

RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

Fishing Line Newsletter



2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan 9	Feb 13	Mar 12	Apr 25*
May 14	Jun 11	July 9	Aug 13
Sep 10	Oct 8	Nov 12	Dec 10

*Swap meet 8 AM to Noon, Apr. 25th



FISHING TACKLE SWAP MEET APRIL 25

April - A New Beginning

OK, winter is officially over and Spring has sprung. As anglers this is the month we really start fishing whenever and wherever we can get a line in the water. The good news is that fishable water is all around us.

Coho, Steelhead and Brown Trout are available from shore and boat. If shore fishing many anglers have started using power lines. Club member, Dave Hulsman, is an expert at this technique. This multi hook set up can cover a lot of water with bait from night crawlers to minnows and can catch a nice mixed bag. Another option is to fish with a rod soaking live bait under a float while casting spoons like Little Cleos or baitfish imitating jerk baits. Coho are usually in the top five feet so keep your baits high in the water column.

Heidicke, Braidwood and LaSalle are all open and the opening day crush of anglers is over. The water on the cooling lakes is perfect for all the species in those waters. The cool water at Heidicke is perfect for walleye. When targeting these walleye I like slow trolling along wind blown shorelines. The DNR manages Heidicke as a put and take walleye fishery so don't feel you can't keep the legal sized fish for the frying pan. If you like catfish, LaSalle and Braidwood have trophy sized Blue Cats and tons of eating sized Channel Catfish. Both lakes also have Hybrid Striped Bass that for some reason love fresh chicken liver!

If you love river walleyes this is your best month of the entire year. The Illinois, Fox, Mississippi, Wolf and Maumee rivers all have major walleye runs during the month of April. All these rivers are within a few hours drive from the Chicago area. You often don't need a boat. Lots of shore access on the Winnebago chain, the Maumee and the Fox River. If you want something different, try one of the fishing barges on the Mississippi River.

Now that you have all these places to fish, what are you going to use to catch them? This is what I would suggest, go to the RFC swap meet, talk with expert fisherman and buy what they tell you works. Every year I find something new that I add to my fishing arsenal. Maybe you are on a budget or want to try something new, the swap meet is for you! Like many of you I have some favorite lures that can be hard to find. Last year I found several at great prices. I left with a smile on my face.

This is also the time to buy raffle tickets for Temple Bay. The drawing will take place at the club's May meeting. This is the RFC's biggest fundraiser, buying even one five dollar ticket helps. Temple Bay is one of the very best Canadian resorts. I guarantee you will have a great time! Hope to see you on the water soon!

Dan Carney

Lifetime Member Riverside Fishing Club

Upcoming Speaker Seminars at Riverside Fishing Club:

MAY - Lincoln Buchanan, Fishing Guide & the Temple Bay Raffle Drawing

JUNE - Ed Devries on bow fishing

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

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BIG TACKLE SALE

New/Used Fishing Equipment, Antiques

Join us on Saturday, April 25th at 8:00 a.m. for a fishing tackle SWAP MEET! We'll host tables and tables of fishing tackle, reels, rods, antiques, camping equipment motors. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. and selling will continue until 12 Noon. Adults \$3 - Kids under 12 free! Great chance to stock up on tackle and equipment at amazing prices! **JOIN US at the American Legion Hall 900 S. La Grange, Road - (La Grange, IL 60525)** for our tackle sale. (NO sales of Firearms or Ammunition allowed) *All sales are final and RFC is not responsible for any items sold. *Fishing, Hunting, Boating and Camping related equipment only Tables are \$20 for non-members - \$15.00 for members. (NO THURSDAY MEETING IN APRIL!).(For info or to reserve a table please contact Buster at 708-921-2239 or bustera69@sbcglobal.net. The Riverside Fishing Club meets in Countryside, IL every month. Meetings average around 65 fishermen and women and we have several families, kids that all gather to get regional fishing info, meet fishing buddies, have a meal and enjoy. Members get a free subscription to Midwest Outdoors Magazine!! We offer raffle prizes, cash bar and many other benefits of getting together to talk fishing monthly. Join Us, call 630.235.2162.

Ask a club member about purchasing Temple Bay Lodge Raffle Tickets-On Sale NOW, you can purchase them at the next couple meetings.

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