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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,

This years H4H will look a little different. We can no longer have a large one-lake event because of CCV-19. (Chinese Corona Virus-19). So the plan is to have it on several different lakes in smaller groups along with a virtual tournament that started on Jan 1st. The **VIRTUAL** Tournament is a PAID registration event happening Jan 1st- Feb 6th until 4pm. The **LIVE** Tournament is a FREE event on Feb 6th from 1pm-4pm on multiple Minnesota area lakes.

This is intended for those looking for a place to fish and open to military, their immediate family members or individuals, kid groups, and special invited groups. **LIVE** event attendees **MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND**. sara@fishingforlife.org

Prize pools are separated between events. You can register and fish in BOTH, but to be included in the **VIRTUAL** tournament, participants **MUST** Download the FishDonkey App and **PAY** the registration fee to register a fish. Please go to the www.fishingforlife.org website to register. I hope everyone reading this will enter the **Virtual** tournament even if you are not planning to attend or even fish. This event is a fundraiser so FFL can continue to expand our military programs. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Your Brother in Christ,

Steve



Our Theme Verse for 2021 is Luke 5:4, when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

The command of Jesus to Simon, "LAUNCH OUT". Simon is a very experienced fisherman. He had just tried during the best fishing hour to catch fish but was unsuccessful. Going fishing at that time was contrary to Peter's good judgment as an experienced fisherman. There were several reasons not to go out, he was discouraged because of his lack of success he just had, he was ready to hang it up for the day, try another time, the best time for fishing over, if in the best time caught nothing, how foolish to try now, he was probably also weary. Up all night, casting out nets and rowing.

Peter's obedience, "Nevertheless, at Thy Word I will let down the net. Peter was probably thinking I have been doing this all night, once more will not hurt me. He could have also been thinking about how often he had quit, discouraged one net short of filling the boat.

In the same area where he drew up empty nets, the nets are now full. So full they begin to break. What is the secret? Obedience! Doing God's will may not always produce phenomenal results. God calls some to plant. Others to water. We should never measure success by numbers, but by obedience.

Ask yourself these questions and remember Peter could have said no. Am I doing what God wants me to do? Am I doing all God wants me to do?

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HOLES 4 HEROES

Armed Forces Multi-Species, Multi-State Ice Tournament

FISH ALL MONTH LONG!!!

Jan 1st – Feb. 6th at 4pm

1st Place Random Length, 2nd Place Longest Fish

We Are GOING...

VIRTUAL

Multi-Species categories include:

Walleye, Northern/Pike, Bass (lg/sm), Sunfish, Crappie, Perch

Open to MN, ND, SD, IA and WI lakes.



**OVER \$5,000
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\$25/Registration* (Jan 1-Feb 6)

*FishDonkey App Download is required to enter fish, families with kids under 16 can submit fish under a parent's name.

**Special FREE LIVE Tournament*
on MN Area Lakes Feb 6th 1-4pm**

*Open to military & their immediate family members, military groups, kid groups, and individuals looking to fish. **MUST Register to join**, Live Tournament is FREE to participate. Can enter fish into Virtual tournament as well, but **MUST** pay registration fee on app to enter.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

FISHINGFORLIFE.ORG



January Special Needs Column

Hello from the Director's desk and Happy New Year! I hope 2021 is good to you.

Recently Tom, Steve and I started developing a replacement ice fishing event for our Holes For Heroes event on February 6th from 1-4 PM. It will be held multiple different lakes, but Tom has elected to use Medicine Lake as a handicapped location, and I have been asked to come help run that location. With that said, I need 5-10 of my disabled fishermen to come out and fish for us to meet requirements. Since not everyone has social media to learn about this event, I plan to make flyer posters in the coming days to help promote the event. Then I will be sending copies to Tom and Steve to hand out for distribution to make sure we hit all the areas of the different lakes. We cannot make this happen alone, so I am asking you guys to help us make this successful. The three of us could not do this without all your hard work so thanks in advance. Last month I had the opportunity to go into all four

men's group meetings and teach them about coping and dealing with the challenges of a disability what a rewarding experience it was to do that. It might have been a hard topic to sit through and learn from but if you guys don't learn about it you will never no what some-

one like me goes through to become the person that I am today. If you have feedback on my presentation after I gave it to your group or if you have ideas on things that you want me to teach you about reach out to me on my cell phone at 612-500-7005 or by email at mn_bugger@yahoo.com

I look forward to hearing from you.

Handicapped Director Tyler Pinor



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Men's Deep C's January:

- West - January 12 - Blue Jeans
- South - January 14 - Mercy Road
- East - January 26 - Fractional Toys
- North - January 28 - Cruikshank's

Speaker & Topic

Travis Busch - Making Spinner Baits.

Steve Cruikshank - Making Jerky out of Wild Game.



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 Christian ministry called Deep C's. There are five chapters active - West, South, East, North, and women's - each meeting once / month. The Deep C's meetings all begin at 6pm with a free supper. All are welcome .

2021 Theme

"Launch Out"

Luke 5:4, when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

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

Archie's Funnies

Our fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help.

I asked our sixth-grader, Noah, to help his brother carry them in.

"I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to."

Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?"

"Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes."



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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Deep C's

Deep C's is a Christian 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 five active groups across the Twin Cities. Four for men and now one for women. All are welcome!

Pro Fishing Tips Jan 2021

by Dwight Nelson

Greetings everyone! Happy New Year to all of you. Thank you for being a part of Fishing for Life and a personal note of thanks for those of you I have had the pleasure of getting to know better and fishing with in 2020.



Year in Review

2020 certainly was a strange year wasn't it?! I was just finishing up teaching a class on the "Origins of the Bible" at a church in Eden Prairie, MN when Covid-19 reared its ugly head. We managed to finish the class but then by April no one knew if we would even be able to get on the water for opener. Luckily we were able to get out for spring fishing but we were never quite sure how it was going to work out.

I kept the boat on the water longer this past year than ever before ending "summer" fishing on, you guessed it, the Mississippi River by the Red Wing dam on Dec. 22. My reward was catching 5 sauger with the largest being a fat 17" (I kept 4 with the new limits).

Each time I go fishing I learn something new, no matter where I go. I later record what I learned. Consider keeping a log or a journal on your phone or laptop with the techniques you tried, location, bait, weather, results, etc. I have been doing that for a few years now so in the future I can review what worked.

For the log book this past trip out I added a few comments. I started out fishing on one side of the river with plastics. I have had luck with Bfishn Tackle Pulse-R paddletails so I started with them. After 2 hours of using plastics I decided I had to do something very different.

I went to the other side of the river and used fathead minnows. Wham – within 15 minutes I had 2 sauger. It pays to use the right bait!



New Year's Resolutions?

Do you have any New Year's Resolutions? Or, as a friend says "New Year's Intentions?" For me one was to get the boat into storage and that is already done now. Another I could suggest is to **try trout fishing** on several of our area lakes for inland trout.

The season starts January 16 – just a few days away. You can "sight fish" in 3-10 feet of water (start half way down) using typical crappie baits. It is one of the most fun (and frustrating) forms of fishing I know.

Another New Year intention might be to focus on learning a new lake in 2021 or to learn a few new techniques. Neko rigs and drop-shot rigs have lots of potential. The new "Tokyo rig" looks really cool too. And remember for next year, be careful telling fishing stories to someone who has a better memory than you do! Above all, remember in 2021 to give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the opportunity we have to fish and hunt in His great world. Tell Him every time out and start your adventures in prayer.

Tungsten Jigs

You may already be using tungsten jigs or plan to try them this year ice fishing. Here are some things you may want to know about them. In many situations they work really well. Since they are (usually) denser than lead, they get down in the water column faster than lead jigs of the same size. A denser jig can give some interesting action to your presentation too.

Tungsten melts at 6,192° F and has a density 70% greater than lead (hence a tungsten jig will be heavier than the same size lead jig). Obviously tungsten cannot be melted into aluminum or steel molds which melt at considerably less temperature. Instead, powdered tungsten is typically mixed with 2% nickel and 1% iron and bonded together under high pressure in molds yielding a jig that is 97% tungsten.



Tungsten teardrop jig with groove for hook (fishpaby) **MaxCatch Tungsten Raindrop jig with soldered hook**

A slot at the top is used for soldering hooks in. That is why on many tungsten jigs the hook seems close to the top.

Another way to make them is to mix epoxy glue with the tungsten powder but then the density goes down and the resulting jig is not much better than a lead jig. Watch out for these. Have fun if you try them.

Blessings in the coming year and Tight Lines!
Dwight Nelson (dpnelson50m@gmail.com)

Venison Jerky



Ingredients

1-pound boneless venison roast
4 tablespoons soy sauce
4 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons liquid smoke flavoring
1 tablespoon ketchup
¼ teaspoon pepper
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
¼ teaspoon onion salt
½ teaspoon salt

Slice meat into long strips, 1 inch wide and 1/8 inch thick. In a large resealable plastic bag, combine soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, liquid smoke, ketchup, pepper, garlic powder, onion salt and salt. Place meat in, and close bag. Refrigerate overnight. Knead occasionally, to evenly distribute marinade.

Preheat oven to 160 degrees F (70 degrees C). Place a pan on the bottom of oven to catch drips, or line with aluminum foil.

Place meat strips on a rack so that they do not touch each other and dehydrate for 6 to 8 hours in the oven, or until desired consistency is achieved.

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2021 Calendar

Events / Dates are subject to change/be cancelled. We will update our online calendar as soon as we have the confirmed dates in place.

JANUARY

TBD—Reel 'Em In with WWP & Mission-Ridgedale YMCA
12—Virtual training for Dark House Sparring
14-16—High C's Dark House Sparring Event, Lake Winnibigoshish
TBD—Deep C's Women's Ice Fishing, Moose Lake
30—Ice Fishing on Medicine Lake

FEBRUARY

5-6—Ice Fishing Camp
6—Holes 4 Heroes Ice Fishing Tournament
12-13—High C's Ice Fishing Camp, Grand Rapids
25-28—Deep C's Winter Retreat, Alexandria

APRIL

TBD—16th Annual Get Hooked Gala Banquet & Auction
17—Reel 'Em In with Westwood
TBD—Thorne Bros Spring Sale-Trout Pond
24—High C's Crappie Fishing w/MNTC Lakeside, North Rush Lake
TBD—R&R Military Marriage Retreat

MAY

1—Ron Schara Crappie Contest (tentative)
6-11—Governor's Fishing Opener
TBD—Reel 'Em In - Emma B. Howe YMCA
TBD—High C's Wilderness Safety Training
TBD—Reel Girls Fish Lake Event Marion in Lakeville
22—Fishing in Zimmerman

JUNE

TBD—Reel 'Em In at Thorne Bros w/Deloitte
TBD—Mille Lacs Boat Launch
4-5—MN Fishing Challenge for MN Adult & Teen Challenge
7-11—High C's Day Camp #1
TBD—AFFFC at Lake Minnetonka
TBD—High C's Disability Evening Camp-A, Medicine Lake
14-18—High C's Day Camp #2
TBD—High C's Disability Evening Camp-B, Medicine Lake
20-25—High C's Fish Camp @Shore's of St. Andrew
28-Jul 2—High C's Fish Camp @Leech Lake
TBD—High C's Superior Hiking Trail

JULY

TBD—Trout Pond at Interlachen
6-9—High C's Day Camp #3
TBD—High C's Disability Evening Camp-C, Medicine Lake
10—St. Croix River Canoeing
11-16—High C's Fish Camp @ Camp House
TBD—Medicine Lake Monster
21-25—High C's Adult/Child Camp @ Miracle Bible Camp
26-30—High C's Camp Fish @ Camp JIM
28-Aug 1—High C's BWC

AUGUST

2-6—High C's Day Camp #4
4—IB Golf Tournament
TBD—Lake Event: CAST with the Anoka County Sheriff's Dept, Lake George
TBD—Game Fair (1 of 2 weekends) Trout Pond
9-13—High C's Fish Camp @Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch
14—Rum River Canoeing
10—Pastor's Tournament with Jesus In The City
TBD—Game Fair (2 of 2 weekends) Trout Pond
TBD—LOTW Pay it Forward Trip

SEPTEMBER

10-11—Marathon Man
TBD—Gold Star Weekend with Ironwood Springs Christian Camp
16-19—Deep C's Men's Fall Retreat
TBD—Metro Mold Private Event

OCTOBER

TBD—Forest Lake/High C's Trolling for Trophies
TBD—Muskie Mayhem Event

NOVEMBER

6-7—High C's Deer Camp
11—Veteran's Day
TBD—Give to the Max Day

DECEMBER

TBD—St. Paul Ice Show 2021
TBD—FFL Christmas Party
11 (tentative)—High C's Tip Up Event

Terry Branham (terrybranham46@outlook.com) has asked us to advertise this sweet deal from – his friend Charlie Payne who is a long time member of their Veteran’s Ramp Build team and is moving south after selling his Lakeville home. If interested contact (cpayne@peatworks.com).

For Sale: 2001 John Deere 445 Two Wheel Steer



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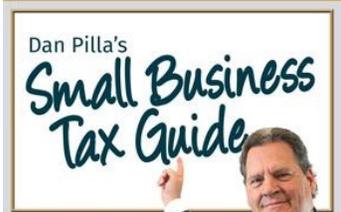
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