

Program:

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 6, 2013.

Check out our web site: www.great-lakes.org/vpsc.

You are just a click away from pictures of Salmon and Walleye trips, previous news letters and more about our Villa Park Sportsmen's Club. You may also send information to be posted on the web site to villaparksportsman@att.net.

Future Programs and Scheduled Events

BYOB Fishing

Where's your favorite fishing hole? Call and we'll set up a meet; Joe Nutt (630)961-1513 or Gary Buehre (630)279-0696 or Adolph Janke (630)843-7193.

Sun Times Midwest Fishing Report

Click this link <http://www.suntimes.com/sports/outdoors/index.html> then click on 'Midwest fishing report'.

The Sun Times Fishing Report for late February is not available.

From the March 2013 issue of 'Midwest Outdoors':

A Big Finish to Another Ice Season!

By Walt & Poppee Matan

March is the tail end of the season for most ice anglers, although there are still some large catches to be made in April in the upper Midwest. It's time to pull out the sleds and leave the tents behind for Illinois and Iowa ice anglers and time to pull off the permanent crab shacks for the Wisconsin and Minnesota guys. We southern guys have to walk to the fish while the northern guys leave the trucks on dry land and use their ATVs.

It has been an extremely wild winter for us and the folks at Custom Jigs & Spins. The Heavy Metal Tungsten Chekai and Majmun jigs were a huge success for bluegill, crappie and the rest of the panfish and the Slender Spoon has been reborn! Fisherman rediscovered the power of the Slender Spoon and it's been flying off the shelves at local tackle shops! Let's take one last look at these jigs and spoons and see how they can produce for you the rest of the season.

Tungsten jigs are now readily available and affordable for most ice anglers. While you can still get some Russian and Norwegian imports in the \$10 range, most are priced a lot lower than that. Thanks to some fast thinking by our own Cousin Chekai from Lepoglava, Croatia, Custom Jigs has been able to import the precious Chekai and Majmun jigs for a fraction of the cost of the "Russkie" and "Norskie" jigs.

Obviously, the reason for Tungsten is that it is heavier than lead and allows you to get a teeny jig down into the fish zone fast. But that's not the only reason that these jigs are so effective. It's the rapid-fire repetitive motion that the angler can impart to the jig that really gets the panfish to strike. We think it makes them mad enough to strike!

Plastic presentations are a mystery to some anglers and a way of life to others. No matter what your skill level is in ice fishing, adding plastic to your arsenal will pay dividends in fish bucket

filling. We like to put plastic on the Tungsten Jigs, since it produces a free flowing mesmerizing action.

Plastic by itself or plastic in conjunction with live bait are the methods to try. We like the Custom Jigs & Spins Wedgees. Wedgees come in only one size, but you can break them into smaller pieces or put two or three on a jig. Wedgees work equally well for panfish and game fish like walleye. We put them on the Tungsten jigs and fish them without bait as well as on the Slender Spoons.

The Slender Spoon has been a killer for all species. Its flutter/fall action is really unique. You will not find this action on any other spoon, period. The smallest Slender (1/16-ounce) is a magnet for panfish, especially crappie. Even though it is ten times the profile of a Tungsten jig, it still works as a search lure, as well as a catcher when the fish are aggressive.

Next up are the 1/8-ounce and the 5/16-ounce. While these two Slenders are cut from the same die and have the same dimension, their weights and actions are markedly different. When the fish are aggressive, go with the heavyweight; when they are a little off, go with the subtle presentation. We have literally pounded the white bass on several occasions with the heavyweight and use the lighter on jumbo crappie when they are schooled up.

Finally the 1/4-ounce is great for walleye, largemouth, pike and lake trout. We have even caught crappie and monster bluegill on this super hyper spoon. A slow lift/fall sweeping action allows this spoon to imitate a dying minnow, a natural food source for every fish that swims, except of course another minnow!

One last thing, new Pro Series Slender Spoons are available right now from Custom Jigs & Spins. The Pro Series features ultra sharp, super sticky hooks and custom painted finishes. Call or log on to www.customjigs.com for details.

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We meet the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 PM at the North Terrace Pond Clubhouse on Westmont and Terrace (approximately 6 blocks south of North Avenue and 3 blocks west of Addison) in Villa Park. Annual dues are \$30. Visitors or prospective new members are welcome - a \$3 fee is requested. If you are interested in attending or becoming a member please contact: Marty Kapolczynski at (630) 932-1923.