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# Big Catch Angler Association

April 2015

Angler Sam Steele at Country Club Hills Lake

## President Clarence Johnson



Hello to, all the fishermen and fisher ladies of B.C.A.A., We are now approaching the beginning of our fishing season, and I am very excited about what is going on in the club with fresh trips, website completion, brand new members, etc .Regarding trips our trip planers Sam Steele and Eddie Suber have including two new places for us to explore the pump house on Kentucky Lake and the fame Mille Lac Lake of Minnesota. This year we have 10 trips planned. We have revised our Angler of the year award, and we feel it is more inclusive for the majority of the members to have a chance at winning, so with that being said good fishing to everyone. We are also seeking more sponsors for Youth Tourney with is scheduled for Aug. 23rd. We have onboard Cabela's and Bass Pro, which have graciously given us donations in the past and expecting the same again this year. I will be speaking to other stores such as Dicks sporting Goods and some non-traditional stores like Target and Wal-Mart to see if they would be so inclined to give donations for the event. As you can probably sense that I am fired up about this year of fishing and other things that B.C.A.A is embarking on regarding membership drive, new club jackets and hats, entry in the list of Midwest Fishing Clubs. I am determined that we become a legitimate viable club of fishermen with the focus community outreach and participation, growth, development and

## Grilled Crappie Recipe

Mix up two tablespoons of sugar, paprika and black pepper. Add one teaspoon of salt and one tablespoon of lemon-pepper spice to the mix. Then lay out your fillets in a platter and coat them with olive oil. Spread the mixture on the fillets in a thin layer and place in the refrigerator until you're ready to cook. Grill fillets for about two minutes on both sides or until the meat begins to flake apart easily. This recipe is to be used with approximately one pound of crappie. When grilling your crappies you have several options as to how to place them on the grill. The best way to get that smoky flavor is my grilling directly on the grate. You'll need to make sure it's clean and oiled down first to prevent the fish from sticking. You can also purchase a grilling basket and this will make it easier to cook the fish and transfer it to the platter without tearing the meat apart.

One more option is to wrap the crappie fillets in aluminum foil. This method is not as popular because it cuts back on the smoky flavor that most people expect when grilling. However, many people use foil when coating the fillets with sea-sonings to help hold in the flavor.



To get the best taste when grilling crappie be sure to thoroughly clean the grill before starting. Any residue left on the grill from other foods is not only unsanitary but it will also change the taste of your fillets.

## Club Activities

Lake Shakamak, Indiana



Great Indoor and out door fun!



Lake Shakamak, Indiana





Brothers Choice Band at BCAA 2015 Banquet



Ms. Lorraine Adams 2015 Banquet Chairperson



Larry Woolridge Membership Chairperson for BCAA and below Mr. Bill Hall Raffle Ticket Coordinator



### Big Catch Angler Association 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet



Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gillespie

The Big Catch Angler 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet was a great success. We had just over 90 people in attendance with the food and music providing an exquisite complement. With soulful blues and Jazzy sounds, of The Choice Brother's Ensemble, anglers not only celebrated their year 2014 achievements, they also displayed some pretty serious dance moves. I won't name any people but some boogies, foxtrots and the likes were indescribable.



Big Catch Angler Associations Members

Nevertheless, we certainly want to acknowledge those who have played an exceptional part on the success of this event. We want to join in with the Chairperson Ms. Lorraine Adams as she gives special thanks to Annie and Callie Jones, Kim and Charles Radcliff, and Ms. Sharon Hoover for the donations of gifts. Henry, the band leader of The Brother's Choice Ensemble of our banquet festivities, can be contacted for his mellow grooves at 773-988-0768.



Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Suber

### Free Fishing Trips!

Please attend the April and May 2015 Big Catch Anglers meeting because we will be giving away



two free all-expense paid fishing trips. However, there is one catch, your membership dues should be paid in order to qualify.



### What Is Your Desirable Fishing Trip?

What would be a good fishing trip? What would be a reasonable and adventurous fishing trip, any ideas? Where are all of my creative minds? In 2015, we are exploring new avenues for more fun and excitement in the way of fishing trips. As you may be aware for the first time our fishing club is going into Minnesota to pursue giant Walleyes and Northern Pikes and also to Arkansas to gather some awesome growth crappies, so where would you like to go? Our staff of trip planners are currently in talks to provide another fabulous Kentucky houseboat trip for next year as well as venturing off down in the great state of Mississippi to do some unique fishing. Please stay tune by visiting our fishing club website.



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### From The Fishing Corner Poet

Bait, rod and reel  
Ichthyology  
Gear

Catfish  
Alligator gar  
Trout  
Carp  
Hauling them all in.

At the break of day  
Night crawlers  
Gaze intently at the line  
Latching onto the hook  
Easing into the water  
Randomly wiggling,  
to and fro  
Searching for the catch,  
of the day!

Thoughts conveyed,  
from the  
fishing corner,  
of my mind,  
my fishing club,  
my life...



### By Juell Walton



## The Tragedy of deferred Enjoyment...

By Samuel D Steele Jr.

About 6 years ago Big Catch Angler Charles Radcliff and I decided to go fishing one morning during May. The weather was excellent, a little warm and cloudy. We were in the pursuit of catfish, and the pulse of some of our local-area fishing persons told us that the power plant of LaSalle was the place to be. I and Mr. Paul Goosby had purchased a 15 ½ foot boat two years earlier, and it was at our disposal, both Charles and me.

With a fifty horsepower engine, fish finder, and trolling motor our next procurement would be an arsenal of bait, both fresh and stinky which we picked up at our local sports bait shop. I have been to LaSalle power plant before and each time, I came home with a creel of catfishes which made my summers grilling events both fulfilling and enjoyable.

At the storage place where our boat was kept, we notice that the boat cover had suffered a little damage but nothing of which would be noteworthy. After we backed up my 2001 Nissan pathfinder, to hitch the boat, we were on our way to catch some big bad catfishes. I remember the hour and ten-minute ride so succinctly, I was shooting for at least twenty catfishes and how I would create this new food dish called Catfish Salad. I would make it like a tuna salad, but substitute the Tuna with grilled catfish pieces. The excitement on this trip was at equals of any other fishing trips that I've been in the past. Nevertheless, in the back of my mind the visions of club anglers Dean and Dino

Griffin success have clouded my memory. The father and son duo had made an early fishing stop at our destination and had an arsenal of pictures of 20 to 30 pounds catfish that they caught at LaSalle. I think in the back of every fisherman's mind is the excitement to catch the largest, and most fish than the ones whom skills they admire. The biggest catfish I ever caught was 13 pounds, and it was up in Wisconsin on the Wolf River in Winneconne. Another earlier fishing trip in my background, I went up to Powerton Lake with fellow angler Darryl Turner, and he caught a 62 pounds catfish. My internal average amount of greed and competitiveness is good and lurking in my spirit, and I always want to surpass those mentioned achievements. Nevertheless, as we prep the boat before we backed it up to the lake; we were clearly ready to do some serious fishing. Once the boat was in the water, Charles Radcliff tied the boat to the dock. I pulled the trailer and hitch with my Pathfinder vehicle and got a good parking spot in the LaSalle parking lot. When I returned to the dock, unbeknown to Charles, I saw a very unusual happening in the Bay of our boat. I really did not want to alarm Mr. Radcliff or have him panic in any measured way. I asked him if he could please get out of the boat and signal him to come towards me. Charles had this strange look on his face like what is going on, are you bugging out on me; this trip is supposed to be fun. Charles asked me why, and I told him precisely to come. Well at this moment, he was very obedient, and he just stepped out of the boat. When he got out of the boat and we both looked, there was this huge raccoon that had assumedly nested himself under the floor of our boat, to a place outside of our vision. I guess the raccoon stuck his head up to see what was going on. Knowing the tenacities of an animal as such, Charles and I ran

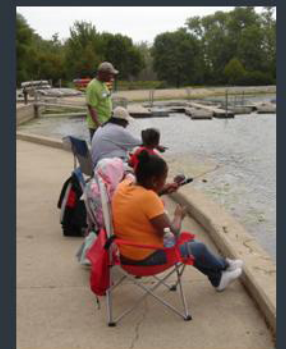
from the dock to the mainland from the pier. Very excitedly we notified the park authorities, and it took them about an hour to have the wild animal control unit inspect our boat. We waited, and the authorities said that the raccoon must have entered into the water from the un-visible side or crawled away without us noticing it because they cannot find it in our boat. Charles and I deliberated about taking our watercraft into the lake, but we envision that the raccoon might still be somewhere underneath the boat. We did not want to be in the center of the lake catching fish and suddenly the raccoon appeared on the top deck of the boat which would've meant that we both would've been swimming backward towards the shore leaving the boat in the center of the lake with no fishermen on it. It was such a stressful morning, and we decided to pull the boat out of the water put the cover on and drove to the storage facility. Once we got back to the facility, we applied a mixture of water and bleach to hose down the boat and hopefully scare the raccoon out of the boat, by the scent in case it is still hiding in the boat. This was the tragedy of a fishing trip deferred; however, a treasure of fishing experience enjoyed. I don't know how many times I have told this story and always



North Dakota Fishing Trip



Kids Summer fun fishing and camping trip, and Larry Woolridge helping out at the youth tournament



Youth Tournament fun!





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