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October 2024

This Month's Meeting: Our monthly meeting will be held Wednesday October 9th at 6:30 pm at the Hoffman House. The speaker for the October meeting is Ken Kuhnle from Fishing Tales Guide Service. Ken will be talking about fall fishing in southern Wisconsin fishing.





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Ken Kuhnle is a multi-species fisherman and enjoys fishing for different species all around North America. Ken has caught Peacock Bass in Kauai as well as a variety of ocean fish; King Salmon, Silvers, Halibut, Ling Cod and Grayling in Alaska, and Bull Reds in Louisiana. His favorite body of water to fish is Lac Seul in Ontario, Canada where he has a personal best musky over 50 inches. Ken's local favorite waters are Lake Geneva and Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. He also owns Fishing Tales Guide Service taking clients fishing on Geneva and Delavan Lakes. Ken is known as a featured speaker at many venues including Cabela's special events and multiple All Canada shows as well as many other local events. He is past president of Fox Valley Anglers where he held several other positions, won many of their club tournaments, Rookie of the Year honors, three-time Angler of the Year awards, and is known as the club's "drop shot" expert as well as the "musky" guy. Kuhnle is especially proud of being a founding member of Take A Vet Fishing (a 501(c)(3) national public charity) board of directors.

Large raffle prize for October: Special raffle prize for October is a \$100 gift card to Bass Pro/Cabelas. Tickets \$5 for 1, \$10 for 3 and \$20 for 7.

Special raffle prize for October: Special raffle prize for October meeting will be a \$25 gift card to Casey's Gas Station. Each paid member attending the meeting will be given a ticket for the raffle. One lucky ticket will win. If you spend \$10 on the table raffle you will be given an additional ticket for the gas card. Spend \$20, you will get 3 extra tickets.



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2024 Club Banquet: We are having our annual club banquet on November 13th at 6pm at Thunder Bay Bar and Grill. We will be ordering off the menu with dinner and drinks to be paid by members. Tickets will have to be purchased for the major and bucket prizes. All members and their guests will receive a fishing lure upon arrival. There will be 5 large prizes, 1 early bird prize, and 11 smaller prizes. RSVPs will be required by November 5th.

The five large raffle prizes are:

1. St.Croix Mojo Bass Trigon 6'10" Medium Lite Power Extra Fast Action Spinning Rod.
2. Rapala R12 Heavy Duty Lithium Filet Knife
3. Lew's Team Lew's Pro Ti Speed Stick 7'0" Medium Spinning Rod
4. St. Croix Mojo Bass Glass 7'2" Medium Power Moderate Action Spinning Rod and Mojo Bass Hat.
5. Bass Pro \$200 Gift Card



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September Fish of the Month: The September Fish of the Month is a 25.75 inch walleye caught on Long Lake in Wisconsin by Russ Maxwell on September 10, 2024.





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Recent Member Catches



Tom Wesseln recently caught a 9.25 inch Blue Grouper in Lake Waubesa in Wisconsin on 9/29/24.



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Dave Matranga caught a 18 inch Smallmouth Bass in Fence Lake in Wisconsin on 9/1/24.



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Recent Member Catches



Greg Sterwald caught a 19 inch Largemouth Bass in Lake Pewaukee in Wisconsin on 9/15/24.



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Members Only Fishing Contest

Best of Breed: Standings As of 10/2/2024

<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 10/2/2024

	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
Greg Sterwald	19	21	27.75	9.75		77.5
Steve Hohlfelder		20	27		13	60
Bruce Youngberg	18	18		8.5	11	55.5
John Rasmussen		19		9.5	12.25	40.75
Theresa Wesseln			22.5	9.0		31.5



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Russ Maxwell			25.75			25.75
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 10/2/2024

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
Bruce Youngberg		8.5	11	19.5



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Gary Vosberg			15.75	15.75
Jon Wendell			15	15
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



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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 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.



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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 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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