

FISHING WITH A CRAPPIE MASTER: Charlie Hogg

By Bob Williams,
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My daughter-in-law, Diane wanted to go crappie fishing so I called Charlie Hogg owner of the "Crappie Pro Shop" in Carterville, IL. He has an excellent reputation and lots of experience fishing for crappie. He agreed to guide me and Diane on Crab Orchard Lake, it was last May 21st and was a great day for fishing, we really got into the crappies.

Charlie and Linda met us around 7am at their trailer in Campground A and we hit the water right away. It was a real treat to fish in his 18-foot Lund boat. The Lund boats are really nice.

We used 10' rods with Charlie's famous crappie lure, the Hot Tail Jig. By noon we had 50-55 fish in the boat. His GPS book did not let us down at many of the areas we fished. It did not seem to matter what color of jig we used they bit on them all. The presentation changed from swimming the lure to boat, to holding the lure still on a tight line.

Anyone who has fished with Charlie knows what a great guy he is. We quit fishing around 5pm and had a total of 90-100 fish. He put us on the



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crappie and we had a blast.

Diane can sure catch the fish, but she didn't want to learn how to clean them!

If you have any questions about his lures feel free to give him a call. I'm sure he would appreciate your interest. Charlie's lures are preferred in Southern Illinois and are catching on in other markets.

The Crappie Pro Shop has designed a HOT TAIL Jig far different from the rest.

Charlie was frustrated when fishing with a jig that begins to tear up after a little use; he decided to de-



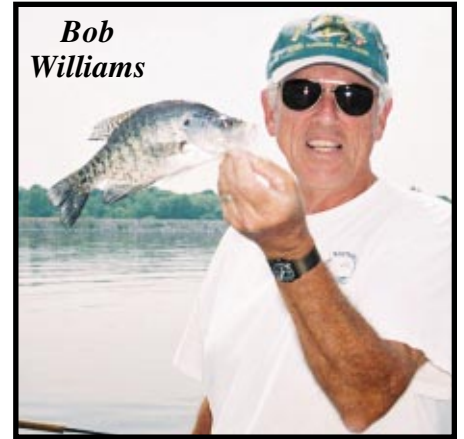
sign a jig for himself that would last a little longer. He used some of his favorites, and putting them together makes a DANDY little jig.

This jig has a painted head in various colors, a very sharp RED HOOK followed up with a feathered tail. We have taken time to glue the body to the head and the feather tail is securely glued inside the body. This seems to be the answer; they tend to be more durable. The color combinations work great, I think you will agree they look awesome! They are available in 1/32, 1/16, and 1/8 oz. size and come 2 to a package for \$1.89.

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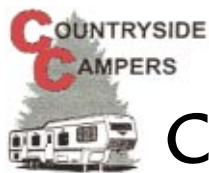
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