

Howard "Pop" Dean

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We would like to nominate Howard "Pop" Dean of Sayner, Wisconsin to be an honorary member of the N.F.L.C.C.

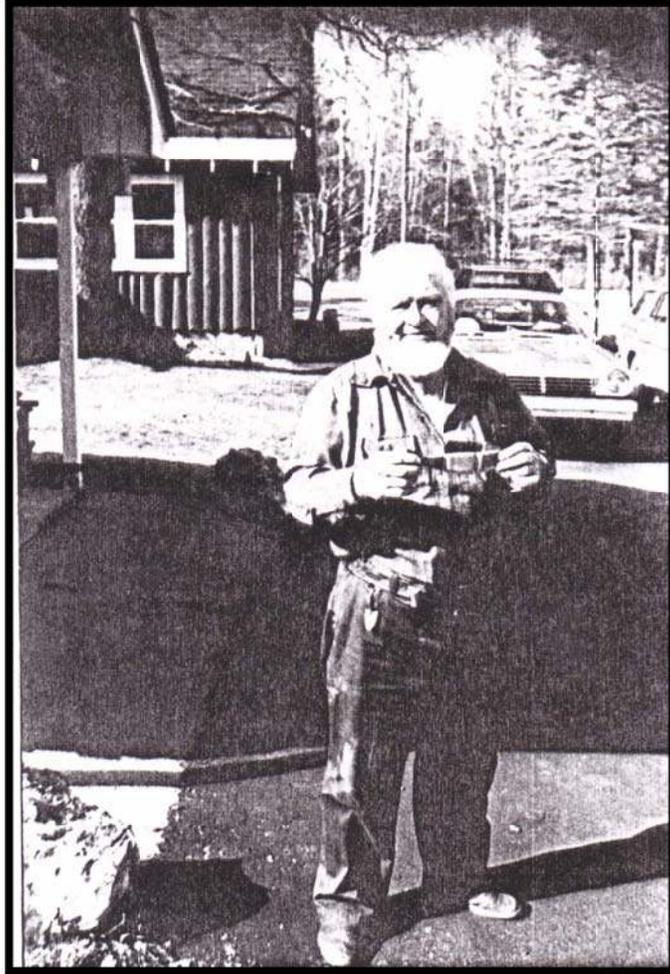
We have known Pop for over 25 years. In that time he has told us hundreds of wonderful fish stories including some that will have to be passed on verbally. A few days ago we stopped in to say "Hi" to Pop.

During the conversation I asked him to tell me his favorite fish story. He thought a while and looked up with a twinkle in his eye that only 80 years can produce. Pop said that about 40 years ago he and his brother Porter (The Barefoot Guide) had a guiding job for some cops from Chicago. There were three of them and Pop got the odd man. While retrieving his Masterbait surface plug a huge wake rose behind it. Pop told the officer to reel faster which he did. The huge musky did what a big musky often does. He opened his mouth full of teeth and came right at the plug. The law enforcement man said screw that and proceeded to toss his rod and reel in the lake. Obviously this tough Chicago policeman had finally met a tough enough customer to simply just say "no" to!

Pop experimented with many musky lures. The result was two basic musky plugs, the sucker and the 3-piece Masterbait for which he received a patent in the 1950s. Pop still makes a few suckers and Masterbaits. He lives on Rt-151 between Sayner and St. Germaine, Wisconsin. If you happen to be in this wonderful country why not stop in and say hello. I'm sure he will have some fishing advice or a few fish stories for you. Ask him

about some of the famous people including a President he has guided in the past.

Most people who have one of his plugs refuse to fish with it. If you dare give one a try maybe you will have a musky story of your own to tell.



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