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Lunkers Unlimited Newsletter

IN THE NEWS

Spring Pre-Spawn Fishing Tips

From "The Bass Cast" website... A couple of articles on pre-spawn bass fishing. The first article describes identifying pre-spawn staging areas and some preferred baits. The second article focuses on how to read contour maps to identify flats, ledges, and humps. Read the articles [here](#) and [here](#).

Illinois Anglers Lead at Kissimmee

Two Illinois natives lead after day 1 of the MLF Invitational on the Kissimmee Chain. Ryan Armstrong of Robinson brought in 29 lbs. 12 oz., and Drew Gill of Mount Carmel weighed in 25 lbs. 13 oz. The two anglers move on to day 2 (Feb. 22nd) with the hopes of advancing to the final day 3 on Sunday, February 23. Read the article [here](#) and watch the day 2 and 3 results on the MLF page [here](#).

Pritzker Delays Invasive Carp Project

The Illinois governor has canceled the \$1.2 billion invasive carp project because he's worried the federal government won't provide the funds they promised. The project would help prevent the carp from reaching the Great Lakes. Sound like he wants to spend it on something else. Read the article [here](#).

Announcements:

- The new fish-off season is approaching. Boaters should submit a copy of their insurance to the fish-off director, and prepare for the boat inspection: license, live wells, lights, and kill switch.

2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

18th – Monthly meeting

March

15th – Mill Creek Cutoff Date

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29th & 30th – Tom Urba, Sr. Opener
at Mill Creek

April

12th – Geist Lake Cutoff Date

15th – Monthly meeting

26th & 27th – Geist Lake Fish-Off

May

3rd – Swan Lake Cutoff Date

6th – Monthly meeting

17th & 18th – Swan Lake Fish-Off

June

2nd – Wolf River Cutoff Date

10th – Monthly meeting

21st & 22nd – Wolf River Fish-Off

28th – Pool 13 Cutoff Date

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
Geist Lake	April 26 & 27	TBD	Geist Marina	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 Change pending	Wolf River Resort 17 N. 1 st 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 28th~~

~~February 18th~~

March 18th

April 15th

May 20th

June 10th

July 1st

August - pending

September 16th

October 7th

November 18th

December 16th

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FISHERMEN'S KNOT-TYING CHART #2

FISHERMEN'S KNOTS

QUICK-REFERENCE ILLUSTRATIONS

DETAILED GUIDE TO PRO-FISHERMAN'S KNOT-TYING



TERMINAL TACKLE UNI-KNOT

Used for attaching tackle to line or mono leader.

1. Run line through eye and double back forming circle.
2. Tie uni-knot by Wrapping tag end around double line six turns and through loop. Pull tag end to tighten.
3. Pull main line to tighten knot.
4. Keep pulling tight on main line and tackle until knot slides tight against eye.

Uni-knot

LEADER TO LINE UNI-KNOT

Used to connect mono leader up to four times pound/test of line.

1. Double line end and overlap leader forming a loop.
2. Make basic uni-knot with 3 turns, bring end through loop.
3. Pull loop to tighten knot.
3. Repeat uni-knot with leader end. Make 3 turns around the main line and tag end.
4. Pull tight and trim loop and ends.

JOINING TWO LINES UNI-KNOT

Used to join 2 lines of equal diameters.

1. Overlap line ends about 6 inches, forming loop in one line for uni-knot.
2. Tie a Uni-Knot with 6 wraps around the lines.
3. Pull tag end to tighten first knot around line.
4. Tie a second uni-knot with tag end of other line.
5. Pull both main lines to tighten and bring knots together. Trim ends.

SIMPLIFIED BLOOD KNOT

Used to connect two lengths of line or leader of near equal diameter.

1. Tie the two line ends together with a simple overhand knot.
2. Form a loop and begin turning one side around line. Leave twists loose.
3. Make 8-10 turns, then pull loop through center opening.
4. Hold loop with teeth while pulling ends to tighten knot.
5. Clip loop off close to knot.

IMPROVED BLOOD KNOT

Used to join a smaller diameter line to a much larger diameter such as a mono leader.

1. Double the light line and put along side heavy line.
2. Wrap each line three time around the other in opposite directions. Bring line ends back through loop in center.
3. Carefully pull both long ends of lines to tighten.

END LOOP KNOT

To form a loop at the end of line or mono leader.

1. Double line end leaving six or more inches of doubled line to work with.
2. Make 5 wraps with doubled line back over itself keeping beginning wrap open.
3. Bring end of doubled line back through first loop formed. Tighten knot by pulling main line ,tag end and loop.
4. Pull finished loop tight and trim tag end.

HOMER'S KNOT

Developed by Homer Circle, angling editor of Sports Afield, a very strong knot for any hook or tackle.

1. Run line through hook eye and tie overhand knot around standing line.
2. Make three turns around standing line.
3. Then make three turns around standing line back towards hook and Thread through center of overhand knot.
4. Pull on all lines and hook to tighten knot. Trim end.

SIMPLE LOOP CONNECTION

Used for connecting a snelled hook directly to line.

1. Tie an end loop in line.
2. Thread leader loop through line loop, then thread hook back through leader loop.
3. Pull lines tight.

CRAWFORD KNOT

Used for joining any hook, lure or swivel to line or mono leaders.

1. Insert about 8 inches of line through eye and form loop.
2. Bring tag end back around front of loop and back over.
3. Bring tag end back over three lines forming a figure eight.
4. Insert tag end between front part of loop and Main line. Pull tight and trim.

DOUBLE IMPROVED CLINCH KNOT

For tackle connections with light lines.

1. Pass doubled line through eye. Double back and make five wraps around lead lines.
2. Thread end through first loop above eye, then through big loop.
3. Hold doubled end and lead line while pulling coils tight. Slide tight against eye.