

RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB



Fishing Line Newsletter



CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Pictured: (center three) Leonard Catalano, Tony Novak and Dan Carney presented many fishing items to Komarek School Fishing Club on October 17, 2019. With these Riverside Fishing Club donations, many more students can now attend fishing

ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS

ARE WELCOME. Don't forget the early-bird drawing for 2 annual memberships! Pay your membership for 2020 at or before the party and get entered to WIN! Great, catered social - not-to-be-missed. The party is LOADED with delicious food and treats - and you need to have sent your reservations in for a guest if you are bringing one! Wishing you and yours a fantastic Christmas and holiday season! We will be donating to our favorite food pantry - don't forget to **bring non-perishable food items to donate!** Join us December 12th in La Grange if you are an active member.

You MAY JOIN THE CLUB this evening to get in on the Christmas Party. Memberships for 2020 are available at \$60 for single member and \$85 for family membership. This is the best time of the year to join - especially if you don't like cutting a hole below you to fish.

ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY JOIN US at the American Legion Hall
900 S. La Grange, Road - (La Grange, IL 60525)

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The Gift of Fishing!

I think about the best gift I have ever received. It was free. I could share it with anyone or keep it to myself. I have been using it for over sixty years. There isn't a day in the year I can't use it. It's the gift of fishing.

The older I get the more I appreciate this lifelong gift. I can't remember a time when I didn't fish. My Dad taught me how to catch Bluegills and Bullheads with live bait. Then my Grandfather taught me how to wade the shale covered river rapids of the Maumee River for catfish and rock bass. He would be amazed to see the river today with its spring run of walleye and white bass. What's missing from these multi generational fishing experiences? For the most part fishing was a guys thing. I am happy to see this changing rapidly. The Riverside Fishing Club is part of this evolution. We have women represented in our membership and on our Board of Directors. I am happy to say I have been out fished by a couple of them!

This gift of fishing needs to be shared whenever and wherever we can. Fish don't care about your handicaps, skin color, age, sex or politics. If we want fishing in the future we need people of all generations invested in protecting both the fish and their environment. Think of what's occurred in the last few years. The Des Plaines River now has bass, northern pike and walleye. The Chicago River has such a variety of fish that

it supports fishing guides! Musky fishing on the Fox Chain of Lakes! This can be the beginning of a true fishing renaissance. The only way this will happen is if we share our gift of fishing.

The other gift fishing can give us is the gift of friendship. When I joined the club, I knew no one but I felt like I was among friends because we all shared and gave the gift of fishing. Through these fishing friendships I have had the privilege of fishing in Costa Rica, Canada, Lake Erie, the Mississippi River, Lake Sara, the cooling lakes, Fox Chain of Lakes, Lake Michigan, Lake Delavan, Evergreen Lake, Lake Geneva and I know I am missing some. I thank all of you that have shared your fishing gift with me. Please share this gift with anyone you can, share it with someone new. With your help, kids, friends, neighbors or adults can learn the gift of catching a fish. Our fishing club recently started supporting the Komarek middle school's fishing club. When we showed up with donations we learned they had to limit membership due to lack of rods and reels. This changed with the club's donation. These kids show up and an hour before school starts to learn about the gift of fishing. I was so excited to see this future of fishing, boys, girls, kids from all backgrounds and abilities - there are no barriers to the gift of fishing! Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa,

Dan Carney
Lifetime Member Riverside Fishing Club

Upcoming Speaker Seminars at Riverside Fishing Club:

December - Our annual Christmas Party. Members, do not miss this feast and fun celebration. (Remember this is our **Early Bird Raffle** - pay dues for 2020 and get entered to win!)

January - Doug Kloet - Ice Fishing Techniques & Lake Geneva Tips

February - Captain Ralph Steiger - Lake Michigan Smallmouth, Salmon & More

Next Board Meeting will be 6:45pm Wednesday, December, 18th at Papa Passero's 6326 South Cass Ave., Westmont. Paid members are welcome.

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