

RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

Fishing Line Newsletter



OCT. SPEAKER - JOHNNY WILKINS

Trout & Floats & Live Bait

Great tips for catching more and larger fish.

Join us on Thursday, October 10th, 6:45 p.m. when our October speaker, Johnny Wilkins will present Trout fishing tips to limit out. Johnny began float fishing in Chicago twenty years ago, and fishes for the USA Fishing Team. Johnny has three World Championship appearances and has three U.S. Open Medals. He fishes live bait and holds the Illinois record for fish caught in 24 hours (2,011 fish)! Come learn top tips and the best live bait tackle for catching more fish. The ultimate multi-species fishing presentation for shore and boat including the 42 foot pole!

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). Meetings start at 6:45 p.m. 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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October is for Suckers!

A recent fishing trip with a fellow club member reminded me of a very successful October trip to Door County, Wisconsin. The target was trophy smallmouth bass. The bait of choice, suckers! In fact the only bait we used for three days were suckers, fished on the venerable Lindy Rig. The first fish I caught was my biggest smallmouth ever, a very round fish of a little over five pounds. This turned out to be average! Other fisherman in our group caught fish over seven pounds and there was one fish that was very near the magic eight-pound mark. If you are a musky fisherman you know about suckers but I think most of us don't give them a thought. That's a mistake in October when game fish are looking for a big bite to carry them through the coming winter.

October is our last chance at fishing the cooling lakes and Heidicke. This is prime time on these lakes as the water has cooled down and the fish are very active. October is trophy hybrid striped bass time on Heidicke. Get to these lakes before they shut down until next year.

For me, this is river fishing time! On the Illinois the white bass are schooled up and there is an opportunity for walleye and sauger. On the Fox, DuPage and Kankakee it could be anything from smallmouth, walleye, catfish, northern pike or suckers. If you haven't caught an October redhorse sucker you are missing out on a lot of fun. Often schooled up these fish fight hard and are great eating when pickled.

Though often overlooked the DesPlaines River is becoming a Northern Pike factory, suckers would be great bait for these toothy critters.

The weather in October can really sucker you into thinking those Technicolor trees, crisp bright mornings and warm afternoons are going to last all month. Then Mother Nature sends down that Canadian cold front with high winds, driving rain and dreary days. Everything changes overnight! My point is to get out fishing when you can. It can be over at anytime. Don't be a sucker!

Our October speaker is one of Riverside Fishing Club's very own! When not putting together the club's newsletter and doing tech stuff, Johnny Wilkins passion is to teach a specialized fishing method through his Chicago Fishing School. Johnny can teach us how to catch fish anywhere they swim. One area of local interest is always the fall inland trout opener. I don't know about everyone else but I often struggle to catch these stocked fish. Johnny will be spending some time explaining the right rigging, presentation and baits to use to maximize your success at catching enough for a nice fish fry. More importantly, take a kid fishing and they will have a ball catching these hard fighting colorful fish.

I hope you get out to enjoy what might be the last really nice weather before next year.

Dan Carney

Lifetime Member Riverside Fishing Club

Upcoming Speaker Seminars at Riverside Fishing Club:

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.

November - Tod Todd: BetterIce Fishing

Next Board Meeting will be 6:45pm Wednesday, October, 23rd at Papa Passero's 6326 South Cass Ave., Westmont. Paid members are welcome.

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