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## President's Message



**Ray Schmitz**

## Gone Fishing



**Dick Trevarthan and Dudley Smith on a recent fishing trip on Lake Michigan.**

After another hectic "spring start-up" on the golf course a group of us decided to take a day off and go fishing with Charter Chaptain Craig Marfia on Lake Michigan. Yes, it is the same Craig that many of us know and love as a former Golf Course Superintendent.

Our charter started out of Waukegan Harbor at noon and we would be out 4 to 5 hours or until we reached our legal limit of fish. During our time on the water our party boated 17 fish including 2 beautiful rainbow trout and 15 chinook salmon. Believe it or not, at one time we had 4 poles with fish on. This was a very exciting time for everyone on board. The prize catch of the day went to George "Bo-Jo" Haddad with a 10 and a half pound rainbow. Dudley Smith came in second with a nice rainbow over 8 pounds. Dick Trevarthan took third prize with a large shiny chinook.

Captain Craig was a very capable and gracious host. I always knew he was capable of growing good turf and now I am convinced he knows Lake Michigan and he sure knows how to fish.

I think it should be part of our job, no matter what kind of work we do, to be able to take some time off and reflect on what is happening around us. It seems when we return to work we have renewed energy and/or more productive at what we do best. Also it gives people with responsibility under us to make decisions on their own. This also is part of the teaching process.