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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - ORIEN "HILO" LOE



Orien "Hilo" Loe In 1984 with a beautiful 1 pound 1 oz Crappie caught right here on Fountain Lake

This month the spotlight is on Orien "Hilo" Loe. Hilo has been a member of the FLSC ever since there has been an FLSC (charter member). He is a former board member, has been featured in AL Tribune articles, is close personal friends with the DNR Conservation Officer (had to toss that one in there) but most of all he is a great guy. Hilo can be counted on to be there at almost every event the club holds. He sells raffle tickets like a man on fire and is always willing to share a story. He is an avid angler fishing for whatever will bite whenever he can. Certainly he has his favorite species but for the most part

he just loves to fish. Hilo brings to the club a wealth of knowledge on our history and a dedication to it that can be matched by very few. That is why Hilo is this months Spotlight member (well that and we found that great picture ☺)

If you know a member that you feel should be in the spotlight contact [Lance Frank](#)



Special Points of Interest:

From The Presidents Desk

off the hook

24 Hour Fish A Thon



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From Recycled Fish Website

The Recycled Fish 24 Hour Fish-A-Thon is anglers fishing around the clock and around the country to raise awareness for the problems facing our fisheries, and money to help solve those problems.

Our lakes, streams and seas are in trouble. It is the result of many things, from over-consuming water to over-harvest of fish to pollution to

invasive species. Many of the main issues come from problems in our broader environment because "Our Lifestyle Runs Downstream."

Anglers – people who love to fish – are the first to notice, because we spend time on the water observing our surroundings. Problems in our environment often show up first in our waters – it all runs

downstream. We're doing something about it with the 24 Hour Fish-A-Thon.

We're standing up as not just users of our natural resources, but as stewards. We're raising the flag for simple things anybody can do to ensure healthy waters for fish and wildlife – and for each of us.

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The 2011 Recycled Fish 24 hour Fish A Thon is scheduled for September (final date TBA) If you are interested in putting together a team to represent FLSC contact [Lance Frank](#)

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

BY DAVE VILLARREAL

Hello to all,
This will be two months in a row for the Presidents article! Not bad considering I usually wait till the last minute to get it done, and it helps when I have Lance reminding me! :) Still I have to admit I'm on a roll now, my wife will be so proud...she knows best how much of a procrastinator I am!!! We are now into May and I think its gotta be better than the month of April! What a wet, windy, and cold month that was. I think it best to forget about that and get ready for some better weather this month! There are many things going on this month to be optimistic about... soon will be our highway clean up, also the bike-a-thon for cancer is that same day. Fishing opener is just around the corner, I hope everyone has their boats ready

to go for that. Of course "Mothers Day" is coming up as well, better not forget that one! Last month I wrote about volunteering both with our club and in your community as well, and a lot of the feedback from our readers was encouraging, and I felt as though many will embrace the idea. (just don't forget to spend time with your family and get some me time in there as well!) :) This month I would like to thank some of the people that have helped out with bringing in door prizes for our monthly meeting. For those of you not familiar...Harlan Thompson has been bringing in small prizes to give away at the end of our meetings and lately many of our members have been doing the same. Some may have a talent with wood working, fishing lures, hats,

and many other gifts. These may not be expensive gifts, but its nice to win a prize every once in a while! I know Harlan appreciates the help, so if any of you readers want to donate prizes just bring them in to a meeting and let us know, we can set them up front for the nights drawing. Earlier I mentioned fishing opener and that brings back many memories of my earliest fishing experiences. Not on any big lake or river...but fishing the ditches out by Hollandale! Yes that's right ditches :) The best we could do was some bullheads but it sure was fun. (it sure beat working in those old potato fields!) Back then we didn't have any of those fancy fishing lures and bait! We just had the old go to bait! You know what I'm talking

about...get out an old shovel and dig up some earthworms!!! Under rocks or wherever you could think to find them. How about waiting till after a rain shower and hitting the mother load of night crawlers. Now those are some fun memories!!! I really think half the fun of fishing was the search for earthworms!!!

With the nice weather coming (fingers crossed) take some time to finally get out and enjoy the outdoors. It will be a great time to create some new and lasting memories to share with friends and family!

I will leave you with one last bit of advice. DON'T FORGET MOTHERS DAY!!! (a woman scorned and all!)

Thanks for your time and have a great month and be safe!!!

FAREWELL AND THANKS TO THE LAKES FOUNDATION OF ALBERT LEA BY LANCE FRANK

On Thursday April 21st 2011 the Lakes Foundation of Albert Lea voted to disband. The decision was reached after much deliberation and discussion. The reason for disbanding was simple and one we face often...lack of participation. I don't mean to say that our members don't participate because they do... reliably but occasionally it is difficult to get the required numbers of volunteers to achieve our goals (and our membership is over 150 theirs was considerably smaller) They had initially considered merging with FLSC to continue on with the coin sales but after investigation it was discovered that there was no legal obligation to continue so to simplify matters it was decided that disbanding was best. The Lakes Foundation chair Nick Kruse has committed to continuing the lake cleanup and actually wants to expand that to two each year (spring and fall) he has asked us to help which will be brought up in a future meeting.

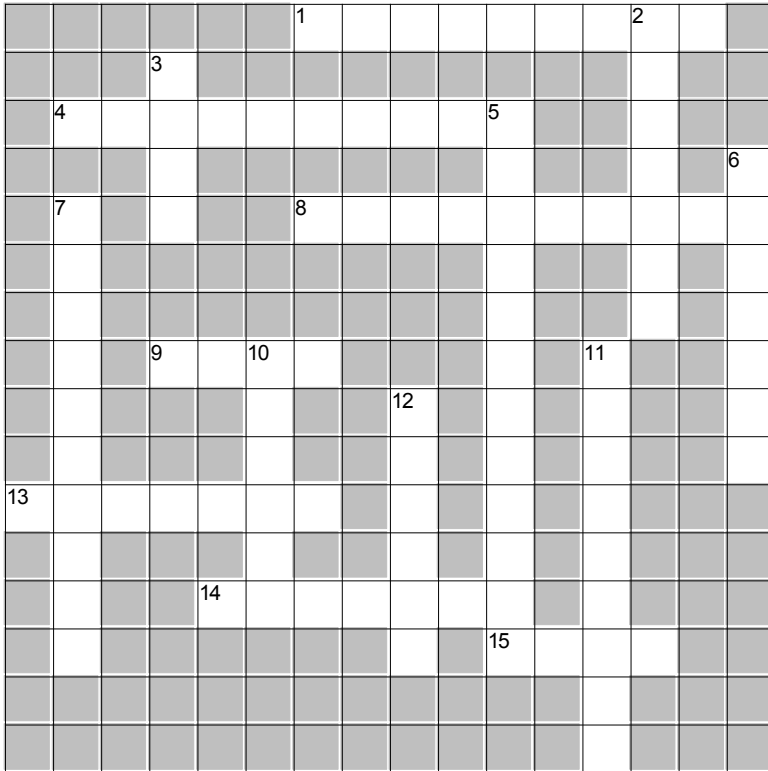
Upon disbanding the foundation had a positive balance in their accounts which was divided equally between FLSC and the Pelican Breeze Foundation. A portion of the donation will go into our youth account and the remainder will go into the general fund with the understanding that it is to be used for "lake quality or use projects" One of these projects being discussed is a monitoring system to watch and catch people illegally dumping trash at the St. Nicholas landing on Albert Lea Lake.

I would like to thank the former members of the Lakes Foundation of Albert Lea not only for the donation but for everything they have done for our lakes, the water quality and our club. You should congratulate yourselves on a job well done and look on the disbanding not as a failure but as a success. When you reflect on everything that has been accomplished there is no other way to see it. So I say farewell to the Lakes Foundation but also congratulations you have "worked yourself out of a job" and that is something to be proud of.

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Do we have
Your current
Contact info?

off the hook



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The answers to all the clues are in this months *Tight Lines*

Across

1. We are not just users we are _____
4. Bite Indicator (Two Words)
8. Commitment (Synonym)
9. He just "Loves to fish"
13. *Pomoxis Perciformes*
14. See water problems first
15. Off the _____

Down

2. Last name of our first President
3. Non Active Member (Acronym)
5. Hosts 24 Hour Fish A Thon
6. Tail of the Tape is this type of application
7. "Our lifestyle runs _____"
10. American _____
11. Kids go to bait
12. Fish in this type of water for early season panfish

FISHING THE MIDWEST - BOB JENSEN

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It's early spring and anglers want to go fishing. In many areas we can chase whatever species of fish we want to chase, but in some areas the season for walleyes, pike, bass and muskies isn't open yet. But almost everywhere, the season for panfish is always open. Panfish are abundant in many bodies of water, they're great on the table, and, if you keep a few things in mind, they'll be willing biters. Here are some of the things you need to do to catch some crappies and bluegills right now. First idea: You've gotta be fishing where the fish want to bite. There are times when there will be lots of fish in a particular area, but they aren't willing biters. There will be fewer fish somewhere else, but they will be hungry and eager to take your bait. Early in the year, when panfish are the target, it works well to find the warmest water. The fish in warmer water early in the year will often be the most willing biters. Warmer water isn't the only thing though. It's good if there's some cover in that warmer water. Cover could be docks, trees or brush in the water, maybe some reeds: Cover can be just about anything that the fish can hang out around. It's also good to have deeper water nearby. Panfish like to have quick access to deeper water. Search out the areas that are exposed to sunshine. If you have a temperature gauge in your boat, cruise around the various areas, keeping an eye on the thermometer. Note where the warmest water is, and if deeper water and cover are present, give it a try. If you're fishing from shore, fish the north side of the body of water. The north side catches the sun's rays more intensely and will usually warm up quicker. A variety of baits will catch early season panfish, but it's pretty hard to beat a slip-bobber and a small jig. Remember that crappies have much larger mouths than bluegills or sunfish. If crappies are the target, a sixteenth ounce jig would be a good choice. If you're after 'gills or sunfish, go with something smaller, maybe a 1/32nd 1/64th ounce jig. A Fire-fly jig in the appropriate size and tipped with a minnow or small Gulp! Maggot or Earthworm or something like that would be a good starting point. A small Power Tube rigged on a jighead is also very good. Use a smaller, thinner slip-bobber. You want something that the fish can pull under easily. A larger bobber has more water resistance and is harder to pull under. If the panfish feel too much resistance, they'll spit the bait. The new Northland Lite-Bite slip-bobbers have a brass eye grommet that enables your line to slide through very easily. For panfish, the pencil float is a good design. Now is the time to get after panfish. Keep enough for one meal if you want and put the rest back. This is a great time of year to get on the water, and panfish can provide lots of action. Find out soon for yourself how much fun early season panfish can be.

To see all the newest episodes of Fishing the Midwest television, visit fishingthemidwest.com or MyOutdoorTv.com

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Club Meeting 7pm American Legion	4	5	6	7 Hwy Cleanup Meet 9 AM Old Walmart Lot
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LOST LURES— A LOOK AT OUR PAST

July 1980— In a Letter from President Kimm Dilling to the Members of the Fountain Lake Sportsmens Club California Chapter ““We feel particularly honored by having such distinguished members so far removed from our projects”....Wait a minute California Chapter ? That’s right We once had a chapter in Southern California. Apparently during a visit to Albert Lea by Robert H. Main he was so impressed with the clubs activities that he took it upon himself to share the story with his fishing buddies back home in Cali. Within a short time our California membership grew from zero to twenty. These members were obviously M.I.N.O.’s (Members In Name Only) but still it is impressive to think that at one time very early in our history we made an impact over two-thousand miles away ! In that group of California members there were businessmen, three mayors and a congressman.

Stay tuned there is a bunch more history to tell about the FLSC...

Dylan Anderson—Club Historian

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American Legion Post 56
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The American Legion Post 56 is this months sponsor. Which is fitting as this is the place we call “home” Todd and the Staff are wonderful to us and we wanted to say “Thank You” for everything they do. For good food at a great price in a friendly atmosphere check out the Legion. You won’t be disappointed. While you are there Make sure to “Thank A Vet” !

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