

# RIVERSIDE FISHING CLUB



## CHICAGO AREA'S BIGGEST MULTI-SPECIES FISHING CLUB FOR YOUTH, ADULTS, INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Club meetings are conducted within the scope of Illinois COVID guidelines. Masks and Vax will be required in accordance with state guidelines in place as of the date of the meeting.

**MEETINGS** are on the second Thursday of each month and consist of a brief business meeting with fishing reports, guest speaker, coffee, cash bar, fishing tackle raffle table and 50/50 cash raffles, plus good fishing fellowship.

**Doors open at 6:00 pm. Meetings begin at 6:45 pm.**

**Meetings are held at:**

**American Legion Post 1941  
900 S. La Grange Road  
La Grange, Illinois 60525**

Annual Dues are \$70 individual, \$95 family annually. Includes subscription to Midwest Outdoors Magazine.

**NEW MEMBERS ONLY: Bring this brochure and receive \$10 discount on your 1<sup>st</sup> annual membership.**

**GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!**

**No Reservations needed - pay at the door.**

A monthly \$10.00 guest fee applies. If you become a member, RFC will credit any guest fees you've paid in the last year to your Membership fee. **New** member dues are prorated on a monthly basis after the February meeting.

## WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO?

- Promote and practice Catch, Photo, & Release (CPR)
- Improve fishing skills and knowledge for all involved.
- Encourage participation in an enjoyable, relaxing, and fun way in this outdoor sport.
- Respect/protect nature in all aspects of conservation.
- Harvest and consume a reasonable and legal limit.
- Encourage members to compete with others in a sportsmanlike manner.
- Teach and support fishing knowledge and experience for youth.
- Support and encourage others in all wildlife and conservation efforts.
- Support our Veterans and fishing-related activities.

Our membership comes from the great fishing city of Chicago, as well as suburban communities of Aurora, Bedford Park, Berwyn, Bolingbrook, Bridgeview, Brookfield, Burbank, Clarendon Hills, Countryside, Darien, Elmhurst, Evergreen Park, Forest View, Glen Ellyn, Hammond, IN., Hickory Hills, Hinsdale, Hometown, Indian Head Park, Justice, La Grange, La Grange Park, Lisle, Lyons, Midlothian, Mokena, Naperville, North Riverside, Oak Brook, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Orland Park, Palos Heights, Park Ridge, Riverside, Romeoville, Stickney, Bedford, VA., Villa Park, Westchester, Westmont, Willowbrook, and Woodridge, even Florida!



## WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN "RFC"

Our speakers have included: Dale Bowman, Bob Bobich, Jim Crowley, Jereme Curtis, Dave Duwe, Doug Kloet, Ed Devries, Jay Garstecki, Don Grigas, Eric Haataja, Mike Hanson, Pat Harrison, Frank Hyla, Guy Lopez, Jason Mata, Bruce Mirabella, Chauncey Niziol, Mike Norris, Mark O'Neil, Phil Piscitello, Andrew Ragas, Denny and Aaron Sands, Cheryl Smith, Ralph Steiger, Chris Taurisano, Tod Todd, Dan Vinovich, Rob Wendell, County and State DNR reps as well as Club members, Dan Carney, Jim Kopjo, Mark Simpson, and Johnny Wilkins.

**Outings/Activities** have included: Lake Erie, Lake Sara trip, night fishing, Lake Shelbyville, Lake Onalaska, Lake of the Woods ice fishing, Swap Meet, Wolf River-white bass trip, Delavan ice fishing, Lake Michigan charters, Canadian trip to Temple Bay Lodge, Eagle Lake, Canada and other local fishing events.



### January 2022 RFC Ice Fishing at Lake of the Woods

The Club and individual members have supported many regional fishing events. Fishing events we have worked with include: the DuPage Kids Fishing Derby, Illinois Chapter of Fishing Has No Boundaries (NI: FHNBI). Other special events have individual and/or club involvement on a yearly basis supporting our veterans (info follows).

## CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### APRIL-- SWAP MEET

Visit our annual event held at our monthly meeting location in La Grange, and pick up some deals on fishing rods, reels, and lures.



Doors open 8 am until noon. No early shopping.

Refreshments will be available.

33 tables are available if you wish to sell your fishing tackle.

No Guns or Ammo allowed at the SWAP MEET.

View the website or on Facebook for more information.

### TAKE A VET FISHING

Help out at this fishing event on Fox Lake in Antioch. Great day where Vets get out on the water and gather to celebrate, fish and be recognized with a tribute lunch and patriotic ceremonies.

### PARALYZED VETERANS FISHING DERBY

Volunteer for a rewarding day with Vets and club members! Give back to those who gave for you - help out on a fun day at the Paralyzed Veterans Fishing Derby. Fishing in the a.m., eat lunch, more fishing in afternoon!

## ANNUAL FISHING AWARDS

Big Fish Awards for various species are presented to members who submit entries between November 1st of the previous year thru October 31st of the current year. Entries are submitted to Victor Mejias (Buster) at any monthly meeting, or a submission by mail to the address showing on the entry form. Awards are presented at our annual Christmas Party.



## ANNUAL CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Don't miss the Christmas Party Festivities. Check Facebook or our website for details. Our Christmas Party includes door prizes, separate Ladies raffle, and a variety of delicious food.



## DONORS, SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

- Papa Passero's Pizzeria, Westmont
- Rose's Catering, North Riverside
- Uncle Bub's, Westmont
- Tee-Shirts & Trophies, Plainfield

## IMPORTANT 2022 CLUB DATES

### Monthly meetings

Jan 13	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 30 *
May 12	June 9	July 14	Aug 11
Sep 8	Oct 13	Nov 10	Dec 8

*\*Swap Meet – 8 AM to Noon*

### TO JOIN RFC CONTACT:

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## IN MEMORY OF PAST MEMBERS

A Fisherman's Prayer

"God grant that I may live to fish until my dying day and when it comes to my last cast, I then most humbly pray: When in the Lord's safe landing net, I'm peacefully asleep, that in His mercy I'll be judged big enough to keep!"

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