



Lunkers Unlimited Newsletter

IN THE NEWS

Should There Be a Closed Bass Season?

Recently, there has been some discussion for having a closed bass season to allow for the recovery of fisheries due to increased fishing pressure. This article discusses reasons for NOT closing bass fishing for a season. Reasons include economic importance, catch and release, conservation, and species resiliency. Read the article [here](#).

Big Smallmouth Netted While Shocking Cal-Sag

During an electroshocking study performed on the Cal-Sag Channel last October, a 3.9-pound smallmouth was collected. MWRD scientists report that this is a sign of improved water quality. Additionally, they report that diversity has improved, increasing from ten fish species in 1974 to 77 species. Read more [here](#).

Carp Bounty Increases in Kentucky

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife has increased the bounty for invasive carp from ten cents to fifteen cents a pound. These rates are for Kentucky and Barkley Lakes. Read [here](#) to get rich quick.

Bedford Sales Open House

The dates for the 2026 open house are March 6th through 8th. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details.

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

20th – Monthly meeting

February

17th – Monthly meeting

March

17th – Monthly meeting

Fish-Off Results:

Site: Rend Lake - October 18 & 19, 2025

1st Place – Rocky Roush – 15 lbs. 8 oz.

2nd Place – Adam Copack – 11 lbs. 0 oz.

3rd Place – Kevin Marz – 9 lbs. 15 oz.

Big Bass Saturday – Mark Urba – 5 lbs. 9 oz.

Big Bass Sunday – Kevin Marz – 2 lbs. 11 oz.

	Angler	Pounds/Oz.	No. of Fish	Points
1.	Rocky Roush	15.08	6	50
2.	Adam Copack	11.00	5	49
3.	Kevin Marz	9.15	4	48
4.	Mark Urba	8.09	4	47
5.	Bob Cunningham	6.06	2	46
6.	Jimmie Griffiths	5.12	3	45
7.	Warren Stidolph	5.01	2	44
8.	Tony Copack	4.13	2	43
9.	Brian Williams	4.12	2	42
10.	Doug Berman	0.00	0	10

2025 Season Standings

	Angler	Lbs./oz.	No. of Fish	Points
1.	Rocky Roush	139.08	55	343
2.	Tony Copack	148.04	65	342
3.	Mark Urba	124.08	57	335
4.	Adam Copack	116.03	55	332
5.	Kevin Marz	80.15	34	320
6.	Warren Stidolph	87.10	35	313
7.	Jimmie Griffiths	68.02	31	312
8.	Bob Cunningham	64.14	30	307
9.	Brian Franc	63.08	25	295
10.	John Gorgol	85.13	41	276
11.	Doug Berman	65.12	24	271
12.	Brian Williams	34.05	15	255
13.	Bob Jabs	47.02	23	227
14.	Jim McCarthy	30.14	14	191
15.	Mike Lamping	0.00	0	20

2025 Big Bass: Brian Williams - 6 lbs. 11 oz.

2026 Tournament Schedule

Location	Dates	Lodging	Ramp	Signup Deadline
Tom Urba, Sr. Opener at Pool 12	April 11 & 12	Country Heights Motor Inn 1154 Badger Rd. Hazel Green, WI 53811 (608) 748-4866	Mill Creek Park 20482 N. Park Entrance Marshall, IL 62441	March 28 th
Mill Creek	May 16 & 17	Relax Inn 107 E. Trefz Drive Marshall, IL 62441 (217) 826-3031	East Dubuque Boat Ramp	May 2 nd
Sturgeon Bay	June 6 & 7	TBD	TBD	May 23 rd
Pool 9	June 27 & 28	Water View Inn 500 Main Street Genoa, WI 54632 (608) 689-2652	TBD	June 13 th
Pool 13	July 18 & 19	TBD	TBD	July 4 th
Pool 10	August 1 & 2	Prairie Motel 1616 S Marquette Rd. Prairie du Chien, WI 53821 (608) 326-6461	TBD	July 18 th
Wolf River	August 29 & 30	Wolf River Resort 17 N. 1 st Ave. Winneconne, WI 54986 (920) 582-4555	Winneconne Park 498 Parkway Rd. Winneconne, WI 54986	August 15 th
Grand Haven Muskegon	September 26 & 27	Roadway Inn 1010 S. Beacon Blvd. Grand Haven, MI 49417 (616) 846-1800	TBD	September 12 th
Gorman Classic	October 17 & 18		TBD	October 3 rd

2026 Meeting Schedule (Unofficial) - All meetings are combined general and board unless designated.

January 20th

February 17th

March 17th

April

June

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Annual OPEN HOUSE

Bedford
SALES & OUTDOORS



March 6th - 8th

Friday & Saturday | 9:00am - 7:00pm

Sunday | 9:00am - 2:00pm

Saturday: **DON'T MISS OUT ON
FOOD, FUN &
SPECIAL GUESTS!**

**Discounts on Tackle and Marine
Accessories the Entire Weekend!**