

Illinois Meeting

Gurnee American Legion | 749 Milwaukee Ave. | Gurnee, IL 60031

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Speakers: Carl Kaufmann & Mike Orawiec (Club Members)

Topic: *Early Summer Bass – Geneva & Delavan Lakes*



Carl Kaufmann and Mike Orawiec are both Past Presidents, current Trustees, and have won multiple Club Championships with Walleyes Unlimited. So, who better to help us learn about fishing a couple of the club's designated "Club Lakes?"

A day on the water with guide Carl Kaufman is a learning experience as he demonstrates techniques in bait selections, presentations, and reading conditions on the water. Use of spinning and casting gear is taught to the novice and fine-tuned for the more experienced fisherman. Whether it is pursuing bass, walleye, pike or any other Midwest species, your day on the water will be well spent.

Carl is among the list of guides recommended by Steve Sarley Shaw Media Outdoor Writer. Sarley writes ... *Kaufmann perfectly defines the word "gentleman."* He is truly one of the nicest guys in the business. *Kaufmann is superb at finding big bass and pike on both*

Lake Geneva and Lake Delavan. If one is off, the other is usually on, so Carl's knowledge of both of them gives him a big edge. Kaufmann is great with kids and first-timers and nobody works harder to make sure that you catch fish.

Kaufman fishes many of the prime waters of the Midwest including the Great Lakes. A multi-species fisherman, Carl has caught countless smallmouth bass exceeding 5 lbs. including one over 7 lbs., well over 100 walleyes exceeding 8 lbs. including one that weighed 14 lbs., and he has landed several large muskies including one that measured 50". Carl is also known as a well-respected seminar speaker for many years.

Mike Orawiec, while not a guide, is known around the club as one of our most knowledgeable and talented anglers. Mike teaches many members how to fish for multiple species on many bodies of water, e.g., walleyes on Erie, smallmouth in Door Co, largemouth in Florida, etc. Mike is well-known for some trophies – he's caught three walleyes over 15 lbs.- the largest 15 lbs. 7 oz., smallmouth bass over 7 lbs., and a 58" inch muskie just to name a few.

Mike also goes out of his way to learn from other skilled professional anglers. He plans to share a few tips he has learned from tournament champions to catch bass on these local lakes.

This will be a rare treat to listen to these two accomplished anglers as they share some valuable tips for fishing Geneva and Delavan in the summer.

