

LUNKERS UNLIMITED



MOKENA, ILL.

## IN THE NEWS

**Three Killed During MLF Event**

We've all heard about this accident, but here's a couple of articles. The first is from Wired2Fish describing the incident – click [here](#) to read it. The second video is from MLF angler Mark Fisher, who took off 81<sup>st</sup> and before angler Flint Davis – click [here](#). Mark had his go-pro filming the takeoff, which can be seen at the 4:12 mark of the video. Also visible is the striper guide's boat that was involved in the incident. What is noticeable is the clear sky and good visibility.

**Forward Facing Sonar: Pros and Cons**

The author of this article describes the effects that front-facing sonar has had on his tournament experiences. Pros include saving time and scouting efficiency, while cons include becoming overconfident and screen fatigue. A short video is included. Click [here](#) for the article.

**Bed Fishing: Good or Bad?**

From Bassmaster – This article discusses the impact of bed fishing. The ability of the bass to spawn and the survivability of fry may depend on how quickly the fish is released after capture. In addition, there are drastic differences in the behavior of northern and southern Smallmouth due to the length of favorable weather. Read the article [here](#).

# Lunkers Unlimited Newsletter

## 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April**

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Monthly meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Geist Lake Cutoff Date
- 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Geist Lake Fish-Off
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Monthly meeting

**May**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Swan Lake Cutoff Date
- 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – Swan Lake Fish-Off

**June**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wolf River Cutoff Date
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Monthly meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wolf River Fish-Off
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Monthly meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Pool 13 Cutoff Date

**July**

- 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Pool 13 Fish-Off
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Monthly meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Pool 14 Cutoff Date

**August**

- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – Pool 14 Fish-Off
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Monthly meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Muskegon Cutoff Date

## Fish-Off Results:

Site: Tom Urba Sr. Open at Mill Creek Lake - March 29 & 30, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bob Jabs – 27 lbs. 7 oz.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tony Copack – 26 lbs. 1 oz.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Rocky Roush – 23 lbs. 8 oz.

Big Bass Saturday – Brian Williams – 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Big Bass Sunday — Jimmie Griffiths – 5 lbs. 15 oz.

	Angler	Pounds/Oz.	No. of Fish	Points
1.	Bob Jabs	15.12	8	50
2.	Tony Copack	15.12	8	49
3.	Rocky Roush	14.03	5	48
4.	Jimmie Griffiths	13.15	4	47
5.	Warren Stidolph	12.15	5	46
6.	Mark Urba	12.04	6	45
7.	Bob Cunningham	11.06	6	44
8.	Kevin Marz	11.04	4	43
9.	Adam Copack	10.08	7	42
10.	Doug Berman	8.15	2	41
11.	Brian Williams	6.11	1	40
12.	Brian Franc	6.09	2	39
13.	John Gorgol	4.01	3	38
	Gene Elkind (guest)	2.10	2	

## 2024 Season Standings

	Angler	Lbs./oz.	No. of Fish	Points
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## 2025 Tournament Schedule

Location	Dates	Lodging	Ramp	Signup Deadline
Tom Urba, Sr. Opener Mill Creek	March 29 & 30	Relax Inn 107 E. Trefz Drive Marshall, IL 62441 (217) 826-3031	Mill Creek Park 20482 N. Park Entrance Marshall, IL 62441	March 15
Pool 12	April 26 & 27	Country Heights Motor Inn 1154 Badger Rd. Hazel Green, WI 53811	East Dubuque Boat Ramp	April 12
Swan Lake	May 17 & 18	Super 8 Portage 3000 New Pinery Rd., Portage, WI 53901	TBD	May 3
Wolf River	June 21 & 22	Wolf River Resort 17 N. 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. Winneconne, WI 54986	Winneconne Park 498 Parkway Rd. Winneconne, WI 54986	June 7
Pool 13	July 12 & 13	Executive Inn 800 1 Mile Rd. Thomson, IL 61285	TBD	June 28
Pool 14	August 9 & 10	Executive Inn 800 1 Mile Rd. Thomson, IL 61285	TBD	July 26
Muskegon	September 6 & 7	Roadway Inn 1010 S. Beacon Blvd. Grand Haven, MI 49417	TBD	August 23
Lake Sara	September 27 & 28	Anthony Acres 15286 Resort Rd. Effingham, IL 62401	Anthony Acres Ramp	September 13
Gorman Classic	October 18 & 19	TBD	TBD	October 4

2025 Meeting Schedule - All meetings are combined general and board unless designated.

~~January 28<sup>th</sup>~~

~~February 18<sup>th</sup>~~

~~March 18<sup>th</sup>~~

April 29<sup>th</sup>

June 10<sup>th</sup>

June 24<sup>th</sup>

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

August 19<sup>th</sup>

September 9<sup>th</sup>

September 30<sup>th</sup>

November 18<sup>th</sup>

December 9<sup>th</sup>

Bob Jabs  
First Place



Tony Copack  
Second Place



Rocky Roush  
Third Place



Brian Williams  
Big Bass

