

# 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



## Loads of Trophy Fish Waiting

Mark Simpson Holds a Brute Lake Michigan Laker with Richard Dobbs.

## Join Us For Virtual Meetings

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!** Need help? We can get tech support. We will continue to keep member safety as the number one priority. New members can also participate in our on-line meetings. Tell a friend, this is a great way to learn 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.

We wish you and your family a safe and healthy New Year. We hope to see you at our next online meeting until such time as we can meet in person. You can join us via phone - ask Tony for directions.

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## A Great Year Ahead

I have seldom looked forward to a new year as much as I am for 2021! If all goes right with the vaccine COVID-19 will be a bad memory. Like many Club members I am part of the high risk group. If everything goes as planned all of us should have access to the vaccine by spring. I want to go to our meetings, shake hands, listen to bad jokes and share fish stories with fellow members. The board of directors has worked hard to offer Zoom meetings with good speakers but there is no substitute for in person meetings.

I know trips were canceled and fishing pressure was greatly reduced. This should mean more and bigger fish this year. This might have a long term impact as more fish successfully spawned putting even more fish in the pipeline for a few years. I am hoping that trips to Canada will once again be possible, allowing the club to continue its partnership with Temple Bay Lodge. Not only has the partnership allowed the club to raise money and offer a trip of a lifetime but it has introduced many of us to world class fishing. While sharing the boat with, Mel Baranski, I caught both my largest Musky and largest Northern Pike within a half an hour of each other.

January should bring solid ice. This could be a banner year for both size and numbers due to less fishing pressure during the open water season. Safety always has to be your first consideration.

An old fashioned spud bar to check early ice thickness is a great idea. If at all possible never go ice fishing alone. A rope tied on to a throwable life cushion keeps both the rescuers and rescued safe.

As for fishing the new rods, reels and line are game changers. No more need to squeeze the ice off of little rubber bobbers. Hand augers are a thing of the past. The new electric drills are light, quiet and can drill holes all day long. Many serious ice fisherman are now using very small, extremely flexible plastics instead of trying to keep live baits from freezing. This might be a great year to get back on the ice if you've stayed home the last few years.

The majority of our target fish are predators that feed by sight. As the water becomes very clear under the ice fish can see the best they have all year long. That's why many good ice fisherman use very light line and small baits. Panfish are feeding on almost microscopic food and insect larvae. The large predators are however focused on big meals so large baits often work well. I suggest using a fluorocarbon leader with those bigger baits.

We only have a few months to go before the COVID nightmare is over. Don't take chances so close to the finish line.

Be safe! See you on the water in 2021!

**Dan Carney**  
Lifetime Member

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

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