fillets to the mixture and then liberally apply the other ingredients pressing firmly into the filets.
3. Fry for about 6 minutes and serve immediately.

Chard Outdoor Fryer

Archie's Funnies

Well, I finally lost it!!!!

Was just shopping. Saw a man whose cart was FULL to the brim with hand sanitizers, baby wipes, soaps, everything that people need!!

I called him selfish, and gave him a low down about the elderly, moms, and people who need these types of things. Told him to stop hoarding! I Told him he should be ashamed of himself!

He said: "Are you done? Cause I really need to get back to filling the shelves now..."



We all need a laugh right now....hope this helped.



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 April/May 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.

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

- ▲ 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
- ▲ 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
- 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
- ≈ 28—Metro Mold Private Event

OCTOBER

- ≈ 3—Lake Event: Forest Lake Luncheon/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.

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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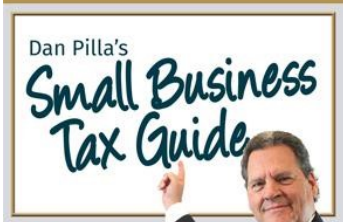
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