

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



Guide's Monster Muskie Tips Our March Speaker Doug Kloet

Doug Kloet will teach you tactics to fish the Fox Chain of Lakes and Lake Geneva for Muskie fishing action. Our March speaker.

Geneva's Muskie King

Captain Doug Kloet has 20 years of guiding experience on the highly-pressured waters of SE Wisconsin and NE Illinois. Learn tips on scoring muskies in these waters to score more fish and meet one of our region's excellent fishing guides. Guests welcome - \$10 admission (can be deducted from your membership should you join). **Check for details on the SWAP meet - April 30th.**

Become an RFC Member

Cabin fever? Want to learn about fishing locally and in the region? RFC Fishing Club Membership 2022 Memberships are available. Membership entitles you 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: call Tony Novak 708.447.8087. Buy a membership annual dues are: (single membership is \$70 & family household only \$95).

Are You Ready?

Spring is almost here! Hard to believe because as I write this it hasn't been above freezing for several days and there are several inches of snow on the ground! However, the sun is stronger, the sun is rising earlier and setting later. Are you ready to start fishing again?

I was reminded of my own lack of preparedness on a recent fishing trip with club Guest Speaker Chair, Jim Svestka. We were fishing some shallow, inshore waters in Florida. We were using jigs. I had left the rods rigged from a previous fishing trip. Jim lost his original jig to a snag. With a new jig on the line Jim commented on how much sharper the hook was on the new jig. The bottom here is littered with rocks, oysters and wood. I had committed the sin of not checking my line or hook before hitting the water. My lack of care and preparation could have cost Jim a trophy.

What kind of shape was your tackle in when you put it away for the season? How old is your monofilament, did you have wind knots in your braid when you stowed your reels? Did you have any idea it would be your last trip for the year when left the tackle in the boat or corner of the garage? Any chance it was damp or rainy on the last trip? Hooks get rusty, reel bearings loose lubricant, bail springs wear out and the list continues. Whether fishing from shore or boat we all need a first aid kit. Now is a perfect

time to restock your kit, antibiotic ointments and pain relievers expire. Have you added a wound wash spray to your kit yet?

If your a boat owner do you have one of the free Coast Guard inspections scheduled. This will insure your signal flares are up to date, the fire extinguisher is not expired and all your navigation lights are in good order. The life jackets must be in good condition. If you have the inflatable type make sure they are in working order. A new requirement added last year is for the engine shutoff lanyard to be attached to the boat operator anytime you operate the boat above idle. Make sure the trailer lights all work, the wheel bearings are in good condition and the tires properly inflated.

The Riverside Fishing Club lost one of most active and vital members this January when lifetime member Dr. Frank Novak passed away. I had the privilege of fishing with Frank on several occasions. Frank was one of the club's biggest supporters. In addition to being a great fisherman Frank was an incredible human being. Frank always donated any winnings back to the club or gave them to a kid. Frank was never concerned about himself, he just wanted those around him to have a good time. Frank, you will be missed, Rest In Peace.

Hoping to see you on the water,

Dan Carney
 Lifetime Member

The Board meets in person using safety protocols.

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