



# RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Sep 14	Oct 12	Nov 9	Dec 14
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## Fishing Line Newsletter



### DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY

#### JOIN US FOR OUR PARTY

ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS - WELCOME. Don't forget the early-bird drawing for 2 annual memberships! Pay your membership for 2018 at or before the party and get entered to WIN! Great, catered social - not-to-be-missed. The party is catered - and you need to have sent your reservations in for a guest if you are bringing one! Contact Sue & Tony at the addresses (left side of this newsletter). Wishing you and yours a fantastic Christmas and holiday season! We will be donating to our favorite food pantry - don't forget to bring non-perishable food items to donate!

#### December- Crisp Air, Open Water

I am dreaming of an ice Christmas just like the ones I used to know! Normally December is the start of the ice fishing season in Northern Illinois but these days we just have to wait and see. One thing I do know is the days of stocking caps, gloves and hooded coats is upon us. If you are up to it, December can be a great month to fish. The rivers will be open and flowing. My biggest Smallmouth from the Fox River was caught years ago on December 10th while wading and casting a hair jig. The Chicago lake front can be a real hot bed of fishing action. The north slip of Navy pier usually has schools of perch though it will take some sorting to get a limit of eaters. Because of the gobies, and their spawning rituals Lake Trout can now be targeted on the outside break walls. Zip style lures, jigs and crank baits will do the trick. These are bottom hugging fish so get

as deep as you can, fishing early, late or overcast days will improve your chances of a possible fish of a lifetime. Though not mentioned in many reports there can be movements of whitefish off the break walls as well. Small spoons tipped with spikes or minnows on the bottom are good bets to catch these tasty fish.

If you are a die hard ice fisherman be very, very careful at first ice. Ice depth and strength can be extremely variable and no crappie or bluegill is worth your life. Try to go with a friend, keeps the ice picks on you and check the ice depth as you walk. If you have not ice fished in a few years you are in for a real treat! Electric ice augers that can drill 50 holes, tungsten jigs that get the bait down to the fish quickly, modern cold weather clothing and boots that will keep you warm well below zero are now the norm. I was always part of the bucket brigade, a hand auger, a five gallon bucket holding my poles and the ice scoop. No more, I want to fish out of a heated shed with electronics showing me where the fish are at while using sensitive rods and actual reels. If it is in your budget hire an ice fishing guide. Fish under the ice don't often move very much and a guide will know where they are at, ensuring a productive day on the ice.

Of course December is a month of holidays and special remembrances, it is a time of celebration and giving. As part of the Riverside Fishing Club's, Christmas party we have reached into our hearts and pockets to support the St. Barbara food pantry. Despite what seems to be an improved economy the people needing help from the food pantry is greater than ever. Please bring any non-perishable food goods you can for a donation. We will be passing the hat, so to speak, for cash collections. The club has increased it's donation to \$200.00 this year-cash is always helpful to the pantry for supplies and improvements. I want to thank Fred Kuchta for coordinating the collection and distribution for the club. Fred has done this every year, please wish Fred a special Merry Christmas! Pay your 2018 dues at our party, you may win in our early-bird drawing (a great Christmas present.) Merry Christmas! Hope to see you all at the party!

#### Dan Carney

Lifetime Member Riverside Fishing Club

Next Board Meeting will be 6:45pm Wednesday, November 20th at Papa Passero's 6326 South Cass Ave., Westmont. Paid members are welcome.

Meetings held 2nd Thursday each month Doors Open at 6:15 p.m. Meeting runs 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Guests Welcome \$10.00 per meeting- Includes Meal & Admission) Robert E. Coulter Jr. Post 1941 American Legion Hall 900 S. La Grange Road, La Grange, Illinois (708) 354-3300

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- \* Meal-Snack Every Meeting
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- \* Great way to meet new fishermen
- \* Great night out to bring the kids
- \* Cash Bar & Fishing Tackle Raffles
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- \* \$85 family membership -annual
- \* \$60 single membership -annual

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