

RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

Fishing Line Newsletter



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 was cancelled



RFC is Seeking New Speakers

FISHING SPEAKERS WANTED

Our multi-species fishing club is seeking for entertaining, engaging, educational speakers who can talk about techniques and methods of fishing. Although our club members fish the Illinois waters most often, we are open to speakers that cover fishing topics on other Midwest states. RFC members have displayed an eagerness to learn about new places to fish. We also desire to increase our knowledge of our favorite local waters. Do you have a topic to present to RFC? We are looking for interesting presentations which might include demonstrating rigs, boat control techniques, shore fishing techniques, or recent impacts to the water ecology, fish stocking programs, etc...

A picture is worth 1,000 words. PowerPoint presentations or fishing equipment gear to support your presentation is a real plus! We will supply the computer, video projector and screen as necessary. Short presentations need to be 30 minutes in length. A lengthy presentations need to be 75 minutes in length. We will consider both short or lengthy presentations. Please contact our speaker chairs at: jim.vestka@gmail.com and provide information on your topic or presentation type.

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Sad, Mysterious Days

I am writing this at the end of March. Like many of you I am confused and frustrated with where, what and when we can fish. By the time you are reading this, I hope that life will be close to normal but I have my doubts. Which brings me back to my December newsletter where I talked about the gift of fishing. We are fortunate to be part of a sport that allows us to enjoy the outdoors alone or with friends. We can still fish with friends but the rules have changed. Tomorrow I am planning to fish for salmon with some other club members. Normally we might drive or have breakfast together before wetting a line. Instead we are all driving separately and bringing our own bait and snacks. I am sure there will be jokes told and some wise cracks about each other's lack of fishing abilities but there won't be any handshakes or slaps on the back. However we will still be fishing!

On the plus side, this is May, my favorite month to fish. Early in the month Crappie will be moving into quiet shoreline waters within easy casting distance. Live bait isn't required, small jigs and crank baits work great. Crappie normally don't like disturbed water so look for areas out of the wind. I find a slow, steady retrieve works better than a lot of stop and go. Crappie get eaten by Bass, Northern, Musky and even Catfish. If they stop biting predators might be lurking, so try casting some lures for bonus gamefish.

Upcoming Speaker Seminars at Riverside Fishing Club:

MAY - Lincoln Buchanon Fishing Guide TEMPLE BAY DRAWING. (Lincoln will appear, if possible, please do check our website for updates). Next Board Meeting will be set at a future date. Board members have been conducting meetings and decisions via email.

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Bass typically spawn mid to late May in our area. This often results in a shallow water migration. I don't like to target bedding Bass because minnows, crayfish and bluegills will eat any unguarded eggs or fry. Fortunately Bass don't all spawn at the same time but they are still cruising the shallows.

You can't talk about fishing in May without mentioning the White Bass run on area rivers. These fish move in schools looking for both food and a gravelly area on which to spawn. Picking areas with good current and depth can make a banner day for the fisherman. If you don't catch any fish in fifteen minutes move. Lure choices are easy, White twister tails on a jig head, shiny in-line spinners or jig and minnow all put these fish on your line.

On a sad note the Riverside Fishing Club lost a great fisherman and a longtime club member, Arvid Eleksis. Arvid (pictured), passed after a long battle with cancer. I don't think anyone in the club was held in higher regard for their fishing ability than Arvid. When others struggled catching crappie at Lake Sara, Arvid would come in with a full live well. Arvid's favorite place to fish was Lake Delavan where he was a fishing guru for Northern Pike and Bass. Arvid you will be missed.

See you on the water soon,

Dan Carney
Lifetime Member