



The Marker Buoy¹

November 2024

ROCK VALLEY ANGLERS
CLUB OF ILLINOIS



ANNUAL BANQUET

Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 at 6:00 pm

at Thunder Bay Grill

7652 Potawatomi Trail Rockford, Illinois 61107

One (1) door prize, five (5) major raffle prizes and seventeen (17) bucket raffle prizes. Each member and guest attending will receive one (1) door prize ticket each. Door, major and bucket tickets are available for purchase.

Members and guests will be required to purchase their own food and beverages. We will be ordering from Thunder Bays menu.

*Call Bruce Youngberg 815-871-8142 or
Theresa Wesseln 815-708-4355 or
Joe Caruana 815-985-8388 by November 8th if you plan
on attending and whether or not you have a guest.*

Come and enjoy the fun.



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The Five Major Raffle Prizes for The Banquet 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

Major Raffle Ticket Prices

1 Ticket	\$5	
3 Tickets	\$10	(\$3.34 per Ticket)
7 Tickets	\$20	(2.86 per Ticket)
15 Tickets	\$30	(\$2.00 per Ticket)
24 Tickets	\$40	(\$1.67 per Ticket)
34 Tickets	\$50	(1.47 per Ticket)

5 TICKETS WILL BE DRAW. FIRST TICKET DRAWN WILL HAVE CHOICE OF ANY OF THE 5 MAJOR PRIZES. SECOND TICKET WILL HAVE CHOICE OF 4 MAJOR PRIZES REMAINING. SO ON FOR THE 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH TICKETS.



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DOOR PRIZE (RED TICKET)

EACH MEMBER AND GUEST WILL RECEIVE 1 TICKET EACH UPON ARRIVAL AT THE BANQUET. ADDITIONAL TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED.

1 TICKET \$5

3 TICKETS 10 (\$3.34 PER TICKET)

THE DOOR PRIZE WILL BE A \$100 GIFT CARD FROM COUNTRYSIDE MEATS AND DELI

1 TICKET WILL BE DRAWN FOR THE DOOR PRIZE



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BUCKET RAFFLE TICKETS (WHITE TICKETS)

3 TICKETS	\$5	(\$1.67 PER TICKET)
7 TICKETS	\$10	(\$1.43 PER TICKET)
15 TICKETS	\$20	(\$1.33 PER TICKET)
25 TICKETS	\$30	(\$1.20 PER TICKET)
35 TICKETS	\$40	(\$1.14 PER TICKET)
50 TICKETS	\$50	(\$1.00 PER TICKET)

**1 TICKET WILL BE DRAWN FOR EACH OF THE 17 BUCKETS.
TICKETS CAN BE USED FOR BUCKET RAFFLE PRIZES
ONLY!**

**Bucket Raffle prizes include: rods, reels, tackle packages,
and baskets with prizes that your wife or girlfriend will
appreciate.**



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SPECIAL RAFFLE TICKET PACKAGES

WALLEYE PACKAGE (\$80.00)

3 Door prize tickets (Red Ticket)

34 Major prize tickets (Blue Ticket)

50 Bucket prize tickets (White Ticket)

Overall a \$110 Value

BASS PACKAGE (\$50.00)

2 Door prize tickets (Red Ticket)

8 Major prize tickets (Blue Ticket)

25 Bucket prize tickets (White Ticket)

Overall a \$60 Value

PANFISH PACKAGE (\$25.00)

1 Door prize ticket (Red Ticket)

3 Major prize tickets (Blue Ticket)

12 Bucket prize tickets (White Ticket)

Overall a \$28 Value



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October Fish of the Month: The October Fish of the Month is a 9.75 inch bluegill caught on Lake Waubesa in Wisconsin by Tom Wesselnl on October 26, 2024.





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Recent Member Catches



**Dave Matranga caught a 37.75 inch northern pike on 10-11-2024
In Lake Namekagon in Wisconsin.**



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Recent Member Catches



John Leatherman caught a 28.5 inch northern pike on the Mississippi River in Illinois on September 5th.



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Members Only Fishing Contest

Best of Breed: Standings As of 11/6/2024

<u>Species</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Length (in inches)</u>
Smallmouth	Tom Wesseln	22
Largemouth	Chris Olson	19.5
Northern	Dave Matranga	37.75
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 11/6/2024

	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
Russ Maxwell			25.75			25.75



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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 11/6/2024

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	9.75	10.25	12	32
Bruce Youngberg		8.5	11	19.5
Gary Vosberg			15.75	15.75



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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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