

RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

Fishing Line Newsletter



2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Always check club emails for updates



Lake Sarah Bass Look Out!

Sue Lee on a heater with one of several nice bass and channel catfish she fooled when fishing the RFC outing at Lake Sarah, Effingham, IL.

Join Riverside Fishing Club

Join us for our streaming 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!** Vaccinations are lagging behind, but we are making progress. The appointments have been scarce. Soon, it will be more safe for you and in-person club meetings to resume. We will continue to be streaming meetings for the short term. New members welcome! Fishing is here with open water! The excitement of 2021 Spring will have no equal with fishing, in-person meetings getting near! **Check for details on the SWAP meet - the date not yet set.**

In Person Meetings in Sight!

Current Members – 2021 Memberships: The Riverside Fishing Club Board unanimously agreed to extend the current 2020 memberships into 2021 until such time as in-person live member meetings resume. Your Board is on the verge of safely restarting meetings and will also decide on the amount of dues for the 2021 period. We look forward to seeing you soon in person. Gears are in motion and we can't wait to get back to meetings at the Legion Hall. Target date, procedures yet to come. **Membership renewal will be discussed.** You are current until email or phone call. August or September meetings may be our 1st meetings in person. **WATCH EMAILS.**

Different is Better

Why do certain fisherman catch so many more fish than others? Have you gone to a new body of water and had no idea where to catch fish? To many times we focus on the newest hot lure or body of water. I used to look at old pictures of full stringers of fish. So old they were in black and white. They didn't have sonar, trolling motors or high powered boats. What they did have was local knowledge.

What did this local knowledge tell them? They knew where old stump fields were, where the bottom changed from mud to rock or even where to go when the wind was blowing twenty mph. All these things have one thing in common, these spots were all different from surrounding areas. It's the old ninety/ten rule, ninety percent of the fish are in ten percent of the water. But it's not the same ten percent everyday. Mother Nature is not static, she changes constantly. I've been guilty of going to the same spots over and over again and spending too much time not catching fish. Don't waste your time waiting for the fish to bite. Move but move with a purpose and look for something different. Many of our members have spent time fishing Lake Sara in southern Illinois. The target species is usually crappie.

The weather can be sunny and seventy five or snowing and twenty five when we go in late fall. Typically there are two schools of thought. Many are dedicated dock fisherman, others focus on lay downs. Some

years everyone catches fish, other years it's one or the other or worst case, no one catches many fish. Even these two different types of fishing requires adjustments, looking for something different. Sometimes there are happy accidents that result in an unexpected new opportunity.

A couple of years back I had club members Chuck and Sue Lee in my boat on Lake Sara, fishing a well known deep water lay down. For some reason Sue's float drifted into the weed covered shoreline. Sue started catching big catfish and nice bass. In hindsight this was a predictable pattern. There were small bluegills holding in the weeds. Warmer surface water was blowing into the shore. The big cats and bass couldn't resist Sue's minnows. On another day we started catching crappie in an area no bigger than a fifty five gallon drum on a similar shoreline weed line. After the spot stopped producing fish I went to find out why they were there. There was a deep, weed free pocket that was the perfect ambush point for any predator, it was only three feet wide. It's not just being different but understanding why that different spot produced fish and can you replicate that success elsewhere. In conclusion, be different, don't rely on the same spots. If your not catching fish it's usually not the fishes fault it's yours.

See you on the water,

Dan Carney
Lifetime Member

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

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