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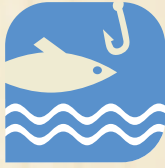
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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Emmett Brown

April 25, 2012

It's official now, we did not have the "brutal" winter that was forecasted by the National Weather Service last fall. In fact, our 2011/2012 northwoods winter was the mildest on record. Most of our lakes have been ice free since March 25th. This is another record of sorts. All this being said, Mother Nature has a way of either catching up or slowing things down. Bottom line, it still gets hot in the summer, the leaves fall in autumn and it gets cold in the winter.

I am very excited about this year's raffle as it is something we have never done before. How would you like to drive a 2012 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 pick-up truck for one year for just \$10 or \$20? Please go to our website and get your chances today at www.freshwater-fishing.org. Just click on the 2012 Mega Raffle icon and follow the prompts.

Unfortunately, the State of Wisconsin will no longer allow us to send raffle tickets through the mail, so our website will be the only source of sales for many of you. Of course, we will always have tickets available at our location in Hayward, Wisconsin throughout the season. I also have a very special request to make to all of our special members and supporters. In the past, we have always sent two (2) packets of tickets to you. Many of you have always bought both booklets or cards. If your budget still allows it, I hope you will continue to do so on-line as well. Thank you for your support.

The doors to our museum opened ten (10) days ago and visitor traffic has been good. Our grass is green and the perennials in our gardens are already starting to sprout. In fact, we have already had to cut the grass twice. Spring is indeed here! Time for everyone to get out fishing and break a few records. You may not break a record, but you will have the time of your life trying.

See you on the water.

Regards,

Emmett A. Brown, Jr.
Executive Director

HALL AWARDS ARE PRESENTED



Retired Hall executive director Ted Dzialo (center) is presented his Enshrinement plaque for 2012 on October 31, 2011 at the Hall's 4th Quarter executive board meeting in Hayward, Wisconsin. On behalf of the Award Committee, Mike Dombeck (right) presented the award to Ted. On Ted's left is the current executive director Emmett Brown. Congratulations Ted!



Past Hall honorees gather around Enshrinee Steve Baumann and Legendary Anglers Duane and John Peterson for 2012 on March 31, 2012 at the Northwest Sport Show in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Back row (left to right): Larry Bollig; Marv Koep; Jim Kalkofen; Ron Schara; Randy Amenrud; Ted Takasaki and Dave Genz. Middle row (left to right); Mark Fisher and Keith Kavajecz. Front row (left to right): Dick "The Griz" Gryzwinski; Ted Capra; Duane Peterson, Steve Baumann; John Peterson and Gary Roach. Congratulations to all. A huge thanks to the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and especially to Jennifer Thompson.



Hall Legendary Angler Bill Siemantel (left) of the Big Bass Zone presents George Kramer with his Legendary Commicator induction plaque for 2012 at the Fred Hall Long Beach, California Sport Show on March 8, 2012. Thank you Bill and a much deserved honor for George.



Emmett Brown (right) accepts a \$200 donation from Tom Christianson. Annually, Tom contributes a portion of his fishing guide fees to the Hall. It is very much appreciated. Thank you, Tom!



Hall executive director Emmett Brown (center) inducts Legendary Anglers Duane Peterson (left) and John Peterson of the Northland Fishing Tackle Company at the Northwest Sport Show in Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 31st.

HALL AWARDS ARE PRESENTED

Frank Moore, Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame Enshrinee, prominent outdoorsman, fly fisher and G.Loomis Pro-staffer for over twenty years was awarded "Chevalier" in the Legion of Honor, France's highest military award, in a brief ceremony in front of over 300 guests in Roseburg, Oregon on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. Moore was one of the GI's that landed on, fought and survived the invasion of Normandy. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and many other famous conflicts.

In a letter from Francois Delattre, a representative for the French Government, Moore all was explained. It read... *"I am pleased to inform you that by decree of President Sarkozy on September 16, 2011, you have been appointed a "Chevalier" of the Legion of Honor.*

This award testifies to President Sarkozy's high esteem for your merits and accomplishments. In particular, it is a sign of France's infinite gratitude and appreciation for your personal and precious contribution to the United States' decisive role in the liberation of our country during World War II.

The Legion of Honor was created by Napoleon in 1802 to acknowledge services rendered to France by persons of great merit. The French people will never forget your courage and your devotion to the great cause of freedom.

It is a great pleasure for me to convey to you our sincere and warm congratulations.

In order to determine the means of bestowing the insignia upon you, please contact our General Consulate in San Francisco. Naturally, I remain at your disposal in this regard."

Moore, 87, lives on the upper reaches of the North Umpqua River with his wife of over 60 years, Jeannie. He opened up the world famous Steamboat Inn back in 1957... hosting many famous people including presidents, actors and other famous fly fishers.

Frank has always been a dedicated fresh water fly fisherman of high ethical standards. He has been the leader in maintaining the North Umpqua as a pristine fly fisherman's dream. They say you are known by your friends. Frank has always been surrounded by many famous fishermen and women who are proud to call him friend.

He has achieved a number of honors including, the 1970 National Wildlife Federation Conservationist of the Year award from the Sears & Roebuck Foundation for his



Frank Moore on left.

work on the protection of steelhead and salmon streams. He was instrumental in the making and distribution of the film "Pass Creek," which changed the way logging was carried out along streams in Oregon. He was named Federation of Fly Fishers Conservationist of the year 2003.

In 2006, he and wife Jeannie were named Citizens of the Year in Glide, Oregon, for their work in preserving North Umpqua River. Frank is one of two Honorary Members of the

Wild Steelhead Coalition. He was on the Oregon State Fish and Game Commission member for many years and served on the Oregon State Water Board member for 4 years.

All of us here at G.Loomis owe Frank a debt of gratitude for his undying support and loyalty over the years. He is truly a member of our team and our family. We are all very proud of him and even prouder to call him Friend!!
—Bruce Holt, G.Loomis

WE'LL MISS YOU!



Longtime Hall Awards Committee member and supporter Burt Steinburg "embraced a more merciful life on Friday, February 24, 2012 after a long battle with kidney disease."

Burt had been a fixture in the sporting goods industry since the early 1950's. Burt served in many working and honorary positions within the industry he loved so well. Burt truly will be missed!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that most corporations and companies have a program whereby they will match the donations their employees make to charitable organizations? Often times they match, on a one hundred percent basis, these donations. Usually, the employee is able to designate which charitable organization these matching funds go. Please go to your Human Resources department today and inquire about this program and designate the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame. All you will need is the Hall's FEIN, which we will supply upon request. If your employer does not have a program in place, ask them why not? The Hall is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Thank you for considering this option.

DANCIN' FOR MORE CRAPPIES By Legendary Angler Ted Takasaki and Scott Richardson

When north woods guide, Greg Bohn, fishes for crappies in the springtime, all he needs is a boat equipped with a Humminbird sonar/temperature gauge and a Thill slip bobber.

“Water temperature is the key. It’s the driving force of where crappies are going to be that day,” said Bohn. “They don’t care about food... nothing but warm water.”

That fact holds true whether it’s a reservoir or a natural lake, he said. A difference in a degree or two is all it takes to hold crappies by the bushel or none at all.

As for slip bobbers, Bohn has been known as Mr. Slip Bobber for perfecting one of the most used and least understood methods to catch a wide variety of fish, including crappies and walleyes. He authored (with Scott Richardson) the book “Mastering the Art of Slip Bobbing: The Deadliest Method for Walleye!” which is in its fifth printing.

Bohn knows from experience there may be no crappies on a main-lake point, but motor back into an adjacent bay as far as you can into shallow water and there they’ll be. You might be able to even see them with a good pair of sunglasses. The difference from one



Hall of Famer Ted Takasaki with a dandy springtime crappie caught using the system described in this article. Mr. Slip Bobber, Greg Bohn, outlines what you need to know to find and catch crappies as they seek warmer water in the spring.



Ted Takasaki

spot to the other is that shallow, protected water warms faster. Add a breeze blowing warm surface water into the bay and the effect is even more phenomenal. They might not bite when the surface is calm, but let the wind rough it up and action can become furious, he said.

This pattern holds true from the time water reaches about 45 degrees until it hits the 60-degree mark, he said. Maybe instinct tells them to search out the warmth to lay their eggs. They aren’t talking. But be confident, warmer water is the place to start.

Standing timber in the water accelerates the process. Water may be colder than you’d expect but the sun warms this wood which warms the water surrounding it. Bohn loves to check out stump fields in the back of bays at this time of year.

He also stumbled on another fact. While fishing the shallow water surrounding a stump field, he saw crappies on the screen right below him in slightly deeper water 6 to 7 feet down. Slip bobbers next to the boat started catching them, too. The lesson – not all of the fish are at the same stage in the reproduction cycle all at one time. Some are shallow, and some are holding deeper waiting for their right time.

“Crappies can show up in the most unexpected places,” he said. “It was really an awakening and I learned something that day. I was having action in the shallows and by the boat. They were more aggressive by the stumps where the water was warmer. They were defending and protecting their nests.

But the really big ones were in the deeper water.”

No stumps? No problem. Look for shallow, protected water with wood of any kind. Brush piles. Blow downs. Any wood above water to warm can transfer heat beneath the surface. The result will be the same -crappies for dinner. In reservoirs, the best bays will be closest to the points that reach to the main channel. They won’t go from one end of the lake or reservoir to the other in search of warm water, but they’ll find the warm water in the area of the lake they’re in. The heat is what they want.

Bohn has devised a perfect slip bobber rig that is sensitive to the lightest of bites while allowing an angler to target exactly the depth they want without hassle.

Bohn’s design starts with a bobber stop made out of thread to avoid line damage. The tags of the knot are carefully tightened and trimmed to 1 inch. The bead is made of red glass so it slides easily and can be seen from a distance. The bobber can be either weighted or unweighted, which depends upon whether he’s casting into wind or not. A barrel swivel is added to the line, then a monofilament leader. A rubber core sinker midway on the leader is added to balance the rig. Don’t twist the rubber to secure the weight. Just slide the line behind the core. That way, it will slide and free itself if it gets hung up in the wood.

Lindy Fishing Tackle has assembled Bohn’s components into the Thill Pro Series Floats or Rigs that have everything you need including a tiny flicker blade. It flashes in the sun as the crappie-sized minnow hooked behind the dorsal fin swims beneath the bobber or as the wind creates wave action. Always make sure to use fresh bait.

Stick with a small minnow early in the season. Try small plastic baits, like the Lindy Dancin’ Crappie Tube Jig (designed by Bill Dance) as water warms into the mid to upper 50s. If state law allows, set out the slip bobbers and use another rod with a Dancin’ Crappie Spin Jig to cast the area and cover more water.

If action stops, give the spot a rest and go find another. Return later for more fish. You may have a milk run of several spots by the end of the day. Move from one spot to the next.

Crappies in the livewell – there’s no better way to warm up to spring than that.

RED BALLS AND CATS By Legendary Angler Dan Gapen, Sr.

The spring sun felt warm but floating ice and snow banks continued to be a part of the Mississippi River. Water temperature would register 48 degrees on my wall thermometer once I thrust it under the surface.

As we approached the big river, I remembered a statement made earlier in the fall.

“Dan, I’m telling you those Red Balls attract all fish when you place one on the rear treble of a crankbait,” came a startling statement from Richard Burton of Chicago, Illinois.

It was ‘Bobber’ Anne who gently launched the 15 foot jonboat down the icy cement boat ramp on the Mississippi River. The two of us had come to attempt to film underwater video of walleye and bass striking a Flub Dub crankbait. The footage was necessary for a TV show we were finishing up.

“Anne, let’s both use the same orange-colored lure but I want to put a Red Ball on mine to attempt to prove or disprove Richie’s claim that anise-scented Red Balls™ will produce more strikes on a crank than one without a scented device. Richard swore these small red-scented eggs were seeing 2 to 4 times better results on his crankbait when used for walleye and bass.

It was nice to hear, but I had my doubts. We’d never tested the Red Balls in such a way. Our testing had only been done on winter jigs for perch, bluegill and walleye. On these species the field-testing had proven a great success.

With chunks of ice floating down the river and snow on the banks still visible in the shady areas we began our troll. Five minutes into the troll my MarCum monitor showed a fish following, then striking my Flub Dub.

Setting the hook I made the comment, “Anne, this fish looked like a catfish.” But that couldn’t be, water temperature is only 48



Dan Gapen, Sr.

degrees and cats don’t feed in such temperatures unless the food targeted is dormant on the bottom. At the moment I was trolling a minnow-like stick plug with a sparkling holograph spinner on it.

But, on the rear treble I’d had our new scented device, The Red Ball™.

With the rolling fight of a channel catfish my first fish came to net—a 4-1/2 pound catfish. This couldn’t be, the water was too cold!

Anne challenged me to do it again and I did with a 1-1/2 pound channel cat ten minutes later. Then two more within the next 15 minutes, one about the size of the first one and one about 3 pounds.

At this point Anne’s unscented Flub Dub hadn’t produced a single strike. Maybe there was something to Richie’s suggestion.

“Dan, maybe it’s the side of the boat you’re trolling on. Let’s switch,” commented my fishing partner. I complied for the sake of research and harmony in the boat.

So far no bass and no walleye—our targeted species.

Three more for me on the other side of the boat prompted the comment, “Fish hog,” and

a change in plans. Anne would fit her crankbait with the Red Ball anise-scented egg and I’d remove mine.

Yup, you guessed it! Anne took the next four fish, all catfish. Not only did we prove this new scented device work but it did so under tough conditions on a species we’d not targeted. The question which arose that day was, “would the anise egg work on bass, walleye and other gamefish when used on a crankbait? This was proved a success later during seven months of testing. The conservative conclusion was that our scented device improved catch 2 to 4 times when placed on any crank bait used for most gamefish species.

Questions remain to be proven out this year. Is it the anise scent of the Red Ball that triggers the strike or is it the red color or maybe the round egg shape that makes it work? All fish species feed on eggs at some time in their lifetime.

I’m sure, if it does continue to work as well as we’ve proved it these past two years we’ll see our Red Ball copied by others.

About The Author: Dan Gapen, Sr. has managed a small tackle manufacturing company in Minnesota under his family’s name, is the author of 26 books, numerous articles in countless magazines and papers as well as being part of a family who has pioneered the early days of our fishing world. His father, Don Gapen, created the world famous Muddler Fly. The Gapen Company has been here for 75 years. He is also a member of the Fishing Hall of Fame!



The Ol’ Man catches a nice-sized catfish on a Flub Dub with a Red Ball scenter attached to it.



Red Ball scenter on a Flub Dub crankbait.

BREAKING DOWN LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

By Legendary Angler Bill Siemantel

If you were ever in the market to buy a new home one of the first things out of the real estate agents mouth would be "location, location, location". The words rang clear to me within the last two years after buying another home big enough for all the toys I have collected in the past 35 years. Now I have talked to quite a few real estate agents in my time and they will try to explain to you what the LLL means. Are you close to freeway access, close to school if you have kids, time it takes to get to work, good neighbors, away from busy streets or freeways and so on. So I would gather "location is important because it is the greatest determining factor in value for that individuals needs". Now that being said, does the LLL have any type of impact to finding and catching fish? Is there a format or template that one can use to find their path into the world of the Big Bass Zone using the LLL? Yes there is and I have put together a step by step system with the basic break down of the LLL and I have been using this system all the way back to the days I walked the shores of Castaic lake as a kid.

Now before I start to break down the LLL I am going to have to take a shot at a number of TV personalities, Elite Series Pros, columnists and weekend anglers. Yep, you guys don't get it either. As a kid I would watch, listen and read all of your explanations of the LLL and the more I did, the more I felt that there was something missing. I know that when all of you say, "you must find the location, location, location and it will be the key to your success on the water" OK, is that it? Well that hasn't told me a damn thing and saying things like the LLL may sound cool to you, it confuses the hell out of me. So if you are going to try to paint a picture with words, take the time and understand what you are saying and fill it will as much color as possible. Nuff said there.

OK, here it comes and the real meaning is so simple, yet so misunderstood or totally missed by most anglers.

1. First Location- This is the starting point of the structure/cover element in any body of water. Points, humps, ridges, creek channels and flats; these are the 5 basic areas to start. Wood, rocks, grass, trees and brush are the cover elements you would add to these structure areas. Each area may change during seasonal times of years, but this is the first step. I know you may be asking about other structure/cover elements like bowls, bays, washes (structure), mud lines, docks, baitfish (cover) but this is the basic format to find "Key" structure/cover and with time on the water your areas will expand.



Bill Siemantel

2. Second Location- This is the time you use your eyeballs or turn on your new Lowrance HDS 10 and find the TMB (top, middle, or bottom) of the water column where the fish are holding. I know this is simple right? Well I still see a lot of guys out there that miss this one. This is also the time to understand the mechanics of the tools you are comfortable with and their capabilities of working through different zones of the water columns.

3. Third Location- Here is the final key that will unlock the door you have been pounding on for years and this is the critical piece of the puzzle that is totally missed by so many angler's. The final location is the place you make your stand. Yeah, that's right, it is the position you place yourself at and the angle that you will retrieve your tool (lure) that will cross paths with the fish and create the funnel into a commitment zone. No matter if you are standing on the shore, maneuvering on the trolling motor, sticking your Power-Poles in the mud, wind drifting the inside edge of a grass flat, or anchored up in 50' of water, "Your Location" is always the key to putting the LLL into perfect harmony and finding yourself plugged right into the heart of the Big Bass Zone.

If you follow what I've explained so far about the LLL, then read on as we pull it all together next. There are four actors in each fishing scene and each of the four has its own LLL.

Player 1: This is always the quarry you are after (bass, trout, striper, catfish)

- What piece of structure/cover are they on?
- Where are they in the water; TMB (top, middle, bottom)?
- Where is their funnel (their dinner plate)?

Player 2: This is the natural prey we would find within the water system (crawdads, shad, trout, blueback herring, bluegills, sculpins, frogs, etc.)

- What piece of structure/cover are they around ?
- Where are their TMB?
- Side note on this one, we are not looking at

catching this forage, "they are the prey". Can our location influence the prey's movement? Using your trolling motor to push shad out of a cove, using your big motor over grass flat to stir up trout or bluegills or maybe dragging your Power-Poles along shallow flats with rock and mud to active crawdads and sculpin movement.

Player 3: This is your artificial prey (tools / lures) understanding what each of your tools can do at all water levels is just as important as finding the fish. Learn your tools, don't be one!

- What is the best tool for the structure/cover you are going to fish around?
- Can the tool you choose work the proper depth within the TMB?
- As your tool comes into the funnel (angle) can it do directional changes or finish out the cast without getting stuck? One tool may work better depending on where you are trying to have the bass commit to your bait.

Player 4: Now here is where you put it all together and the LLL system takes over. Now our LLL lays out a little different but it is the system you must follow.

- Where are you going to fish? Lake, stream, river, ocean, pond?
- Our platform to pursue the fish, boat, shore, float tube, kayak, rowboat, etc.

Mobility, critical part of the final location to be able to place ourselves for the money shot.

Things can get pretty explosive when all four players LLL are understood, identified and aligned to your advantage. You may even use your location to shift or push the location of the natural prey out more towards the final location of the predators and trigger a feeding frenzy that wouldn't have happened otherwise. Once you understand the dynamics of doing that, you can do it all day long. Remember that the words we speak should have meaning and give us direction to a common goal and that is to catch more fish.

That's enough food for thought for this time. Hopefully location, location, location means much more to you from now on than it did before you turned to this page. I'm Bill Siemantel and we're "Keeping it in the BBZ".

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FATHERS AND SONS ON THE WHITE RIVER By Legendary Communicator Kenneth L. Kieser

Waters flowing down the White River of Arkansas mark passages of time. Fathers and sons have fished and hunted these waters for centuries. Trips to this river started as a means of survival in food and clothing. Today returns are measured in recreation and good meals, but fathers and sons still return.

Glen Wheeler and Lawrence Taylor treasure these moments with their sons on this prime stretch of Arkansas river. Watching Zane Wheeler (9), Hunter Taylor (8) and Michael Taylor (5) hook and reel in trout makes the drive and expense seem unimportant and the best of times.

Both men fished with their fathers and love to remember golden days when responsibility meant making good grades and mowing the yard. Dad's kind looks of approval or perhaps a soft laugh while reeling in a good fish was silently received by the boys and mentally stored for later days, even though neither young man realized the importance of sharing time with their dads. But now their dad's are gone and both men would give a year's wages to see that kind look of approval or hear that soft laugh once again.

Zane, Michael and Hunter all have one goal in mind on every visit, to catch the biggest trout. They love their annual visit to Gaston's Trout Lodge and talk about it throughout the year to friends and family. But they love this fish-camp experience and make sure their dads bring them back to the long, green John



The author and his little brother, Rodney, show off a pair of rainbow trout about 50 years ago. Photo by LaDonne Kieser



Ken Kieser

boats used at Gaston's, similar to the old wooden versions guides used on the river in days before the dams when the White River was still pristine.

The water was warmer then and guides like the late Jim Owens, former mayor of Branson, Missouri took parties downriver. Dams eventually sent water from the lake bottom through chutes, making White River water ice cold and perfect for trout. But the boys don't care about that. They just want to catch the biggest fish and impress their dads.

Wheeler and Taylor exercise remarkable patience while making sure their sons have the best chances of catching trout. A constant vigil is required to make sure baits are correct and casts are uneventful, or in other words, insuring no hooks are later dug out of scalps.



Hunter, Zane and Michael show off their big trout. Their fathers were the proudest that day! Photo by Lawrence Taylor.

But kids get bored when fish bites are slow, then a million questions start like: "Dad, why can't I catch a trout now?" and "When's lunch?" and "How much longer are we going to fish?" and "Are there weasels in the river, can we catch one?"

Gaston's White River guides pay attention to moments like this and are very talented in finding fish through constantly changing conditions, but more importantly, they are patient with young or beginning fishermen. So when the bite is slow, they motor to other fishing areas and use different techniques. New hope returns to young minds, even when the trout are biting slowly.

"I just like to go down there and catch trout," said Zane Wheeler. "I like spending time with dad too. I always catch more fish than him. But he never gets mad."

Zane and Hunter have made this trip with their dad's four years straight. Both know how it feels to be Michael on his first trip and were surprised or perhaps annoyed when he caught a trout as big as theirs, his first trout ever. I watched both Taylor and Wheeler show a look of pride when their kids compared fish just before a fine trout shoreline lunch.

"I caught my trout by myself," Michael said. "Dad was there but he didn't help much. He just showed me how to do it."

Wheeler and Taylor both learned the importance of these golden years with their sons on the White River and many other fishing spots. Their fathers planted the seeds

FATHERS AND SONS ON THE WHITE RIVER (continued from page 8)

of fishing in both men and now they are continuing this tradition. Someday these young men will return to the river with their kids and will longingly talk about those golden days when their dads took them fishing.

"I look forward to coming here every year with dad," Hunter said. "I love out fishing him too."

Zane, Hunter and Michael will remember the looks on their father's faces when a fish was caught or they baited their first hook, and

later they will realize that all was because of a father's love for his sons. This legacy will continue through many centuries by fathers to their sons and daughters for memories to be stored in their mind's special place and some just call it fishing.

ARE THE FISH BITING?

By Legendary Guide Leon "Buckshot" Anderson

Let Ma Nature help answer the question!

Many, many years ago, while "talking fishing" with legendary taxidermist and locally recognized five star trout angler, Neal Long, of Sayner, Wisconsin, he made a comment that really grabbed my attention. Neal mentioned "If the bugs don't bite neither do the trout."

What Neal suggested was only the tip of the iceberg, so to speak, when it comes to recognizing subtle and some not so subtle hints from Ma Nature that can tip off anglers wildlife has or is putting on the feed bag.

Way back in the late 1940s, or was it the early '50s, John Alden Knight published his controversial "solunar tables" that predicted when fish were supposed to bite the best. I, like many, was a skeptic.

In 1974 I was introduced to another publication that promised to increase anglers bags with a "new and improved" set of solunar tables. The Fish & Game Forecaster by Datasport.inc. has been my friend and constant companion ever since!

The theory behind the "feeding tables" suggests most all species of wildlife are attuned to natural stimulations that cause them to all feed at about the same time. This of course is a very broad statement that can be altered by various local weather conditions that may "goof up" the predicted feeding times. But I'm convinced when stable weather patterns are present the graphs do work!

When out on the water pay close attention to what the local wildlife is doing. Birds make good indicators whether or not a feeding period is in progress.

Is the resident loon diving and feeding or simply riding the waves with its head tucked under its wing?

Are tree sparrows daring and diving after insects or is the sky devoid of activity.



Buckshot Anderson

Is the blue heron wading the shoreline?
Are the flies biting?

Do you see eagles soaring or perched in
silent vigil on a lakeside tree?

Can you hear "bird sounds" emanating from
the forest or is it quiet as an empty church?
Active birds and animals indicate they are
out and about looking for a meal and their

underwater counterparts will also be on the
prowl!

Other indicators of wildlife on the feed might
be chipmunks and squirrels chirping, deer
coming to the lakeshore to nibble on
vegetation and having a drink.

I've often seen a mauling mink darting in
and out of shoreline cover when a serious
fish bite is in progress.

Even croaking frogs are indicators of feeding
activity.

And last but not least, use your eyes and
ears to zero in on fish feeding on the surface,
which naturally pinpoints a fish or school of
feeding fish.

Nope, catching fish isn't all luck and old Ma
Nature can often help turn a so-so day into a
memorable outing!

Keep Castin'!

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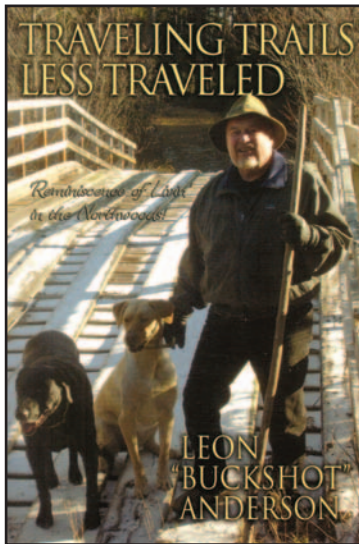
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BOOK REVIEWS



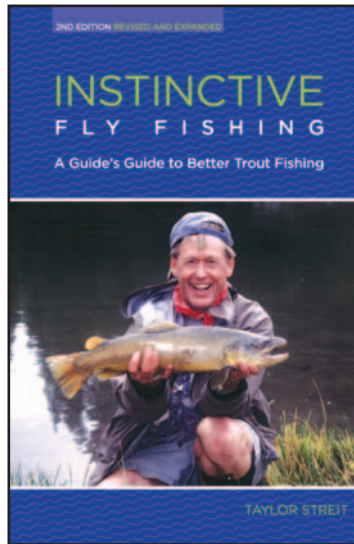
Buckshot's latest walk down memory lane is sure to rivet the armchair anglers and hunters through the most diehard fishers and hunters alike. Leon's "Traveling Trails Less Traveled" is largely set in the northwoods of the St. Germain area of Wisconsin, but his stories and anecdotes could easily be applied to anywhere in North America. Less the snow, of course!

Buckshot's stories are not just about hunting and fishing. They are about the heralding of a new spring, collecting bullfrogs and pollywogs, old swimming holes and forts, the autumnal ushering out of a season and the joys of the Christmas season.

My favorite passage in the book is a quote often extolled to Leon from his Uncle Roy "Andy" Anderson, "The trouble with fall is it don't last long enough!" Isn't that the case with all of our seasons?

Leon's book (2012 Hahn Printing, Eagle River, Wisconsin) can be obtained by contacting the author at buckshot@nnext.net.

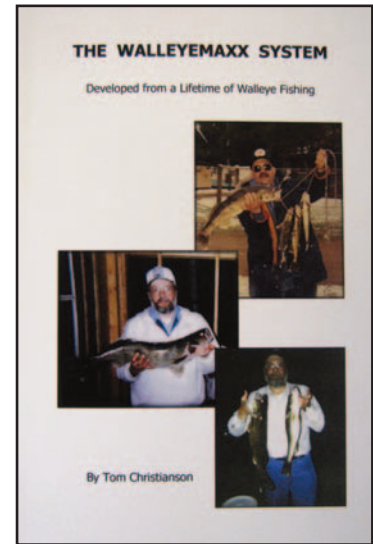
—Editor



Taylor Streit's 2nd edition of "Instinctive Fly Fishing" is a must have for the novice and well seasoned fly fishing angler alike. One of the aspects of fishing Taylor very adroitly discusses is the distinction between the fisherperson who fishes close to home and the angler who has to travel to his or her favorite lake or stream. His point being that the close to home angler is generally blessed with advantage of not having to go to exhaustive lengths to find fish. Whereas the traveling angler better have a plan B, as Mother Nature can be very fickle. Taylor says it best when he states, "Don't embrace rigid notions. I'm going to fish the Big Muddy in June, dagnabbit. The Big Muddy might be too clear in June. Always have a Plan B ready."

Taylor's 2nd edition masterpiece is a delightful mix of stories and very useful tips and information, as well as seasonal information about the high country fishing of New Mexico and Colorado. This book is available by contacting Taylor at: www.streitflyfishing.com, guides@streitflyfishing.com, www.taosflyshop.com. 1.575.751.1312 or 1.575.741.0202 (cell).

—Editor



Do you like to fish for walleyes? Better yet, do you just like to fish? If you answered yes to either one of these questions, then you are looking for Tom Christianson's, "The Walleyemaxx System." Tom has put together a clear and concise approach to walleye fishing in a no holds barred approach that ranges from jigging, to slip-bobbering to casting. A system that covers the spring warm-up, to the summer heat through the fall cool down. If you take just one of Tom's tips to the water with you this year, you will be a better fisherperson for it.

Tom's system, "developed from a lifetime of walleye fishing," is written in a straightforward manner that is as informative as it is interesting. "The Walleyemaxx System" (2011 Hahn Printing, Eagle River, Wisconsin) is available by contacting Tom at either www.walleyemaxx.com or 1.715.617.0894. I highly recommend it!

—Editor

WINNER OF THE DAY OF FISHING WITH AL LINDNER IS ANNOUNCED!

Congratulations to Hall member James Ardizzone of South Barrington, Illinois. Jim is spending a day on the water with Al this spring or summer! All Jim had to do was simply upgrade his membership to the Hall to

the \$45 or \$55 dollar level. That was a few extra bucks well spent. Al has graciously agreed to do it for 2013, so it could be you next year. Congratulations Jim and thank you Al!

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WORLD ANGLING RECORDS GRANTED

2nd QUARTER - 2012 UPDATE

NOTE: World angling records are updated quarterly and the ultimate synthesis is published annually in book form each April, distributed free to members, media, manufacturers and world fisheries as a public service.

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"KEPT" WORLD RECORDS LIST DIVISION #4 - ICE FISHING, POLE LINE

Fish	Line Class	Lbs./Ozs.	Angler	Where Caught	Date
Trout/Rainbow (Inland)	Heaviest (only)	26-11	Bruce Polojko	Horseshoe Bay, Lake Huron, Ontario, Canada	2/14/2012
TROUT/Tiger (Hybrid)	10 lb.	15-0	Kirk Herrin	Roses Lake, Washington	4/11/2012

DIVISION #2 - FLY FISHING - FOREIGN

Fish	Line Class	Lbs./Ozs.	Angler	Where Caught	Date
Snakehead/Giant	20 lb. Tippet	10-2	Leonard J. Kouba	Lake Ratchaburi, Thailand, ASIA	11/12/2011

"C&R" WORLD RECORDS LIST DIVISION #2 - FLY FISHING

Fish	Line Class	Length	Angler	Where Caught	Date
BASS/Spotted or Kentucky	14 lb.	17"	Steve Norris	Nickajack Headwaters, Tennessee, USA	4/6/2012
	16 lb.	18"	Steve Norris	Nickajack Headwaters, Tennessee, USA	3/30/2012
	17 lb.	17"	Steve Norris	Nickajack Headwaters, Tennessee, USA	4/1/2012
TROUT/Rainbow, Inland	4 lb. Tippet	38"	Matthew Allport	Oak Orchard Creek, New York, USA	11/12/2011
	12 lb. Tippet	38"	Robert Warne	Oak Orchard Creek, New York, USA	11/12/2011

DIVISION #4 - ICE FISHING, POLE LINE

Fish	Line Class	Length	Angler	Where Caught	Date
BURBOT	All-Tackle (only)	36"	Brandon Hainstock	Tobin Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada	12/10/2011
PERCH/Yellow	Longest (only)	12"	Jim Cruice	Rainbow Flowage, Wisconsin, USA	1/27/2012
WALLEYE	Longest (only)	34"	Jim Manwell	Last Mountain Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada	12/22/2011

DIVISION #1 - ROD/REEL - FOREIGN

Fish	Line Class	Length	Angler	Where Caught	Date
CATFISH/Pintado	All-Tackle (only)	33"	Leonard J. Kouba	Uruguay River, Argentina, South America	2/26/2012
CATFISH/Striped	All-Tackle	46"	Leonard J. Kouba	Bung Sam Lan Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/13/2011
	50 lb.	46"	Leonard J. Kouba	Bung Sam Lan Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/13/2011

DORADO	All-Tackle (only)	44"	Leonard J. Kouba	Uruguay River, Argentina, South America	2/24/2012
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DIVISION #2 - FLY FISHING - FOREIGN

Fish	Line Class	Length	Angler	Where Caught	Date
BARRAMUNDI	20 lb. Tippet	33"	Leonard J. Kouba	Bang Pakong Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/14/2011
BLACK SHARKMINNOW	All-Tackle (only)	23"	Leonard J. Kouba	K. P. Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/4/2011
CARP/Siamese Giant	12 lb. Tippet	34"	Leonard J. Kouba	K. P. Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/6/2011
	20 lb. Tippet	36"	Leonard J. Kouba	K. P. Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/4/2011
	30 lb. Tippet	34"	Leonard J. Kouba	K. P. Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/5/2011
CATFISH/Asian Pla Kot Kang	All-Tackle	41"	Leonard J. Kouba	Lake Ratchaburi, Thailand, ASIA	11/8/2011
	20 lb. Tippet	41"	Leonard J. Kouba	Lake Ratchaburi, Thailand, ASIA	11/8/2011
CATFISH/Redtail	All-Tackle	47"	Leonard J. Kouba	Lake Ratchaburi, Thailand, ASIA	11/11/2011
	12 lb. Tippet	41"	Leonard J. Kouba	Lake Ratchaburi, Thailand, ASIA	11/9/2011
	20 lb. Tippet	47"	Leonard J. Kouba	Lake Ratchaburi, Thailand, ASIA	11/11/2011
	30 lb. Tippet	42"	Leonard J. Kouba	Lake Ratchaburi, Thailand, ASIA	11/8/2011
CATFISH/Striped	15 lb. Tippet	32"	Leonard J. Kouba	K. P. Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/3/2011
FEATHERBACK	All-Tackle (only)	19"	Leonard J. Kouba	Bang Na Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/15/2011
GAR/Alligator	20 lb. Tippet	40"	Leonard J. Kouba	Lake Ratchaburi, Thailand, ASIA	11/10/2011
GIANT SNAKEHEAD	All-Tackle (only)	32"	Leonard J. Kouba	Lake Ratchaburi, Thailand, ASIA	11/11/2011
GOLDFIN TINFOIL BARB	All-Tackle (only)	12"	Leonard J. Kouba	K. P. Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/3/2011
PACU/Morocoto	12 lb. Tippet	22"	Leonard J. Kouba	Bang Na Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/15/2011
	15 lb. Tippet	21"	Leonard J. Kouba	Bang Na Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/15/2011
	20 lb. Tippet	25"	Leonard J. Kouba	Lake Ratchaburi, Thailand, ASIA	11/11/2011
ROHU	12 lb. Tippet	21"	Leonard J. Kouba	K. P. Lake, Thailand, ASIA	11/4/2011
SORUBIM/Asian Spotted	All-Tackle	43"	Leonard J. Kouba	Lake Ratchaburi, Thailand, ASIA	11/8/2011
	20 lb. Tippet	43"	Leonard J. Kouba	Lake Ratchaburi, Thailand, ASIA	11/8/2011

KEPT FISH



TROUT/Rainbow. Bruce Polojko. Div. #4 - Ice Fishing, Pole/Line. Heaviest (only). 26 lb. 11 oz. Horseshoe Bay Lake Huron, Ontario, Canada. 2/14/2012

CATCH & RELEASE FISH



WALLEYE. Jim Manwell. Div. #4 - Ice Fishing, Pole/Line. Longest (only). 34". Last Mountain Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada 12/22/2011



BURBOT. All-Tackle (only). Div. #4 - Ice Fishing, Pole/Line 36". Brandon Hainstock. Tobin Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada. 12/10/2011



DORADO. Leonard J. Kouba (left in photo). Div. #1 - Rod/Reel - Foreign. All-Tackle (only). 44". Uruguay River, Argentina, South America. 2/24/2012



TROUT/Rainbow, Inland. Div. #2 - Fly Fishing. 4 lb. tippet. 38". Matthew Allport. Oak Orchard Creek, New York, USA. 11/12/2011



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