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## July 2024

**This Month's Meeting:** As in years past there will be no monthly meeting in July. Our next monthly meeting will be Wednesday August 14th. The speaker for the August meeting has not yet been determined. The club will be having our Walworth County bass contest on Sunday July 28th (please note change of date). See details of the contest below.

### Outing Schedule 2024:

1. **Walworth County Bass Outing on 7/28/24**
2. **Green Bay Walleye Fishing Weekend Outing 8/17/24-8/18/24**

**Lodging for Green Bay Walleye Outing:** Our outings coordinator Chris Olson Recommends The Bay Motel for accommodations. The motel's web address is [www.baymotelgreenbay.com](http://www.baymotelgreenbay.com). There will not be a Packers game this weekend which will make accommodations and travel in the Green Bay Area easier.

**2024 Club Banquet:** We are planning on having our annual club banquet on November 13th. The venue and details of the banquet are TBA.



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## Rock Valleys Anglers Bass Contest

It will be held Sunday July 28. A 4 boat minimum will be required for the contest to occur.

Any Public Lake in Walworth County, Wisconsin

Sunrise until 12:00 PM

2 Person per boat teams, Catch release only

Participants must use a bump board

Entries must have a closeup photo showing all of the fish on the board and the measurement.

All fish must be released after photo and measurement. A kept fish will result in disqualification.

Best 5 Bass by length to 1/8"

Pay-out 1st place \$200, 2nd place \$150, 3rd place \$50

Lunch /Prizes: We will meet at the West Wind Diner in Darien Wisconsin at 1:00 pm for lunch and awards. The address is 620 N Walworth St, Darien, WI 53114

Contact Chris Olson 608-290-7748 to register by 6 p.m on July 17th.

Participants will use a form that will be emailed out to all members to record your fish.



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**June Fish of the Month:** The June Fish of the Month is a 10.75 inch bluegill caught on Lake Mendota in Wisconsin by Chris Olson on June 16, 2024.





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## Recent Member Catches



**Dave Matranga caught a 31.5 inch flathead catfish from the Rock River in Illinois on 6/4/24.**



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## Recent Member Catches



**Kerry Schaible caught a 10.5 inch bluegill from Walter Long Lake in Texas on 4/23/24.**



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## Recent Member Catches



**Kerry Schaible caught a 14.5 inch black crappie from Cedar Lake in Ontario on 5/20/24.**



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## Members Only Fishing Contest

### Best of Breed: Standings As of 7/3/2024

<u>Species</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Length (in inches)</u>
Smallmouth	Greg Sterwald	21
Largemouth	Chris Olson	19.5
Northern	Tom Wesseln	26.25
Muskie	Steve Hohfelder	37
Catfish	Dave Matranga	31.5
Walleye	Chad Riesen	28.75



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**Angler of the Year: As of 7/3/2024**

	Largemouth	Smallmouth	Walleye	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Chris Olson	19.5	20	26.5	10.75	13.75	90.5
Kerry Schaible	19.25	17.75	23.5	10.5	14.5	85.5
Tom Wesseln	16.5	19.75	23.5	10.25	12.0	82
Chad Riesen	16		28.75	10	10.5	65.25
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
Scott Campbell	16			9.5		25.5
Gary Vosberg					15.75	15.75
John Wendell					15	15





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## Pan Fisherman of the Year: As of 7/3/2024

Angler	Perch	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Chris Olson	13.25	10.75	13.75	38
Kerry Schaible		10.5	14.5	25
John Rasmussen		9.5	12.25	21.75
Tom Wesseln		10.25	12	22.25
Chad Riesen		10	10.5	20.5
Gary Vosberg			15.75	15.75
Jon Wendell			15	15
Steve Hohfelder			13	13
John Rasmussen				12.25
Greg Sterwald		9.75		9.75
Scott Campbell		9.5		9.5
Theresa Wesseln		9.0		9.0



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## 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.**

### **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**



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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.

## 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



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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.

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](mailto: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](mailto:rockvalleyanglers@gmail.com)**



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