



# 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



**JUNE SPEAKER - PAT HARRISON**

## Local Multi-Species Tips!

### Chicago River Fishing Expert for June Meeting

Join us on Thursday, June 13th, our May speaker, Join us on Thursday, March 10th at 6:45 p.m. for a fishing presentation to boost your catch this Spring from local guide, Pat Harrison. Pat will be talking about local fishing within 75 miles, tackle and techniques to fish from shore or boat. Multi-species, bass, walleye, crappie, perch, trout and salmon. Pat offers half day and full day trips for bass, walleye and panfish as well as all-inclusive fishing trips and getaways to several destinations including fishing the Heart of Downtown on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan Shores!

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.

## Mixed June Bag

I have mixed feelings about the month of June. The snow and ice are gone, April showers turned into May flowers but the river spawning runs are over, the Crappie and Bass are off the beds and it starts to get light at 4AM. It's time to rethink the fishing game. My main focus on lakes is weed edges. The young of the year are eating and hiding from predators in the weeds. Early and late in the day inside weed edges are often overlooked shallow water fish catching magnets. Top water baits or shallow runners such as the original Rapala can be deadly. Once the sun comes up, fish either deeper or into cover. One great way to explore this edge is with a drop shot rig. This can be cast or fished vertically with plastics or live bait.

For local rivers it's Smallmouth and Catfish time. Because the Fox, Kankakee and DuPage are relatively shallow, top waters early and late can be a blast! The Whopper Plopper might be good to start with. Crawfish are on the menu for most fish in the rivers so an imitation like the Live Target or Rebel Crawfish patterns can be deadly. Tube jigs and plastic crawfish imitations work well when drifting in the current. For numbers of eating sized catfish a cheese or blood based dip bait is tough to beat, if it smells it will work. For the larger channel cats in my opinion nothing beats fresh cut bait. These bigger catfish are the breeders, please CPR these fish to guarantee the future fishery.

June is still a good month to hit Braidwood and LaSalle cooling lakes before they become over heated. If you want a chance of catching the biggest fish in your life, target blue or flathead catfish. Cut bait works best for blue catfish, live bait for the flatheads. These fish can exceed 30 pounds so stout tackle is required. LaSalle hosts a good population of hybrid stripers. A fun way to catch them is fishing with chicken livers suspended off the bottom on the cool water side of the lake. While waiting for the bite throwing a Kastmaster spoon and retrieving it to imitate wounded shad can result in some jarring strikes.

Two lakes not to be forgotten are Shabbona and Heidicke. Shabbona is the only lake in Illinois designed from it's creation to be a fishing lake. Perhaps the best multi-species lake in the state. Known for schools of Crappie and state record Musky this lake is also home to plentiful Bass, Walleye, Bluegill, Catfish, Perch and Hybrid Stripers. Lots of structure, weed beds and deep water keep this lake productive. Heidicke, no longer a cooling lake is an evolving fishery. Best known as a put and take Walleye fishery the lake also offers quality Crappie, Channel Catfish Musky and Hybrid Stripers. As you can see there are no limits on June fishing opportunities!

### Dan Carney

Lifetime Member Riverside Fishing Club

Next Board Meeting will be 6:45pm Wednesday, June, 26th at Papa Passero's 6326 South Cass Ave., Westmont. Paid members are welcome.

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