

RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

Fishing Line Newsletter



2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

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| 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



It's Fishing Time - Finally

George shows what a little Spring time on the water can yield. Get out and fish - it is time and the water is warming.

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 Get Close

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.

Back to Normal?

I went back and read last year's May newsletter, written at the end of March. I was getting ready to go salmon fishing with a fellow club member. It was the last day the lakefront was open for the year!

This spring I've been reading about successful lakefront power lining, trophy Walleye from the Kankakee River and huge Braidwood catfish. Dale Bowman wrote in the Chicago Sun-Times about remarkable size and numbers of game fish in the DNR survey on Heidicke. So the fishing is better than normal! This year could be the best fishing in a long time.

It's definitely time to wet a line. By this time I believe all our club members that want vaccines will have them. Others may have already lived through COVID-19 and are now immune. My point is that with proper planning we can spend time on the water with friends. I would expect some precautions to be in place but time together is not only possible but desirable after a year of isolation and restrictions. I've been fortunate to spend several months in Florida where the weather permitted outside dining and fishing. Weather in the Midwest is moderating, the water is open and fish are biting, no more excuses, go fishing my friend!

You might be surprised when you visit your local tackle store. There may be a shortage of hot lures or your preferred rods and reels. It is going to take some time for the supply

chain to get back to normal. Instead of walking out empty-handed maybe buy a lure you haven't seen or a new type of line. At the very least talk to the person behind the counter. Tell them what you were looking for, ask for their recommendations. Find out what's biting and where. At the very least buy some live bait. The local shops have had a really tough year and every penny spent helps. By now you should have received at least one opinion survey put together by the club's board of directors and President. The purpose of these surveys was to get feedback from fellow club members on when and how, regular in-person meetings can start and which safety protocols should be followed. I am hopeful that firm plans are now in place for the in-person meetings. I am looking forward to new fish stories and questioning speakers in person.

To all that participated in ZOOM meetings, I hope you found them interesting and informative. Jim Svestka and myself tried to expand the range and type of speakers. For those that couldn't participate we covered topics from trophy Kankakee River Walleye, Mississippi barge fishing, Northwood guides and even Florida party boats. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this most difficult year. I hope to see you on the water soon!

Dan Carney
Lifetime Member

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

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