

RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

Fishing Line

Newsletter



Jan 14	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 24*
May 13	Jun 10	July 8	Aug 12
Sep 9	Oct 14	Nov 11	Dec 9

Always check club emails *SWAP MEET



Hard Water or Cabin Fever

Who is colder? The Catfish, or Mel? Braving the cold for a big one.

Join Riverside Fishing Club

Join Us! If you haven't been on one of our meetings, your club board provides meetings on-line. Join us on a regular phone! Check club emails for a link to the live meeting. **Don't have a computer? Get in touch with Tony Novak!** We will continue to keep watch for incoming vaccinations. This should make things more safe for in-person club meetings to resume. Stay tuned. New members can participate in our on-line meetings. We would like to thank Jason Mata Wisconsin fishing guide (J-MataFishing.com), for donating his time and speaking at January's meeting. Contact him about all-season walleye fishing.

2021 Dues, MWO Extended

Current Members – 2021 Memberships: The Riverside Fishing Club Board unanimously agreed to extend the current 2020 memberships into next year until such time as in-person live member meetings resume. Your Board will determine when we would restart membership dues payments and also decide on the amount of dues for the 2021 period. Also the Board agreed to continue current member's Midwest Outdoors Magazine subscriptions, until next year's membership renewals are due. (This is one of our club perks). **No need to renew your memberships at this time** – you are and will be current until further notice via email or phone call.

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Warming up to February

I have mixed emotions about February. It's still winter, it's cold but the days are getting noticeably longer and by the end of the month an occasional warming front comes through offering a glimpse of Spring. We should also be seeing progress against Covid-19. I so look forward to getting back to in person meetings. The fishing is usually tough in February. If there have been heavy snows in January, decaying plants will quickly use up the available oxygen, forcing the fish to go deep and often inactive. Fortunately lakes like the Fox Chain have moving water from the Fox River that keeps the water oxygenated. Lakes like Delavan and Geneva have plenty of deep water. Don't neglect Lake Michigan harbors. It might be worth a trip to Milwaukee harbor to target trophy Brown Trout. If the Chicago lakefront opens to fishing there might be an opportunity for early Coho. I am spending the winter in southwest Florida. Those of you attending the January Zoom meeting know I will be offering some insight on fishing down here for the February and March Zoom meetings. I always thought the fishing here was the same all year. It's not, in many ways it's just as seasonal as the Midwest. The crappie spawn is already at its peak and the bass started spawning a month ago and normally finish by April. The bluegills will be bedding shortly. There are also invasive freshwater tropical fish to target. These include Tilapias, Oscars, Clownfish and Peacock Bass.

In my area there is a lot of inshore and shoreline fishing opportunities. On the beach you can catch Whiting, Pompano, Sheepshead. Inshore fishing is dominated by Sea Trout, Redfish and Snook. Half the fun of saltwater fishing is never knowing what you are going to catch. The best part is your freshwater fishing gear works great and your favorite lures work also. Two of my favorite lures here are Johnson gold spoons and Zara Spooks. If you need a break from the Chicago winter don't hesitate to bring your fishing gear if your going south. In club news the Board of Directors is still doing everything they can to make the enjoyment of fishing its primary goal. Zoom meetings won't replace in person meetings but at least you can see some friendly faces, get timely fishing information and get questions answered by many experienced fisherman. Terry, the club's outing director continues to work on organizing fishing trips. I can't think of a better way to break the winter doldrums than fishing with fellow club members. Sue Lee, the club's treasurer, did a great job with the survey. Your participation was important in guiding the future direction of the club. I want to express my appreciation to our President, Tony Novak. He has kept the club relevant during these difficult times. Hope to see you on the water!

Dan Carney
Lifetime Member

The Board meets online, virtually and in person using safety protocols.

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