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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,

Recently I had a chance to make one little boy's wish come true. That boy's name is Leo, and he is on his end-of-life journey. Leo is 6 years old and suffers from shaken baby syndrome. Leo suffers from a multitude of ailments, including recently losing his ability to speak and is confined to a wheelchair.



When Leo's adopted mom contact me through a FaceBook friend and told me what Leo's wish was, I said "LET'S GO". We picked a beautiful day, the sun was shining, and the water was flat and calm. I am betting you figured out what Leo's wish was right? You guessed it a boat ride.

We met at Maxwells boat landing and loaded Leo and his mom into my boat. I took out one of the seats and Leo's wheelchair fit right in the same spot. Leo's mom got to sit right next to him. As we pushed off from the dock, I said a short prayer and we were off. As we motored across the lake Leo was sitting right in front of me and I got to see firsthand the joy of a little boy getting to fulfill a dream. It still brings tears to my eyes as I write this now. What a small thing to want to go on a boat ride, but not for Leo, it was a big deal. Leo likes any kind of motion. The more I turned the boat the happier he was. I drove that boat like a drunken sailor and Leo had a blast. I am not sure which one of us had more fun.



We stopped for lunch at Lord Fletcher's. I got a chance to get to know Leo's mom. She adopted Leo when he was 2 years old. The doctors told her that Leo should grow up and live a healthy life with some limitations. As it turns out Leo suffered more brain damage from being shaken as a baby then the doctors had originally thought. Leo's brain is not growing as fast as his body, so his organs are shutting down. Leo's brain is not strong enough to support his fast-paced growth.

We went back out on the water after lunch and did a little fishing. I found a spot where the sun fish were still on the beds and quickly caught one. Leo got very excited to see the fish and wanted to touch it. As Leo



was petting the fish, I asked him if he wanted to kiss the fish and he stuck out his tongue to give the fish a kiss.

I caught several fish that afternoon and Leo wanted to touch and kiss every one.

As we headed back to the landing I took the

long way since I did not want this day to end.

Never have I had so much fun on a boat ride and I have been on a lot of boat rides. It is hard to believe, something I take for granting, like a boat ride could bring so much joy to a little boy. I will never forget that day and now every time I get into my boat I think of Leo.

Your brother in Christ,

Steve

DUCK POPPER SLIDERS



INGREDIENTS

- 8 Duck breasts
- 1/3 lbs. Bacon
- 4 Jalapeno peppers
- 1 onion
- 1 tbsp oil or butter
- 1 tbsp of soft cheese (goat cheese, brie, cream cheese, etc.)
- Hawaiian rolls
- Fischer & Wiser Roasted Raspberry Chipotle Sauce (or comparable)
- Salt & Pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Patty the ground meat into 2-ounce patties that are just a bit larger than the rolls.
2. Place one tablespoon of oil or butter in a cast iron skillet over medium heat. Dice the jalapeno (seeds removed) and onions. Sauté in skillet until they reach your likeness.
3. Remove the vegetables from skillet, leaving them in a serving bowl to the side. Add the slider patties to the skillet and cook to medium-well, or however you like your burgers prepared.
4. Using the same skillet, toast the inside of Hawaiian rolls. This leaves the top of the bun soft with a warm crisp inside.
5. Place the patty on the bottom half of the roll and top it with the sautéed jalapenos and onions (1-2 tbsp) before drizzling raspberry chipotle sauce over the top. Spread the cheese on the top half and combine the halves to form the slider.
6. Enjoy your Duck Popper Sliders!

FishDonkey Tournament- May 1-Sept 19

If you have not already heard Deep C's Men's Ministry is running a tournament using the FishDonkey app. It is easy to join just go to your app store and download the FishDonkey app. Open the app and click on "fish in a tournament." Then search for "FFL Deep C's Total Inched Tournament." Then enter the tournament. The cost is \$30. All monies received will be paid out in cash prizes. 1st place receives 50% 2nd place receives 30% and 3rd place receives 20%. There will also be prizes for the largest fish of each species. This is a total inches' tournament so you can enter as many fish as you want but only your biggest one of each species will be recorded together in the total inches' tournament. The species are Walleye, Northern, Muskie, LM Bass, SM Bass, Crappie, Sunfish, Perch. The tournament started on May 1st and will go through the Fall Retreat ending on September 19th. Please read the rule very carefully before entering a fish.

FISHDONKEY CHEAT SHEET



Practice before you get out on the water



You already have the app downloaded, so join the tournament called: **PRACTICE ENTERING A FISH**. Get familiar with the app's camera and video.

Watch a 1 minute tutorial:

<https://youtu.be/thKWP3dMC-g>

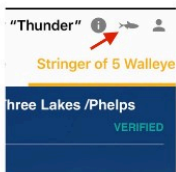


What do I do when the event starts?

Open the FishDonkey App
On the home screen tap on the event title
Tap on Leaderboard



Digital Livewell / Missing Pics?



The fish icon is your Digital Livewell. It will show fish that are waiting to get on the leaderboard. When you return to good reception, simply tap your livewell and leave it open until all fish are RECEIVED.

Do NOT delete anything from your livewell or your camera photo deck. Do NOT alter any photos in your deck.



Required Photos

1. Photo of the fish on the measure board
2. Photo of the angler holding the fish



HOW TO ENTER A FISH

1. Tap ENTER A FISH / LEADERBOARD
2. That will open your camera. Take your required pics by tapping on the camera icon. Take your video (if required) thru the video button.
3. When you are finished, tap the checkmark.
4. Enter the species and the length of your fish.
5. Tap SUBMIT.

Don't panic if you cannot see your name or photos on the leaderboard. If you are in an area with poor reception, your fish are simply waiting patiently to swim upstream to an internet connection. If you ARE panicked, tap on your Digital Livewell (fish icon) and you will be able to see your fish are not lost. They are simply waiting in your livewell until you get to a connection.

When you get back to a strong connection, Open your digital livewell and leave that screen open until all fish read RECEIVED.



No Internet?

Open the app before you head out. Tap on the name of your tournament. Leave the app open. It's ok to let it time out. Just don't log out. Enter fish as normal. Open your Digital Livewell when you return to push the fish through to the leaderboard.

Only the LARGEST fish of each species will appear on the leaderboard.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Men's Deep C's July:

- West - July 13 - Cabela's Rogers
- South - July 8 - Mercy Road Church Burnsville
- East - July 27 - Fractional Toys
- North - July 22 - Insurance Brokers
3351 Round Lk Blvd, Anoka

Speaker & Topic

Brad Patterson will speak at north group about muskies.

All other are TBD.



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 .



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	



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 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.

JULY

6-9—High C's Day Camp #3
10—Medicine Monster Lake Event
14-18—High C's Adult/Child Camp
@ Miracle Bible Camp
17—St. Croix River Canoeing
with Wayne Jacobson
19-22 — IMF Chaplains
26-30—High C's Fish Camp
@ Camp House
27-Aug 1—High C's BWCA with
Wayne Jacobson
29 — Military Chaplains Evening
31 —Lake Marion Lake Event

AUGUST

2-6—High C's Day Camp #4
4—IB Golf Tournament
6—Lake Event: CAST with the Anoka
County Sheriff's Dept, Lake George
9-13—High C's Fish Camp
@Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch

10—Pastor's Tournament with
Jesus In The City
14—Rum River Canoeing
15-17 —High C's Catfish Camp
16—Outdoor Women for Life
Kayak Event
30-2—LOTW Pay it Forward Trip

SEPTEMBER

1-6 — Trout Pond Elkhorn WI
10-11—Marathon Man
16-19—Deep C's Men's Fall Retreat

OCTOBER

2—Forest Lake/High C's Trolling
for Trophies
9-FFL Banquet
TBD—Muskie Mayhem Event
23-25—Outdoor Women for Life
Retreat

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

TBD—FFL Christmas Party
11 (tentative)—High C's Tip Up Event
16— Dark House Spearing



Archie's Funnies

How Much Does a Fish Cost?

Two fishermen travel 100 miles to try out a new fishing spot. They buy a variety of bait and lures and rent a boat. After a long day of fishing, the two fishermen return to the dock. The first fisherman pulls their only catch from the live well, a scrawny bass just legal size. He says, "Boy! This fish cost us about \$75." The second fisherman says, "Well it's a good thing we didn't catch any more."

Pro Fishing Tips

July 2021

by Dwight Nelson

Happy 4th of July! July is already here but it feels like we are entering August. By June 5th, temperatures statewide were over 90 degrees with 100+ degree days common in southern Minnesota. International Falls recorded a record high of 98F on June 4! The Twin Cities saw an impressive 9 consecutive days of over 90 degree temps in June. Lakes and rivers heated up at an impressive rate. The heat wave was a deterrent for getting out fishing as well. Even so I did get out some.



At the end of May and beginning of June we caught some nice, albeit small (12-13") walleyes at Lake Independence. We found them by dragging Lindy rigs around in 10' of water with leeches. Two weeks later I had the pleasure to fish with fellow FFL'ers Gary Dass and Ken Stahn on the same lake. The weeds had already grown significantly making Lindy rig fishing problematic. We had a great time that night until electrical storms came up. That same night someone saw electrical arcing on their fishing rod on Lake Minnetonka. Reminder: if your line goes up instead of down when casting, it's time to get off the lake!

The Heat

With surface temps having been over 80F for weeks now, think deep and suspended for walleye and other species. Someone reminded me of an idea that was discussed in our FFL meetings a year and a half ago. A great technique going into the dog days of summer (if we haven't already been there for a month) is to look for a thermocline and fish at it or just a foot or two above it. Find a crankbait that runs that deep or use one of several weight options to get lures like Smithwicks, Rapala Original Floaters or Shad Raps down to that depth. I love using Rapala Tail Dancers.

Trolling the Depths

If you don't want to heavily invest in crankbaits that run 20-35+ feet, there are still options. You can attach slip weights to your line which will make ordinary shallow lures dive much deeper. Use the 50/50 rule to estimate lure depth. Another option is to use lead core line like Sufix Advanced 832 Lead Core Braid line. Thinner than normal lead core, this line will get your lure down 7-8' for every color (10 yards) out.

There are other options for getting down deep: Of



Luhr Jensen Jet Diver

course you can always jig if and when you find fish, but another "search" method is to use what are called Jet Divers. Coming in sizes

from small (added 10' of depth) to large (30-50' of added depth), they are easy to use and provide consistent reproducible results.

Direction

I re-learned a valuable lesson last week. While Lindy-rigging for walleyes I picked up a nice 17"er. So I marked the spot on my GPS (it's very important to do so!) and swung around and went back over the same spot going the other direction. Nothing. I made more pass going the original direction. Boom! Another nice walleye! That happened 3 times in a row. I then stopped right on the spot where I had caught the walleyes and started jigging. I jigged for probably a half an hour to an hour with nothing more to show.

When I started moving again *and* over a half a MPH, then the walleyes started biting again. I guess they just wanted their dinner to be moving *and in one direction!*



"Directionally Oriented" walleyes (15 1/2-19")

Several years ago my brother-in-law and I noticed something similar when trolling for Pike. If we were going in one direction going through a particular bay we had a much higher hit rate than if we were going the other direction.

There are a couple of possible explanations for this phenomenon. In a river, fish could be pointed upstream looking for food that is being carried downstream by the current (someone say "floating buffet?!") In a bay in a lake, it could be that fish are pointed one direction or another based on the shoreline and where they are expecting baitfish and food to be. My best explanation is that it is just like the "bathtub rule" in 500. My in-laws claim that whoever sits parallel to the bathtub has a higher chance of winning.

Blessings and Tight Lines!

Dwight Nelson (dpnelson50m@gmail.com)

July Special Needs Column

Greetings from the director's desk. I hope June was good to you and hopefully July is even better. This month we are continuing our study of looking at professional fishermen so let us get to it with Edwin Evers.

According to Wikipedia Edwin Evers (born November 30, 1974), is a professional bass fisherman from Talala, Oklahoma. Evers was born in Louisiana, MO and his family moved to Texas and then to Seneca, Illinois where he attended high school. He played football for Southeastern Oklahoma State University Savage Storm as a defensive back. Evers graduated in 1997 with a degree in Communication, and a double minor in Marketing and Business Management. He lives in Talala, Oklahoma with his wife Tuesday, his daughter Kylee, and son Kade.



Edwin Evers was the 2016 Bassmaster Classic Champion with a total weigh in of 60lbs -7oz and took the cash winnings of \$300,000 (US). As of March 2017 he has had 11 wins in Bassmaster Professional Tournaments.

Evers is sponsored by Bass Pro Shops, Optima Batteries, Lowrance Electronics, General Tire, Nitro Boats, Tracker Marine, Wiley X, Mercury Marine, Pelican, True Timber, Berkley, Navionics, Cush Its, and Andy's Custom Bass Jigs.

Like many other professionals on the Bassmaster tour, Evers has a series of videos on bass fishing.

What are Evers' stats?

Career Stats

- * 1 REDCREST Title
- * 1 Bassmaster Classic Titles
- * Career winnings: more than \$3,657,943
- * Career Wins: 13
- * Career Top Ten finishes: 74
- * Times in the BASSMASTER Classic: 15.

So, it's easy to see how awesome he is on the lake.

In other news one of my new responsibilities starting soon will be speaker finder and scheduler for all four men's groups. I plan to try and find some fun ones but also informative ones. So if you have someone that you would like to see at your group or if you have something that you would like to learn about in my Depth Finder columns, call or text me at 612-500-7005 or email me at mn_bugger@yahoo.com I look forward to hearing from you.



Have a great month and I will visit with you coming up in August.

Handicapped Director, Tyler Pinor

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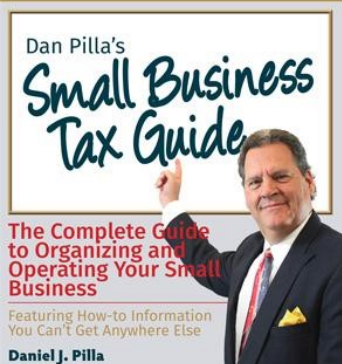
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