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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

OCT 10, 2021

DEEP C'S DIRECTOR - STEVE CRUIKSHANK

Hello all,

The Fall Retreat was a wonderful success. We had 40 men in attendance. We had one man give his life to Christ as well as many who rededicated their lives to be more in tune with what God has in store for their lives. We stayed at Mount Carmel in Alexandria, MN and they did a wonderful job hosting us. This was my last year putting the Fall Retreat together as I'm retiring in December. Tom Goodrich and the gang got together and presented me with a necklace for my years of service to Fishing For Life. I feel honored to receive this gift from Michael Angelo Jewelry. I will wear it proudly. This is my last year organizing but definitely not my last to attend. I have already made plans to fish out of Todd Lindley's boat next year. I wanted to Thank Travis Busch for being my partner this year. Travis came in second place in the total inch's tournament held every year with 102".

**Your brother in Christ,
Steve**



This year's Men's Retreat largest fish winners are:

Largemouth Bass Ron Buster 21"
Smallmouth Bass Travis Busch 17"
Rock Bass Wes Wheatly 12"
Northern Pike Todd Goetze 29"
Muskie Brad Patterson 35"
Walleye Adam Hejny 14"
Perch Travis Busch 11"
Sunfish Adam Hejny 10"
Crappie John Goodrich 14"
Total Inches Steve Cruikshank 119"

This was our first year doing a summer fishing tournament. We used the FishDonkey app and I think it went pretty smooth. Prizes will be distributed shortly. There were 10 participants and here are the winners:

1st place winning \$143.50 was Travis Busch with 146"
2nd place winning \$86.10 was Steve Cruikshank with 119"
3rd place winning 57.40 was Khai Tran with 110"
Largest Crappie went to Ryan Schmotter 13"
Largest Largemouth Bass went to Khai Tran 20"
Largest Muskie went to Khai Tran 43"
Largest Northern Pike went to Steve Cruikshank 30"
Largest Perch went to Travis Busch 11"
Largest Smallmouth Bass went to Brad Patterson 19"
Largest Sunfish went to Kent Lillehaughen 10"
Largest Walleye went to Steve Cruikshank 23"



Grilled Walleye Fish Tacos



Walleye tacos Ingredients:

- Four 6-ounce walleye fillets (2 whole fillets cut in half)
- 2 TBS extra virgin olive oil (EVOO)
- 2TBS fresh cilantro, minced
- Juice of 1 small lime
- 1 tsp dried chili powder
- 1/4 tsp sea salt
- 1/4 tsp cracked black pepper
- Pinch of cayenne
- 6 flour or corn tortillas

Topping Ideas:

- 1 cup of your favorite salsa (or the recipe that follows)
- 1 avocado, cut into thin slices
- 1 cup thinly sliced romaine lettuce
- 3/4 cup plain yogurt
- 1 cup shredded cheese (Monterey Jack or Cheddar)

Directions:

1. In a food processor or mini chopper, combine the fresh herbs, salt and pepper, spices, lemon juice, and EVOO. Pulse these ingredients into a sauce. Coat the fish all over with the herb and EVOO mixture. Set the fish aside and prepare your toppings. Place toppings in serving bowls.
2. Preheat your grill to high. Grill the fish for approximately 5 minutes or until fillets flake easily with a fork. Transfer the fillets to a cutting board and cut into 1- or 2-inch pieces.
3. Warm up the tortillas on the grill. It's ok if they overlap.
4. Assemble by placing a tortilla on a plate, then some fish, and add with your favorite toppings. Fold over and

Easy Tomato Salsa

Ingredients:

- 10 ripe plum tomatoes
- Juice of 1 medium lime
- 1 TBS extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro (packed)
- 1/4 medium red onion
- 1 small jalapeno pepper
- 1 clove garlic
- Sea salt to taste



Directions:

1. Cut the tomatoes into quarters. Slice the onion. Cut the jalapeno in half. Peel the garlic.
2. Place all the ingredients in a food processor. Pulse until well combined, but still chunky. Add salt to taste. Serve with the tacos.



Friday, Oct 22nd, 4:30pm-Sunday, Oct 24th, 12pm

Mount Carmel Retreat Center
800 Mount Carmel Drive NE Alexandria, MN 56308

REGISTER AT: <https://fishingforlife.org/event/outdoor-women-for-life-fall-retreat/>

COST:

Individual- \$175
Individual PLUS- \$262.50
(You and 1/2 of a scholarship spot.)
Individual x 2- \$350
(You and another scholarship spot)

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to one of our Deep Cs South members - A US Navy Veteran and good friend - Shane Myrlie

Shane Marc Myrlie, 52, of Rosemount, MN went home to Glory on September 16, 2021, at the VA Hospital in Minneapolis, MN.

Shane, the eldest of six children, was born on April 19, 1969, in Lima, Peru where his parents were lay missionaries. Shane graduated from St. Croix Lutheran High School in 1987. He enlisted in the Navy where he later joined the Seabees (Construction Battalion). Shane married Eva Manuhutu in 1999. Together they had Thomas in February 2003. In 2010 he married Darleen Pangalo of the Philippines.

Shane loved life and had so many friends. He was always ready with a joke and was never afraid to let you know his take on life or politics. Shane excelled and enjoyed driving anything that involved heavy equipment and he was always willing to help family and friends.

Shane is survived by his son, Thomas Myrlie, his parents Orlin and Judy Myrlie, his sister Kari Wolf (Darrell), brother Jason Myrlie, brother Collin Myrlie, sister Ana Myrlie and brother Talib Taylor. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at The Rock Church, 2201 West 108th Street; Bloomington, MN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Men's Deep C's October:

- West - Oct 12 - Cabela's Rogers
- South - Oct 14 - Home of Wes Wheatley
9943 Harriet Ave, Bloomington
- East - Oct 26 - Fractional Toys
- North - Oct 28 - Insurance Brokers
3351 Round Lk Blvd, Anoka



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	
South Chapter -Burnsville-2nd Thursday	
Spiritual Leader	Wes Wheatley
Chapter Coordinators	Andrew Vanhoozer Pat Adams
Food Coordinator	
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.

2021 EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 2 –Forest Lake/High C's Trolling for Trophies
- 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

BLUE = Still Looking for boat guides.
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Archie's Funnies

Fishing with Dad

A father and son went fishing one summer day. While they were out in their boat, the boy suddenly became curious about the world around him. He asked his father, "Dad, how does this boat float?" The father replied, "Don't rightly know son."

A little later, the boy looked at his father and asked, "Dad, how do fish breath underwater?" Once again the father replied, "Don't rightly know son."

A little later the boy asked his father, "Dad, why is the sky blue?" Again, the father replied, "Don't rightly know son."

Finally, the boy asked his father, "Dad, do you mind my asking you all of these questions?" The father replied, "Of course not, son. If you don't ask questions, you never learn nothin'."

Pro Fishing Tips October 2021

by Dwight Nelson

Fly Fishing for Muskies with Greg Lonke

Greg Lonke learned how to fish from his dad when he was 5 years old but he learned how to fly fish later in life from his brother in law. Growing up in Crystal and being a Robbinsdale High School grad, he can honestly say he is a Minnesota native. He has lived here all his life.



In fact, Greg has been in the MN fishing business for much of his life. While starting out in insurance, he thought it would be fun to work in fishing and sporting goods and so he started at Burger Brothers, soon becoming the manager of their flagship store in Edina. After 20 years or so with them, he moved to Galyan's.

People would come into the store asking questions of course on fly fishing so in 1995 Greg started teaching fly fishing, teaming up with Tallakson's Trout ponds in Becker, MN.

I asked Greg how he got interested in fly fishing for Muskies. He replied that although he guided for trout, at some point he got tired of fishing for just trout (although he still does so to this day). He had equated "fly fishing" with "fishing for trout" and he would find out the two are not synonymous.

Greg bought a jon boat and became a true "river rat" fishing for Small Mouth Bass (SMB) on the river. One particular year rain took its toll on the river. So Greg bought a cheap 10 weight fly rod (a fairly heavy rod) and a transom mounted trolling motor and went over to Lake Harriet in Minneapolis to fish.

20 minutes into his fishing trip, Greg landed a 40" musky on a fly. He was hooked on Musky fishing! He would admit that over the years his tactics and presentation have evolved and changed from that day, but Greg was willing to sit down with me and share some of his secrets. Having said that be sure that



there are many different ways of fishing and this is what has worked good for him through the years.

The Hardware: Greg still suggests using a 10 weight fly rod although some Muskie anglers use up to 13 wt rods. He typically will cast 8-9" flies (streamers in this case). A good rod will run in the \$100-200 range while a reel will run less than \$100. *The secret Greg says is in the line.* (That will run you \$50-100.)



Start out with what is called a "weight forward" sinking tip line. While you do not have to get this fancy, Greg's typical line is segmented so that at the end of his floating line, there is 10' of line that sinks at the rate of 1"/second. Next down the line is another segment of 10' that sinks at the rate of 2"/second. This is attached to 4' of 60# Fluorocarbon line with a nail knot (& UV glue). One could go "cheap" and just use a sinking tip line that drops 2-3'/second, but remember you only have to change this out every 10 years or so!

The next part is critical for success: At the end of the Fluorocarbon is a Perfection Loop knot. Another loop holds an 18" segment of tie-able coated steel leader. At the other end of that leader is the fly/streamer. The loop knot has held up under the test of time and makes it easy to change in the field.



Figure eights at the boat are done just like other musky fishing with the rod tip in the water almost 2 feet, with something like 2 feet or less of line out. Greg has had some phenomenal results fly fishing for muskies and is willing to share (to a point!!) his methods. You can sometimes still find him in the fly fishing department at Cabela's Rogers store on weekends. The rest of the time he tries to get out on local lakes and rivers in his "skinny water" jet boat looking for SMB, bluegills and yes even Muskies.

Blessings and Tight Lines!

Dwight Nelson (dpnelson50m@gmail.com)

October Special Needs Column

Greetings from the Director's Desk. I hope September was good to you. With the summer fishing season just about wrapped up and ice fishing season coming soon I thought it would be a good idea to go back to the basics with the Minnesota DNR. According to their website (<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/index.html>) You need to buy a Minnesota fishing license if you're 16 or older. Annual licenses allow you to fish from March 1 to the last day of February the following year. Lower-cost licenses are available for shorter time periods. There is an added cost to fish for trout, salmon or sturgeon.

To qualify for a resident fishing license you must:

- Have established a legal residence in Minnesota for at least the past 60 consecutive days.
- If 21 or older, possess a current Minnesota driver's license, state-issued identification card, or have a receipt for an application for a driver's license or state ID that is at least 60 days old.
- Be at least 16 years of age.

What if I go fishing in a state park?

According to https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/fishing.html, Minnesota residents can fish without a fishing license in most Minnesota State Parks, including ice fishing!

If the body of water requires a trout stamp, you will need a fishing license whether you are fishing for trout or for something else. If no trout stamp is required, a Minnesota resident may fish in a state park without a fishing license when:

- Fishing from shore or wading in water within the state park; or
- Fishing through the ice, from a boat or a float on a designated lake that is completely encompassed within a Minnesota state park.

Getting a vehicle permit for these parks.

According to https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/permit.html, a \$35 year-round vehicle permit provides unlimited visits to all 75 Minnesota state parks and recreation areas for a full year from the month of purchase.

By purchasing a vehicle permit, you help maintain and improve the natural resources, facilities, and education and outreach programs that make Minnesota's state parks among the best in the nation.

Vehicle permits are valid for one year from the month of purchase. Plus, you can receive a discount on additional year-round permits for other vehicles you own.

Looking for the perfect gift for the outdoor enthusiast? Purchase a gift card!

Not a fan of windshield stickers? Now there's another option; the new MN State Parks and Trails license plate provides you with unlimited visits to all 75 Minnesota state parks and recreation areas for an entire year, without requiring a separate vehicle permit. Plus it helps fund the operations and maintenance of Minnesota state parks and trails!



Opportunities to learn how to fish.

According to <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gofishing/learn-fish.html>, Programs and classes listed below provide opportunities for hands-on experiences designed to help you learn how to fish.

Many of these activities require registration so explore the offerings and plan ahead accordingly.

You'll also find several self-help opportunities. We've tried to provide information that you can apply as you learn by doing.

Permits and Licenses for disabled people.

According to <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/special/index.html> If you are unable to download the applications, please contact the DNR Information Center at (651) 296-6157 or (888) MINNDNR to have an application sent to you.

OK that's a lot to take in but I hope you find it helpful.

Remember Chris Keeler brings his Gunsmith Q&A to West on October 12th so have your questions ready and lets blow him away with all our questions.

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

Director, Tyler Pinor

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