

SliderLines

Finesse Fishing Began Here

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A NOTE FROM CHARLIE



Charlie Brewer, Jr.

Have got to tell you, Lake Martin, Alexander City, Alabama, has some great crappie fishing! The feature story to the right has the details.

The Slider Thin Wire Hook made the difference in not breaking off and getting the hook and grub back to the boat. If you are not using this hook you are probably losing a lot of hooks and baits when fishing around wood.

As noted in the story, Linda and I returned to Martin a week later and continued to catch crappie.

You might want to give this set-up a try: 1/16 oz. Slider



Thin Wire Crappie jig; Slider Crappie Grub; 4 lb. test line. The grub color might need to be different but the results could be the same.

We have scores of grub colors to choose from on our website and in our catalog.

Lake Martin Crappie

Charlie Brewer made a trip down to Lake Martin, Alabama in March to fish with Ronnie "Cooie" Browning, an old fishing buddy. The pair caught a boatload of the papermouths on both days.

"The lure used each day was a 1/16 oz. Slider Crappie Grub fished on 4 lb. test line. The color preferred by the fish was a junebug/chartreuse tail," according to Brewer.

into them. The wind made the boat harder to control but the fishing was better."

Fishing trash with 4 lb. line may seem a little risky but not with the Slider thin 4/0 hook. The exposed hook did get snagged on some wood, etc. every now and then. However, the thin wire design of the hook enabled Browning and Brewer to pull the line and straighten the hook. The straightened hook



"We found the crappie in pockets with trash. Like the Three Bears, just enough stuff but not too much was just right. The better pockets had wind blowing

freed the jig and grub from the wood. The hook was then re-bent and fishing continued without having to re-tie with a

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Lake Martin cont.

new hook and replace the grub.

Brewer noted the surface temperature of the water ran 58 to 61 degrees. "The water was not muddy or clear, just a little stain which made visibility perfect," he added.

Brewer and wife Linda returned to Lake Martin the following week and continued to catch fish.

"The crappie on this trip were caught casting

around the tops of submerged trees," Brewer said.

The strategy remained the same, 4 lb. test line, 1/16 oz. Slider thin hook ijjhead and rigged with the Slider Crappie Grub in junebug/chartreuse tail.

The Slider products mentioned above can be seen in the Slider Lures catalog and on the Slider website: sliderfishing.com.



The junebug/chartreuse, Slider Crappie Grub used to catch all the crappie for this article.



Junebug/chartreuse tail Slider Crappie Grub attracted the crappie.



A lesson on worms - Part Four

"IN HIS OWN WORDS" - CHARLIE BREWER, SR.

I out-fished my buddies badly that day with the worm rig. They still weren't impressed and made fun of me and the plastic worm.

I went to see Mr. Beard that night and gave him a report on my 1st experience of fishing with the worm. I wanted to find out why I was missing so many fish. He told me to give them time to get a hold of the worm before setting the hook. In fact, he said the fish will actually hold to it and swim off with it just like they would a live minnow.

I continued to fish that worm in Florida that year and had a ball catching a good number of bass each day, especially when they were biting slow for my buddies. But I still had a handicap with the worm rig.

If it had been rigged weedless I could have cast it back into more likely bass hot spots. My line was also a little too heavy to cast a light rig properly.

My good success with this plastic, rubber worm still did not impress my buddies. They were determined to stay stubborn and stay with the old ways. But 2 or 3 years later, this all changed and they finally joined me.

Tip: When it comes to fishing, please try to keep an open mind and learn more about fishing from others. This may lead to more fish and more fun and enjoyment.

To illustrate, let me relate to an old, dear friend and fishing buddy W.T. "Inky" Gilmore. Inky passed away several years ago at the age of 82. Inky contributed greatly to

the development of Slider fishing and the knowledge in my book. Inky and I enjoyed fishing together for over 20 years. I considered him to be the best bass fishermen I had ever fished with. And, I have had the pleasure of fishing with some of the best in this country. But when it come to consistently catching bass trip after trip ole' Inky made it look so easy.

By my standard he was a bass catching machine. His ability to catch great numbers of bass was from knowledge and tips he picked up from other fishermen.

For example, one day Inky and I were fishing on our home water, Wilson Lake on the Tennessee River. It was a good time of the year and Inky and I had a fabulous day. We caught around 40 bass small and large. We were Slider fishing with our light spinning tackle.

When we returned to the ramp that night another bass boat was loading at the same time. Our boats were parked close to each other as we got them ready to go home.

Inky, always friendly and well mannered, asked the other two boys how they did that day. The boys proudly said they caught 5 bass that day. Inky acted really excited and kind of like giving the boys a pat on the back for such a fine catch. He asked the boys just how they caught those fish, where and all the details he could get from them. I'm sure they thought he didn't know a thing about fishing.

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