

RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

Fishing Line Newsletter



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| 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 club emails for meeting updates



Monster Sheephead Trolling

Mel B., RFC's most legendary Sheephead Hunter scores big.

Virtual Meetings Continue

Join Us! If you haven't been on one of our meetings, the RFC board has come together to provide meetings on-line. You can do so on a regular phone! Check your club emails for a link to the live meeting. **If you don't have a computer get in touch with Tony Novak!** If you need help, we can get tech support. Until we get clear, safe conditions following this new spike in Corona Virus, we will continue to keep member safety as the number one priority. Everyone in the club and even new members can participate in our on-line meetings. Tell a friend - this is a great way to learn fishing. RFC will have exciting news coming up. Stay tuned!

Where Has This Year Gone?

As I write this, northern Illinois just experienced it's first frost. No hummingbirds at the feeder for the first time in months. When I took my dog for a walk this morning the pond was really steaming and there were no more crickets or grasshoppers chirping to greet the morning sun. Fall is upon us!

How will the weather change affect fishing? For November the fall turnover will be completed. This means there are good oxygen levels throughout the water column. Fish are no longer seeking shelter from the heat of the day. Quite the contrary, they often are seeking out the warmth available from the diminishing sunlight.

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Where Has This Year Gone? Continued

The late afternoon often provides the best bite of the day.

With Thanksgiving happening at the end of the month, despite Covid-19 there is a lot to be thankful for. To my knowledge despite the vulnerability of many of our members I am unaware of anyone being infected by the virus. Let's pray it stays that way. We should be grateful that our chosen sport of fishing allows us to enjoy our sport safely with proper precautions in place. I am also thankful for the hard work of our board of directors and of course our President, Tony Novak. I would like to especially thank Jack Knies, club member and President of Fish Tales fishing club. Jack has set up the Zoom meetings and assisted with speakers to help insure the Riverside Fishing Club can keep our members informed and educated.

I know many of you have put away your fishing gear until next spring but there is much to do. During a recent outing with club member, Jim Kopjo, the Crappie Professor, Jim spoke about the scarcity of fishing supplies. Due to COVID-19 there are a lot of restrictions on imports. I never thought about how dependent we are on imports for much of our fishing tackle, lures, rods and reels. To my knowledge, Eagle Claw is the only domestic hook manufacturer and St. Croix has one of the few rod lines made in the U.S.A. This means you should try and stock up or if buying Christmas gifts do it as soon as possible. Please do your best to buy local. These retailers have been hit hard. We need to support them. I recently came across some fishing industry information that I found interesting. The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation hired some

analysts to find out about the health of the fishing industry. Nationwide participation is at its highest since 2007, at 17%. That represents over 50 million Americans. Over 3 million new people tried fishing for the first time. Youth participation continues to grow. The fastest growing group of fisherman was in the Hispanic community where they averaged 3 more fishing trips per year than the average angler. I am happy to report that the gender gap has continued to shrink with almost 18 million women anglers. The news isn't all good, over 9 million anglers left the sport. As you know I often suggest take a kid fishing. This report showed that among active anglers 91% of them started fishing before age 12. Like I said, take a kid fishing. By the time you read this you should have received a short survey about the future direction of the club. The club has a lot of challenges going forward. While our expenses have been reduced so has the income. Communication is a challenge at best. For anyone that has a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone, I urge you to join the Zoom meetings. It is very simple to log in and the presentations have been outstanding. The Q and A sessions during the Zoom meetings have been particularly informative.

Tony Novak, our President often says, "this is your club". Tony and the board of directors needs your help and input to insure the club is meeting your needs. Phone or email Tony or anyone on the board with any questions or suggestions you have to insure that this is your club.

Go fishing! Be Safe!

Dan Carney

Lifetime Member

Board members have been conducting meetings & decisions via email.

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