



RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

Fishing Line Newsletter

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan 11	Feb 8	Mar 8	Apr 28*
May 10	June 14	July 12	Aug 9
Sep 13	Oct 11	Nov 8	Dec 13



JANUARY - RUSS CLARK

IT'S RIVER STEELHEAD FISHING

Our guest speaker will be Captain Russ Clark talking St. Joseph River system - one of the most productive systems close to us. Captain Russ will talk about the best quality fishing for salmon and steelhead trout. Landing a skamania steelhead with light tackle can be one of the most memorable experiences you'll ever have in a lifetime. Captain Russ Clark guides on the St. Joseph river and Lake Michigan year round. With 25 years experience guiding the area it means Captain Russ can put you over some of the area's most productive fishing spots. Guests welcome! Just \$10 at the door includes a meal. Join us and bring a friend or meet a new friend!

January- Fishing for the Future!

Fishing for the future! January seems to be the month of New Year resolutions and a commitment to just do better. Being a better fisherman is always on my list. That can mean many things besides catching more fish. It might be taking a veteran, kid, or handicapped person fishing. It could also mean making sure we create a better, cleaner environment for those that follow us. I have some very good news in that area. There are two Federal Acts that help fisherman and other outdoorsman a great deal. They are the Dingell-Johnson Act and the Wallop-Breaux act. One adds 10% to the cost of fishing equipment sold to wholesalers and distributors the other taxes things like the purchase of boating equipment and marine fuel. These funds are distributed to the states based to a large degree on the number of licensed anglers. The money is sent to states as part of the Sport Fishing Restoration Program. These funds can **ONLY** be used to enhance sport fishing. One of our past governors tried to sweep funds away from

the Illinois DNR and was immediately contacted by Federal Agents and threatened with jail time for misappropriating fed funding. This is one of the very few times where we know our spending is helping the fisherman now and in the future. The ice has cometh! January is normally the coldest month of the year and the ice seems to get deeper by the day. Like all fishing, ice fishing can be as simple or as complex as you want to make it. For me, I want to make it warm! I used to get warm by using a hand auger to drill many holes throughout the day but I am now more built for comfort. There are so many new products to help put more fish on the ice, sensitive rods, special ice fishing line, electric ice augers, modern electronics with built in GPS, insulated ice shelters and last but not least, specialized ice fishing outer wear to keep you warm. If this seems like overkill think about what you spent on open water fishing. You still have the option of using the hand auger and a five gallon bucket to sit on but as I said I am now built for comfort. Don't forget about ice fishing guides! Many of our best open water fishing guides now offer guided ice fishing trips. Because they are not limited by the capacity of a boat they can put together group outings which greatly lower the cost while letting the angler benefit from many of the above mentioned technologies.

Some personal thoughts on being successful at ice fishing. Go late or very early! I learned the hard way. Several times I would spend the day on the ice with little success only to watch the locals come out at 3 P.M. and catch fish until well after dark. Many little bugs and zoo plankton that panfish eat this time of the year seem to live in the bottom. As it gets dark, they rise up making easy eats for the panfish. Once in the feeding mode they become much easier to catch. There are of course exceptions, dark, cloudy overcast days being one. So sleep in, keep warm and go catch some fish! January is fishing show season. Go to at least one- shows combine other outdoor activities with fishing and they all seem to have special programs for kids- a great way to spend a cold winter day. Speak one on one with guides, resort owners and various marine companies. Most run show specials that can save you a lot of money on a trip of a lifetime or buying and outfitting a new boat. Remember this is the time of the year when fishing and boating business is often the slowest. People that don't have the time to answer the phone in June really need the work and income now and the have the time to listen to your wants and needs. Now is the time! - **Dan Carney**
Lifetime Member Riverside Fishing Club

Paid Members can attend our board meeting 6:45pm Wed., Jan. 24th Papa Passero's 6326 South Cass Ave., Westmont.

Meetings held 2nd Thursday each month Doors Open at 6:15 p.m. Meeting runs 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
(Guests Welcome \$10.00 per meeting- Includes Meal & Admission) **Robert E. Coulter Jr. Post 1941**
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Meet, eat and listen is our motto!
Only \$10 for guest membership.

- * Speaker-Presenter Every Meeting
- * Meal-Snack Every Meeting
- * Convenient La Grange, IL meetings
- * Great way to meet new fishermen
- * Great night out to bring the kids
- * Cash Bar & Fishing Tackle Raffles
- * Fishing Trips - Club Outings
- * \$85 family membership -annual
- * \$60 single membership -annual

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