



The Marker Buoy¹

December 2024

This Month's Meeting: As in years past there will be no monthly meeting in December. Our next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday January 8th at 6:30 pm at the Hoffman House. The speaker for the January meeting is yet to be determined.

Club Banquet: A big thank you goes out to all club members who helped in making this year's banquet a success!

Fishing Contest: Remember to submit all final entries for the club fishing contest by Wednesday January 1st.

Club Raffle: As a major fundraiser for our monthly speakers the Rock Valley Anglers will hold a raffle at our March 12th monthly meeting. Each club member will be given 6 books of raffle tickets containing 6 tickets each. All members are asked to sell all these tickets if possible. Members are encouraged to sell more tickets if possible. Ticket prices are 1 dollar each **or** 5 dollars for 6 tickets **or** 15 dollars for 18. First prize is \$500, second prize is \$250, and third prize is \$100.

November Fish of the Month: There is no Fish of the Month for November due to no fish being submitted to the contest this month.



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Members Only Fishing Contest

Best of Breed: Standings As of 12/4/2024

<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 12/4/2024

	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
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 12/4/2024

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	9.75	10.25	12	32
Bruce Youngberg		8.5	11	19.5
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



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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

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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