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**August 2024**

**This Month's Meeting:** Our monthly meeting will be held Wednesday August 14th at 6:30 pm at the Hoffman House. The speaker for the August meeting is Violet Talley. She is an area guide and will talk on bass and other species in the Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin area.





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## Outing Schedule 2024:

### 1. Green Bay Walleye Fishing Weekend Outing 8/17/24-8/18/24

**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. Four boats have already registered and there will be a raffle for a rod at 3:00 pm Saturday.

**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.

**Special raffle prize for August:** a Piscifun Carbon X 2000 spinning reel with 10 stainless steel bearings and a 6.2:1 gear ratio. Tickets are \$5 for 1, \$10 for 3 and \$20 for 7.

**Members only Special raffle prize for August meeting:** 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 monthly table raffle you will be given an extra ticket for the gas card raffle. Spend \$20, you get 3 extra tickets. Good luck.



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**July Fish of the Month:** The July Fish of the Month is a 52.5 inch musky caught on Lake St, Clair in Michigan by Frank Sondgeroth on July 18, 2024.



Frank also caught also caught the following musky on the same trip:

7/15/24 - 43" Musky

7/15/24 - 47" Musky

7/16/24 - 44" Musky

7/16/24 - 46" Musky



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**Rock Valleys Anglers Bass Contest:** The bass tourney was won by John Rasmussen and John Wendell with a total length of 85 7/8" with Tom Wesseln and Theresa Wesseln coming in second at 78" of total length

## Catches from July Walworth County Bass Contest





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**Recent Member Catches**



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**Tom Wesseln recently caught a 22 inch Smallmouth Bass on Green Bay in Wisconsin on 7/13/247**

**Members Only Fishing Contest**





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**Best of Breed: Standings As of 8/7/2024**

<b><u>Species</u></b>	<b><u>Angler</u></b>	<b><u>Length (in inches)</u></b>
<b>Smallmouth</b>	<b>Tom Wesseln</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Largemouth</b>	<b>Chris Olson</b>	<b>19.5</b>
<b>Northern</b>	<b>Tom Wesseln</b>	<b>26.25</b>
<b>Muskie</b>	<b>Frank Sondgeroth</b>	<b>52.5</b>
<b>Catfish</b>	<b>Dave Matranga</b>	<b>31.5</b>
<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Chad Riesen</b>	<b>28.75</b>

**Angler of the Year: As of 8/7/2024**



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	Largemouth	Smallmouth	Walleye	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Chris Olson	19.5	20	26.5	10.75	13.75	90.5
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
Scott Campbell	16			9.5		25.5
John Wendell	17					17
Gary Vosberg					15.75	15.75



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## Pan Fisherman of the Year: As of 8/7/2024

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
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



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**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**

**length. A \$50 gift card will be awarded to the second longest total length. A \$25 gift card will be awarded to the**



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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.

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