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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

FEB 7, 2022

DEEP C'S & OWL HAPPENINGS

Greetings,

Winter is no cause to re-frain from fishing in our great state of Minnesota. Fishing For Life has a small village all set up on Medicine Lake and it is available for our volunteers to use at no cost.



We affectionately call the permanent house "Big Blue" and we also have an Ice Castle next door. So far this winter, along with several of our local folks, we have had the opportunity to provide the MN Ice Fishing Experiences to three South Carolinians and a couple of Brazilians using it for the 1st time.

If you would like to use our ice fishing facilities please contact me. See the next page for some additional photos of Big Blue.

Blessings,

Tom Goodrich 612-987-5466

From Brazil to a cozy fish house on Medicine Lake

On the evening of January 31 st I had the privilege of guiding former Fishing for Life board chairman and three of his friends on Medicine Lake. Tim's friends were Doug, a missionary from Brazil and his young sons, John and Ben. Neither son had ice fished before. My last guiding kids on the ice goes back a decade to fishing in groups in two person shelters. That wouldn't have been a good introduction to the sport for these two kids. But in Fishing for Life's Ice Palace it was a different story. They were warm in tee shirts, ate pizza, played games, learned how to see a fish grab their wax worms on the electronics and caught crappies. We adults enjoyed fellowship and occasional visits from Fishing for Life people also out on the ice. When it was time to quit, they thanked me for a good time in the Ice Palace. They might try fishing in a mobile portable house sometime if they get to be hardcore ice fishermen, but that's not likely in Brazil. The Ice Palace will be waiting if they come back on furlough in the winter.



Dave Lindmark:
former Fishing for Life Camp Director

FFL Ice Village set up on the West Side of Medicine Lake

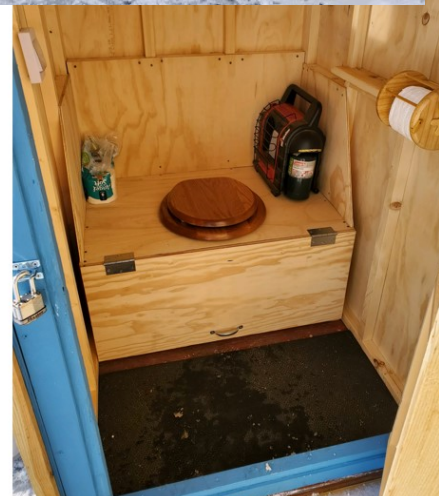




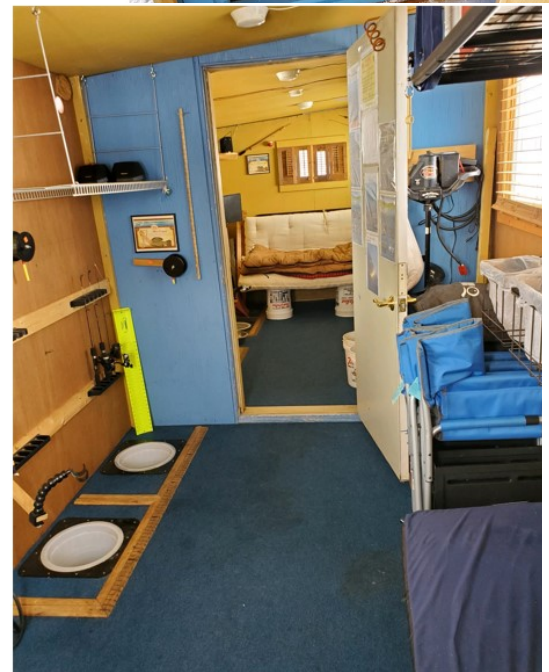
Some photos of Big Blue. TJ Hoyer and his friend Brandon stayed overnight arriving Monday Jan 31st and departing the afternoon of Feb 1st. Fishing has slowed a bit, but they enjoyed catching several fish and had some rattle reel fun as well.

Big Blue is very nice and has all the needed comforts.

We love to have our assets used by all our volunteers.



Come & Enjoy!



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Deep C's Men's / OWL Women's February Meetings

CHAPTER	SPEAKER
West - Feb 8 - Cabela's Rogers	David Janiszewski Ripap University
South - Feb 10 - Wes Wheatley's garage 9943 Harriet Ave, Bloomington	TBD
East - Feb 22 - Fractional Toys 2967 Hudson Rd	TBD
North - Feb 24 - 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 ---
Food Coordinator	
East Chapter - Oakdale - 4th Tuesday	
Spiritual Leader	Dan Pilla
Chapter Coordinators	Randy Markey ---
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.

The past few months have brought several prayer requests. Here are some updates.

- We grieve for the loss of our brother Dan Martin.
- Jack DeOtis is home, his wife Carol is hospitalized both are fighting pneumonia after recovering from Covid.

Bob Mattsen

Thank you for your prayers! My eye is still the same as it was when I sneezed back on November 14th. From the moment it happened, I had to trust that if it was God's will that I see with both eyes, He will make it happen in His time. I've always thanked God for stopping the blood clot at the eye and not allowing it to continue on to the brain. That tells me that God needs me around a while longer to fulfill my purpose.

Bob Mattsen



Pat Adams

Thank you for all of your prayers for me during the last 2 months. The surgery on my left eye was very suc-



cessful. The doctors believe they removed all the cancer and hopefully it will not spread. Next I will be starting immuno therapy on February 15th for the cancer that was diagnosed on my kidney. We are praying that this will be successful and they can shrink the cancer so it can be removed and my kidney will still be functional. I am very blessed to have all of you praying for me, thank you for keeping me in your prayers.

Remembering Dan Martin

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you that my little buddy Dan has gone home to the Lord on 2/4/2022. Dan was a faithful participant in our FFL ministries.



There is a go fund me page to help his surviving wife and children.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/zxfdtty-help-dan-during-hospitalization-and-recovery?qid=c3dab4858994ecbef27b3962d9165d85>

God's Peace,

LeRoy Gruwell

Hello readers - Thanks for the many inputs from different writers provided for the Depth Finder. We will continue to provide material of interest to our readers and encourage our readers to volunteer at FFL events.

If you have prayer requests, updates on our brothers and sisters, testimonies, articles, advertisements, or other suggestions for this newsletter, please send to the editor Daryle Hamlin (651) 492-2152 - dbhamlin@gmail.com

A challenge for us is not what we think will happen in the future; it's how we handle the circumstances facing us today.

Max Lucado heard the tale from a missionary in Brazil many years ago and included it in his book (appropriately titled) *In the Eye of the Storm* (Word Publishing, 1991. Unedited version below used with permission.)



Once there was an old man who lived in a tiny village. Although poor, he was envied by all, for he owned a beautiful white horse. Even the king coveted his treasure. A horse like this had never been seen before—such was its splendor, its majesty, its strength.

People offered fabulous prices for the steed, but the old man always refused. "This horse is not a horse to me," he would tell them. "It is a person. How could you sell a person? He is a friend, not a possession. How could you sell a friend?" The man was poor and the temptation was great. But he never sold the horse.

One morning he found that the horse was not in the stable. All the village came to see him. "You old fool," they scoffed. "We told you that someone would steal your horse. We warned you that you would be robbed. You are so poor. How could you ever hope to protect such a valuable animal? It would have been better to have sold him. You could have gotten whatever price you wanted. No amount would have been too high. Now the horse is gone, and you've been cursed with misfortune." The old man responded, "Don't speak too quickly. Say only that the horse is not in the stable. That is all we know; the rest is judgment. If I've been cursed or not, how can you know? How can you judge?" The people contested, "Don't make us out to be fools! We may not be philosophers, but great philosophy is not needed. The simple fact that your horse is gone is a curse." The old man spoke again. "All I know is that the stable is empty, and the horse is gone. The rest I don't know. Whether it be a curse or a blessing, I can't say. All we can see is a fragment. Who can say what will come next?" The people of the village laughed. They thought that the man was crazy. They had always thought he was a fool; if he wasn't, he would have sold the horse and lived off the money. But instead, he was a poor woodcutter, an old man still cutting firewood and dragging it out of the forest and selling it. He lived hand to mouth in the misery of poverty. Now he had proven that he was, indeed, a fool.

After 15 days, the horse returned. He hadn't been stolen; he had run away into the forest. Not only had he returned, he had brought a dozen wild horses with him. Once again, the village people gathered around the woodcutter and spoke. "Old man, you were right, and we were wrong. What we thought was a curse was a blessing. Please forgive us." The man responded, "Once again, you go too far. Say only that the horse is back. State only that a dozen horses returned with him, but don't judge. How do you know if this is a blessing or not? You see only a fragment. Unless you know the whole story, how can you judge? You read only 1 page. Can you judge the whole book? You read only one word of a phrase. Can you understand the entire phrase?"

"Life is so vast, yet you judge all of life with one page or one word. All you have is a fragment! Don't say that this is a blessing. No one knows. I am content with what I know. I am not perturbed by what I don't." You see only a fragment. Unless you know the whole story, how can you judge?

"Maybe the old man is right," they said to one another. So they said little. But down deep, they knew he was wrong. They knew it was a blessing. Twelve wild horses had returned with one horse. With a little bit of work, the animals could be broken and trained and sold for much money. The old man had a son, an only son. The young man began to break the wild horses. After a few days, he fell from one of the horses and broke both legs. Once again, the villagers gathered around the old man and cast their judgments. "You were right," they said. "You proved you were right. The dozen horses were not a blessing. They were a curse. Your only son has broken his legs, and now in your old age you have no one to help you. Now you are poorer than ever." The old man spoke again. "You people are obsessed with judging. Don't go so far. Say only that my son broke his legs. Who knows if it is a blessing or a curse? No one knows. We only have a fragment. Life comes in fragments."

It so happened that a few weeks later the country engaged in war against a neighboring country. All the young men of the village were required to join the army. Only the son of the old man was excluded, because he was injured. Once again, the people gathered around the old man, crying and screaming because their sons had been taken. There was little chance that they would return. The enemy was strong, and the war would be a losing struggle. They would never see their sons again.

"You were right, old man," they wept. "God knows you were right. This proves it. Your son's accident was a blessing. His legs may be broken, but at least he is with you. Our sons are gone forever."

The old man spoke again. "It is impossible to talk with you. You always draw conclusions. No one knows. Say only this: Your sons had to go to war, and mine did not. No one knows if it is a blessing or a curse. No one is wise enough to know. Only God knows."

The old man was right. We only have a fragment. Life's mishaps and horrors are only a page out of a grand book. We must be slow about drawing conclusions. We must reserve judgment on life's storms until we know the whole story.

Job 1:21

And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Job 2:10

But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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(new number!)

On average a human takes 23,000 breaths a day! So if God doesn't do anything else but give you breath today you have 23,000 reasons to praise HIM!

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.

Get your Tickets Or Sponsor a Veteran!



Feb 12th, 1pm-4pm
Medicine Lake, Plymouth, MN

Tickets are now available!

There is ALSO an option to sponsor a Veteran. [CLICK HERE!](#)

(Scroll to the bottom of the ticketing options if you would like to sponsor a Veteran.)

VETERANS AND YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY

1st Hole is FREE, just RSVP to get registered.

2nd hole is \$20/person. Choose the "PRE-Sale-Veteran 2 Hole-Ends 2/10/22" Ticket option if you want 2 holes.

GENERAL PUBLIC

\$20/Hole/Person,

PRE-REGISTERED GUESTS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR A STRIKEMASTER 40v Auger.

ONLINE/PRE-REGISTRATION closes on 2/10/22 at MIDNIGHT.

Day-of registration is open from 11am-2pm on 2/12/22. \$20/hole/person.

(1st hole still free for military and their immediate family members).

ALL PRE-REGISTERED GUESTS will be entered into a drawing for a StrikeMaster 40v Auger.

You have until 2/10/22 to pre-register. (No need to be present to win, but **MUST** be pre-registered.)



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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THROUGH FISHING & OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

I am very pleased to join Fishing For Life as the Chief Operating Officer/Integrator as I began my journey on June 1, 2021. I will look to support and implement the vision, mission, and strategies approved by our CEO and Board. My goal is to work with the team to develop and execute a operational strategy that provides innovative, high quality program delivery while building relationships with the community.



I have over 25 years of non -profits experience, drawing on my educational background in social work and genuine passion for enriching the lives of others, my versatile executive experiences in non -profit business has prepared me to lead with Fishing For Life. I bring experience in programming, community partnership, strategy, new initiatives and P &L management. I received a bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State University and I am a Licensed Social Worker in the State of Minnesota. I am excited to bring my personal commitment to operational excellence to Fishing For Life.

Chad Lanners

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Top Secret Cooking

By Chad Lanners

As a hunter, I have been cooking wild game for over 35 years, The planning, traveling, camaraderie and time spent in the great outdoors all contribute to the excitement and fulfillment of hunting. Many people are intimidated by the thought of preparing wild game. The concept is simple! Game meat should not be stored for too long, they need to be roasted at low heat or grilled and sauteed at moderated heat and should be served with complementary flavors

Fall Pheasant Breast Pizza

- 4 boneless, skinless pheasant breast
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 tsp. fresh pepper
- 1 cup flour
- 2 T. olive oil
- 2 large red onions, cut into ½ inch slices
- 2 large zucchini, cut into 4 inch X ½ inch slices
- 4 large fresh mushrooms, cut into ¼ inch slices
- 2 cups pizza sauce
- 2 tomatoes cut into ¼ inch slices
- 1 tsp. dry oregano
- 2 tsp. fresh basil
- 1 ½ cups pizza cheese

Place pheasant breast into a bag, one at a time and flatten with a mallet to about ¼ inch. Season with garlic salt and pepper. Roll in flour and shake off excess. Heat a large skillet with one tablespoon of olive oil. Add red onion slices and cook until tender. Remove to a plate. Add zucchini and mushrooms and cook til almost tender, but still crisp. Remove from pan. Add remaining olive oil and pheasant breast. Cook until golden brown. Remove breast to an oiled baking sheet. On top of each pheasant breast place 1 table spoon pizza sauce, 1 onion slice, 1 tomato, 1 zucchini strips and mushroom slices. Top with 2 tablespoons pizza sauce, spices and a generous amount of pizza cheese. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes and serve.



February Special Needs Column

Greetings from the Director's Desk, I hope January was good to you. Many special needs people like to go fishing but it can be a challenge for some, that's why a group called Fishing Has No Boundaries (FHNB) is here to help. According to the website <https://fhnbinc.org/about-us/> Their mission is:

- To provide recreational fishing opportunities for all anglers with disabilities regardless of their age, race, gender, or disability.
- To create public awareness of the problems facing persons with disabilities and the shortfall of recreational opportunities.
- To be a resource for information on adaptive fishing equipment and accessibility.
- To promote research & development of specialized adaptive equipment and gear to enhance fishing experiences for anglers with disabilities.
- To help fulfill the needs of participants for independence, positive self image, and a genuine feeling of accomplishment.
- To enhance the lives of participants with camaraderie and lasting friendships through FHNB events across the country.
- To provide information to any person with interest in setting up a new chapter or fishing event for anglers with disabilities.
- To promote the need for recreation for persons with disabilities in a positive way.
- To educate the public regarding the good Fishing Has No Boundaries®, Inc. is doing through pictures, press, and word of mouth.
- To have the best angling events (not tournaments) for any person with any type of disability. In this way, all persons with disabilities are able to experience improved health, self esteem, confidence, and independence.
- **Most of us think that going fishing is as easy as a walk down to a lake. . . But for over 56 million Americans with disabilities, it's just not that simple."**

Fishing Has No Boundaries®, Inc. (FHNB) is a non-profit 501-C3 organization whose goal is to open up the great outdoors for people with disabilities through the world of fishing. FHNB has grown into a National Organization with 27 chapters in 13 states, enabling thousands of individuals with disabilities to participate fully in this spirit-lifting, morale-boosting, trouble-free recreational activity. Continue to look for additional announcements of new chapters in additional states



as Fishing Has No Boundaries continues its mission of opening up new dreams for persons with disabilities that they might not otherwise experience – the fulfillment of dreams that you or I might just take for granted.

We believe through education, training, and the use of adaptive angling equipment, everyone is able to share in a dream come true.

So check it out they want to hear from you.

I still have openings for the February speakers for all four men's groups and I still have openings on my spreadsheet for the people who contact me about our annual Holes 4 Heroes event out on Medicine Lake on February 12th so talk to me if you want to speak to a group or ice fish with us.

I will visit with you again in March.

Director Tyler

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Pro Fishing Tips and Ideas February 2022

by Dwight Nelson

Greetings! I hope you have been staying warm the last few weeks. It's almost time to get the extensions on the augers! While many lakes seem to have literally shut down with this cold snap some folks have found fishing to be good. I hear from some of our FFL friends that fishing has been very good on Lake of the Woods (LOTW).



Kids on (the) Ice!

For various reasons I have never been able to get my granddaughter out ice fishing. But this past January 15 I was able to get her out to Courthouse Lake for the inland trout opener and she had fun. She also caught her first rainbow trout. I was not able to get a picture with her and the trout because she wanted to get her line right back in the water! Take a kid fishing while you have the chance. It might start a lifelong interest or passion.



Cheap Ice Fishing Rod Holder

If you look at little closer at the picture above you can see my cheap "quick and dirty" ice fishing rod holder. It has worked very well for me and so I'll share the details. It is basically 2



flag holders from Menards screwed down to a 4" X 16" piece of treated plywood. The flag holders are adjustable so you can make

them any angle that works for you. You can also put a small hole on each end for nailing into the ice with a pole barn nail. Options are endless!

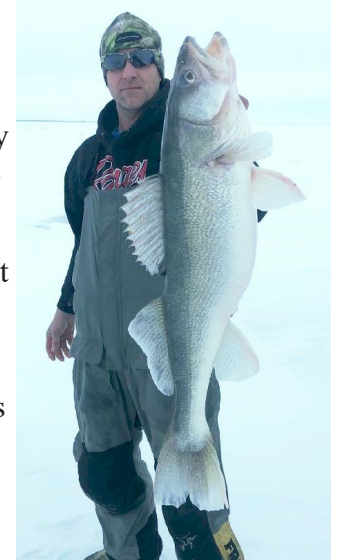
Tips for Old Eyes

That would be tips for old eye balls not walleyes! It's getting pretty tough for these old eyes to see 2 or 3# line out on the lake. Here's a suggestion. Use a slightly heavier mainline and tie a loop knot in the end of it. At home, make some pre-made leaders out of 2-3# line with your favorite jigs or spoons on them. Put loop knots on these also at the opposite end of the jig. You

can now easily attach the jig to the mainline on the lake. (Put the loop on the leader through the loop on the mainline. Then put the jig through the loop on the end of the leader and slightly tighten).

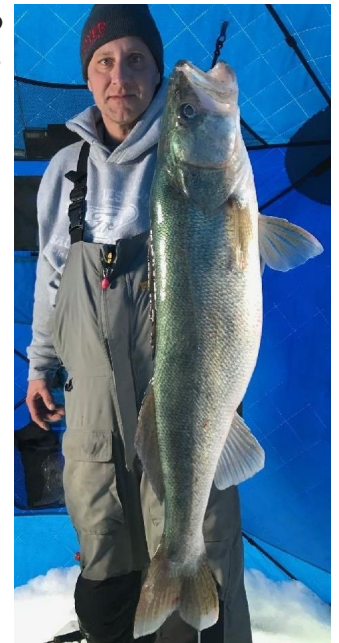
Greenies for Loonies

I am not necessarily a proponent of going to other states or even other countries to go fishing. We have sooooo many lakes right here in Minnesota to explore and discover. However I thought I would share some information about a lake near Winnipeg (Manitoba) Canada which has some awesome walleyes. Lake Winnipeg, an enormous lake stretching some 265 miles end to end and covering over 9400 square miles has some equally enormous walleyes called Greenbacks.



While they are genetically no different than other walleyes, they have an iridescent, almost holographic green coloration to them. This is thought to be because of the limestone geology of the lake.

February and March are great times of the year to ice fish for greenbacks. Trophy sized fish are almost guaranteed! The walleye above was 30" long and weighed in at 11 pounds. My friend (pictured) is headed back in March. They usually catch 100 fish per day. Wow.



Miscellaneous

Minnesota walleye, sauger, northern pike and large-mouth bass seasons end Feb. 27. Stuck at home in the cold weather? Search YouTube for "brian klawitter sauger" for some awesome underwater videos. I hope to have some out there soon myself.

Blessings,

Dwight Nelson (dpnelson50m@gmail.com)

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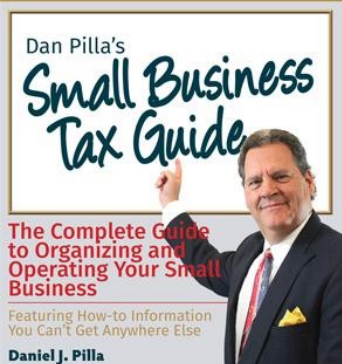
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