



Lunkers Unlimited Newsletter

IN THE NEWS

From the “Crime Doesn’t Pay” File...

From Illinois - An engineer taking a smoke break noticed an individual stringing up fish beside a Cal Sag barge and contacted the Illinois DNR. He also filmed the incident. The following day he witnessed a boat retrieving the fish, and again captured the event on video. Conservation police met the Indiana angler at the Waterfront Bar and Grill in Burnham. He has been banned from all Cal Sag and Big Lake Bass Anglers tournaments. Charges are pending. Read about this [here](#) and [here](#). From Louisiana – A Toledo Bend angler has been caught stuffing weights in fish at the Sealy Big Bass Splash. The fish was immediately flagged when it hit the scale, and 2.59 pounds of lead was found inside. The individual fled the scene but was later apprehended. Read the article [here](#).

A Couple of “How-To” Videos

From “The Bass Cast”:

- Summer Finesse Fishing with [Michael Neal](#)
- Rat Fishing and Gear Setup with [Jacob Wheeler](#)
- How to Fish a Chatterbait with [Shaye Baker](#) – small video in text, originally from Wired2Fish

Announcements

- Fish-off participants are reminded to use their individual weigh-in bags to bring fish to the scale, no matter how few or small. This helps ensure fish are returned to the water healthy and avoids mixing of participants catches. Obviously, this does not apply to buddy fish-offs.

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 8th & 9th – Green Lake Fish-off
- 11th – Monthly meeting (VFW)
- 15th – Cutoff Date for the Pool 9 Fish-off
- 29th & 30th – Pool 9 Fish-off

July

- 6th – Cutoff Date for the Pool 12 Fish-off
- 9th – Monthly meeting (VFW)
- 20th & 21st – Pool 12 Fish-off

August

- 3rd – Cutoff date for Buffalo Lake
- 13th – Monthly meeting (VFW)
- 17th & 18th – Buffalo Lake Fish-off
- 31st – Cutoff Date for the Wolf River Fish-off

September

- 10th – Monthly meeting (VFW)
- 14th & 15th – Wolf River Fish-off
- 28th – Cutoff Date for the Gorman Classic Fish-off

Fish-Off Results:

Site: Lake Sara - May 18 & 19, 2024

1st Place – Adam Copack – 28 lbs. 4 oz.

2nd Place – Tony Copack – 16 lbs. 6 oz.

3rd Place – Kevin Marz – 15 lbs. 0 oz.

Big Bass Saturday – Adam Copack – 4 lbs. 15 oz.

Big Bass Sunday – Jimmie Griffiths – 4 lbs. 6 oz.

	Angler	Pounds/Oz.	No. of Fish	Points
1.	Adam Copack	28.04	11	50
2.	Tony Copack	16.06	11	49
3.	Kevin Marz	15.00	11	48
4.	Brian Franc	8.12	5	47
5.	Jimmie Griffiths	8.09	5	46
6.	Bob Jabs	7.07	4	45
7.	Doug Berman	5.11	3	44
8.	John Gorgol	4.00	4	43
9.	Warren Stidolph	2.15	2	42
10.	John Zentmeyer	1.02	1	41
11.	Jim McCarthy	0.0	0	10

2024 Tournament Schedule

Location	Dates	Lodging	Ramp	Signup Deadline
Tom Urba Sr. Open at Pool 13	April 6 - 7	Executive Inn 800 1 Mile Rd. Thomson, IL 61285		March 23
Forbes Lake	April 27 - 28	The Continental 1600 E. Main Street Salem, IL 62881		April 13
Lake Sara	May 18 - 19	Anthony Acres 15286 Resort Rd. Effingham, IL 62401		May 4
Green Lake	June 8 - 9	Boarders Inn 1219 W. Fon Du Lac St. Ripon, WI 54971	Sunset Boat Launch 5254 Co. Road A Ripon, WI 54971	May 25
Pool 9	June 29 - 30	Big River Inn 500 Main Street Genoa, WI 54632	Blackhawk Park E619 Blacktop Rd. DeSoto, WI 54626	June 15
Pool 12	July 20 - 21	Country Heights Motor Inn 1154 Badger Rd. Hazel Green, WI 53811		July 6
Buffalo Lake	August 17 - 18	TBD	TBD	August 3
Wolf River	September 14 - 15	Wolf River Resort 17 N. 1 st Ave. Winneconne, WI 54986	Winneconne Park 498 Parkway Rd. Winneconne, WI 54986	August 31
Gorman Classic	October 12 - 13	TBD	TBD	September 28

2024 Meeting Schedule - All meetings are combined general and board unless designated.

~~January 9th~~

~~February 13th~~

~~March 12th~~

~~April 9th~~

~~May 14th~~

June 11th

July 9th

August 13th

September 10th

October 8th

November 12th

December tbd

Adam Copak – 1st Place and Big Bass Saturday; Tony Copack – 2nd Place



Kevin Marz – 3rd Place; Jimmie Griffiths – Big Bass Sunday

