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September 2024

This Month's Meeting: Our monthly meeting will be held Wednesday September 11th at 6:30 pm at the Hoffman House. The speaker for the September meeting speaker is Louie Dazzo from Louie's Get Hooked Guide Service. Louie will be talking about southern Wisconsin fishing and Lake Michigan salmon/trout.





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Louie guides in the Hayward Lakes area, the Milwaukee/Racine area of Lake Michigan for trout and salmon, and southern Wisconsin. If you like to book a Trip with Louie give him a call at (630) 699-4258, email him at louis.dazzo@yahoo.com, or look him up on Facebook.

2024 Club Banquet: We are planning on having our annual club banquet on November 13th. The venue will be Thunder Bay Bar and Grill again this year. We will be ordering off the menu with dinner and drinks to be paid by members. One door prize ticket will be given to members for free and all other tickets will be sold. There will be 5 large prizes and about 10 smaller prizes. RSVPs will be required by November 5th.

Special raffle prize for September: A Duckett Fishing Walleye Series 7'0" one piece medium fast action spinning rod Tickets are \$5 for 1, \$10 for 3 and \$20 for 7.



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August Fish of the Month: The August Fish of the Month is a 26 inch walleye caught on Green Bay in Wisconsin by John Rasmussen on August 30, 2024.





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Recent Member Catches



**John Rasmussen recently caught a 20 inch Smallmouth Bass
on Green Bay in Wisconsin on 8/16/24**



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Chris Olson caught a 29.5 inch walleye on Green Bay in Wisconsin on 8/29/24.



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Recent Member Catches



John Leatherman caught a 30.5 inch carp sucker in the Mississippi River in Illinois on 8/10/24.



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Members Only Fishing Contest

Best of Breed: Standings As of 9/4/2024

<u>Species</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Length (in inches)</u>
Smallmouth	Tom Wesseln	22
Largemouth	Chris Olson	19.5
Northern	Tom Wesseln	26.25
Muskie	Frank Sondgeroth	52.5
Catfish	Dave Matranga	31.5
Walleye	Chris Olson	29.5



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Angler of the Year: As of 9/4/2024

	Largemouth	Smallmouth	Walleye	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Chris Olson	19.5	20	29.5	10.75	13.75	93.5
John Rasmussen	19	20	26	9.5	12.25	86.75
Chad Riesen	17	17	28.75	10	13	85.75
Tom Wesseln	17.75	22	23.5	10.25	12	85.5
Kerry Schaible	19.25	17.75	23.5	10.5	14.5	85.5
John Rasmussen	19	19	23.5	9.5	12.25	83.25
Steve Hohlfelder		20	27		13	60
Greg Sterwald		21	27.75	9.75		58.5
John Rasmussen		19		9.5	12.25	40.75
Theresa Wesseln			22.5	9.0		31.5



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Scott Campbell	16			9.5		25.5
Dave Matranga		18				18
John Wendell	17					17
Gary Vosberg					15.75	15.75

Pan Fisherman of the Year: As of 9/4/2024

Angler	Perch	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Chris Olson	13.25	10.75	13.75	38
John Rasmussen	12	9.5	12.25	33.75
Chad Riesen	13	10	10.5	33.5
Kerry Schaible	7.75	10.5	14.5	32.75
Tom Wesseln		10.25	12	22.25
Gary Vosberg			15.75	15.75
Jon Wendell			15	15



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Steve Hohfelder			13	13
Greg Sterwald		9.75		9.75
Scott Campbell		9.5		9.5
Theresa Wesseln		9.5		9.5

Members Only Fishing Contest Rules

General: Only fish caught from waters accessible by the general public are eligible.

Contest #1: Fish of the Month

All entries caught during a calendar month will be evaluated by the Board of Directors to determine a winner. Entries must be received by the 1st Wednesday of the month following the catch to be considered. A \$15 gift card will be awarded to members catching the winning fish. Each member can win only once per year. Species considered—Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Muskie, Walleye, and Catfish.



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Contest #2: Fisherman of the Year

Fish will be judged on length accurate to 1/4 inch. The lengths of each member's best individual fish of 5 different species will be added to determine a total length. A \$100 gift card will be awarded to the longest total length. A \$50 gift card will be awarded to the second longest total length. A \$25 gift card will be awarded to the third longest total length. In the event of ties, the winning will be split evenly. Contest Species—Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Walleye, Bluegill, Crappie.

Contest #3: Best of Breed

Fish will be judged on length accurate to 1/4 inch. A \$20 gift card will be awarded to members catching the longest fish of each species. In the event of ties, a \$10 gift card will be awarded to members catching the longest fish of each species. Each member can win only once per species. Contest Species— Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Muskie, Walleye, and Catfish.



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Contest #4: Pan fisherman of the Year

Fish will be judged on length accurate to 1/4 inch. The aggregate lengths of each member's best individual fish of the 3 different species of panfish will be added to determine a total length. A \$50 gift card will be awarded to the member with the longest total length. In the event of ties, the winnings will be split evenly. Contest Species—Bluegill, Crappie, and Yellow Perch.



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Submitting fish for the contests is very easy. Just copy/paste the email template below. Paste the template into an email, complete the questions, attach picture(s) of the catch, and send to: rockvalleyanglers@gmail.com

Copy/Paste Email Template for Electronic Fish Entries:

- 1) Name:**
- 2) Date Caught:**
- 3) Species:**
- 4) Length (inches to 1/4 inch):**
- 5) Lake/River:**
- 6) State:**
- 7) Picture: [Yes or No]**
- 8) Date Entered:**
- 9) Witness:**

***Remember to attach picture(s) to email prior to sending.**

***Send to rockvalleyanglers@gmail.com**



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