## SHAKAMAK STATE PARK SNITANG

# BIG CATCH ANGLER ASSOCIATION

# Fishing Fantastic Club

Lake Shakamak, Indiana

#### **C**LUB **A**CTIVITIES

Fishing Club Breakfast on the way to Lake Shakamak.



**Devils Lake North Dakota** 



Dinner at the Lake of The Ozarks in Missouri.



Eddie Suber's North Dakota Devils Lake Northern Pike Catch.





As your president, I am extremely proud of several key areas where our fishing club is doing well. Through the efforts of Mr. Eddie Suber, our trip

planner, we have not only fished in some different places, but gathered new friendships and experiences. What is a Lake Shakamak? Well, it was there, down in Indiana, that I'd cemented some relatively brand new friendships, with the likes of Mr. Charles Hunt and Vernon Beasley, both Big Catch Anglers. Several new fishing trips are on the horizon in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Mr. Sammie Maxwell and his scholarship committee within our group will find their first high school recipients by May of 2014. What a joy that will be, to be able to encourage excellence by a fishing club giving an academic scholarship? Now that is a unique way to encourage both sport fishing, and education.

As we come to the close of our regularly scheduled calendar of events from the fishing vear, be not dismaved, the fun still continues. On Sunday, January 19th, 2014 at 4:00pm at the VFW Hall, 22341 Governors Highway in Richton Park, IL 60471, we will come together to celebrate and award our fishing club's top anglers. Who will be our Big Catch Angler of the Year? This year's contest boasts a couple of first-time occurrences. For the first time during the history of our fishing tournament, the winning angler will garner over 3000 points to take the prime honors, and three women will break the top ten on the list for the best club fishermen. As you know, each fish caught brings in a certain number of points, and last year's winner was in the 2000 category. The clear theme for the women fishing this year was, "fish up, or shut up!" Their efforts suggest that fishing will no longer be a male-dominated event within the life of our fishing club because they have a voice. On the raffle ticket side at the Awards banquet, the lucky contestant will win a grand prize of an iPad by Apple Computer,



#### NORTHERN PIKE CHOWDER

5 good sized potatoes, peeled and diced

3 good sized onions, peeled and diced

1 good sized northern pike, cubed and deboned

1 large can Carnation milk 1/3 - 1/2 lb. butter Salt and pepper

Cover potatoes and onions with water and boil moderately for seven minutes. Add pike and boil for five minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer 30-60 minutes.



New Comer Latanya Harris, Sammie Maxwell's cousin, in Lake Erie, Ohio.



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2nd place winner a deluxe 32 inch Flat-screen TV, and third place a \$50.00 visa gift card (see fishing club members for your purchase of a \$1.00 ticket). If that is not enough excitement, we will be giving out at least 15 door prizes, and honoring fishing club members with a distinct service or attribute.

Special award winning categories added this year, where honors are given in eight fishing species. Who is the best Walleye fisherman, Crappie, Blue Gill, Perch, Northern Pike, Catfish, White Bass, and Small and Largemouth Bass Champion? It is going to be extremely exciting to find out!



With increasing membership, experiencing exciting fishing adventures, and constantly improving our skill set to apprehend those tasty succulent water creatures, why wouldn't you or anyone join a fishing club? Come on in and get some of this type of fun in your life. Our future is bright, and our next level will be awesome as we look forward to securing a 503c government status and own a fishing club house. If one were to ask, "What is the health of the Big Catch Angler Association," I would have to say we are looking very fit.



#### It's All in the family!



That's my brother Richard kneeling, my brother Ozzie standing, and that's me, Juell, poking the fish in the eye. This picture was taken about 55 years ago. I guess this is when my daddy told me "Juell, don't mess with the fish, they will hurt you!" Fishing has been a pastime for our family for a long time. We grew up dragging equipment down to the river and setting up camp. We would cast out our tight lines and wait for a bite. But for me, joining Big Catch Anglers has been an enjoyable, wonderful, pastime changing event!



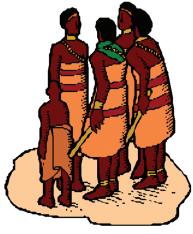
Ozzie, who joined the club first, has claimed Big Catch Angler of 2012. That's him in his jacket. I have not caught enough fish or accumulated enough points to be a contender in the contest, but I did catch a 14# King Salmon! That's me smiling holding my tired arm. I have gotten over my daddy's warning and have learned how to filet fish. Thanks Dean and Ozzie for the lessons. But I still use a thick winter glove to handle the fish. (Laugh if you want, but I have not gotten finned!)

We were on the same charter boat in Ohio catching walleye. What an experience! Ozzie taught Sharon and me how to fish for walleye. We caught walleye in the morning and then had a wonderful time fellowshipping with the club that afternoon.

This last picture is Ozzie, my sister Sharon, and me in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. We are keeping the family pastime going. Our children and their grand children have learned to fish. And the fish better not mess around because we are putting a-hurting on them!



The Life of Somali Barashango



Many, many years ago back when life itself has just begun, to the past in Alkebulan (the land of Africa before it was named), there lived a prominent family in the village of Ethiopia. Their names were the Barashangos; the husband's name was Somali, and the wife's name was Mali; they had three kids, Ghana, a boy, Kenyan and Sudan, girls.

The Barashangos were known for their discoveries in agriculture, and the creation of plant growth for food. Mali was extra proficient in plant growth and trained her husband and village in ways of providing food all year around. Somali was the nucleus of the craft of fishing, and was the first to catch a fish without live bait using a piece of wood sharpened at the end. In Alkebulan life was simple and pleasant, and adventure was to travel and discover new areas for food and play. Then one day, Somali invented a water craft which we now call the first stages of a boat. He had tied 5 big logs together in order to go further in the water to catch more fish. One day, while fishing for food, a huge wind, followed by a thunderous storm came, and carried Somali and his small makeshift boat to a new land (presently called America). Somali had been on the water for about 2 weeks, with only a diet of fish, no water, no sweet vegetables, or bread.

Once he had awakened from his long sleep on the shores of a new land, he did not fear anything, because he knew how to survive, his only goal was to find his way back to his family.

As Alkebulan continued to grow as a continent with developing countries, Somali never physically found his way back home. His children became great leaders and went on to establish providences in their names, the countries of Mali, and Ghana out of respect for their long lost father.

One day when Somali was camping in the brand-new land, many pale faced, hungry people came across his smell of captured prey, and wanted to sample the new desired delectables. Somali not only gave them some food, but he taught them how to hunt and grow vegetables. After a few months, due to jealousy and ignorance, a renegade of people from the same group of guys caught Somali alone, and killed him by cutting off one of his legs, and his head. Some say that Somali never died, and during the fishing season his spirit lives on roaming the earth, devouring every camper or fisherman who has bad thoughts hidden in his heart. So, if you hear growling late at night, or if you treat a fellow fisherman or camper badly, be aware of Somali Barashango, or you could end up in the forest laid out, with no head. If you doubt this, just pay close attention to the local news in your area, and see the many individuals, that have been reported with unresolved cases of death due to beheadings.



### THE ADENTURE GETS EVEN BETTER!

Our specialized team of fishing enthusiasts, guided by our task master, Mr. Eddie, "I can catch anything" Suber, have put together an itinerary where even the meekest of fishermen can catch something. With the Big Catch Angler Association, adventure is just around the corner. From Northern Pikes to the biggest Blue Gills, from Crappies to

Monster Catfish's, from enormous Largemouth Bass to the magnificenct marble- eye Walleyes, fishing is going to reign supreme in 2014.

With high ambition to plan a trip in Kentucky, at the thrill-seeking Kentucky Lake, somewhere in the spring or fall (at a date to be determined) for Shell Crackers, anticipation grows. Nevertheless, the fun will begin in April of 2014 with trips to Tennessee's Reelfoot Lake at Blue Banks Resort, culminating at Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks, for Crappies as long as your hand to your elbow. In May, we dock ship at Illinois Lake Sara in the early part of the month, concluding with an adventure at Lake Shakamak, in Indiana. In June, we will do a first with the combination of fishing for Walleyes in North Dakota, along Devil's Lake, and gigantic Catfishes on the Red River in the same state. Furthermore, in June, we will have day-trips with no overnight stays at places like Willow Sleuth (Indiana), Lake Michigan (Illinois and Indiana's side), Lake Shabona (Illinois), Lake McBride (Iowa), etc.

In July, we will chase those whooping Walleyes from Lake Erie, and a few White Basses that I am sure will be sprinkled in our creel. In August, we currently have no fishing trip planned, but that can be changed, so please get in contact with Mr. Eddie Suber when time permits at (clyde3301@aol. com). In September 2014, we will have a cookout /fish fry at Eddie Lakeland Estates, in Crete, along with a new angler spot on the radar in Unalaska, Wisconsin, where you can favorably catch all fish species. Lastly, in October, we will dock at Lake Newton, and visit Lake Sara, again both in Illinois. Come on out for the excitement and join the Big Catch Angler Association today.





Eddie Suber Lakeland Paradise, Beautifully nested in Crete, Illinois



Big Catch Angler Mr Delaney, one of our newest members!





Walleye Killer, Sam Steele in North Dakota

A friendly game of Bid

Whist in Ohio's Lake Erie



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