

2006 Letter

March 12th: I couldn't wait any longer. The access by my fish camp still had some ice on it so I went North, not too far from the state line. At 6:00AM the air was in the 20's, the water 38 degrees. The river was up two foot from the day before according to the water gauge on the computer and still on the rise. It was overcast with a light drizzle coming down. I had some new lures to try out for Alan Probst of Alan Probst All Outdoors, and a short time to do it because the wife wanted me to go to the relatives at noon.(we'll see). He had a 3" green pumpkin tube which I got a 14" smallie on in the deep slack water. And I got a 16" Walleye on a 3" Senko knock off he had given me. These lures I knew would work because I use similar lures all the time. The interesting lures he has are called a "Shad Flasher" They come in three sizes, a 2", 3", and 5". I won't get into detail yet about them, but I put the 5"er on with a medium rod and you use them like a jerk bait. Each time you jerk it, the gill flap turns back exposing a red collar underneath. About 8 casts in I let it drop to the bottom and started twitching it like a wounded minnow and WHAM, a small Northern Pike Hit it, 25" long. Another 10 casts and a bigger Northern hit it and about 30 seconds later, there went my new lure with the Pike. About \$3.50 worth. Oh well, sorry Alan. Just for shits and giggles, I put a 2" one on a hair jig I had made and picked up another 15" walleye about an hour later. I had fun, I was back at the house by 11:00AM,(but I still don't plan on going to the relatives).We'll see.

Myself and my clients will be testing the heck out of these lures this season. If you want some for yourself, I think he may have them or can get them for you at around \$3.49/pk. I got a link for Alan on my links page if you want to check it out.

March 30th: I went out by myself today from 12:30AM to 3:15 PM. The sky was sunny, and the water was 46 degrees to 48 degrees when I left. The water was also clear to 5 ft or so with a slow current. I used a 3" tube that Alan Probst gave me to try from someone who does home pours. Well Alan, I'll tell ya, that tube worked more than a little well. In the 2hrs and 45 min that I was out, I caught 42 smallies with seven trophies in the mix. The biggest being 18 1/2". Five out of the seven bass were over 17"! If I had two clients with me today for 8hrs, it would have been over a hundred fish day, AND IT'S STILL MARCH! Unless we get some cold wet weather, the bass will be spawning real early this year. All of the big fish were in 6 to 7 ft. of water.

April 1st: First charter of the season. Brothers Tim and Brian Hamberger came up to go fishing with me for the first time. The sky started out overcast, then we had some rain, then in the afternoon we had high winds, 17MPH to 25MPH. And we had a great time. Why? Because we caught 144 fish that's why! This is no April Fools joke, the river water was 51 degrees, and clear down to 5 foot. Conditions are great! There was 1 walleye and 1 white sucker in the mix along with 8 trophy smallies. We only had to use one lure all day, and that was a 3" tube jig. The boys knew how to fish and the fish were turned on. This was a new one day record for the month of April.

April 8th: Ed Nestor and Barry Buchecker came up fishing on a cold, 45 degree windy

day. The sky was overcast, The water 44 degrees and clear down to 5 ft. The fish are still in their winter patterns, most of our fish were caught in 6 to 10ft. We caught 92 fish today, all smallies with 24 trophy bass, a new one day record for the big ones. Both men had made their own fishing rods which had worked very well. The fish were all caught on jigs, mostly tubes, fished as slow as as we could without getting caught on the bottom. Way to go guys!

April 9th: Went fishing today with Kevin Redinger and Kurt Borman. The sky was sunny, the water was clear to 5ft and 42 degrees. We boated 42 Smallies today with 14 trophies in the mix. The biggest smallie was 19" , a great fish. For awhile Keven was boating a trophy fish every other fish he caught. He ended up with 7 trophy bass. Kurt caught several trophy bass himself. The fish are still in the winter holding areas in 6 to 12 ft of water. Tube jigs caught all the fish today.

April 11th: Went fishing today with Marion Nunan and Barry Bingaman. The sky was sunny and the water clear visability down to 6ft. The water temp started out at 46 degrees and it was 50 degrees when we left after seven hours. We caught 104 Smallies today with 15 trophies in the mix, the biggest being 18". Marion had the hot stick today boating 55 fish and 10 trophies himself. Most of the fish were caught on tubes however we caught 22 smallies on a 3" hand poured do nothing worm I got from Alan Probst. A good day.

April 13th: Rick and Ricky Liebert came fishing today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water clear to 5ft and 52 degrees. We caught 100 fish even today and would have caught more if a thunder storm hadn't threatened us. Young Ricky caught the 100th fish when I was getting the boat ready to outrun the storm. Ricky also caught a walleye in the morning. Rick had made me another custom rod, this time in a 6 1/2' medium light with a fast action tip, he put the same custom handle on it for me I have on my other one. I love it! It works great for spinners and jigs. We were doing great with tubes and do nothing worms, some of which I got from Alan Probst to try. They work great Alan! However, with the water temp going up over 50 degrees I had to get out the L.D. Guide All Fish Spinners to try. While they wern't the hot lure of the day, I did catch about 15 bass with them. It will only get better. There were 10 trophy bass caught, with a nice 18 1/2" Smallie being the biggest, caught on Alans do nothing worm. (We got to get a name for that).

April 14th: Ed Nestor and Barry Buchecker came fishing today in the rain-all day long. The water was clear down to 5ft and 54 degrees. We caught a new record for April one day fishing which was 157 fish today! All smallies except for one carp and one small muskie, There were 9 trophy smallies caught with the biggest just a wisker under 19". Most of the fish were caught on jerk baits, jigs, and some on crank baits. Ed started us off when he tried a Husky Jerk, then Barry and I got in on the action with X-raps which I stayed with all day. A lot of fun!

April 15th: Ed and Barry went fishing with me again today. The sky was sunny and the water clear to 4 ft and 56 degrees. We're starting to get a green algee tint to the

water. Just when I thought it couldn't get any better this season, we caught a new all time ever most fish in one day record, 196 fish! All smallies with one large mouth in the bunch. There were 28 trophies caught, another new record, Ed caught 14 of them. The big bass of the day was a beautiful 19 1/2" caught by Barry. In the last two days the three of us caught an astounding 353 fish! All the fish were caught on suspending jerk baits. Now something always seems to happen when the three of us get together. Lets see, Ed paid the price in blood, first it was a jerk bait in the ear, I'll let him tell you about that. Then it was a treble hook deep in the thumb put there by a smallie. There was no way Ed was going to leave the boat for a doctor so he yanked it out by himself while I grit my teeth. Barry lost his good hat off his head while we were going in the jet boat, we never did find it. I found a potato in my lunch box, thank you Barry, he knows I'm on a carb free diet. I found Barry's lure he lost the day before floating in the river, I didn't offer to give it back either until the end of the day after I had caught 30 fish on it and broke off the back treble. He said I could keep it after that. All in all a simply great day. Way to go guys!

April 17th: Went fishing today with John Snyder and 14yr old Evan Gill. The sky was sunny with a few clouds. The water was clear to 4ft and 54 degrees. We caught 116 fish today with one Large mouth in the mix, all the rest were smallies. There were 10 trophies in the bunch with a 17 1/2" being the biggest. We caught a couple on tubes in the morning then stayed with suspending jerk baits for the rest of the day. We saw a flock of great blue herons with more than 30 birds, it was quit a site. A good day with a couple of good guys.

April 19th: Spent the day with Dan Butt and Mike Poddo from Maryland. The sky was sunny with afternoon wind. The water clear to 4ft and 56 degrees. We caught 129 fish today with one Northern pike and one sucker in the mix. There were 10 trophy bass caught with Mike catching one just shy of 19" for the big bass of the day. Mike also caught the Northern Pike about 27" long which after I netted it for him, the Pike decided to jump back out of the boat, takeing Mikes lure with him. Mike has a fishing website in Maryland, the address is www.mdfishing.org . Look it up and say Hi.

April 20th: Paul Szyszko and Lou Quinn came fishing today under sunny skies and a light breeze. The water was clear to 5ft and 59 degrees. We caught 156 fish today with one sucker in the mix. There were 6 trophy bass with Lou getting the biggest at 17 1/2". Paul had the hot stick today landing the most fish. I finally lost that lure of Barry Bueckers today when a Northern Pike came up and cut it cleanly off my line. All the paint was missing from the belly of the lure now but I had caught 260 bass on it. I wanted to see how many fish I could get on it before they had all the paint wore off it. Another great day.

April 21st: Another great day! Kevin Readinger and Kurt Bornmann came up to go fishing with me. The sky was mostly sunny, and we had a bad front wind come in the afternoon. The water was 60 degrees and clear to 4ft. We caught 168 fish with two Northern Pike in the mix. Only five trophy bass were caught with Kevin getting a 17"er being the biggest. Baits of the day were tube jigs in the early morning and suspended

jerk baits for the rest of the day.

April 24th: Today separated the boys from the men. Alan Pierce and Barry Frank came fishing with me. They were both new to the river and under the conditions faced, they did well. The sky was overcast, and the water stained and 51 degrees. Oh did I mention, DEEP and FAST! The water came up 4 1/2 ft Sunday and today. Fishing conditions were tough, and in the afternoon the wind came up. We boated 28 fish with Allan boating two trophy bass, the biggest being 18 1/2" long. We also got 4 walleye with Barry getting the biggest at 23" long. Black tubes caught most of the fish today.

April 25th: The river came up another foot last night, turned a dirty brown and was 50 degrees. Scott Williams and Brad Lindenmuth came fishing today under even tougher conditions than we had yesterday. With the afternoon came high winds which made it even more difficult. We caught 17 fish today with a walleye in the mix. There were 5 trophy bass caught. A 18"er was the biggest. We saw a pair of eagles, one was bringing more twigs to their huge nest, beautiful! Coming home I hit a pothole with the boat trailer and broke the leaf springs. Lots of fun!

April 28th: Frank Corcione and Bob Bouman came fishing with me today. The sky was clear, the water stained and 51 degrees. My leaf springs for the jet boat trailer didn't come in yet so we took the old float boat. We caught 59 fish today with one good muskie in the mix. There were 5 trophy bass caught with a 17" being the biggest. I caught the 42" , 23 lb muskie on my light action fenwick rod with 10lb magnathin line. I was lucky the tube caught it in the corner of the mouth and the guys said I played it for about 15 minutes. During the fight at one point the fish jumped out of the water, what a sight! Without the help of Bob and Frank I never would have gotten it in the boat. My springs came in during the day so I put them on the trailer tonight.

April 29th: Today Dave Borkowski and Tim Miller came fishing. The sky was sunny. The water light stained and 52 degrees. We caught 86 fish today with 8 trophy smallies in the mix. The biggest base was a 19 1/2" beauty that Tim caught. The baits of the day were, tubes, Yum Dingers, and jerk baits.

April 30th: Went fishing with Ed Moses and I apologise I don't have the name of his fishing buddy. We caught 75 fish with 2 walleye and 3 rock bass in the mix. Tubes and jerk baits worked today.

May 1st: Went fishing with Marion Nunan and Barry Stark today. The water was light stained and 57 degrees. The sky was partly cloudy. We caught 92 fish today with 4 walleyes and 10 trophy smallies in the mix.

May 2nd: Went fishing with Marion Nunam and Barry Stark. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was light stained and 58 degrees. We caught 111 fish today with 3 walleyes in the mix. Tubes and jerk baits caught the fish.

May 3rd: Al Premuto and Ron Thieme came fishing today under partly sunny skies. The

water was 60 degrees and light stained. We caught 101 fish today with 2 rock bass, 6 trophy smallies, and 1 HUGE carp that Ron caught. It was 36" long, weighed 22lb, and took us across the river and back. Ron had the hot stick of the day and caught the most fish. The baits of the day were tubes, and jerk baits. We saw an eagle on the nest, and as we were fishing along we heard the crows raising a fuss about something. Looked up and at the edge of the river in a big nest was a great horned owl chick. It looked like a big grey puffball with horns. Big moma was in the trees keeping the crows away.

May 5th: Scott and Jeff Hummel came fishing today. The sky was sunny, the water light stained and 61 degrees. We caught 84 fish today with 1 rock bass and 7 trophy smallies in the mix with Jeff catching the biggest at 18". Tube jigs, Yum Dingers, jerk baits were the baits of the day with Scott catching several on a Carolina rig.

May 6th: Dave and Gene Borkowski came fishing today with overcast skies and light rain in the morning. The water was 61 degrees and light stained. We caught 111 fish today with 1 walleye, 1 Bluegill, and 18 rockies in the mix. The spawn is on now and we stayed away from known bass beds and we did pretty good as we got only 4 trophy bass today, all were spawn out. I caught a 11" rockie to add to my catch and release angler award citations. (they only need to be 8") Dave found out how well his new custom rod floats. (It doesn't). We were lucky that we were only in 2ft of water at the time. Lures of the day were mainly tubes with some action on jerk baits and Yum Dingers. We saw three bald eagles today and a mink.

May 7th: Went fishing today with Damion Frigano. The sky was sunny, but we had a frost in the morning. The water was light stained and getting more algae in it and 60 degrees. We caught 51 fish today with three trophy smallies and a northern pike in the mix. I saw the deputy WCO give a guy a warning about repeated bass bed fishing.

May 8th: John Reynard and George Ginder came fishing today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water 60 degrees and light stained with algae. We caught 62 fish today with 1-walleye, 1-rock bass, and 1-northern pike. George got an Angler Award catch and release rockie at 10 3/4" long. During the day I had a pike bite off my jerk bait and he took off. Four minutes later and 20ft further down river, George caught my jerk bait with his through the eye of the bait. What are the odds of that!

May 8th evening: Went fishing with Rick Steven and Joe Daily. It was still partly cloudy and the water was 62 degrees. We caught 29 fish tonight with 2 walleye, and 2-rock bass in the mix. Jerk baits and Yum Dingers were the baits used. Joe got a nice 22" Walleye. The bugs going back to the access at 8:00 were terrible at 40MPH. When we stopped we were covered with them. They were crawling out of places on me I don't want to mention.

May 9th: Went fishing with Bruce and Gloria Christman. The sky was partly cloudy and the water light stained and 62 degrees. We caught 51 fish today with 5 trophy smallies in the mix. A 17 1/2"er was the biggest. In addition to fishing, we identified many birds along the way. Jerk baits, tubes, and L.D. Spinner Baits were the lures of the day.

May 10th: John Yaswinski and John Jason came fishing today under a bright sunny sky. The water was stained with snot grass and 63 degrees. We caught 41 fish today with one nice walleye caught by Jake, five rock bass, and two trophy smallies also caught by Jake. We saw two eagles and a Pilated Woodpecker today.

May 10th evening: Dan and Earl West came fishing. We caught 18 smallies tonight.

May 11th: Earl and Dan West was fishing again today. The sky was cloudy and the water, stained and 64 degrees. The wind was WICKED! 20 to 25MPH winds along with the moss and snot weed made fishing really tough. We caught 60 fish today with 6 rockies and three northern pike in the mix. Tubes, jerk baits, and L.D.Spinner baits did the trick. We saw three turkey gobblers on an island and a single loon on the way in.

May 12th: Dick Rivers and myself went fishing today. The sky was overcast, we had some rain last night but the river only came up about two inches, dirty, and 63 degrees. We caught 44 fish today with two rock bass, one small muskie, and 6 trophy smallies. The biggest being 18". Tube jigs and L.D.Spinner Baits caught the fish today.

May 13th: Went fishing with Ed and Adam Nestor today. The sky was overcast and the water was stained and 63 degrees. We got chased off the water by a thunder storm that caught us with 3 miles to go to the access. But before we ended our day a couple of hours early we caught 55 fish with four rock bass and one nice 34" Northern Pike that Ed caught alongwith 8 trophy bass, a 17 1/2" er was the biggest. Tubes and L.D.Spinner Baits were the lures of the day.

May 14th: Took wifey fishng for a few hours. The day was overcast, the water stained and 60 degrees. We caught 62 fish with 5 trophy smallies and 2 walleye in the mix. The biggest bass was 18". L.D.Spinner Baits and tubes were the bait of the afternoon. I was supposed to meet an outdoor writer at 5:00PM but he never showed.No call, no nothing. Just wait until he wants to go again. I may be busy!

May 15th: Randy Stauffer and Kyle Eddinger came fishing with me today. We sat in the rain for 8hrs! The water was stained and 59 degrees. We caught 66 fish today with 3 walleye, 3 rock bass, 2 northern pike, 1 channel catfish and 1 largemouth bass that Randy caught. There were also 7 trophy smallies caught the biggest was 17 1/2". Tubes, L.D.Spinner, and small crank baits were the lures of the day.

May 16th: Bill Dombroski and his 10 year old son Billy came fishing today. The water was dark stained and 58 degrees, the sky was overcast. We caught 34 fish today with 2 rock bass, 1 small muskie, and 1 29" northern pike in the mix. It was a fun day, I like fishing with youngsters and Billy was pretty darn good! He was so good, yes, we have to give him this credit, that he beat his dad. Yum Dingers and L.D.Spinner baits were the lures of the day.

May 17th: Dick Rivers and Jack Cunningham came fishing today. The sky was cloudy and the water stained and 60 degrees. We caught 76 fish with 17 rock bass and 10

trophy smallies in the mix. The biggest was a 18"er caught by Dick. Only four fish were caught on L.D. Spinners, the rest were caught on Yum Dingers. We just about had a collision with a Canada Goose. I was running about 38MPH around a bend in the river and out from the left these two geese started to fly. The lead goose missed the bow of the boat by about 4" and flaired up missing Jack's head by about a foot. Now Dick and I saw the geese coming and yelled. Jack was holding his hat down and didn't even look up. He never saw a thing! If he had and raised his hands up in self defence that goose would have hit him and who knows what would have happened. There would have been feathers and Jack flying all over the place!

May 18th: Went fishing today with Jerry Premuto and Tom Baldini. The sky was overcast with on and off showers, the water was stained and 59 degrees. There is still a lot of moss on the rocks making it difficult to use jigs. We caught 53 fish today with 16 rock bass and 4 trophy smallies in the mix. We caught a few on L.D. Spinners, and jerk baits, however most were caught on Yum Dingers.

May 19th: Went fishing with Mike Kemerer and Stan Kulchinsky today. We fished in the rain for the first five hours and overcast skies for the rest of the day. We caught 51 fish with 1 rock bass, 1 carp, 2 large mouth, and 3 northern pike, the biggest pike being 32" long. Tube jigs and jerk baits were the main lures of the day. We saw several eagles. While I was fighting the pike I saw a scarlet Tanager (a red bird), quite rare to see them here, first one I saw in two years on the river.

May 21st: It was just me and Mark Halopeter today in some very tough conditions. A cold front came through and the water temp dropped to 55 degrees. (not so tough), it was a cold rain in the morning, (not so tough), then in the afternoon it was 20mph winds with gusts up to 40MPH (Damn Tough!) My lunch box flew off the front deck three times! Now that's serious! We caught 32 fish with 3-walleye 3-rock bass, and 1 large mouth bass. Mark got a couple of trophy smallies. We did pretty well for the conditions we were in.

May 22nd: Paul Szyszko Tony Zimba came to fish today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water light stained and 55 degrees. We caught 51 fish today with three trophy smallies, three walleyes, and three rock bass in the mix. Tony got an angler award rock bass at 10 1/2". We also saw an eagle with a fish going to its nest to feed its young one along with a mink hunting near the water.

May 23rd: Joe Albertson and his dad Joe came fishing today. The sky was cloudy and the water 55 degrees and light stained. A cold front had just gone through and it was very windy all day. We caught 51 fish today with 1 walleye, and 12 rock bass in the mix. The biggest smallie caught today was a nice 17"er caught by Joe Jr.

May 24th to the 29th: Went on vacation to the Pa. State SASS Cowboy Action Shoot in Muncy Valley. Had a great time.

May 30th: Went fishing on a very hot 91 degree day with Frank Corcione and Joe

Lamarka. The sky was clear and the water light stained and 70 degrees with no wind. We caught 77 fish today with 1 walleye, and 9 rock bass in the mix. Tube jigs, Yum Dingers and LD Spinner baits were the lures of the day.

May 31st:Went fishing with Frank and Joe again today. The sky was sunny to partly cloudy and the water light stained and 72 degrees. We caught 52 fish with 1 small muskie, 1 northern pike, 2 walleye,4 rock bass, and 3 trophy smallies in the mix. Tubes, Yum Dingers, and L.D.Spinner baits were the lures of the day.

June 1st: Ron Thieme and Ryan Hoehne came fishing today. The sky was overcast, the water 74 degrees, dark stained, and rising. We caught 65 fish today with 3 walleye, 8 rock bass, and 4 trophy smallies in the mix. Yum Dingers caught the most followed by L.D.Spinner Baits, and tube jigs.

June 2nd: The water came up 2 1/2 foot last night and still rising with rain predicted all day today. We decided to reschedule since the good people said they could come most anytime.

June 3-4-5-6-7-8-9: Resheduled trips, river came up another 6ft and brown.

June 10th: Greg Radosin and Ray Matejik came fishing today. The sky was overcast and very windy, 20 to 25mph, the water dark stained, fast,and 61 degrees. I thought we'd be lucky to get 50 fish today but instead we got a new one day record for the month of June with 123 fish! Oh we caught a few with ld spinner baits, a couple on Yum Dingers and Greg used black curly tails, but the lure of the day was a black tube. There were 2 walleye, 15 rockies and 6 trophy smallies caught with a nice 18"er being the biggest. If that wind wasn't so strong no telling how many fish we could have caught! We saw several eagles, and the biggest flock of seagulls I've ever seen up here.

June 11th: Jerry Ohler and his son Jeremy came fishing today. The sky was partly cloudy and windy 15 to 20mph.The water dark stained, fast and 62 degrees. We caught 76 fish today with 2 walleyes, 16 rock bass, and 7 trophy bass, the biggest being 17 1/2". Tubes, and L.D.Spinner baits caught the fish. We saw several eagles and a mink.

June14th: Bill Dombroski and Dave Flannery came fishing today under overcast skies and about four hours of rain, sometimes very hard. The water was dark stained and 62 degrees. We caught 60 fish with 11 rockies, one bluegill, and six trophy bass along with one big old turtle in the mix.Bill got the biggest bass at 17 1/2". Several eagles were sighted after the rain stopped.

June 15th:Went fishing today with Jerry Premuto and Tom Baldini. Jerry recieved the trip as a fathers day gift from his son Al. Way to go Al! The sky was partly sunny and the water dark stained and 64 degrees.We caught 66 fish today with 9 rock bass and 2 walleyes in the mix. Jerry caught the two legal walleyes and let them go. The biggest was 21"! We found a capsized boat today, all bent up by last weeks high water no doubt. I called the boat numbers in to our local WCO who will look into it. It had a

current registration sticker on it, but it's only good for scrap now!

June 17th: Had a good day fishing with Steve Chest, his daughter Sherry, and Mike Evans. The sky was partly sunny and the water was dark stained and 69 degrees, We caught 72 fish today with one walleye, 14 rock bass, 1 bluegill, 1 white sucker, and 1 northern pike in the mix. There were several bald eagles spotted. The bait of the day was mostly dark tubes and grubs.

June 18th: Can you say HOT! That's how it was when ED Nestor and Barry Buchecker came fishing today. It was in the 90's! The sky was sunny, no clouds. The water was dark stained and 72 degrees. We caught 84 fish today with 9 rock bass, and one channel cat in the mix. There were 4 trophy smallies caught. Barry caught the 24" channel cat and this one was alive! Ed will have to elaborate on that, maybe in the forum. The lures of the day were L.D. Spinner baits, and tube jigs.

June 19th: Andy and Jarad Anderson came fishing today. The sky was overcast, the water dark stained and 74 degrees. We caught 70 fish with 17 rockies, and 2 walleyes in the mix. We got caught in a heavy down pour along with thunder/lightning and had to get off the river for the better part of an hour. There were 6 trophy smallies caught, a 17 1/2" being the biggest.

June 20th: Went fishing today with Mark Bactle and his daughter Allison. The sky was partly cloudy, and the water medium stained and 74 degrees. We caught 76 fish today with two trophy smallies and 10 rock bass. Allison caught a catch and release 9 1/2" rock bass for a Fish Commission Angler Award. Way to go Allison! L.D. Spinner baits and tube jigs caught the fish today.

June 21st: Went fishing with John Yaswinski and John Jason today. The sky was sunny, the water dark stained and 74 degrees. We caught 51 fish today with 1 walleye, 4 rock bass, and 1 trophy smallie that John Jason caught. The baits of the day were L.D. Spinner baits, tube jigs, and small crank baits.

June 23rd: Went fishing today with Gary Taylor and his son Scott. The sky was overcast with some light rain all through the day. The water was dark stained and 75 degrees. We caught 64 fish today with 2 rock bass and 2 trophy bass in the mix. We caught a few on small crank baits, L.D. Spinner baits, Yum Dingers, but most were caught on tube jigs. We also saw a few eagles today. A pleasant day with a couple of good guys.

June 26th: John Snyder and Jim Passaro came fishing today under overcast skies and four hours of rain. The water was stained and 74 degrees. We caught 50 fish with 2 big channel cats and 3 rock bass in the mix along with 2 trophy smallies. L.D. Spinner baits, tube jigs, and Yum Dingers caught the fish today. It was Jims first experience on the river and a spinning reel. After a short time, he was catching bass like a pro. We saw several eagles after the rain.

Look out the rain finally caught us! The river came up 3ft last night and will continue to

go up today. I'll be happy to be able to fish next Monday.

July 3rd, Well for those that don't know the flood took the local water here up to 22ft. Today it's down to 10ft! Another five foot and I'm fishing!

July 11th: Man it's good to be back on the water! I went fishing today with Scott and Chris Crawford. The sky was partly sunny and the water was dark stained and 73 degrees. We caught 76 fish today with one walleye and five rock bass in the mix, only one trophy bass which was caught by Scott. All the fish were caught on tube jigs. We saw six mature bald eagles today and one immature eagle. We also saw one big buck with a wide rack in velvet hideing along the river.

July 12th: Larry Mackinder and Joe Saslo came fishing today. The sky was overcast and light rain. The water dark stained and 74 degrees. We caught 63 fish today with one walleye, one channel cat, and 5 rockies in the mix. The only trophy smallie of the day was caught by Larry. A couple of bass were caught on spinners, but the rest were caught on tube jigs. A few eagles were spotted along with a couple of beaver. A nice day to be out fishing.

July 13th: Went fishing today with Bill Thorborg and Jim Hendy. The sky was partly cloudy and the water dark stained and 73 degrees. The water had come up a foot overnight and was still on the rise as we fished but the fish didn't mind because we caught 94 fish today. There were 2 bluegills and 4 rock bass in the mix. Bill got a nice trophy smallie. All the fish were caught on tube jigs.

July 14th: The river came up yet another foot last night and it's brown. This is what greeted Dick Rivers and myself. Since we both had seen and fished in worse, we decided to fish. The sky was clear and the water brown and 73 degrees. We caught 53 fish today with 4 rockies, one channel cat, and one Northern Pike in the mix. All were caught on tube jigs except for the 31" pike which I got on a jerk bait. We also saw many eagles today.

July 15th: Tom Kollar and Paul Haarmann came fishing today. We caught 108 fish with 1, 36", 27lb ugly carp with half his scales missing. Tom caught that. Also 8 Rock bass, 1 bluegill, and 2 channel catfish caught by Paul, one of which was 26" long and 6lbs. There were 3 trophy smallies caught, the biggest was 17 1/2" caught by Paul. We saw something I had never seen before. A Bald eagle came out of a tree and hit a fish in the water. The fish was pretty big because it pulled the eagle in the water. The eagle wouldn't let go and it sort of swam with it's wings towards shore, flopped up on shore with it's hard earned prize and went in the high weeds. That was one tired eagle!

July 16th: I fished the day with Harry Peters and his son Harry. The sky was sunny and the water dark stained and 75 degrees. This was their first river trip and they did very well. We caught 67 fish with 1 walleye, 10 rock bass, 1 channel cat, 1 bluegill, and 1 white sucker. Tube jigs were the bait of the day. We also saw a mink pulling a channel cat as big as he was out of the water. The mink would check us out then pull some more on

his meal, he finally got it up into the weeds.

July 17th: Had a great day with Alan Probst. He is the TV show host of "All Outdoors With Alan Probst". We filmed a fishing show which will be on TV later this year. This was Alans first smallie trip and being a stream fisherman, he caught on very quickly to the point of catching about the same number of fish that I had. We caught over 60 fish in 3 1/2 hours. The sky was sunny (hot), and the water was 76 degrees and stained. On the way back to the access, we noticed a man and a youngster waving their PFD's in the air on an island. Their canoe was capsized when they went broadside into a tree that laid across the water. They lost all their gear and it's a good thing they had on their PFD's. The canoe is wedged under the tree. With all this excitement, we were done by noon. A good day with a good guy.

July 18th: Spent the day fishing with John Paul Volinsky and Bruce May. The sky was sunny and hot except for a brief sprinkle around noon. The water was stained and 78 degrees. We caught a new one day record for July, 135 fish! There was one walleye and one rock bass in the mix. Baits of the day were tube jigs, small pig-n-jig, and L.D. Spinner baits. There were also 5 trophy smallies caught. A great day!

July 19th: Went fishing today with Marion Nunan and John Gemberling. It was another hot one today with sunny skies and the water was stained and 79 degrees. We caught 130 fish today with 4 walleyes, 4 rock bass, and one white sucker in the mix. There were also three trophy smallies caught. The lures of the day were tube jigs and L.D. Spinner baits.

July 20th: Went fishing with Marion and John again today. The sky was sunny and the water light stained and 80 degrees. We caught 106 fish today with 5 walleye, 7 rock bass, and 7 trophy smallies in the mix. We started out an hour earlier today to avoid some of the heat. The lures of the day were L.D. Guide Spinner baits, tube jigs, Marion used some senkos, and I used any old plastic I found in my box. They all worked.

June 21st: It was just me and Dick Rivers today. The sky was sunny and the water was 79 degrees with a muddy stain on one side because of last nights rain. We caught 62 fish today with three walleyes, two rock bass, and 4 trophy smallies in the mix. L.D. Spinner Baits caught all the fish today.

July 24th: Steve Sturdevant and his son John came fishing today. The sky was partly sunny and the water was up two foot, fast, dirty, and 74 degrees, tough conditions indeed. We caught 31 fish today with 1 Northern Pike, 1 Channel Cat, 3 Rock Bass, and 1 Walleye in the mix. Tube jigs caught the fish today. A good day with a couple of good guys.

July 27th: Went fishing with Don Pascavage, his wife Mary, along with Larry Kitchen. The sky was overcast, and the water dark stained and 75 degrees. It was their first time on the river and they did great! We caught 64 fish with 1 walleye and 2 rockies in the mix. We also had on another 42 fish that didn't make it to the boat. There were 4 trophy

smallies caught and Mary caught two of them. She also had the hot rod out of the trio. How many more did she get? I'll let her tell you. The lure that caught most of the fish today was the tube jig.

July 28th: Went for a six hour fishing trip with Dick Rivers and Stan Davies. The sky was overcast and the water 75 degrees and stained. We caught 83 fish today with one walleye and two rock bass in the mix. A hard rain storm, chased us off the water. Tube jigs were the bait of the day.

July 28th: Also had an evening charter with Sherry Chest, Mike Evens, and Chris Makuta. We caught 69 fish with one channel cat in the mix. A great evening charter! The biggest smallie was 17". Tube jigs caught the fish.

July 29th: Went fishing today in the HEAT with Rance Milheim and Karl Peters. The sky was clear, the water was dark stained, on the rise, and 76 degrees. We caught 65 fish today with one walleye, one rock bass, and one white sucker in the mix. Tube jigs were the main lure.

July 30th: Went fishing with Bob and Cheryl Schechterly today. The sky was partly cloudy, the water came up 1 1/2ft since yesterday, dark stained to dirty, and 77 degrees. We caught 43 fish today with 7 rock bass, 1 channel cat, and 1 bluegill in the mix. The biggest smallie was 18" long. Most were caught on tube jigs and some on LD spinners.

July 31st: Went fishing today with Si Belden. Can you say muddy river? The sky was partly cloudy, and the water muddy and 77 degrees. We showed you can still catch fish in muddy water because we caught 32 fish with 6 rockies in the mix. We also missed another 30 fish, heck I don't know why, we just did. Tube jigs caught most of the fish, however, we got one on top water and a couple more on a spinner and a crankbait.

Aug. 3rd: Went fishing today with Dick Rivers. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was dark stained and 82 degrees. We caught 72 fish today with one channel cat in the mix. We also saw five bald eagles and a mink. At the end of the day we got chased off by one really big thunder storm. Tube jigs and L.D. Spinner Baits caught the fish today.

August 4th: Went fishing today with Jack Silverstream. The sky was overcast to partly cloudy. The water was dark stained and 81 degrees. We caught 65 fish today with one rock bass and two walleye in the mix. Jack got a nice 18" smallie. We saw several eagles and the lures of the day were L.D. Spinner baits, tube jigs, and Yum Dinger jigs.

August 6th: Went fishing today with Mike Miller and his dad Joe. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 78 degrees. We caught 92 fish today with 2 walleye, 5 rock bass, and 4 trophy smallies in the mix. We caught a few on L.D. Spinner baits, but the majority were caught on tube jigs. This trip was a gift to Mike from his wife for their anniversary, a nice gift.

August 8th: I think we got a new August record today. Went fishing with Rick Liebert, his son Ricky, and Rickys buddy Matt Misbin. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 78 degrees. We caught 95 fish today with 6 trophy smallies and two rock bass in the mix. Tube jigs were the main lure of the day. Sorry boys, but dad Rick caught the most fish today.

August 9th:Went fishing today with Tom Robbins and Lynwood Meyers. The sky was sunny and the water stained and 77 degrees. We caught 81 fish today with one small northern pike in the mix. Tubes were the bait of the day.A good day with a couple of good guys.

August 10th: Went fishing with Frank and Joe Fritzingler today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was stained and 77 degrees. We caught 82 fish today with 4 walleyes and 5 rock bass in the mix. Joe caught the only trophy smallie. Just for shits and giggles, I kept with a Yum Dinger all day, and caught just as many fish as I did yesterday with a tube. Joe used mostly a spinnerbait and Frank used a variety of plastics, but mostly a slider grub. At one point we saw five eagles at the same place, a beautiful sight.

August 11th: Went fishing with Dick Rivers and Rick Ross. The sky was partly cloudy with some afternoon wind. The water was stained and 76 degrees. We caught 75 fish today with one walleye and one rock bass in the mix. Yum Dingers and tube jigs caught the fish today. We watched an eagle fishing today. I never get tired of that.

August 12th: Paul Szyszko and his brother Walt fished for the first four hours and then Walt traded with Pauls wife Nancy for the second four hours. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 76 degrees. All total we caught 83 fish with 1 channel cat, 1 rockie, 1 walleye, and 1 bluegill in the mix, along with three trophy smallies. Tubes and LD Spinner baits along with some do nothing worm jigs caught the fish.

August 12th: Had an evening charter with Pranoy Mohapatra and his dad Suknt. We caught 21 fish with one trophy smallie that Pranoy caught. This was Pranoy's first smallie trip and he did very well.Tube baits were the bait of the evening

August 15th: Went fishing with Joe James and Lou Bolinger. The sky was overcast and the water stained and 76 degrees. We caught 63 fish with 1 channel cat and 1 rockie in the mix.Tube jigs, and do nothing worms along with L.D.Spinner baits caught the fish.

August 15th: Had an evening charter with Larry Snoke and Tom Ohl. We caught 32 fish with one channel cat in the mix. Tube jigs, and an assortment of small crank baits caught the fish.

August 16th: Went fishing with Rick Reifsnnyder and his son Richard. The sky was partly cloudy and the water 75 degrees and stained. We caught 60 fish with 1 white sucker, 1 walleye, and 4 trophy smallies in the mix. Yum Dingers caught the most fish.

August 16th: Had an evening charter with Allen Zollmann and his son Josh. We caught 20 fish with 1 walleye in the mix. This was their first time fishing and they did very well.

August 17th: Went fishing today with Kevin Readinger and Dave Hess. The sky was sunny and the water stained and 77 degrees. There is now an algae growth in the water as well. We caught 72 fish today with 4 bluegills, 1 white sucker, and 1 rockie in the mix, along with 4 trophy smallies. Dave brought his fly rod along and did very well boating 21 fish himself and a trophy smallie. Kevin and I used jigs with tubes, Yum Dingers, and Venom Super Dos and Dave used an assortment of #6 and #8 flies along the bottom. The water is getting very low now. Too low for props, and tricky for jets.

August 17th: Had an evening charter again with Allen Zollmann and his son Josh. We caught 20 fish and Allen caught a trophy smallie. A good day.

August 18th: Went fishing today with Dick Rivers. The sky was sunny and the water stained and 76 degrees. We caught 65 fish today with three rockies in the mix along with 4 trophy smallies. Yum Dingers and L.D. Spinner baits caught the fish today.

August 18th: Had an evening charter with Maria Butchko and Frank Phillips. We caught 36 fish with three trophy smallies in the mix. Yum Dingers and tubes caught the fish.

August 19th: We caught another new August one day record today! Wayne Edwards and Philip Kratowicz came fishing and we caught 101 fish with three bluegills, six rock bass, and five trophy smallies in the mix. The day started off overcast and we sat in the rain for the last four hours, the water was stained, 76 degrees, and SHALLOW. Yum Dingers was the main bait of the day and I caught a few on tubes. These guys are a lot of fun to fish with.

August 20th: Had an evening charter with Harold Hoff. The sky was partly cloudy, and the water 77 degrees and stained. We caught 27 fish, with one nice walleye in the mix.

August 21st: Had a charter with Harold Hoff today. The sky was partly cloudy. The water had come up 1ft during the night and rose another 6" while we were fishing. It was dirty stained and 76 degrees. We caught 41 fish today with three rockies and three trophy smallies in the mix. Yum dingers and tubes caught the most fish.

August 22nd: Went fishing with Todd Fetterolf and Lew Lose today. The sky was sunny and the water dirty stained and 76 degrees. We caught 54 fish today with one rockie in the mix. Both men caught trophy smallies. Yum Dingers and 4" Berkley power worms caught the most fish.

August 23rd: Went fishing today with John Satteson and Bob Zellers. The sky was sunny and the water dark stained and 76 degrees. We caught 42 fish today with 1 rockie and 1 carp in the mix. There were also two trophy smallies caught by John.

August 23rd: Had an evening charter with Jeff Price and his children Sofia and Lucas.

Only the kids fished and they did very well. Both kids caught trophy smallies and one big huge carp of 19 lbs! It took a long time to land that fish! A good time had by all!

Had an evening charter with Lew Wetzel and Rick Johnston, the sky was semi cloudy, and the water was 76 degrees and stained. We caught 25 fish this evening with six trophy smallies, an 18"er being the biggest. Lew had the hot rod tonight with the most fish.

August 25th: Went fishing with Dick Rivers and Tom Falkie. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 72 degrees. We caught 65 fish today with 4 walleye, 2 rock bass, and 11 trophy smallies in the mix. A 18"er being the biggest smallie. L.D.Guide spinner baits, tube jigs, and Yum Dingers caught the fish.

August 28th: Can you say Mud? This and the river water level came up two foot last night to give Marion Nunan, Bill Dampman, and myself a good challenge today. Bill is the owner of B.C.Dampman Lures and we used mostly his hair jigs today. I've got to say they worked great in the muddy water. I took one of his Finess hair jigs and added a curly tail trailer and caught three trophy smallies with it. The big one was 19"!(See the photo on my photo page) We caught 24 total fish today with 1 walleye, 2 rockies, and 1 channel cat in the mix. Marion and I both had huge carp on the Dampman hair jigs, but both broke off. Those jigs will catch anything! Bill has a website which is listed on my links page if you want to get some. A good day inspite of the high muddy water.

Went fishing with Bob and Millie DeWalt today for about 5 hours. The water was muddy and 70 degrees, but it came down about 10" from yesterday. It rained all day long! We caught 16 fish with 1 rocky and 3 trophy smallies. One was caught on a B.C.Dampman hair jig and the rest on tube jigs.

Sept.7th: Finally back on the water! Went fishing today with Frank Fritzinger and his dad, Frank.The sky was overcast in the morning and sunny in the afternoon, The water dirty brown and 64 degrees. We caught 25 fish with 4 trophy smallies in the mix, a 18"er being the biggest. Which was good with the condition of the river. I had tied up some 3" big bulky hair jigs in anticipation of the dirty water and they worked great! Most of the fish were caught on these and some were caught on tube jigs.

Sept. 8th: Took out Dick Rivers fishing today. The morning sky was overcast, the afternoon, partly cloudy. The water was dark stained and 64 degrees. We didn't catch alot of fish but we caught some slammers! We caught 32 fish with 1 walleye and 9 trophy smallies in the mix. Again most were caught on L.D.Guide 3" Hair jigs. Big and bulky for the dark water. I'll be selling these at my on line store for \$2.00 each. So don't loose them.

Sept.9th: Went fishing with Paul Szyszko and his nephew Ethan . The sky was partly cloudy with a lightning storm in the afternoon. The water was dark stained and 64 degrees. We caught 35 fish today with 4 trophy smallies and one walleye in the mix. L.D.Hair Jigs, tube jigs and Yum Dinger jigs caught the fish.

Sept.10th: Went fishing with John Bracy and Damion Frigano today. The sky was overcast and the water dark stained and 64 degrees. We caught 87 fish today with 7 walleyes and 3 trophy smallies in the mix. Most of the fish were caught on Yum Dingers.

Sept.11th: Went fishing with Kevin Readinger and Kurt Bornmann. The sky was cloudy and the water dark stained and 65 degrees. We caught 95 fish today with 6 walleyes, 1 sucker, and 4 trophy smallies in the mix. Kevin caught a huge 20" smallie on a x-rap. Way to go! Yum Dingers and Rapala X-Raps were the lures of the day.

Sept.12th: Went fishing with Bill Kurz and Dave Weiss. The sky was sunny and the water dark stained and 65 degrees. We caught 53 fish today with three walleyes in the mix. Yum Dingers caught most of the fish today with a couple on jerkbaits.

Sept 13th: Went for a short fishing trip with Joe Canduci and Elwood Knight. It rained all the time we were on the water. We caught 41 fish with 2 walleyes in the mix. Yum Dingers and tube jigs caught the fish today.

Sept. 14th: Went fishing today with Jerry Premuto and Tom Olsen. The sky was overcast to rain and the water was dark stain and 65 degrees. We caught 55 fish today with 2 walleye and 1 northern pike in the mix. Jerry caught the same number of fish as I did, however Tom got the big fish of the day with a nice 30" Northern Pike. Tom said "Take me to a place where I can catch a pike". I did and he did! Always fun fishing with those guys.

Sept.15th: Went fishing with Dick Rivers. The sky was overcast with rain and the water dark stained and 64 degrees. We caught 52 fish today with 1 walleye and 4 trophy smallies in the mix. Yum Dingers caught most of the fish.

Sept.15th: Had an evening charter with Mike Evans and Sherry Chest. At least it stopped raining. We caught 23 fish with 2 walleyes in the mix. Sherry catching the most fish this evening.

Sept. 16th: Went fishing with Dave and Gene Borkowski. The sky was cloudy and the water dark stained in the morning and muddy in the afternoon, it had come up 18" overnight. We fished where we could find the least amount of mud. We caught 36 fish with 3 trophy smallies and 1 walleye in the mix. Big dark tubes caught most of the fish.

Sept. 17th: Went fishing today with Rick and Rip Ross. The sky was overcast in the morning and sunny in the afternoon. The water was dark stained to dirty and 65 degrees. We caught 32 fish today with 1 walleye and 2 trophy smallies in the mix. Rick caught an Angler Award walleye that was 24" long. Way to go Rick! It's still swimming because he let it go! L.D.Hair jigs did well as long as we had them. Then tube jigs took over. We also saw several eagles and a mink.

Sept. 18th: Went fishing today with Bill Anderson and Paul Prubente. The sky was sunny and the water was dark stained and 66 degrees. We caught 42 fish today with 4

walleyes and 2 trophy smallies in the mix. Tube jigs and big Yum Dingers caught the fish.

Sept.19th: Went fishing today with Rick Porter and Jay Murphy. The sky was overcast most of the day and the water dark stained and 66 degrees. We caught 55 fish today with 1 Northern Pike, 1 rock bass, and 2 walleyes in the mix along with 2 trophy smallies. Rick caught a nice 36" Northern Pike and Jay caught a turtle. Tubes, Yum Dingers, Case Salty Shads, and jerk baits caught the fish today. We also saw several eagles and a mink.

Sept.20th: Went fishing again with Rick and Jay. Most of the day was overcast, the water dark stained and 66 degrees. We caught 92 fish today with 5 walleyes and 1 rock bass in the mix. There were also 10 trophy smallies caught and Rick caught 8 of them. Tubes, Yum Dingers, and jerk baits caught the fish today.

Sept.21st: Went fishing again with Rick and Jay. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 63 degrees. We caught 69 fish today with 3 walleyes and 13 trophy smallies in the mix. Jerk baits & tubes caught most of the fish.

Sept.22nd: Went fishing with Dick Rivers today. The sky was partly cloudy, the water stained and 63 degrees. We had a constant wind today 15 to 20MPH making it a little tough to fish. We caught 52 fish today with 3 walleyes and 5 trophy smallies in the mix. Dick caught a nice 22" Walleye today. Jerk baits, Yum Dingers, L.D. Spinner Baits, and tubes caught the fish today.

Sept.26th: Went fishing with Bruce Christman today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 63 degrees. We caught 74 fish with 10 walleyes and two trophy smallies in the mix, the biggest being 18". Tubes, Bass Assassins, River Runts and Jerk baits caught the fish today.

Sept.27th: Went fishing with Brandon and Jeremy Lejeune. The sky was sunny and the water stained and 63 degrees. We caught 78 fish today with 5 walleyes, 1 rock bass, 2 white suckers, and 1 large mouth bass in the mix. We also caught 7 trophy smallies with a 18"er being the biggest. Tube jigs, bass assassins, jerk baits and crank baits caught the fish today.

Sept 28th: Went fishing with Brandon and Jeremy again today. The sky went from clear and calm in the morning to overcast and us getting off the river just before a heavy rain storm. It was a cranking day! We caught 105 fish today and 75 of them came on crank baits. The rest came on tubes and curly tails. There were 10 walleyes, 1 northern pike, 2 white suckers, and 1 rock bass in the mix along with 5 trophy smallies.

Sept.29th: Went fishing with Inez Johnson and Kathy Lehman today. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water dark stained and 62 degrees. The water came up 2ft during the day making the fishing a little slower than usual but we still did pretty good. We caught 52 fish today with 3 walleye and 1 Muskie that Inez caught on a crank

bait. There were also 6 trophy smallies caught, Kathy getting the biggest one at 17". Tube jigs and crank baits caught most of the fish today.

Sept.29th: Had an evening charter with Paul and John Karlia. We caught 22 fish with one trophy that Paul caught. Tube jigs caught most of the fish.

Sept.30th: Went to the river today and had a no show charter. Not cool at all! No call, e-mail or phone call. Second time this year for him! If this person ever wants another charter he will have to pay in full at the time of booking. Now I'll go clean my boat. I admit, it does need it.

Oct.1st: Went fishing today with Paul Szyszko and his brother Alan, along with their friend Lou Quinn. The sky was overcast with a little rain in the afternoon. The water was , well can you say MUD! And 56 degrees. The water had also come up two foot! We caught 38 fish with 4 walleyes and 4 trophy smallies in the mix. The biggest being just shy of 19". Paul had a 3ft Muskie up to the boat and then it decided to take off and and it broke his line. Paul also found a tiny snapper turtle swimming along side of the boat about the size of an old silver dollar and picked it up for a photo. Tubes and crank baits caught the fish today. These guys were fun to spend the day with.

Oct 2nd: Went fishing with Dale Moyer and Don Lechner today. The sky was a beautiful blue and the water dark stained and 57 degrees. We caught 49 fish today with 3 walleyes, 1 Large mouth bass and 3 trophy smallies, a 18 1/2"er was the biggest. Tubes and crank baits caught the fish today.

Oct. 3rd: Went fishing today with Bruce Christman. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was dark stained and 58 degrees. We caught 65 fish today with 7 walleye and 6 trophy smallies in the mix. Bruce got a beautiful 24" Walleye on an old Hedon River Runt and he turned it loose. Way to go Bruce! Tube jigs and River Runts caught the fish today.

Oct. 4th: Went fishing with Todd Fetterolf and Gary Sidwell today. The sky was sunny and the water dark stained and 58 degrees. We caught 103 fish today with 9 walleyes, 1 white sucker, and 7 trophy smallies in the mix. We had a good time, these were fun guys. Tube jigs caught most of the fish along with jerk baits and crank baits.

Oct.5th: Went fishing with Dick Rivers today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 59 degrees. We caught 71 fish with 5 walleyes and 6 trophy smallies in the mix. Tube jigs, Case magic Sticks, and crank baits caught the fish today.

Oct.6th: Went fishing with Marion Nunan and Rich Bealer today. The sky was overcast and the water stained and 57 degrees. We kicked fish butt today! We caught 170 fish with 10 walleyes and 12 trophy smallies in the mix. I don't think that there were 15 fish less than 12". Tube jigs and jerk baits caught most of the fish. We saw 9 bald eagles today, on the way back to the access there were six eagles in one small 50ft area! What a sight! Then there was the overly aggressive Great Blue Heron today who as I was

bringing in a 14" smallmouth thought he should come and take it from me! He flew very slow about 6ft from the boat around us twice and then was going to land on my trolling motor not two foot away to get it as I was lifting it out of the water! I wasn't about to give him a bass of that size so I waved him off. I never had one do that before.

Oct.7th: Went fishing with Marion and Rich again today. The sky was sunny and the water stained and 57 degrees. We caught 100 fish today with 16 walleye and 1 white sucker in the mix. There were also 5 trophy smallies with Marion catching a huge 19 1/2" smallie. Tubes, jerk baits, and stick worms caught most of the fish today.

Oct. 8th: Went fishing with Dan and Earl West today. The sky was sunny and the water light stained and 56 degrees. We caught 89 fish today with 8 walleyes, 2 Northern Pike, and 5 trophy smallies in the mix. Tubes and jerk baits caught most of the fish today.

Oct.9th: Went fishing with Ed Nestor and Barry Buchecker today. The sky was sunny and the water light stained and 58 degrees. We caught 123 fish today with 12 walleyes, 1 northern pike, and 8 trophy smallies in the mix with an 18"er being the biggest. At one time we had a triple catch going on where all three of us caught a fish at the same time. A good day.

Oct.10th: Went fishing with Scott Goughenour and Jasson Stewart today. The sky was sunny and the water light stained and 59 degrees. We caught 169 fish today with 11 walleyes, 1 rock bass, 2 hog nose suckers and 9 trophy smallies in the mix, an 18 1/2"er being the biggest. It was a suspending jerk bait day. Most of the smallies were caught on them. Jasson had the hot rod of the day with 69 fish by himself! I think he will be buying some jerk baits now. A great day!

Oct.11th: Went fishing with Bill Beaver and Bob Wargo today. The sky was overcast, the water light stained and 59 degrees. We caught 74 fish today with 2 walleye and 1 white sucker in the mix along with 4 trophy smallies, a 17 1/2"er being the biggest. Jerk baits caught most of the fish today.

Oct.12th: Went fishing with Jerry Premuto and Bill Reilly today. The sky was windy and partly cloudy, the water light stained and 58 degrees. We caught 72 fish today with 4 walleyes and 5 trophy smallies in the mix. Jerk baits caught most of the fish today.

Oct.14th: Went fishing with Dave Borkowski and Tim Miller today. There was a heavy frost on the boat this morning. The sky was cloudy with some 20mph winds in the afternoon. The water was light stained and 52 degrees. We caught 73 fish today with 7 walleye and 4 trophy smallies in the mix. Jerk baits and tubes along with some other plastic jigs were the lures of the day.

Oct.15th: Went fishing with Walt Harvey today. The sky was cloudy and the water light stained. We caught 70 fish today with 3 walleyes and 5 trophy smallies in the mix. Jerk baits were the lure of the day. There was a heavy fog in the morning and there were turkeys coming off the roost at the shoreline next to the boat, then some more flew

across the river to join them next to us. Later we saw two mink together along the bank.

Oct. 16th: Went fishing with John Snyder and Ron Grambo today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water light stained and 49 degrees. We caught 70 fish today with 1 walleye and 2 trophy smallies in the mix. Jerk baits and tubes were the main lures today. We also saw another mink, an osprey plunge into the water, a swimming squirrel, and a woodchuck on the bank. As John was landing a smallie by the boat, a Northern Pike came out of nowhere and took that smallie from him clean as a whistle! A little excitement always adds to the day.

Oct. 17th: Went fishing with Rick Porter and Steve Gehringer today. The first 5 hours of the trip were miserable with the cold rain and high winds that never stopped. Lure presentation was very difficult. The water was light stained and 49 degrees. We ended up with 70 fish with 2 walleye and 1 white sucker in the mix. Tube jigs were the main lures of the day.

Oct. 18th: Went fishing with Rick and Steve again today. The sky was overcast and the water light stained and 53 degrees. We caught 111 fish today with 5 walleyes, 2 white suckers, 1 muskie, and 9 trophy smallies, a 17"er being the biggest. Rick caught the 32" muskie on a jerk bait.

Oct. 19th: Went fishing again with Rick and Steve. The sky was cloudy and the water stained and 53 degrees. We caught 92 fish today with 10 walleyes, 1 white sucker, and 9 trophy smallies in the mix, a 18"er caught by Rick was the biggest. Tubes and jerk baits were the baits of the day.

Oct. 24th: The water had gone up to 10 1/2ft and is down to 5 1/2ft today. Still dirty and fast. Went fishing with Joe James and Lew Bolinger today. The sky was overcast/rain/windy, and cold. The water dirty and 46 degrees. We caught 16 fish today with 2 walleye in the mix. Lew got a hold of the biggest walleye in the river but before I could get a net to it, it was gone.

Oct. 25th: Went fishing today with Bob Herzog and Bill Farkas. The sky was overcast and the water dirty/dark stained and 46 degrees. We caught 48 fish today with 4 walleye and 12 trophy smallies in the mix, a 18"er being the biggest. Crank baits and tubes caught most of the fish today.

Oct. 26th: Went fishing with Jerry Premuto and Tom Baldini today. The sky was overcast, the water dark stained, 45 degrees, and still fast. We caught 32 fish today with 2 walleye and 10 trophy smallies in the mix. The biggest being 18". Crank baits and tubes caught the fish today.

Oct 27th: Went fishing with Dick Rivers today. The morning was cold, 30 degree air, the ice built up in the line eyelets. The water was dark stained and 44 degrees. We caught 35 fish today with 2 walleyes and 12 trophy smallies, the biggest being 19". Tubes and jerk baits fished slow caught the fish.

Oct.28th: Went fishing with Rick Reifsnnyder and his son Richard. The sky was overcast with some AM rain. The water was dark stained, 45 degrees, and rising. We caught 20 fish today with 2 walleye and 7 trophy smallies in the mix. Richard caught the biggest smallie at 18". Tube jigs caught most of the fish and a few with jerk baits. The water was rising all the time we fished.

Nov.1st: The water went up to 8 1/2ft and now it's down to 5 1/2ft. We are fishing tomorrow!

Nov. 2nd: Went fishing today with Rick Liebert and Ron Kukuchka. The river is still at 5ft and fast. The water temp was 45 degrees and dark stained. We still caught 49 fish today with 4 walleyes and 7 trophy smallies in the mix. L.D.Hair jigs worked great until the river ate them up, then we used tubes. Who says the smallie bite is over!

Nov.3rd: Went fishing today with Larry Snoke and Tom Ohl. The sky was partly cloudy and a little nip in the air. I found a dusting of snow on the boat this morning. The water was 43 degrees and dark stained. We caught 52 fish today with 3 walleyes and 8 trophy smallies in the mix. Hair jigs and tubes caught the fish today.

Nov.4th: Went fishing today with Steve Gehringer and his dad Norbert. The sky was partly cloudy and the water dark stained and 43 degrees. We caught 42 fish today with 6 trophy smallies, a 18"er being the biggest caught by Norbert, and 3 walleyes in the mix. Hair jigs and tubes caught the fish.

Went fishing again with Steve and Norbert. The sky was partly cloudy and the water dark stained and 42 degrees. We caught 30 fish today with 4 walleyes and 6 trophy smallies in the mix. Hair jigs and tubes caught the fish today.

Nov.6th. Went fishing today with Bob Rush and his son Todd. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 40 degrees. We caught 60 fish today with 12 trophy smallies and 5 walleye in the mix. Todd caught a huge 19 3/4" smallie which will get him an Angler Award from the Fish Commission. Yum Dingers caught all the fish today. We also saw two mink together hunting along the shoreline.

Nov.7th: After voting I went fishing with Dick Rivers. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 41 degrees. We caught 45 fish today with 5 walleyes and 19 trophy smallies! Stick baits and tubes caught the fish today.

Nov. 8th: Went fishing with Sharon Carlisle and Dave today. It rained lightly all day. The water was stained and 41 degrees. We caught 36 fish today with 4 walleyes and 4 trophy smallies in the mix.

Nov.10th:Went fishing with Paul Szyszko and Lou Quinn today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water warmed up to 46 degrees and stained. We kicked smallie butt today! We caught 77 fish with 10 walleyes and 1 white sucker in the mix. there were 12 trophy smallies caught and the last fish of the day was a big, beautiful 19" smallie

caught by Paul. Stick worms and tubes caught the fish today.

Nov. 12th: Went fishing with Dan Mast and John Beck today. The river came up a foot last night and it rained all the time we were out on the water. The guys called it a day at 5hrs. We caught 25 fish today with 2 walleye and 3 trophy smallies in the mix. By the time we got back to the access, the river had come up another 1 1/2ft. Tubes and stickworms caught the fish today.

Nov. 13th: Was supposed to do a tv show today with Alan Probst but the river was up to high and muddy to fish.

Nov. 17th: Had a really hard rain yesterday. The river is up to 14ft right now and rising. At 16ft it comes out of it's banks! There goes the rest of the standard season! But I don't give up until the ice and snow keeps me off the river.

The river crested today at 15.6ft. Lets see how fast it comes back down.

Nov.24th: The water came down to 4 1/2ft. Went Fishing with Rick MacNeal and Jasson Teets. The sky was sunny and the water dirty and 38 degrees. We caught 39 fish with 3 walleye 1 muskie, and 12 trophy bass in the mix. Hair jigs caught most of the fish with a couple on tubes.

Nov.25th: Went fishing with Jim Stank and Paul Marshall. The sky was sunny and the water dark stained and 39 degrees. We caught 14 fish today with 1 Northern Pike and 5 trophy smallies in the mix. Hair jigs and stick worms caught the fish today.

Nov. 26th: Went on my annual "day before deer season" charter with John Snyder. The sky was partly cloudy and the water dark stained and 39 degrees. We caught 15 fish today with 4 trophy smallies in the mix. Tube jigs caught the fish today. We saw an eagle also.

Nov.29th:Went fishing with Brian Hamberger. The sky was overcast and the air warm at 58 degrees. The water is just turning a nice light stained and the temp was up to 42 degrees! We caught 20 smallies with four trophies and Brian caught a big Carp. My hair jigs and tubes caught the fish.

This was my last scheduled charter for the season and I put the boat in the garage. I put gas stabilizer in but I didn't fog the motor yet so I'll be ready to go out when I can.

Dec. 15th: It's a nice day for December so I went fishing. The sky was partly cloudy and the water light stained and clear down to 2ft. I caught 15 smallies today with 6 trophies, a 18 1/2"er caught on the second cast of the day was the biggest. Nothing caught under 14". I also caught 5 walleyes. Stick worms caught the bass and a 4" curly tailed shad caught the walleyes. Not bad for one person in mid December.

Dec.16th: Went by myself today for three hours to get a walleye supper. The sky was

overcast and the water 38degrees and light stained. I caught 5 walleyes, one at 25" and I let that one go, one was short, and I kept three for supper. I also caught 7 smallies with 2 trophies in the mix. All the fish were caught on a 4"curly tailed shad. That big walleye was the most fun in the cold water.

Dec. 20th: Went out for a few hours today..The air this morning was in the high 20's, The water was 34 to 36 degrees and light stained. I caught 5 smallies, 6 walleyes, and a northern pike on my hair jigs.

Ok, it's time to give you the end of the year report.

This year we boated a new record for total amount fish caught at 10,358 fish!

The most fish caught in one day and a new all time record of 196 fish goes to the team of Ed Nestor, Barry Buchecker, and myself.

The break down is as follows:

Smallmouth Bass - 9562 fish

Walleye - 359 fish

Rock Bass - 328 fish

Northern Pike - 29 fish

White Sucker - 22 fish

Channel Catfish - 18 fish

Bluegill - 16 fish

Muskie - 8 fish

Largemouth Bass - 7 fish

Carp - 7 fish

Hog Nose Sucker - 2 fish

Total 10,358 fish

A big thanks to all that fished with me this season.

I'll have a booth at the following sport shows this winter:

January 25th through the 28th: The "Early Bird Expo" at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds in Bloomsburg Pa. I'm doing a seminar on river fishing, on Friday at 3:00PM.Come help me out!

February 16th through the 18th: I'll be at the Kingston Armory in Kingston Pa.

February 23rd and 24th: I'll be at the "Icbreaker Show" in Milton, Pa.