

BIG CATCH ANGLER ASSOCIATION



Fishing Club

2013 January

BCAA Bass Master

Our clubs own version of a Bass Master is Mr. Eddie Suber our elected Trip planner for fishing season 2013-14.



Come on our and fish with me, I am the BCAA "Cat Man", Mr. Vernon Beasley.



Just call me "Deep Sea" Eugene, cause I catch the Salt Water Monsters. Come fish with me!



Exciting Times.....

There comes a time in an organization where new ideas chart future directions, The Big Catch Angler Association is no exception. 2012 was an election year for our fishing club. We have made tremendous strides in membership, fundraising, and conducting some of the most exciting fishing excursions ever. Our fishing club composite of men, women and children pursuing the sport of fishing has made an impact on the South suburbs as well as in each member's individual community, throughout the Chicagoland area. The credit goes to all of our past presidents, like Paul Goosby and Chanda Dunmars, with much valuable input from their executive boards and club members.

Our fresh leadership has clearly been defined, as measured by no one opposing the new slate of candidates. Incoming officers are President Sam Steele, Vice President Clarence Johnson, secretary Ron Adams, Treasurer Juell Walton, Membership Chair Larry Woolridge, Trip planner Eddie Suber, Fundraiser Kim Radcliffe and lastly, the Sgt. at Arms Charles Radcliffe. Beyond the president, all the other officers have the official status of Vice-president within their duties as members of the executive board.

As you know, I am not one for gossiping, but I've heard a few of the new ideas our club will be experiencing. The biggest event will be a community-based membership campaign, with incentives that will increase our club anglers to over a 150. As a priority, the revision of the Big Catch Angler of the Year fishing tournament, will include an expanded fishing season as well as ice fishing (our club's normal fishing season usually begins in March and ends in November). Our club will finally create a scholarship program for those high school seniors entering college. The fishing club logo is completed, so we will have newly created membership cards and start the program of gifting a T-shirt or fishing cap, for new memberships and renewals. This year's fishing trip (Continues on back page...).



Campside Crappie Stew

- 1 to 2 pounds of crappie fillets, cut in bite size chunks
- 3 slices of bacon, cut in 1-inch pieces
- 1 medium onion, sliced to thin rings and separated
- 1 16-ounce can of tomatoes
- 1 16-ounce can of white potatoes, cut in quarters
- 1/4-cup of catsup
- 1 tablespoon of white wine Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon of lemon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon of dried thyme (or to taste)
- 1 tablespoon of parsley flakes

In a 2-quart saucepan, over medium heat, cook bacon until limp. Add onion and cook until onion is browning. Add potatoes, tomatoes with liquid, catsup, Worcestershire, lemon pepper, thyme, and parsley. Chop large pieces of tomato as they float to the top. Cook 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the crappie, cooking about 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily. Stir often. If desired, sprinkle parmesan or grated mozzarella cheese on top of soup in a bowl. Goes great with cornbread patties or toasted French bread and a salad or Cole slaw.



Photos from the 2012 Youth Fishing Tournament at Monee Reservoir, in Monee, IL, excitement at its core!



A Peculiar Fishing Trip...
By Sam Steele



I picked up the sport of fishing at 40 years old. My grandfather had taken me and my brother a couple of times when we were "kids," between the ages of 7 to about 11 years old. I remarried at 41 years old, and my brand-new wife had two sons, one 12 and the other one 16 years old. I thought this would be a great time to blend and establish a relationship by introducing to my stepsons, the sport of fishing. I remembered my granddad used to take us fishing in Wisconsin, near Oshkosh; so I booked a two-night camping trip there at Lake Winnebago.

With just a year of experience fishing at 41 years old, my IQ was not at its highest. I asked one of my dear friends who had more experience to camp out with us. I had been an Explorer and Boy Scout, so I was well equipped to handle myself in the wilderness. With a few neighborhood kids to tag along, we had a campsite of about four tents. As we rigged our fishing poles, to no avail, because nobody caught a fish that first evening. We had all kinds of weird and strange ways to set-up to catch a fish, and still no success. The following morning, I threw out all semblance of pride and watched some of the other fishermen who caught fish, who were not with our party, to try to be successful, even then, still no victory.

As I lay in my lawn chair on the banks of Lake Winnebago, I fell asleep that afternoon with my fishing pole lodged in between my legs. Suddenly, about an

later, I awoke with the movement of my rod. I was so excited as I pulled up my fish, which was a Silver Bass. I quickly placed the fish in a bucket and patiently waiting, anticipating another bite. After about two hours, I heard a strange whistling sound. I turned around to see where it was coming from, and noticed that it was from my fishing bucket. As I walked closer to it, I heard a voice from within that said, "If you place me back in the water I will give you a special gift." I could not believe it. The voice was coming from the Silver Bass in my bucket. I grabbed my fillet knife, just in case I had to defend myself, and just stared with astonishment as the Silver fish was beckoning me to come nearer. I said to the fish, that one of my friends must be playing a trick on me.

The fish assured me that he was an original, and that the ancestral spirits have granted him certain powers to pass on as he pleases. The Silver Bass reinforced what he said earlier to me, and that was if I set him free, he would give me a special gift. After I regained my confidence as a man, I thought, what would I have to lose, so I tossed him back into the water. As the fish splashed in the water, he told me to place a colored bead on my fishing line, never keep a Silver Bass, and I will always have great success at fishing. I laughed, at first and then I decided to take that Silver Bass on his word. I have been fishing currently for about 15 or 16 years at present, and whenever I am in any kind of fishing contest, I unfailingly come in within the top four winners. Since that day, I never keep a Silver Bass, and I invariably use a colored bead, the ancestral spirits have consistently been good to me.

Ayana's Fishing Experience...
Monee reservoir
Big Catch Youth Tournament
2nd Place winner

First, I want to start by thanking the Big Catch Angler Club and their Sponsors Henry's Bait & Tackle, E&S Foods & Bait, and Angler's Outlet (Bait & Tackle). Next I want to say, if it wasn't for my grandfather (Ozzie Childress) I wouldn't have won 2nd place because I was being impatient and my grandfather had to tell me "Ayana be patient because you can't outsmart the fish." Well finally I caught on to his advice and that's when I started catching fish. The name of the fish was a Blue Gill, and I think I caught seven of them. It was easy after I became patient. I was so proud of myself because it was my first time. The last thing I want to say is the weather was perfect until it started raining, and then it was time to go but other than that, it was the perfect fishing experience (below are a few of the contest winners).



Alive and Well

If ever you thought about joining a fishing club, the atmosphere is set right by taking a look at the Big Catch Angler Association. We are experiencing phenomenal growth with excitement that stretches out in a multitude of directions. If you like to fish, we have some of the best trips planned from North Dakota's Devil Lake, Walleyes to down at Kentucky lake chasing those fat "Shell Crackers" (Big Blue Gills). Do you like to cook? Want an extraordinarily succulent dish, bring your palate to our Fantastic Fish Fry in August. Or, match your skills to our annual Big Catch Angler of the Year tournament, where you could win a custom fishing jacket and cash!
(get in on the fun)

For more information contact me at: steele303@yahoo.com
my name is Sam, and I will be glad to enroll you.

BIG CATCH ANGLER ASSOCIATION, LLC. FISHING CLUB Membership Club Application Form

_____ I wish to join your club as a new member.

Date: _____

Name: _____

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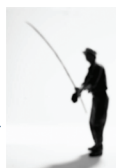
Age: _____

Youth membership is \$12.00 annual (age 5 to 18) Adult membership is \$60.00 annual (age 19 and older)

Signature: _____

Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Mail this form to: Big Catch Angler Association, PO Box 2603, Country Club Hills, IL 60478.



Up and Coming Fishing Trips for 2013

June 9th—15th
Wolf River House Resort,
Winneconne, Wisconsin.
Fishing for Smallmouth and
Largemouth Bass.



June 30th—July 2
Lake Shelbyville Camping
and fishing in IL for all species



June 23th—25th
North Dakota, Devils Lake.
Fishing for Walleye,
Northern Pike, and White
Bass. July 14th—16th



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or any club member for more
details, at PO Box 2306,
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Big Catch Angler's Awards Fishing Club Banquet January 27th, 2013

Our annual Fishing Club Awards Banquet is January 27th, 2013 at 4:00pm, in The Old Country Buffet, located at 16060 Harlem Ave, Tinley Park, IL. We will present our best anglers of the year with monetary awards and prizes. Our club president will give out a special award to a very deserving member, who we designate as our MVP person (the most valuable fisherperson) along with memberships, awards, etc.

Our annual raffle winners will win a iPad, a Kindle Fire, or a \$50.00 Visa cash card. We will have door prizes, and you can eat as much as you want at the restaurant! Please plan to attend. The cost of this fundraiser is \$25.00 a ticket for adults and \$15.00 for youth.



Big Catch Members Paul And Jamella Goosby

We will have comedian Ron Baker, Jr. of BET and Comic View fame as our guest and he brings his special brand of comedy. You can pick up your raffle tickets or purchase your banquet tickets through Mr. Samuel Steele by calling 708-912-0983. Thank you.

Membership Chairperson
Larry Woolridge



Exciting Times...
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itinerary will not only consist of different and fascinating overnight trips, but a gathering of local fishing hotspots within a two-hour travel time. So please sign up with membership chairperson Larry Woolridge by completing the information form in this newsletter.

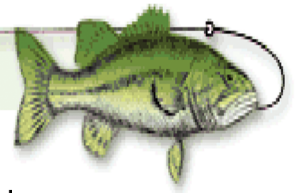


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