

RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

Fishing Line Newsletter



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AUG. SPEAKER - PHIL PISCITELLO

Walleye, Muskie, Bass

Join us on August 8th when our August speaker, Phil Piscitello has been a Walleye Unlimited member for over 27 years. He fished the Professional Walleye Trail and Masters Walleye circuits, as well as the Sturgeon Bay Open for Smallmouth Bass for several years. His local waters include the Fox River Chain, Shelbyville, Shabbona and many southern Wisconsin lakes as well. He owns and operates Borderline Fishing Line Guide Service and specializes in walleye, bass, muskie, and pike. His clients have boasted about his teaching abilities on the water and his patience with beginners new to the sport of Muskie fishing.

JOIN US at the American Legion Hall 900 S. La Grange, Road -

(La Grange, IL 60525) for our monthly fishing seminars, meals and the best multi-species fishing social club in the Chicago area. No reservations necessary for guests who are thinking of joining our club - you MAY JOIN THE CLUB any evening to get in on all the speaker and meal for just \$10 (guests). Memberships for 2019 are available for single for family memberships and are pro-rated for the rest of the year. Fishing is heating up and you can get great tips, tricks and information from speakers (and from members!). This is a great way to meet a new fishing partner or boat partner.

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All Hail August

August was named after the first emperor of the Roman Empire when it was determined that two more months needed to be added to the then ten month calendar. As a result we get an extra month of summertime fishing. The daylight is getting noticeably shorter but the heat and stable weather remains.

Many of the shallows are weed chocked which is a good thing. These thick weeds offer the perfect hiding place for bass. This is frog and buzz bait time. The deep weed edges also hold predators including Walleyes and pike. Current is your friend. Find areas that are wind blown or natural current edges, especially necked down areas.

Another key feature for fish this time of the year is the thermocline. I bring this up every year because it is so important. On many lakes there is an oxygen deficiency below this line that separates the warm surface water from cooler water below. Many fish will suspend right at the thermocline break. Several of my best fishing days were spent catching large panfish in the heat of the day suspended over deep water. The thermocline is so dense and contains so much suspended material that it shows up on most depth finders.

In a normal year our local rivers offer terrific August fishing. Our rivers offer shallow riffles that oxygenate the water. This well oxygenated water coupled with warm water leads to high feeding activity. Early and late target the riffle

area, later in the day look for deep water after the riffles or deep water at river bends. Match the hatch, crawfish often becomes the primary food source on many rivers. Tube jigs, crawfish imitating plastics and crank baits that look like crawfish scooting backwards are very effective. If you like battle and then eat fish, August is prime time to fish Lake Michigan. Coho and King Salmon are at their maximum size and still eating so the meat is perfect for the grill or smoking. Because most charters can take six people the cost is very reasonable and travel is a couple of hours at most.

Phil Piscitello, the club's August speaker has guided in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin for many years. Phil also competed in many Walleye and Smallmouth tournaments in the Midwest. His specialty is his multi-species guiding success on the Fox Chain of lakes. The Fox Chain is notorious for being crowded with speed boats, water skiers and jet skis during the summer. Despite those challenges Phil's clients catch Musky, Walleye, Bass and panfish under these less than ideal conditions. Phil is also a regular writer for Midwest Outdoors.

There is no shortage of fishing opportunities in August. This is truly our last dependable month of summer fishing. Don't let this month slip by without getting out on the water. There are many fish to catch but we are rapidly running out of summer.

See you on the water!

Dan Carney
Lifetime Member

Upcoming Speaker Seminars at Riverside Fishing Club:

September - Jim Crowley: Northern Pike & Musky

October - Johnny Wilkins: Float Fishing - Trout Secrets and Fishing rigs for Light Bite - all year round! Be our guest for just \$10, includes a meal, coffee, snacks and a pile of fishing info.

November - Ice Fishing Speaker

Next Board Meeting will be 6:45pm Wednesday, September, 25th at Papa Passero's 6326 South Cass Ave., Westmont. Paid members are welcome.

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