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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 hope your staying warm. Because of the windchills for this week-end we have moved Holes 4 Heroes to Feb 13th. The virtual tournament will be extended as well. The event is shaping up great with 16 lakes participating. Because of COVID-19 we can not do are regular tournament, so we expand it to 16 lakes with smaller groups attending. For more info you can visit the website www.fishingforlife.org.

The winter retreat is scheduled for Feb 25-28. We will be staying at Mount Carmel by Alexandria. The cost is \$220 per person which includes 3 nights logging, 3 breakfasts, 2 bag lunches and 3 dinners. There will be a cribbage tournament as well as a total inches fishing tournament plus daily devotions.

The lakes have plenty of ice so you will be able to drive out to you fishing spot. Todd Lindley and I are bringing snowmobiles. We plan to pull my Clam flip over out to our fishing spot. We may take one day and go for a snowmobile ride. If you have a snowmobile, I encourage you to bring it.

This year's theme verse is Luke 5:4.

I really love this story. It has all the things I am trying to improve in my life.

It has Obedience, Peter was obedient when Jesus asked him to **"Put out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch."** Remember Pe-



ter and his partners were fishing in their hot spot all night and caught nothing. I need to remember how Peter acted when asked to do something he did not think was going to be successful. **Philippians 4:13 - I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me.**

It has abundance and blessings, ⁶ **When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.** ⁷ **So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.** Peter was blessed by being obedient. He was blessed so abundantly he had to call his partners over to help haul in the catch. I would guess 2 boat loads of fish fed that village for quite a while. Not just Peter was blessed by his obedience.

It has miracles, ⁹ **For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,** I need to recognize the miracles God is doing in my life not just calling them a coincidence. The best way to share our faith is to tell someone what God has done in their life.

It has discipleship, **Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."** Finally, I must remember to share my faith by telling my stories of what God has done in my life.

Your brother in Christ,

Steve

POSTPONED

HOLES 4 HEROES

**MOVING TO
NEXT WEEKEND**

**Feb 13th 1-4pm
MN Area Lakes**

**VIRTUAL
& LIVE**

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February Special Needs Column

Spotlighting Roland Martin

Greetings friends I hope January was good to you. This month I am teaching you about another pro fisherman his name is Roland Martin. Roland Martin is a professional fisherman and host of a TV program on NBCSN called Fishing with Roland Martin. According to his Wikipedia site [wikipedia.org/wiki/Roland_Martin_\(fisherman\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roland_Martin_(fisherman)) he has fished in 291 tournaments and his



Bassmaster career included the following accomplishments:

- 19 contests won
- 9 Bass angler of the year awards
- nearly 100 finishes in the top ten.

He appeared in the Bassmaster Classic 25 times so that's incredible all by itself. In a July 2005 survey for the greatest angler Roland Martin was voted second to Rick Clunn who we will study next month in this column. He is good friends with fellow fishermen Bill Dance and Jimmy Houston and they are frequent guests on his TV show on NBCSN. I hope you guys enjoy learning about Roland Martin and I will talk to you next month when we look at Rick Clunn.

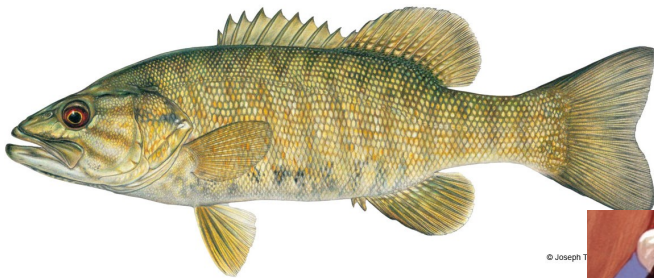


Handicapped Director Tyler Pinor

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Men's Deep C's February:

- West - February 9 - Cruikshank's
- South - February 11 - Mercy Road
- East - February 23 - Fractional Toys
- North - February 25 - Cruikshank's



Speaker & Topic

At this time all speakers are TBD. Watch the email invite for more information.



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.



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	Andrew Vanhoozer Pat Adams
Food Coordinator	Shane Myrlie
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	

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 one for women. All are welcome!

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 Steve or editor - Daryle Hamlin dbhamlin@gmail.com.

Break Line Fishing

Break Line Fishing is an amateur league based in St. Paul, Minnesota. BLFL is a multi-species fishing league that is enjoyed by anglers of all ages and all levels of fishing experience. It is intended to be both fun and educational.

For more information, contact Travis Busch
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Archie's Funnies



"My friend Mark and I work in a lawnmower parts warehouse. Somehow Mark got the idea that his wife did not want a card on Valentine's Day, but when he spoke to her on the phone, he discovered she was expecting one. Not having time to buy a card on his way home, Mark was in a quandary. Then he looked at the lawnmower trade magazines scattered around the office and got an idea. Using scissors and glue, he created a card with pictures of mowers, next to which he wrote: 'I lawn for you mower and mower each day.' Mark's wife loved it. The card immediately graced their refrigerator door." — Contributed by Gene Hyde



Pro Fishing Tips Feb 2021

by Dwight Nelson

Close to Home: I hope some of you had a chance to make it out for trout opener this past January 16. On most of the half a dozen or so metro designated trout lakes it can only be viewed as “a zoo” on opening day morning. But it’s a fun zoo.

Courthouse Lake in Chaska has seen up to 400 people on opener on this tiny little 12 acre lake. By noon though on Jan. 16th there were ample parking spots in the lot and the fish were still biting!



I had good luck on the lake I went to getting my limit of fun and fish including pulling in this nice 22” rainbow trout. Those of



you who know me know I am not exactly a “morning” person. I made it out there by 1PM and stayed for a few hours. I still caught fish!

Since these are all “put and take” lakes some people seem to think this is not “real” fishing. Fishing IS better in January but later in the season is a good way to test your skill! I have proven that nice fish can still be found in February and March. Take advantage of these metro gems before it ends March 31.

A “New” Lake: I can’t say that I am very familiar with Lake Minnetonka but we have always managed to find 10+” crappies there. This is my “new” lake I want to learn more about. That might seem strange because it is one of the two lakes I learned how to fish on (the other being Caribou Lake on the North Shore). But that was when I was a little kid and frankly I don’t remember many of my dad’s favorite spots and it’s too late to ask. There’s a reminder there.

To the Wilderness: Last week I had the opportunity to join a friend in search of brook trout on the North Shore. I say we went to the BWCA because the lakes we went to were right on the southern border of the BWCA or in the Superior National Forest. It’s an area of unparalleled beauty and solace. It also has some awesome walleye, crappie and trout lakes!

This is what we were in search of: Brook trout or “brookies”. Here is a 13” brookie. They don’t get very

big – but are known for their fight and taste. The brookies I brought home were delicious on the grill!



The Weather cooperated but it was cold. Walleye fishing one night was -15F. My electric socks and balaclava along with military GEN III ECWCS clothing kept me toasty warm without a shelter which was too heavy to carry through the woods. That night the walleyes were already in hibernation and refused to bite but the full moon on the lake was beautiful!

How We Got There: I have to admit one of the highlights of the trip was testing out my buddy’s new



Snowdog. It is the only way we could have covered the 10-12 miles of unplowed roads and forest trails to get to the lakes we fished. It is a beast of a machine hauling us

and 4 sleds with NO problem. I have videos too I could send you.

Emergency Preparedness: Losing cell phone reception 20 miles back was a good reminder to prepare for emergencies in advance. We were in God’s beauty and solitude of a northern forest but we would not have had a way to contact anyone in case of emergency. Thankfully my buddy brought with his emergency transponder. Think about getting one. You can get either a personal locator beacon (PLB), a satellite messenger or an EPIRB (marine). They can be either one way or 2 way communication.

Spiritual Preparedness: It is also good to stay spiritually prepared by studying God’s Word and staying in prayer. If you are interested in learning more about the origins of the Bible, let me know as I will be leading another set of classes soon.

Blessings and Tight Lines!

Dwight Nelson (dpnelson50m@gmail.com)

SMOKED PHEASANT TORTILLA SOUP



Take 1½ gallons of water, ½ cup of kosher salt, and a ½ cup of brown sugar and bring to a boil for about 5 minutes.

Refrigerate until water is 40 degrees.

After the water and salt/sugar mixture have cooled, I put the water in a Yeti bucket with two pheasants. Make sure pheasants are entirely submerged. Use a little bit of ice in the water to keep a cold temperature while brining for 6 to 8 hours.

Now, it is time to cook the pheasants on the pellet smoker. Smoke the two pheasants at 225 degrees for approximately four hours or until the breast's internal temperature has reached 165 degrees.

After the pheasant has cooked, I shredded pieces of the breast and some from the legs until I had 2 to 2 ½ cups of shredded meat.

Ingredients

32 oz. Chicken Broth
2/3 cup Ranch Dressing
3 cups Shredded Smoked Pheasant.
2 14.5 oz Cans of Diced Tomatoes with Green Chiles
1 package Mild Taco Seasoning
1 can of Whole Kernel Corn
Optional toppings: crunchy tortilla strips, jalapeno, shredded cheese, and sour cream

Directions

Add all ingredients and shredded pheasant into a large pot and place over medium-high heat. Allow to come to a slow boil, then reduce heat to low.

Cover with a lid and cook for 20 minutes.

For the last 5 minutes of cooking time, remove the lid and allow it to continue to simmer.

Remove from heat and let it sit off the heat for 5 minutes before serving.

Cooling will allow the soup to thicken.

How To Serve

After the soup has thickened, serve hot in a soup bowl add a few jalapeno slices to the top, then sprinkle some shredded cheddar cheese, add a few slices of tortilla strips, a squeeze of lime, then top it all with a spoon full of sour cream.

The Smoked Pheasant Tortilla Soup is a great, warm-you-up a meal for those cold days during the winter. The southwestern flavors create a wonderful mix with the tender smoked pheasant.

2021 Calendar

Events / Dates are subject to change or to being cancelled. FFL will update the online calendar as soon as they have confirmed dates in place.

February

5-6-High C's Ice Fishing Camp
13-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 Event Lake 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

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