

RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

Fishing Line Newsletter



2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan 13	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 30*
May 12	Jun 9	July 14	Aug 11
Sep 8	Oct 13	Nov 10	Dec 8

New Members, Guest Welcome

*Fishing Tackle Outdoors SWAP MEET April 30th

February-The Month of Love?

I love that February means that winter is more than half over. I love February for planning warm weather fishing trips. I love February for getting together with friends over a good meal and a cold beverage to talk about past fishing successes and failures. Then of course there's Valentines Day but that's a personal matter.

What a strange weather pattern we had in December with highs in the fifties at the end of the month. Ice fishing locally didn't happen. That could be entirely different in February. Right now it looks like solid ice by the end of the second week of January. That late ice is good news for both the fish and fisherman. With no snow covered ice for the first few weeks of winter there should be green aquatic plants and high oxygen levels. The fish should be active and perhaps found shallower than normal for February. That all changes if there are heavy snows mid January. February is a great month for traveling to Greenbay for Whitefish. This can be very comfortable fishing. Many ice fishing guides provide heated ice house placed over productive fishing areas. This is a great trip for a group. I would highly recommend paying someone to clean your Whitefish. They have a very tricky bone structure but they are delicious! Want a great trip, call our February speaker, Jereme Curtis and book a trip on the St. Joseph River. This is only a two hour drive from Chicago. The normal target fish are Steelhead Trout

but there is also a chance of trophy Walleye. The Wisconsin harbors are also full of big Steelhead and bonus trophy Brown Trout. A few mild days will turn on the river Walleyes and Sauger. A warm spell at the end of the month will get these fish staging to spawning areas on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. Our past speaker, Mike Hanson would be a great guide to contact. If you get on fish it can be nonstop or you can spend the day fishing the wrong places, local knowledge is critical.

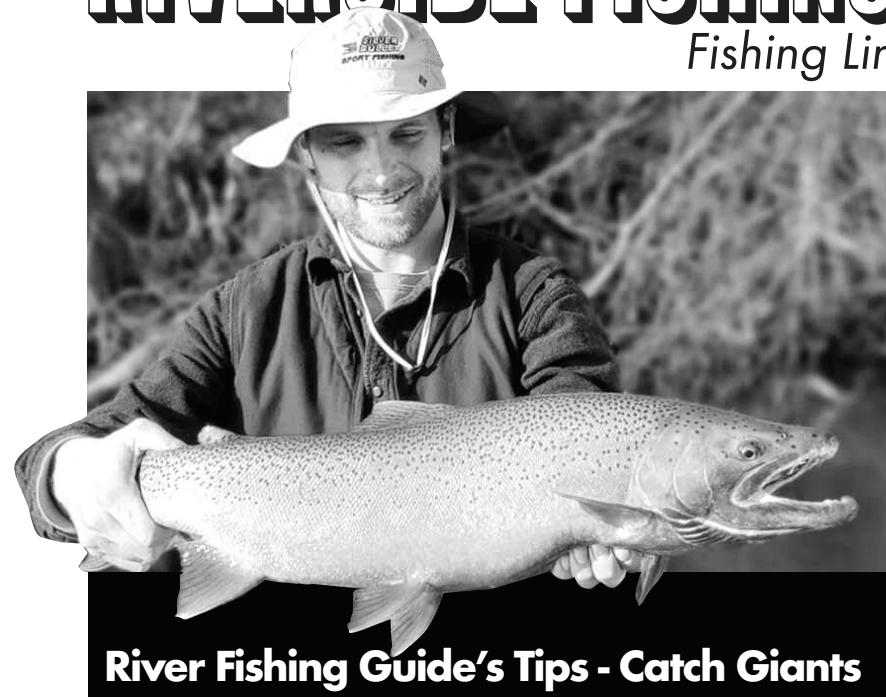
Are you using your Riverside Fishing Club membership for the maximum benefit? Are you thinking of fishing a new body of water? The club has a list of speakers going back years. I for one can't remember who spoke about what or when. The club's speaker director, Jim Svestka has these records. It helps the club get speakers when past speakers get business from Riverside Fishing Club members. Many guides know each other and a good word about our club helps us help you get great future speakers. Attend the meetings and note who gives fishing reports and where they fish. Reach out to these folks. Often they would appreciate a new fishing partner. Read Midwest Outdoors! The amount of tips, tricks, guides and resorts each month is a great knowledge resource. Be well my friends!

See you on the water,

Dan Carney
Lifetime Member

The Board meets in person using safety protocols.

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River Fishing Guide's Tips - Catch Giants

Jereme Curtis can show you tactics to fish the difficult structure of the St. Joseph River in nearby Indiana. Valuable tips for elusive trophy fish.

Wading St. Joes River

Jereme Curtis of Silver Bullet Sport Fishing will present on the St. Joseph River. Undersanding the seasonal behaviors and techniques required to catch walleye, smallmouth bass, salmon and steelhead. Join us for a night of fishing talk, education and hanging out with fishermen in our family-friendly setting. Guests welcome - \$10 admission (can be deducted from your membership should you join). **Check for details on the SWAP meet - April 30th.**

Gift an RFC Membership

Get your spouse, out of the house with the gift of an RFC Fishing Club Membership – 2022 Memberships available. Membership entitles one or a family to our 12 gatherings, access to our fishing outings, socials and our monthly raffle along with multi-species speakers, guides and fishing experts speaking at meetings. Meetings are ALL MASKED for the safety of our vulnerable members. We have video access to all meetings! Memberships avialable: contact Tony Novak 708.447.8087 to get a membership gift for someone.

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