

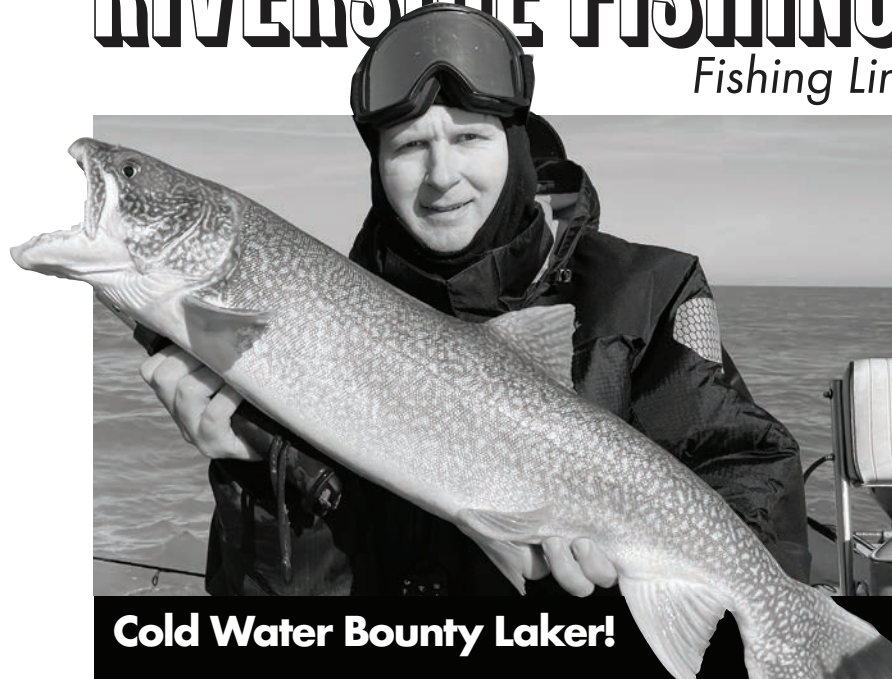
RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

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



Cold Water Bounty Laker!

Mark Simpson holds up a nearly trophy-sized Lake Trout caught while working Lake Michigan's chilled December water.

RFC Fishing Club

Join us for our in-person meetings. You can join us on a regular phone! Check club emails for a link to our meeting information. **Don't have a computer? Get in touch with Tony Novak!** (Tony's contact lower right) Our club uses masks at meetings for the safety of ALL. While is safe for in-person meetings, you can still join our club for remote-only membership! We will continue to be streaming meetings. New members welcome! For those cold iced-over months- the Riverside Fishing Club is an excellent choice! **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 available: contact Tony Novak 708.447.8087 to get a membership gift for someone.

A New Beginning?

January is upon us. Traditionally January is a time for resolutions. So what really is a resolution? As I understand, it's a process of resolving which is what? The word is defined as either solving a problem or breaking something complex into something simpler. So my short version is keep it simple stupid. How does this translate to fishing in the new year? As anglers we are about to get bombarded with tackle catalogs from every fishing retailer you can think of and if you are like me your email fills up with tempting offers every day. So are all these new products and sales trying to help us catch fish or they angling for us?

This morning I was chatting with four excellent fisherman. Each of us laughed at the tackle we have accumulated and continue to purchase but when we actually spoke about how we fished things really started to simply. One is a dedicated top water fisherman, he has three favorite lures, another likes paddle tails, another fishes weedless plastics, myself, I like suspending jerk baits, the last fisherman was new to the area and I could see his head was spinning. Rather than bury him in a deluge of different lures we each recommended our favorite. Now he has a simple selection that will cover most fishing situations. It's a great way to start someone new to the sport or trying to target a new species. A few years back Dan Basore was the club's speaker, he

had just returned from a Smallmouth Bass fishing trip. He caught over a hundred fish on two presentations, a drop shot and a Ned rig. Make a resolution to keep it simple in 2022! This will be an interesting year for the Riverside Fishing Club. While Tony remains President several board of directors have taken new positions and new people have been added. The main focus as always is to provide outstanding fishing information in a friendly, positive environment. This is most often done through knowledgeable speakers and member reports. One aspect of the club that is to often overlooked is the ability and willingness of our members to gain friendships and knowledge by reaching out to each other. There is no price that can be put on becoming actively involved with fellow members. I know some of the best fisherman in the Chicago area are members of our club. Their knowledge and friendship is usually there for the asking. This is your fishing club, make the most of it!

I would like to offer some ice fishing advice but with December starting out in the 50s, I don't even know if there will be safe ice by January. For a short trip try the Chicago harbors for a shot at trophy Steelhead and Brown Trout. Spawn sacks or jigs and minnows usually work well. New ice usually means panfish in the Fox Chain channels.

Happy New Year!

Dan Carney
Lifetime Member

The Board meets in person using safety protocols.

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