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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,

September is the month for the Fall Retreat. It is shaping up to be one of our biggest. I pray you can attend and take part in the great worship and fellowship opportunities. Terry Branham will be our guest speaker. Terry will be speaking Friday night about Faith and combat. How to survive both through war. Go to the FFL calendar page on the website and click on Fall Retreat. Tom & Grant are last year tournament winners as they tied with 96 inches. They will both be there this year to defend their trophy. If you don't have PayPal, just send me a check, or pay at the door.

September is also FFL Pay It Forward event for veterans. We have 80 vets signed up this year and its looking to be a great opportunity to witness and share our faith to these hometown heroes. If you're a vet and have not attended this event, please contact Tom Goodrich to be on the list for next year.

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." (Mark 1:16-17)

When I was a child, we had a cabin on Lake Collinwood and went Bass fishing every weekend. My Dad filled our cabin with fishing gear. There were many tackle boxes, rods & reels, and a ton of purple plastic worms with 3 hook worm harnesses we used for bait.

I understood about fish dying so we could eat, and that didn't really bother me, but my younger brother was not so understanding. He didn't want to see some poor fish come up struggling with a hook impaled in its lip. I believe he was secretly glad when he would never catch anything.

I think a lot of people feel this way about evangelism, too. It seems somehow dishonest to bait a spiritual hook and dangle it in front of someone else's nose, even for a good cause. It doesn't feel open or respect-



ful. Maybe we, too, are glad not to catch anything.

But this isn't the kind of fishing Jesus calls us to do. The men Jesus called didn't mess around with bait or hooks. They were net fishermen. They caught many fish at once, and they did it openly. There was no trickery, and there was no extra unnecessary pain for the fish.

But when they began fishing for people, it was even better, because these human "fish" were destined for life, not death. These fish would become God's own beloved people, His children because the Master Fisherman, Jesus Christ, laid down His own life for their sake. Hooks, bait, pain, and suffering? Jesus took it all, so that we, His catch, might live.

Thank You, Lord, for catching me to be Your own. Use me to bring others to faith in You. Amen.

**Your brother in Christ,
Steve**

WILD DUCK POPPERS



This is a unique new way to serve duck that provides a great blend of flavors. And, as they say, everything is better with bacon!

Time: 30 min • Prep Time: 20 min • Cook Time: 10 min

Serving Size: 4 entree servings or more appetizer servings

INGREDIENTS

- 4 wild duck breast halves (deboned)
- 1 regular brick of cream cheese (Refrigerate so it is firm, and you are able to slice)
- 1 jar mild, medium, or hot jalapeno pepper slices
- 1 package of thick cut, uncooked bacon
- 1 bottle of Italian Dressing
- 1 box of wooden toothpicks

INSTRUCTIONS

- Clean the duck breasts, de-bone and remove skin
- Place breast in a plastic Zip-Lok bag or container and pour Italian dressing over breasts
- Marinate in the refrigerator for 3-6 hours
- Fire up the grill
- While the grill is preheating, remove the duck breasts from the marinade and butterfly them so there is a cavity in the middle.
- In the butterflied breast cavity, place a slice of cream cheese and several jalapeno peppers.
- Fold the butterflied breast back over so it surrounds the cream cheese and peppers.
- Wrap the breast with bacon.
- Secure the breasts from opening with the bacon wrap with toothpicks.
- When the grill is ready, grill breasts approximately 5 minutes a side (Medium rare is best).
- Remove from grill and serve each breast as an entree or cut it into bite-size portions and serve as appetizers.

Tips

Soak the breasts in salted ice water for 30 minutes before adding to Italian dressing to help remove some of the blood and wild game taste. Rinse and pat dry before adding to the dressing.

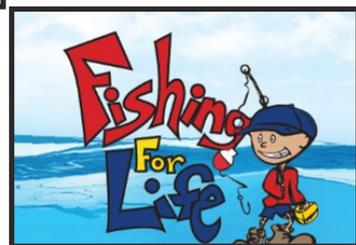
FishDonkey Tournament- May 1-Sept 19

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Men's Deep C's September:

ALL DEEP C'S MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER WILL NOT BE HELD BECAUSE OF FALL RETREAT!



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.

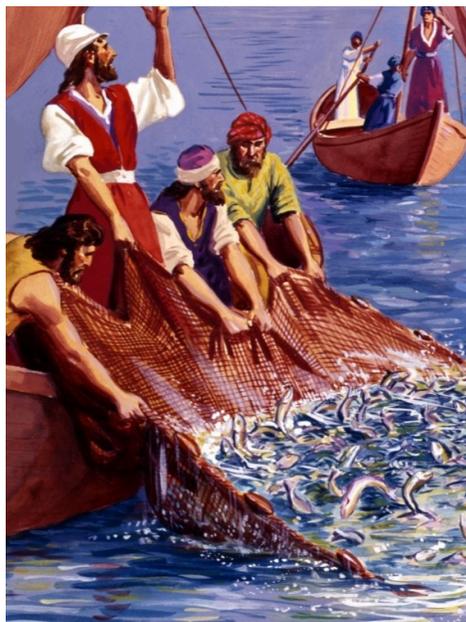
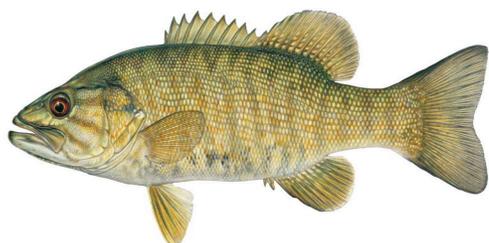
Within Fishing For Life, there is a Christian ministry called Deep C's. There are five chapters active - West, South, East, North, and women's - each meeting once / month. The Deep C's meetings all begin at 6pm with a free supper. All are welcome .

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.

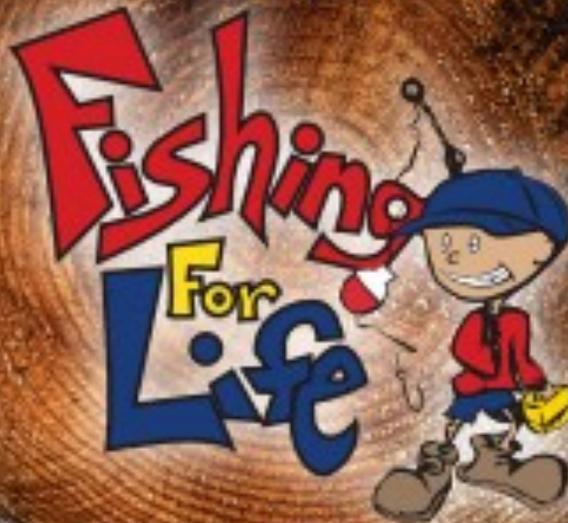


Deep C's Leaders & Volunteers	
Deep C's Director	Steve Cruikshank
Depth Finder Editor	Daryle Hamlin
West Chapter - Rogers - 2nd Tuesday	
Spiritual Leader	Vaughn Blackburn
Chapter Coordinators	Kent Lillehaugen & Ron Buster
Food Coordinator	Perry Whitney
South Chapter -Burnsville-2nd Thursday	
Spiritual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

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2021 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 1-6 –Trout Pond Elkhorn WI
- 10-11 –Marathon Man
- 12 –Trout Pond Revive Church,
Brooklyn Park
- 16-19 –Deep C's Men's Fall Retreat

OCTOBER

- 2 –Forest Lake/High C's Trolling
for Trophies
- 9 –FFLFundraising Banquet
- 20 –Muskie Mayhem Event
- 23-25 –Outdoor Women for Life Retreat
- TBD –High C's Pheasant Camp
- TBD –Firearms Safety Class

NOVEMBER

- 6-7 –High C's Deer Camp
- 11 –Veteran's Day
- 19 –Give to the Max Day
- TBD –High C's Muzzle Load Camp

DECEMBER

- 3-5 –St. Paul Ice Fishing & Winter Show
- TBD –FFL Christmas Party
- 11 –High C's Tip Up Event
- 16 –Dark House Spearing

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Archie's Funnies

Ten Interesting Trivial Fishy Facts

1. A biologist who studies fish is called an ichthyologist.
2. The most poisonous fish in the world is the Stone fish.
3. The more sardines that are placed in a can, the greater the profit as sardine oil costs more than the sardines.
4. Minnows have teeth in their stomach; the better to digest their food.
5. The sturgeon is considered the largest of all freshwater fish and have weighed in at 2,250 pounds.
6. All the sturgeon [the fish from which we get caviar] caught in British waters are property of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.
7. Atlantic salmon are able to leap as high as 15 feet.
8. The largest known fish in the sea is the whale shark. It weighs up to 20 tons and can grow to a length of 40 feet.
9. Fish can get seasick when kept aboard a rolling ship just as much as people.
10. The red fire-fish can fly and emits sounds like a crow.

Pro Fishing Tips September 2021

by Dwight Nelson

Changing Seasons

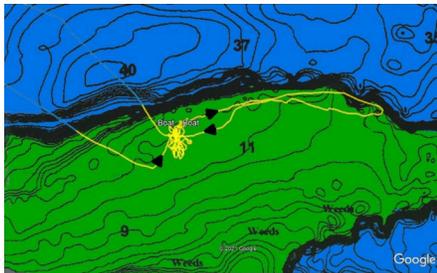
September is almost here and we are definitely getting into Period 7 or “Post-Summer” as In-Fisherman used to call it. That is the time of year when the heat of summer gives way to cooler nights and weeds start dying off in the lakes. It is also a time of year that marks changing migrations for fish as well. I look forward to the weeks and months ahead.



A Walleye Tale

I often take this column to explain different tips and techniques I've learned myself and wish to pass along for your benefit. This time I want to take you along on a little adventure I had last week and hope that the hits and misses I had will illuminate better fishing for all of us. After some family gatherings over the past week up north, I had the opportunity to fish a couple of hours for 2 nights on a lake I used to frequent. The first night I picked up a walleye and lost another. It tasted great!

The second night I decided to just jump over to a flat that is almost 2000 feet wide which adjoins deep water via a steep drop-off. Normally I would troll this area in August using Salmo hornets, Smithwicks, or Rapala Shallow Shads or DTs. This time however I decided to use a lindy rig like we used to do in June in the area.



Part of my reasoning was that for one thing, I had noticed the night before that weeds had not grown up as high as I expected and were only about a foot high in 10 FOW. The other consideration was that I had gotten my hands on 3 dozen shiners and I know walleye love those shiners (second only to red tail chubs!)

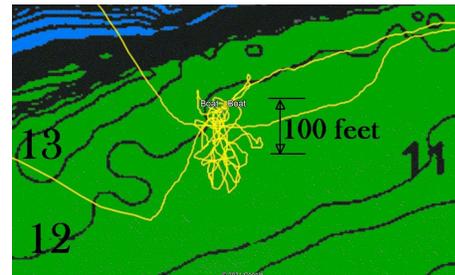


For awhile I dragged a lindy rig around in 9-10 FOW.

The weeds were tolerable but every so often I had to stop to clean off weeds or replace the shiner. It probably would have been easier had I stopped and changed out my 1oz weight for a ½ oz weight and replaced the #4 hook with a #6 but I plodded along.

At one point I noticed that at 12-13 FOW the weeds virtually disappeared. So I started trolling parallel to and in the middle of the weeds and the drop-off. Every so often I would get a tap-tap-tap like when sunfish hit. Again I plodded along and then started coming back the same way I had come. Then I landed a small walleye. At this point I realized that the tap-tap I felt were walleye and not sunfish. I have gotten into a bad habit of setting the hook almost immediately (which by the way somewhat negates the benefits of a lindy rig!). So I started feeding out line and sliding my rod tip back when I felt a tap. Low and behold I started catching more walleyes!

I also noticed that I seemed to be catching walleyes



when I went over one particular waypoint. I always mark a waypoint on my GPS every time I catch a fish. As you can see from my boat trail (in yellow) I started zeroing in on an area less than 100' square.

I started at 9:30PM but had to quit before my coach turned into a pumpkin at midnight. I felt gratified that the fish were still biting when I left with my limit of 13-16" walleyes.



It was a beautiful full moonlit night and 70F so I could not have asked for better weather. I absolutely love trolling with crankbaits at night but this night the Lindy rig ruled!



Blessings and Tight Lines!

Dwight Nelson (dpnelson50m@gmail.com)

September Special Needs Column

Greetings from the Directors Desk I hope August was good to you. This month I wanted to look at another way that you can get out and fish with a disability.

I found one so lets learn all about it. According to <https://nationaltroutcenter.org/accessibility/>

Links to maps for each access point

<https://nationaltroutcenter.org/visit-ntc/maps/accessible-trout-fishing-map-lanesboro/>
<https://nationaltroutcenter.org/visit-ntc/maps/accessible-trout-fishing-map-campcreek/>

Handicap Accessible Fishing

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has created three handicap access fishing sites on lower Camp Creek, just upstream of its confluence with the South Branch of the Root River at the eastern city limits of Preston, Minnesota.

Camp Creek originates in springs just west of Harmony, Minnesota, and flows approximately 12 miles north to its confluence with the South Branch of the Root River. Camp Creek harbors an excellent population of wild brown trout and planted rainbow trout.

The Harmony-Preston branch of the Root River Valley Trail closely follows Camp Creek for the lower 2.7 miles, from the Fillmore St. bridge at Pooler Park in Preston, upstream to the county road bridge where Hunter Road crosses the creek. This stretch of Camp Creek is accessible to fishers travelling the stream and banks on a perpetual easement. Fishers should be aware that only a few reaches of Camp Creek upstream of Hunter Road are covered by fishing easements. These are marked streamside by small markers near the stream banks. Consult the Minnesota DNR trout stream map for further information about fishing Camp Creek.

Wheelchair access to the stream is facilitated by three paved trail extensions in the lower 1200 yards of Camp Creek. The map below shows the location of Pooler Park where vehicle parking is available, and the sites of handicap access points, numbered 1 through 3 on the map (in red). Site one is paved to a point about 6 feet above the river's surface terminating on the east bank. The pool below the access point is fairly deep (about 5 feet) on the near shore. Site 2 also has a deep pool (about 3 feet) adjacent to, and about 3 feet below the paved surface and the site is well shaded throughout the day. Site 3 has a shallow riffle immediately upstream and alongside the access point, and a shallow pool just below the pavement edge on the northeast bank.



mn_bugger@yahoo.com or call or text me at 612-500-7005 I look forward to hearing from you.

Handicapped Director, Tyler Pinor

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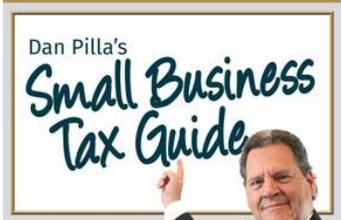
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