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The HummBait As An In-Line Teaser

by Dane Stanaway

During my recent walleye fishing trips I have been experimenting with the new Mack's Lure HummBait. I set up a test to see how effective the HummBait could be when used as an in-line attractor. All I did was replace the lure's treble hook with a snap swivel and then run a 4-foot Mack's Lure worm harness off the snap swivel.

I had four rods out with the same harness. Two rods had regular 1/4 oz. weights and two had the 1/4 oz. HummBaits in-line. The main problem I ran into at first was dialing in the line to depth ratio.

The HummBait in-line has a little more resistance going through the water than a regular in-line weight. I was fishing approximately 10-feet of water with weeds coming up to about 7-feet. I got my regular in-line weights where I wanted them by letting out approximately 40-feet, than attaching the planer board. This had me trolling the tops of the weeds. With the HummBait in-lines I had to let out approximately 55-feet of line to be tapping the tops of the weeds.

The rods with the HummBait in-line teasers out-fished the other rods four to one, five to one and four to one in the 3 days I fished. I also noticed much more aggressive strikes on the rods rigged with the in-line HummBaits.

I believe that the vibration and flash of the HummBait teaser entices fish to strike even if they may not be in a feeding mode. I also think with all the vibrations of the HummBait and a Mack's Smile Blade you have much more of an underwater vibration range. This can be a major factor in boosting your chances of catching walleyes in stained or muddy water.



Dane shows one of many caught with this setup.

Rock Dancing or Sliding *by Staff*

It was a beautiful Indian summer day on Yellowtail Reservoir, Wyoming which sits right on the border of Montana's Big Horn Lake. Pat Slater decided to share that day on the water by taking two of his friends with him. Turns out that was a pretty good decision because when Pat decided to try Rock Dancing he was mighty glad he brought them along, to take some pictures and help with the net.



Pat Slater had some great walleye and sauger fishing on Big-horn Lake in late October, including this 8-pound, 5-ounce walleye.

If you don't know Pat he is a pretty darn good fisherman, and a member of the Mack's Lure Pro Staff team. Pat had a feeling the rocks and deep drop (continued on Page 2)

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Here Pat is ready to net another one.

offs where they were fishing might be a perfect place for sliding that black/chartreuse jig right into the mouth of some hungry fish. Six hours later Pat caught a dozen or more sauger, the 8 pound plus walleye pictured on page 1, not to mention a few trout and a large carp. His friends, well they only caught a few. Even though Pat was willing to share the day, his fishing spot, etc., he was running a little low in his supply of Rock Dancers and wasn't eager to share them. Got to admit, I would do the same, wouldn't you?

You see sometimes there is a little more to catching fish than just being on the right lake with the right lure. Pat knew he needed to cast that 1/4 oz. jig right to the edge of the shore line and



He also caught this 20-inch-plus sauger on Bighorn Lake as the fish were biting well on a Mack's Lure Rock Dancer Jig.

slowly slide it down and along the rock drop offs. He also knew the bite would not be a big tug on the end of the pole, but rather just feeling that the jig was no longer sliding down, because a fish had gently sucked it in. As it turns out that big walleye had a hold of that Rock Dancer, rigged with half a crawler, only 2 feet from the shoreline. A less experienced angler may not have realized the fish was on the line. Sliding a jig through the rocks is a type of fishing where even the most experienced angler is going to lose a few jigs. It takes a little bit of time to get use to the feel of the jig and you always want to have enough on hand for each angler who will be using them. It can be a bit frustrating to find the hot lure, only to have your last one on the boat get lost in the rocks.

If you are interested in knowing why Pat chose a heavy tied bucktail jig in the 1/4 oz. size or used the chartreuse/black color combination you may e-mail him. For more information from him or other Pro Staffers, go to the "Pro Staff" and the "Tips and Rigging Techniques" sections of our website. Please feel free to email any of us with any of your questions.

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Cookin' Your Catch

Walleye Supreme

Ingredients

- 1 pound walleye*
- 8 ounces cheddar cheese, grated
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 1 (10 1/2 ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 medium onion, diced

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place fish in shallow baking pan; place diced onion and cheese evenly on fish. Mix sour cream and soup in a bowl and spoon onto fish. Bake in preheated oven 30 to 35 minutes. Serves 4.

*Ideal fillets should be approximately 3/4-inch thick.

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40 Years!

Yes it's true, Mack's Lure will be 40 years old in 2009. Watch for more info in upcoming editions of the Mack Attack Newsletter!

He Busts 'Em With a Blade

By Hall-of-Fame Angler Stan Fagerstrom

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One of the neatest features of the Mack's Lure Smile Blade is the ease with which these nifty little fish attractors can be used.

That's especially helpful if you're a first class dummy when it comes to mechanical aptitude. I know because I've got about as much mechanical ability as a retarded billy goat.

Often when you mention a spinner to someone they immediately visualize the metal variety with one or two blades and as something you have to attach to a line or leader. That's not how it is with a Smile Blade.

You simply pick the size and color of the blade you want and then run your line or leader right through the hole in its center. There is no clevis. The glittering plastic blade simply rotates right there on your leader.

In my last two columns I've detailed the experience Bob Schmidt and I had with Smiles Blades while fishing bass at Mexico's El Salto and Mateos Lakes in late June. I told how we began clobbering those Mexican largemouths once Bob hung a Smile Blade on his line ahead of his plastic worm.



In that last column I also promised to provide the details on the set up we used for our south of the border bass fishing adventure. There was really nothing unique about it. That's why I mentioned earlier that using Smile Blades is such a simple and easy task.

What Bob did down there in Mexico is something you can do wherever you find largemouth or smallmouth bass. I have a friend down in Texas who'll verify that for you.

I had occasion to talk to this friend right after Bob and I returned from Mexico. I told him how we had clobbered the fish using Smile Blades ahead of our plastic worms. "By golly, Stan," my Texas friend said, "I'm going to give that a try."

My friend called me about a week later. "I ordered some of those plastic Smile Blades and the beads you told me about," he said. "I'll be darned if I didn't get a largemouth on my first cast with that set up."

This Texas bassin' man didn't go on to knock fish the way we had in Mexico, but he did catch a couple more. He told me he was certainly going to continue to let those Texas bass have a look at it. I fully expect him to call one of these days and tell me he's still doing well with it.

So exactly how did we rig our blade and worm set up for Mexican

fishing? As I mentioned in my previous columns Bob rigged his plastic worm Texas Style. But before he attached his hook and worm, he slid a bead onto his leader, then a Smile Blade, then two more beads and then his slip sinker.



You can do exactly the same thing if you choose. In the illustrations you'll find another option. If you're one of those who like to rig things in advance, and I am, what you see in the illustrations gives you another option.

I pre-rig my worm and Smile Blade on a six inch leader and attach the free end of the leader to a barrel swivel. Once I get it all rigged I slip it into a small plastic envelope and place it in my tackle carrier. I've done this with a variety of blade colors and sizes as well as different worms and grubs. They're all rigged and ready. If the fish fail to respond I to what I'm throwing, I can show them something different in less time than it takes to tell about it.

Why do bass go for this rig when sometimes they won't grab a worm all by itself? Who knows for sure? But I do have a thought in that regard. Bass compete for food. If you've fished them much in clear water you've undoubtedly seen several fish trying to grab a single bait. That's why fishermen occasionally catch two bass on a single lure. My guess is that the twinkling little Smile

Blade out in front of the worm makes it look like the worm is about to get itself a meal. Maybe that encourages a bass to make its move.

For whatever reason it does work and sometimes it works big time. If 19 fish on 20 casts doesn't prove that, what in the heck would?



Now all you need to do is add the plastic bait of your choice and you're in business.

I'll continue to carry a box full of bass baits. Bass don't "always" do anything. That applies to what they'll hit as well as everything else associated with the sport.

But be assured my Smile Blade and worm combos have earned a special spot for themselves in my bass fishing tackle box. And those big mouthed boogers are going to get a good look at them wherever my bass fishing adventures take me.

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Photo of the Month

We want your photos! Send your photos to bob@mackslure.com.



Picture from Robert Ploof of a walleye caught on the Smile Blade.

Question of the Month

Have a question? We'd love to answer it! Contact us at bob@mackslure.com if you have a question you would like to see featured!

Q: *Where and when did the Wally Pop first make its debut?*

A: The Wally Pop made its debut as an experimental product during the summer of 2000. It was a key product that year for Royce Drye winning the WA state governors cup, and Ron Seelhoff winning the PWT tournament on Fort Peck.

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