

RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

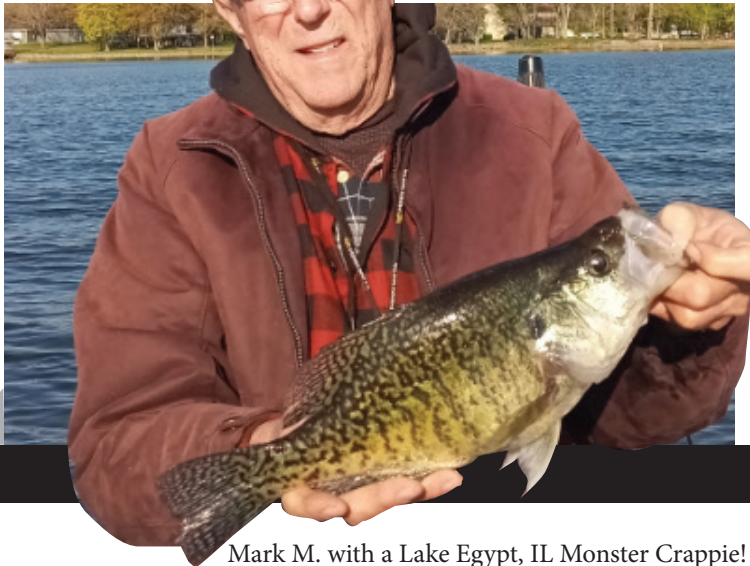
Fishing Line Newsletter



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



Mark M. with a Lake Egypt, IL Monster Crappie!

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 Discussed

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 determining when we can safely restart meetings and will also decide on the amount of dues for the 2021 period. We look forward to seeing you soon in person. 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.

It's June and the Fishing's Easy!

Or is it? The weather is mild, lots of extra hours of daylight, what could possibly get in the way of catching our favorite fish. It turns out things have changed since Spring. The cooling lakes have started to heat up and have had heavy fishing pressure since March. There are still plenty of fish to catch from these lakes, they don't disappear. These lakes are designed to maximize the impact of wind. Use this to your advantage. Fish the cool water side and fish the wind blown shorelines. Fish as early as you can to take advantage of nighttime cooling. I would focus on catfish and panfish because they are the least impacted by the heat.

The river spawning runs of Walleye, Sauger and White Bass are over. The good news is, spawning is no longer the main focus, eating and proper oxygen levels are what matters. As long as the rivers have a good flow focus on objects that break that flow. Fallen wood on outside bends, points, and riffles are good starting points. Ironically low water levels and flow can provide great river fishing. The shallow water moving over rocks or dams oxygenates the water. My best river fishing spots are often the first deep holes below these spots.

One fish that really comes into its own in June is the tasty bluegill. Bluegill are one of the last fish to spawn, usually coinciding with the full moon. This is Mother Nature's way of providing a great food source for the young of the year gamefish just when they

need it the most. The large saucer like nests make them easy to find. The larger Bluegill are usually on the deepest beds. Selective harvest is very important. The largest Bluegills are critical to having the best genetic stock available to reproduce. I love a fish fry but I am careful to use selective harvest.

This is the time of the year we share the water with water skiers, jet skis and speed boats. Sharing might not be the right word. I prefer to be on the water before and after all these other users of our waterways. With the long daylight hours we can easily get in a half day in the morning or evening of great fishing. I really don't want to be on the water at 2 P.M. on a 90 degree day anyway. The evening bite can be especially rewarding as so many fish start feeding as the sun sets. As the sun sets the wind usually dies down creating a great top water fishing opportunity.

As I write this in early May it appears that July has been targeted as the month to start being able to socialize without fear of COVID-19. I hope that's true. I've been able to attend open air meeting here in Florida. You can't replace that face to face experience.

See you on the water!

Dan Carney
Lifetime Member

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

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