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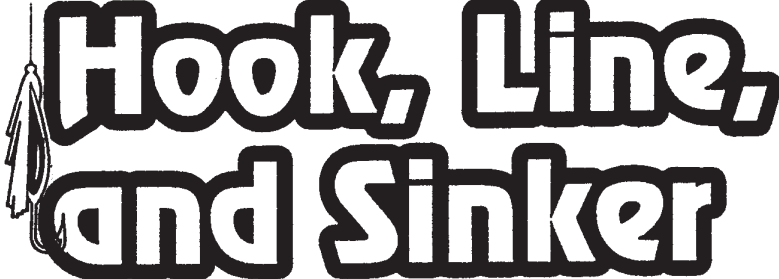
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### Fall Plastics

*by Kevin Dahlke    Courtesy of: <http://myfishingpals.com>*

When the fall season comes along, it is always a guess as to what we are going to throw out there into the water to catch a fish. Fall can be a tough time to fish as well as there are fall days that no matter what you throw for a bait, fish just chow on whatever you are throwing them.

If you happen to hit a day that the fish are on fire and eating everything in sight, just throw what they want and catch as many fish as you can. But traditionally for fall time baits they consist of crankbaits and spinnerbaits and if you don't feel liking casting and cranking all day, there is another alternative that may get overlooked and you will have in the boat at all times, the plastic bait.

Lets take a look at a few plastics that have worked well over the last handful of seasons and we are going to look at what BearPaw Hand Poured Baits has for these selections. We are going to take a look at five of their baits and give an idea of what can be done with these baits in your fall fishing.

Four of these are plastics baits which consist of the Hippie Stick, Lizard, Grizzly/Mega Jerk and the Load Toad. The fifth bait that BearPaw offers are the jig lineup that can be used with these and other of their plastics. So let's start out by taking a look at their jig offerings.

The Spiked Football Jig has been known to catch a lot of fish across the country and is able to use multiple various plastic baits on this jig. The action for this jig comes when the bait is lying on the bottom and the angler moves the line a little, this will make the back part of the jig flip upward while the head stays in position. What this creates is a bait that looks like it is moving into a defense position similar to what a crawfish does to protect themselves.

These jigs can and will be fished primarily around structure that may have little weeds around it. Rocks and gravel areas are prime places to fish this jig as the crawfish lives and frequents these areas consistently and bass know this. But this may also be fished in weeds and just need to make the bait weed-less by hooking the plastic bait over the hook point. The same effects will occur as working the jig in the weeds and you may be fishing this jig where others are afraid to put their bait.

Let's move onto a handful of the plastics that are fished regularly in the fall time when searching for bass. Next in line let's look at the Hippie Stick which is a straight plastic bait similar to the Senko style bait. These are generally fished weightless with spinning gear and can be casted with great accuracy in and around docks and overhanging objects.

### Club Calendar

October 25th.....	NUASF Club Meeting	January 31st .....	NUASF Club Meeting
November 15th.....	NUASF Social Night at Club House	February 8th .....	NUASF prize meeting at Club House
November 29th.....	NUASF Club Meeting	February 10th .....	NUASF Ice Fishing Contest Clear Lake
December 13th .....	NUASF Social Night at Club House	February 14th .....	NUASF trip to Dixon Lake Resort
December 20th ( <b>Note: Date Change</b> )..	NUASF Club Meeting	November 29th.....	NUASF Club Meeting
January 17th .....	NUASF Social Night at Club House		

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## From the President..... By Jason Kuester

We need a membership coordinator. Ken Sutherland has been keeping track of the member-  
 ships for many years and would like to hand it off soon! I would like to see someone step up to this  
 position. Ken and I will help make it a smooth transition!!

Todd and Karen from the Dixon Lake Resort are very excited to have our club back at their  
 resort this year. They have also donated a four person fishing trip as one of our prizes for the fishing  
 contest we will have in February. **The date for the trip is February 14th.** I need to have conforma-  
 tion and your \$50.00 down payment to them after the December’s meeting. If you are interested in  
 going along on this trip please contact me at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulmtel.net. The total  
 for the trip is \$140.00 per person for three nights, or \$200.00 per person food included. Todd and  
 Karen also said there would be no charge for the angling and spearing houses this year. They have  
 room for 24 people in their angling houses and about 25 spearing houses available. This is first come  
 first serve, so if you need an ice house let me know. *If you are unable to attend the meeting and need*  
*to pay your \$50.00 down payment send it to Jason Kuester 56554-446th Street New Ulm, Mn 56073.*

It is time to start thinking of the Ice Fishing Contest. The date for the contest is going to be  
 February 10th 2019. We are asking that each member please try to sell at least one book of tickets.  
 You will find one book of tickets in next month’s newsletter. If you are unable to sell your tickets  
 please send them back, bring them to a meeting, or drop them off at the Ice Fishing Contest. This  
 event is our largest fund raiser for the club. Additional tickets are always available at each meeting  
 or by contacting Ross Nelson at 507-766-0765, Ken Sutherland 507-276-1534 or myself at 507-381-  
 2041.

I would like to Thank Ron Ludewig, Ken Sutherland, and John Heuchert for servicing pump  
 on the aerator, adding weights to the lines, and making sure everything is ready for this season.  
 Thank you!!

Fall is here and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport  
 Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring  
 them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of  
 you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

**Hope to see you at the next meeting!!**

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to the left and right as it is being worked. Fall is  
 a time when minnows and baitfish start schooling  
 together and moving around the lake in search of  
 warmer water and food. Also, as these schools  
 are moving around some of the baitfish are dying  
 as well and this is what the bass are keying in on  
 as they follow these schools around.

The Grizzly/Mega Jerk will be worked similar  
 to the Hippie Stick, as it is casted towards objects  
 and structure in the shallower water. Skipping  
 this bait is another great way to get it into areas  
 that are missed by many and are holding those  
 better quality fish. This bait is fished weightless  
 as well as weighted and fished in shallow and  
 deep water as well.

Something that we have been experimenting  
 with is fishing this bait on the Carolina rig in  
 shallow water and has been very productive.

This bait has that floatation feature in it as well  
 as all of the baits and when fished behind the  
 Carolina Rig, this gives an erratic motion of an  
 injured baitfish. There have been some very nice  
 fish caught with this technique as there aren’t  
 many anglers fishing the Grizzly/Mega Jerk on a  
 Carolina Rig.

The last bait that we will take a look at for  
 “Fall Plastics” is the Load Toad which is a frog  
 imitation. Bass are in love with the frog as this is  
 a main staple in their diet and regularly available  
 most of the season. This bait is fished weightless  
 as well and worked on top of the water. As it  
 is worked through the water the tail legs create  
 good action and commotion which alerts the bass  
 beneath that something is coming towards them.

Being this is a frog imitation, bass know what  
 to expect when the fall season comes around. As

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**NUASF Monthly Meeting** September 27, 2018 Members Present:

**I. Secretary Report** - Approved as read.

**II. Treasury Report** - Approved as read.

**III. Old Business**

**A. Membership Update (Jim H): 148 Members, 19 Due, 5 New Members.**

**B. Area Lakes and Rivers Report:**

- Lake Hanska – Crappies are good
- Sleepy Eye – DNR deposited 5 walleye

**C. Club House & Grounds News:**

- Tony Miller group used popcorn machine. State Street Theater aske if they could use \$40 rent fee
- Tony said he will mulch leaves at the club house

**D. Other Old Business:** None

**IV. New Business**

**A. Peterman’s Fishing Contest – Was canceled due to high water.**

- Event was canceled because of rain. Probably won’t be rescheduled

**B. Club Ice Fishing Contest**

- Posters/ Tickets will be available at November meeting
- Ice House tickets are available tonight

**C. Winter Fishing Trip – Dixon Lake**

- February 14th – 17th, 2019
- \$140 for cabin, \$200 total w/ food, \$50 deposit to Jason.
- First come first serve on the cabins
- Deadline is December meeting

**D. Other New Business:**

- Vets on the Lake by Ely – Request for donations, Motion made and seconded to review request
- Thank you was read from kids fishing contest

**V. Food for next meeting** - Dish to pass

**VI. Meeting Adjourn @ 7:50 PM**

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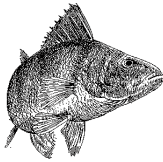

the temperatures of fall start getting lower, frogs  
 start their migration back to the lake shores.  
 Frogs hibernate in the muddier lake bottoms and  
 the predator fish know that they are coming and  
 wait in anticipation for an easy meal. Other fish  
 other than bass know this as well and when a  
 fish explodes on the Load Toad, you could have  
 almost anything on the line.

The Load Toad is great for fishing around lily  
 pads in the fall as there is a tendency that these  
 are growing in softer bottom areas that the frogs  
 are looking for. Cast these bait up to shore and  
 work it all the way through the surface vegeta-  
 tion and be ready at all times as you never know  
 when the fish is going to hit. On those warmer  
 fall days is a prime time to fish this as this shal-  
 low water is teaming with life. Topwater baits

are always a lot of fun to fish and especially in  
 the fall when they are hungry, hard fighting fish  
 waiting below the surface.

Fall fishing can be feast or famine and I won’t  
 tell you that it isn’t. There are going to be those  
 days that you can’t get a bite if your life depend-  
 ed on it, but when you hit those days that the fish  
 are on fire, you will definitely be thankful that  
 you were out there fishing instead of watching  
 football. These nice fall days are going by to fast  
 and why not take advantage of these remaining  
 days before the water turns hard.

You fish plastics all summer long and why not  
 fish them throughout the fall as well. By trying  
 some of these out on your next outing, you may  
 have an upper edge compared to your fishing  
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