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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 & OWL HAPPENINGS

Greetings, - A few years ago Steve and I decided we should launch a men's fishing club in support of Fishing For Life, to encourage our volunteers to deepen their walks with Christ. In addition these groups would be the heart of our volunteers to carry out the ministries of FFL. I'm humbled to see the success today and proud of the 4 men's Deep C's chapters, and now we also have the Outdoor Women for Life (OWL) chapter. We have a heart to plant another chapter in the inner city right at Minnesota Teen Challenge to help with their recidivism rates. As the men leave MN Teen Challenge we hope to plug them into a group in the city and surround them by the existing four Deep C's chapters. Vaughn and the team are doing the heavy lifting that Steve used to do, I'm not sure that this is a long-term solution, but we feel we want to make a great decision on the next person or persons to be hired to really get all Chapters functioning at an optimal level. Please remain patient with us, as we seek God's will and how to proceed. Feel free to call me if you have any questions or thoughts regarding this. May God bless you richly in 2022.

Tom Goodrich 612-987-5466



In this time of transition, we would love to hear your thoughts on how this newsletter can better serve you. If you have suggestions or want to offer to write an article or testimony, please send to the editor Daryle Hamlin (651) 492-2152 - dbhamlin@gmail.com

Mark 1:35 - And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. As we begin to uncover all God may want us to discover in our theme verse for 2022 these thoughts come to mind.

After Jesus preaches, heals, and casts out demons in Galilee we find our theme verse for 2022 - Mark 1:35. We might have expected Jesus to sleep in the morning after such a busy time of ministry, but instead Jesus' actions are the four verbs underlined above. In

these actions Jesus models for us a pattern of seeking our Father where we can pour out our souls in private to Him and discover evidence of His grace in our day and our life.

Personally I want to follow Jesus' example drawing near to Him who cannot change and there is where I want to place my Hope. Did you know that the Google search "how to pray" increased 50% last year when COVID hit? Let us be followers that make a practice of time alone with our Father without the need of a pandemic to bring us near to Him.

For the past few weeks my family has been recalling 1 Chronicles 16:8-11 "Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!"

Vaughn Blackburn 763-308-5434



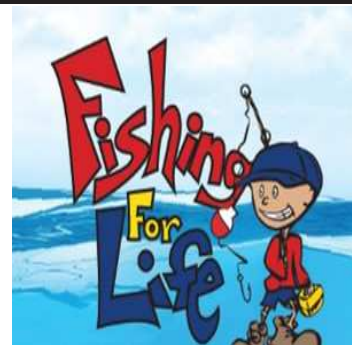
Hello readers - This is our first Depth Finder after the retirement of Steve Cruikshank. The Depth Finder newsletter's 1st issue was September of 2015. At the time our thought was to use the monthly Depth Finder newsletter to maximize FFL's ministry to those who participated in the Deep C's meetings. **Objectives:**

- Electronic, sent out monthly.
- Communicating past and future activities, inspiring grown in faith in Jesus Christ,
- Promoting Christian fellowship and deeper personal relationships within local chapters.
- Encouraging Christian service through highlighting FFL events needing volunteers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Deep C's Mens / OWL Womens January Meetings

CHAPTER	SPEAKER
West - Jan 11 - Cabela's Rogers	Jeff Nelson - Jesus & Bassinators
South - Jan 14 - Wes Wheatley's garage 9943 Harriet Ave, Bloomington	TBD
East - Jan 25 - Fractional Toys 2967 Hudson Rd	TBD
North - Jan 27 - Insurance Brokers 3351 Round Lk Blvd, Anoka	TBD
OWL -	virtual



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 are Christian ministry chapters. There are five chapters active - West, South, East, North, and OWL for women - each meeting once / month. The 4 men's chapters are named Deep C's and their meetings all begin at 6pm with a free supper. All are welcome .

2022 Theme

"Spend time with the Father to discover evidence of His grace in our life. "

Mark 1:35 - And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

Cost for membership in Deep C's Chapters is \$20/year collected in February.



Chapter Leaders & Volunteers

Deep C's Director	Vaughn Blackburn
Depth Finder Editor	Daryle Hamlin
West Chapter - Rogers - 2nd Tuesday	
Spiritual Leader	Dwight Nelson
Chapter Coordinators	Kent Lillehaugen Ron Buster
Food Coordinator	
South Chapter - Bloomington - 2nd Thursday	
Spiritual Leader	Wes Wheatley
Chapter Coordinators	Pat Adams Andrew Vanhoozer
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	
Outdoor Women for Life (OWL) - meeting virtually	
Spiritual Leader	
Chapter Coordinator	Patti Murray
Food Coordinator	

Deep C's / OWL 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 editor - Daryle Hamlin dbhamlin@gmail.com.

2 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP!

Here are 2 events coming up where we need volunteers. We would appreciate your help with these events if time allows.

Reel 'Em In-Rod and Reel rebuild event

January 12 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

[Ridgedale YMCA](#)

12301 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

Sign up here if you are available:

<https://fishingforlife.org/event/reel-em-in-rod-reel-rebuild/>

Holes 4 Heroes

February 12 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Also times available on Friday to set up.

volunteersignup.org/W3AJF

Multiple areas of help needed for Holes 4 Heroes, set up, shuttle service, guiding vets, youth or family, bringing items such as portable heaters, fishing gear, fishing hubs, ATV's, etc...

Many hands make light work. If you would like to volunteer for multiple areas, you'll need to sign in separately.



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FEB. 12th 1-4pm

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Fishing For Life

Holes 4 Heroes

Multi-species Ice Fishing Tournament honoring our military and thier families.

Feb 12th, 1pm-4pm

Medicine Lake, Plymouth, MN

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

West - The Deep C's West Chapter is fortunate to have a Great Host in Cabela's – Rogers, Mn. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month upstairs in one of the conference rooms, at 6pm. Our group ranges in age from the late teens, to mid 80's – which means we have about 70 years of insight. Some of us are just learning to walk with Christ, while others have traveled many miles with him by their side. We begin the meeting with prayer, followed by Dinner. During Dinner we have a "Round Table" discussion where each of us gets to share what has happened in their lives in the last month. This way we get to know our Brothers (in Christ) better. We might share Fishing stories, Family news, Work triumphs, whatever has been most important to us. After Dinner, we have Devotion. In the past, Vaughn has been our Devotional Leader. With Steve Cruikshanks Retirement, Vaughn has new responsibilities and Dwight Nelson will become our new Devotional Leader. Dwight has filled in for Vaughn in the past, when Vaughn was gone during the summer months - leading all of our Camps. Dwight is a natural for Vaughn's replacement, and we look forward to his teaching. Next we get to learn from one of our Guest Speakers. In the time I have been attending, we have been blessed with many Great speakers. We at Deep C's West look forward to a New Year together, with hopefully new members to help us all grow in Faith.

Sincerely, Kent Lillehaugen

South Report - South has moved our meetings from a Church in Burnsville to Wes Wheatley's heated garage in Bloomington. He has a real mancave garage and we are enjoying our fellowship. Our group is usually between 6 and 10. We always enjoy a nice meal at 6 and share around the table each meeting. Wes then challenges us with thoughts from scripture and we have a speaker that provides info on different topics - faith, fishing, and an assortment of other fun topics. Recently Pat Adams, one of our South leaders, has been facing difficult cancer diagnoses for his only kidney and one of his eyes. We have been praying fervently for God to be present as he makes decisions on the cancer treatments. Our group enjoys the fellowship of the monthly meetings.

Blessings, Daryle Hamlin

Hello to all,
This year "**Outdoor Women for Life**" finally set a few feet on the ground after COVID. As we all are still working around this virus we are focused on moving forward. We welcome all women to join and participate with your great ideas to make this OWL group a success.
We had a fabulous first weekend retreat at Mt. Carmel in Alexandria, Mn. The picture below is from that retreat. Looking forward to next year's Oct 14-16 retreat - more info to come.



We have been doing a winter Bible study on the Armor of God and are looking to start a second one March to May. This is done virtually so we can include everyone from all over the cities. It has been nice to meet new ladies and get different insights.

The women look forward to helping with FFL Holes for Hero's Feb 12th. OWL is holding a Snowshoeing Event on Jan 22 in Waite Park at the Quarry Park and Nature Preserve from 11-3. Please check out Fishingforlife.org to learn about all the events going on. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Patti Murray



2022 Calendar

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JANUARY

12—REI-Ridgedale YMCA
14-16—Bismark Rec & Leisure Show-Trout Pond
14-16—High C's Fish Camp/DarkHouse Spearing, Alexandria, MN
22—Outdoor Women For Life, Snowshoeing, Waite Park

FEBRUARY

10—Ramy Fish N Chips Private Event (not listing on our website calendar)
12—Holes 4 Heroes Ice Tournament
18-20—High C's Spearing Ice Fishing Camp, Grand Rapids

MARCH

3-5—Muskie Expo at Concordia University-Trout Pond
10-13—Northwest Sportshow
11-13—Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Classic-Canterbury Park-Shakopee
19-20—Grand Forks Rec & Leisure Show- Trout Pond

APRIL

8-10—R&R Marriage Retreat
9—Spring Fundraiser
21—Bob-106 Radiothon
21-24—High C's Turkey Hunt
TBD—Thorne Bro's Spring Sale/Trout Pond

MAY

7—Crappie Contest
12-14—Governor's Fishing Opener
19—REI-Coon Rapids YMCA
26—REI Cabella's-TBD

JUNE

3—REI-Deloitte
3-4—MN Teen Challenge/ Al Linder Tournament
4-5—Mille Lacs -Boat launch
12-16—High C's Green Lake Camp
12-16—Father/Son Camp BWCA
21—Armed Forces Family Fun Celebration at Lake Minnetonka
21-24—High C's Day Camp 1
23—High C's Disability Camp #1
27-1—High C's Day Camp 2

JULY

4—Interlachen-Trout Pond
5-8—High C's Day Camp 3
9—Clay Oflanagen Memorial Lake Event-Medicine Lake
11-15—High C's Day Camp 4

13-17—High C's Adult/Child Camp @Miracle Bible Camp
24-29—Camp Jim

AUGUST

1-5—High C's Camp Fish
3—IB Golf Tournament
5—Lake Event: Community And Sheriff's Together with the Anoka County Sheriff's Dept, Lake George
8-12—Hospitality House Camp
9—Pastor's Tournament with Jesus In The City
12-14—GameFair (Weekend 1)
14-16—High C's Catfish Camp
19-21—GameFair (Weekend 2)
29-1—LOTW Pay it Forward Trip
30—Military Appreciation Day at the Minnesota State Fair

SEPTEMBER

2-5—Camp Victory??
8-11—Marathon Man
15-18—Deep C's Men's Fall Retreat
23-24—Boat Launch Appreciation Event

OCTOBER

14-16—Outdoor Women for Life Retreat
15—High C's Trolling for Trophies
22—High C's Pheasant Camp
26—Muskie Mayhem Event

NOVEMBER

4-6—NextGEN Deer Camp
11—Veteran's Day
17—Give to the Max Day

DECEMBER

1-4—Youth Muzzleloader Camp
2-4—St. Paul Ice Fishing & Winter Show
13—FFL Christmas Party
15-18—Veterans HarkHouse Spearing, Dixon Lake Resort
26—Youth Spearing

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January Special Needs Column

Greetings from the Directors Desk and Happy New Year. May 2022, bring you joy good health and lots of fishing. Just a few housekeeping notes before we get to something kind of fun. First, I still have spots for the Holes For Heroes event on Medicine Lake on February 12th the hours are 1:00-4:00 PM. I am accepting Veterans and maybe a few of my kiddos to make sure that we have full houses and a well-attended event. So talk to me if want to get on my list for February 12th. Second, I am still designing the Clay O'Flanagan memorial extravaganza event taking place on July 9th out at Land of Promise on Beebe Lake in Buffalo. I had a nice talk with Jerry Ernst the Pastor over there recently and he's very excited to have us back. So mark your calendars and get ready for two fun filled days one on the ice and one on open water. Lastly, If you want to come speak to any of our men's groups you can contact me at 612-500-7005 or by email at mn_bugger@yahoo.com I look forward to hearing from you! I need your name and your talk topic.

OK let's have some fun shall we?



Our leader and brother Steve Cruikshank will be calling it quits at the end of the year so I thought the time was right to send him off in style with some great memories. The one that stands out to me is driving up to Lake Lady Rods with him and my dad then when it was done, he gave it to me in front of the West group.

Thank you Steve for being such a valued leader of Fishing For Life we will miss you! Happy retirement!

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Pro Fishing Tips and Ideas January 2022

by Dwight Nelson

I hope you have been able to enjoy a peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Years. While this Christmas was “different” again with continuing Covid considerations, I was fortunate to be able to share the love of Christ with many people including participation at 3 churches. My wife and I were also able to spend time with our kids and their families.



This past Friday morning started out at -35°F at 8AM. This was the day several of us at a family reunion were planning on going ice fishing! By noon it had warmed up to a balmy -10°F. Not only did the temperature present a problem, so did the deep snow that had accumulated over the previous 7 days. I would like to share what went wrong that day and what worked.

Temperature: The first problem we encountered when we stepped outside the cabin door. It just felt COLD! What worked for me was having my army ECWCS long underwear. This is an advanced clothing system developed by the military for cold weather situations. Look it up and check it out.



New and used can be found on Ebay and other online sites. Various stores like Cabela's have their version of it as well. I also wore electric socks. Those combined with boots with 2200g of insulation kept my feet more than toasty warm even though standing on the ice. The XBUTY brand I have come with battery controllers that have 3 temperature settings.

At temperatures like we were in unexpected things can happen. Be aware that any metal object can suck a lot of heat out of anything it touches. My brother-in-law put a small flashlight in his mouth later in the day to check on something not remembering how cold the metal flashlight was. Instantly his tongue froze to the flashlight and pulled off a chunk of skin when he pulled it out of his mouth. I noticed too even the bail wire of my reel was “sticky” when I touched it.

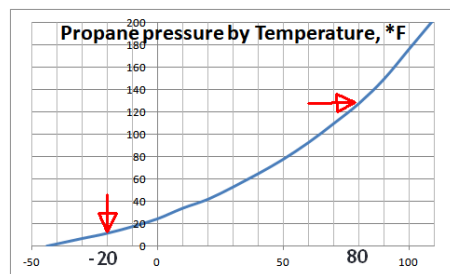
Location: Another problem we encountered was the snow. Because of a recent snowfall and depths measuring up to 16”, we could not get to where we wanted to fish even with 4X4 drive. Walking was near to impos-

sible without snowshoes. In the end we had to stick to areas that folks had plowed out that morning or the day before. If you encounter this problem, just find a suitable location, make the best of it and have fun.

Reels: You can generally get away with using summer reels in the winter. This time out however, it was obvious which ones I had specially lubricated. Some of my reels would hardly turn in the cold. I use Cal's Purple drag grease and it works very well in the cold.

Line: On some of our reels we were using 2# fluoro, which for these old eyes, is virtually invisible *out* of the water as well as in it! Retying it in cold weather is almost impossible. One solution is to use a heavier main line with a loop knot on the end. Then replace line/hooks in the field using a premade leader with another loop knot on the opposite end of the hook.

Shelter Heat: If you plan on fishing in very cold weather, consider buying an insulated hub shelter. (Of course this assumes you are not fishing in a nice warm permanent shelter!) A Big Buddy heater helps a lot too. Remember that propane loses a lot of pressure in cold weather so you may not get the rated output from your heater. The pressure in a propane tank at -20°F drops by a factor of 10 times from that at 80°F (from 123 PSI to 12 PSI).



Tip-ups: To keep tip-ups from freezing in, there are several options. One is to buy a premade insulated heated box. Another low cost option is to either make your own box or buy a 12 gallon clear plastic storage box and use it to cover your tip-up. A lit can of Sterno inside will keep the hole from freezing over. Jar candles will work too and burn for up to 35 hours.



Tight Lines! And **remember the awesome liberalized fishing on lake Wakanda** is open until 2/27/22.

Dwight Nelson (dpnelson50m@gmail.com)

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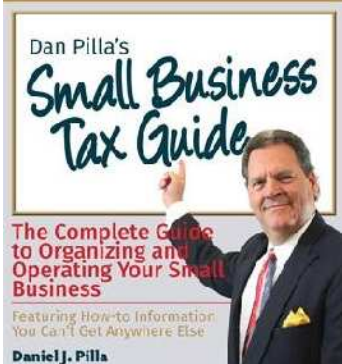
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