



RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

Fishing Line Newsletter

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

May 9	Jun 13	July 11	Aug 8
Sep 12	Oct 10	Nov 14	Dec 12



J.V.K. BASS

Times a Wasting!

I don't know any other month when so many fish are available to so many fisherman, May is a very special month. Early in the month you can catch the tail end of the Walleye run as males hang around after spawn and Coho, trout will still be available if there are good west winds. When the lilacs bloom the Crappie move shallow and the white bass run has officially started. About the time they finish, the bass start making their beds. One thing most of these fish have in common is that they are all vulnerable. While this can be a great time to fill the freezer, please don't keep more than you will reasonably eat.

OK, now that we have these great fishing opportunities there are still two big questions to be answered. How do we find them and how do we catch them? The club's May speaker, Joe Nieminski, will help answer the first question. Joe is a representative for Johnson outdoors, the manufacturer of Humminbird Electronics, one of the major providers of fishing multifunction displays, Minnkota trolling motors and Talon automatic anchors. This year there seems to be a major leap in the capabilities of these systems. Joe will cover these improvements that include side scan, chirp, down scan and bottom composition. In the spring fish react daily to changing weather conditions and the urge to spawn. Fishing can be outstanding but you need to find them first.

As to how to catch them I'll offer some suggestions. For the tail end of the Walleye run, the remaining fish are there because the temperature is still cool enough and there is sufficient food. They are eating! Jigs are my personal favorite. The presentation can be aggressive, no long pauses. Whether using live bait or artificial keep the jig moving with short pauses on the drop. Don't neglect nightcrawlers if minnows aren't getting hit. For White bass you can't go wrong with the classic Wolf River rig tagged with a lively minnow. For me it's back to the jig and minnow again. Weather affects location so you need to move until you find the school. Crappie are one of the most sought after panfish every May. Weather again plays a major role in location.

My best success is fishing calm shallows with emergent vegetation or wood cover. Water clarity often affects depth, clear water often means fish spawn a bit deeper. Small soft plastics or simple float and minnow is all that is required. For Bass please know your waters. While researching a new to me Wisconsin lake, the local fisheries biologist asked me to keep my limit of legal bass up to 18 inches due to over population of bass. Otherwise I suggest quick catch and release. Bluegills will quickly raid any unattended nests.

My final thought, simple, GO Fishing and take a kid!
See you on the water!

Dan Carney

Lifetime Member Riverside Fishing Club

Next Board Meeting will be 6:45pm Wednesday, May, 22nd at Papa Passero's 6326 South Cass Ave., Westmont. Paid members are welcome.

Electronics!

Humminbird® Expert on Hand for May Meeting

Join us on Thursday, May 9th, our May speaker, Joe Nieminski, has been involved in the fishing industry for over forty years. The last twenty seven years Joe has worked for Wellman Sports Marketing representing Humminbird®, Minn Kota™, Lew's®, P-Line® and several other major brands. Joe will be presenting the newest enhancements and features available from Humminbird®. You'll want to hear Joe's presentation as there have been major advances in marine electronics this year.

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 member and for family membership and are pro-rated for the remainder of the year. This is the best time of the year to join - fishing is heating up and you can get great tips, tricks and information from speakers (and from members!) on where, how and why fishing is great around here. Talk fishing get ready for Summer fishing action. This is the best way to meet a new fishing partner or boat partner.

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