

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

*Check website for meeting updates



Tony - Our King with a King

Meetings Online

Our fishing club board has come together to provide meetings online. There are two ways to view our club meetings. You can check your club emails for a link to the live meeting. You can even listen in with a cell phone if you don't have a computer, or get your emails via phone! Contact Tony (bottom right) for more details or stand by for the next club email. We miss you and wish you and your family well. **Due to the current situation the speaker(s) and/or the monthly meeting may or may not be available as planned, please Check RiversideFishingClub.com for updates and watch for club emails.**

Hot Times

This is a first! I have been told to write one article for both July and August as MWO is consolidating the July and August issues. On the plus side I get to go over my normal 500 word allocation. As I write this the notice word has gone out that all the state run lakes and facilities have been reopened. I hope by the time you read this that they are still open as well as the Chicago lakefront. In previous years I have mentioned the need to fish early or late for the best opportunity to catch fish during this hottest time of the year.

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Hot Times Continued

Then I got to thinking about my own experiences fishing during the heat of the day. On Heidicke my biggest hybrid striper and walleye were caught mid-afternoon. On Shabbona my biggest walleye was caught under a blazing afternoon sun and my best bluegill day ever started late morning and didn't stop until I ran out of bait midday. I think I know why.

Under the cover of darkness and early in the morning with no sun and cooler better oxygenated water the fish can spread out. During the heat of the day fish are more likely to seek cover or find cooler water in a more confined area. The day I caught all those bluegills was one of the hottest days of the year. The big gills had suspended at the thermocline about 15 feet down over 30 feet of water. Likewise that Shabbona walleye was about 12 feet down on a flat adjacent to a weed bed. If you like fishing artificial frogs, I suggest you wait until late morning when the sun and heat push the bass to take shelter in the cool, dark water under the lily pads. My point being that especially on many lakes good fishing can be had during the heat of the day if you know where to look. I guess this is idea might be considered going against the common wisdom of catching fish by matching the hatch. In my opinion this isn't always true. If you have ever been on Heidicke, Shabbona or LaSalle after the shad hatch you might understand. How are you going to entice a fish to eat a bait that looks like a million of what they are already eating? The father of Spoon Plugging, Buck Perry, figured that out! Instead of trying to trick the fish he relied on their built in reaction to a fleeing bait no matter what nature was providing. I'll be the first to tell

you that I am no expert at speed trolling but I know it works. During summer due to the warm water fish metabolism is at its highest. They have the energy to react to fast moving lures. The big hybrid I caught at Heidicke came on a crank bait being trolled at about 5 mph. The only trophy walleye I ever caught was on a fast trolled spoon plug in mid-July. My experience has been that I don't catch a boatload of fish but the fish I catch have been big. Rich Dvorak was announced at the winner of the Temple Bay raffle! This is Rich's second time as the winner of the Temple Bay raffle. Just a quick word about Rich as a fisherman. Rich exemplifies what it means to be a true fisherman. Every time I speak to Rich he has either just come back from or is just getting ready to leave on a fishing trip. Rich loves fishing in Canada. One of his favorite Canadian trips is ice fishing for Lake Trout. Me, I am going to Florida, not Rich he's headed to ice bound lakes in the great white north! Congratulations Rich, I can't think of anyone that will enjoy this trip more. Thanks to everyone that bought tickets to support your Riverside Fishing Club.

Because of the unknown impact of Covid-19, we have not scheduled any speakers at this time. The club is holding a virtual meeting with a speaker via ZOOM. There is no cost for members to join our meetings. Members can even listen live via a cell phone. Watch your club email for details or contact Tony (below). I hope you will give it a try. New members may join the fishing club for a pro-rated discount.

Hope to see you on the water soon!

Dan Carney

Lifetime Member

Board members have been conducting meetings & decisions via email.

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