

# RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB

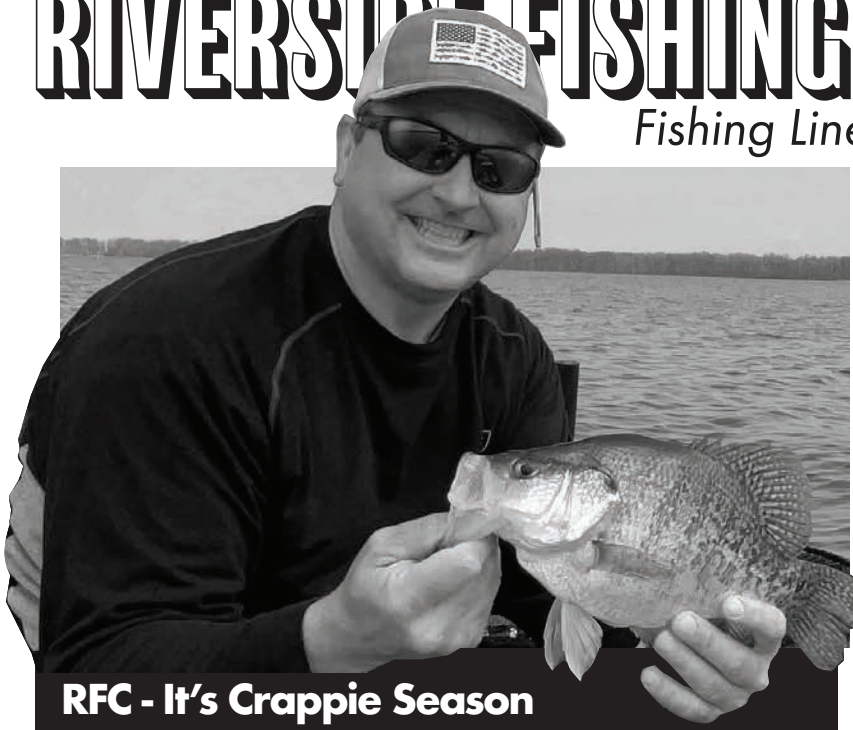
Fishing Line Newsletter



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



## RFC - It's Crappie Season

In October our club members were on the hunt for crappie in Southern Illinois, Tennessee & Wisconsin.

## Greet, Meet RFC!

Join us for our in-person meetings. Check club emails for a link to our meeting information. Our club board will have safest CDC guidelines in place. Riverside Fishing Club is back in person with great speakers coming up. New members welcome! Discover local fishing spots and information! Come learn new tactics, gear and meet friends. Visit us at the American Legion Hall in La Grange.

## At American Legion Hall!

Guests welcome - \$10 fee covers your speaker, snack and coffee. Cash bar and prize drawing available for fishing gear and current members - 2021 Memberships: Dues for 2022 will be due, with sign-up just before our December meeting. Watch your email or get in touch with Tony. We look forward to seeing you soon in person. Meetings will be ALL MASKED for the safety of our vulnerable members. For the time being, meals are postponed you may bring your own snack. Zoom feed should be available via phone and computers. If you don't feel well, please stay home. See you soon.

## November Lemonade

November can be a bunch of fishing lemons. The cooling lakes and Heidicke are closed until next year. It's cold, windy, damp and overcast as the cold Canadian fronts come through. It's not cold enough to ice fish but seems too miserable to be out in a boat. So as anglers what are we to do?

One bright spot is the local rivers. The walleye, Sauger and Smallmouth Bass are usually very active as they put on weight for the winter. This is jig and minnow time for me. Slow, methodical presentations on the bottom are the norm. Walleye and Northerns are good targets on Fox Chain and numerous southern Wisconsin lakes. Live suckers are hard to beat, drifting over deep weed beds.

If your going to be home bound, think about how and where you fished this year. Like most members in the Riverside Fishing Club, I have a few years experience under my belt. The question though is do I have many years of fishing experience or do I have a couple of years repeated many times? Are you using the same lures, same presentation and fishing the same spots? How's the catching, is it as good now as it was years ago? There are times our past experience does us no favors. Bodies of water change. Extreme flooding in rivers changes bottom contours, new forage fish can change feeding habits or even what species are available to catch. Shifting weather patterns affect where fish are located or how willing

they may be to bite. Even with the changes the club has had to make due to Covid there have been speakers discussing how's and why's of what they do to catch a variety of fish. I hope you took notes. I've learned so much from RFC's speakers. Here are just a few examples. Using fresh cut bait in structure on rivers has increased the size and quantity of channel catfish I catch. Using a Kastmaster to imitate dying baitfish to catch walleye and bass on many lakes. Learning how to use a drop shot rig to keep the bait or lure in the fish zone without getting snagged in the rocks resulted has in large numbers of walleyes and smallmouth bass. Learning how to pause a jig on the drop to give fish the opportunity to pin the bait to the bottom has greatly increased the number of fish I catch while jigging. Learning to use a Ned rig while killing time while sitting on the dock at Lake Sara resulted in several bass that wouldn't hit other lures I had been casting.

These are all methods I learned about from our speakers. If your not sure how a certain lure or method works I suggest you do some searches on the internet. Both YouTube and manufacturers websites offer online tutorials. Make some lemonade this November! Be well my fishing friends,

**Dan Carney**  
Lifetime Member

The Board meets in person using safety protocols.

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