

LUNKERS UNLIMITED



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Lunkers Unlimited Newsletter

IN THE NEWS

Do Bass Learn to Stop Biting?

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is studying bass to see if they learn from being caught. Initial results determined that naïve fish are caught 1.7 times more than experienced fish (I think we already knew that). Data from this study may steer fisheries towards stocking naïve fish into reservoirs to improve angler success. Read the article [here](#).

Nickajack Lake Produces New State Record

A new Tennessee record largemouth was recently caught on Nickajack Lake near Chattanooga. The 15.75-pound bass was caught by Darren Nunley on February 28th, using a half-ounce Z-Man Jack Hammer Chatterbait. DNA results are pending, but it is suspected the bass is a hybrid between a Florida-strain bass and a native largemouth. Read the article [here](#).

Announcements (repeat)

- Lunkers Awards Dinner will be downstairs at the VFW during the March 31st meeting.
- Please let Kevin know in advance if you will be attending the Mill Creek fish off so ramp passes can be arranged.
- The fish off chairman needs updated copies of member boat insurance certificates prior to the first fish off.
- Prepare for the boat safety inspection prior to takeoff at Pool 12. We will check kill switches, livewells and lights. All members will need produce a valid fishing license.

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 28th – Pool 12 cutoff date
- 31st – Monthly meeting (downstairs for awards dinner)

April

- 11th & 12th – Tom Urba Sr. Opener at Pool 12
- 21st – Monthly meeting

May

- 2nd – Mill Creek cutoff date
- 16th & 17th – Mill Creek Fish Off
- 23rd – Green Lake cutoff date
- 26th – monthly meeting

June

- 6th & 7th – Green Lake Fish Off
- 13th – Pool 9 cutoff date
- 16th – monthly meeting
- 27th & 28th – Pool 9 Fish Off

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	East Dubuque Ramp	March 28 th
Mill Creek	May 16 & 17	Relax Inn 107 E. Trefz Drive Marshall, IL 62441 (217) 826-3031	Mill Creek Park	May 2 nd
Green Lake	June 6 & 7	Crossroads Motel & Cabins W6330 WI-23 Oxford, WI 53952 (608) 589-5151	Dodge Memorial County Boat Ramp	May 23 rd
Pool 9	June 27 & 28	Water View Inn 500 Main Street Genoa, WI 54632 (608)689-2652	Blackhawk County Park	June 13 th
Pool 13	July 18 & 19	Executive Inn 800 1 mile Rd. Thomson, IL 61285 (815) 305-6688	Marquette Park Boat Ramp	July 4 th
Pool 10	August 1 & 2	Prairie Motel 1616 S Marquette Rd. Prairie du Chien, WI 53821 (608) 326-6461	374 N Saint Feriole Dr. Prairie du Chien, WI	July 18 th
Wolf River	August 29 & 30	Wolf River Resort 17 N 1 st Ave. Winneconne, WI 54986 (920) 582-4555	Winneconne Park	August 15 th
Grand Haven/ Muskegon	September 26 & 27	Roadway Inn 1010 S. Beacon Blvd. Grand Haven, MI 49417 (616) 846-1800	Pettys Bayou/Grand Trunk Launches	September 12 th
Gorman Classic	October 17 & 18		TBD	October 3 rd

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

~~January 20th~~

~~February 17th~~

March 31st

April 21st

May 26th

June 16th

July 7th

August 18th

September 15th

October 6th

November 17th

December 15th

