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June 2024

This Month's Meeting: This month's club meeting will be held on Wednesday June 12th. It will be our annual cookout at Rock Cut State Park. Joe will have the grill fired up and the brats will be ready by 6:30. The club will also be providing chips and drinks. The meeting will be held in the pavilion right next to the Pierce Lake boat launch. Members are welcome to come fish Pierce Lake before or after the meeting.

Outing Schedule 2024:

- 1. Walworth County Bass Outing on 7/21/24**
- 2. Green Bay Walleye Fishing Weekend Outing 8/17/24-8/18/24**

Upcoming Meetings: As in past years there will not be a July club meeting.

Club hats: We will be selling Rock Valley Anglers baseball hats at club meetings. Adult size hats will be \$15 and youth hats will be \$5. The number of youth hats is limited. Please contact Gary Votsberg for information.



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Rock Valleys Anglers Bass Contest

It will be held Sunday July 21

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: location to TBA

Contact Chris Olson 608-290-7748 to register by 6 p.m on July 10th.

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



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June BlueGill Outing on Lake Waubesa

There was a four way tie for the largest bluegill. The four winners were: Tom Wesseln, Greg Sterwald, Scott Campbell, and Darby Windsor. They all caught bluegill measuring 9 and 5/8th inches long.





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May Fish of the Month: The May Fish of the Month is a 21 inch smallmouth bass caught on Green Bay in Michigan by Greg Sterwald on May 7, 2024.





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Members Only Fishing Contest

Best of Breed: Standings As of 6/5/2024

<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	No entry	
Walleye	Chad Riesen	28.75



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Angler of the Year: As of 6/5/2024

	Largemouth	Smallmouth	Walleye	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Chris Olson	19.5	20	26.5	10.5	13.75	90.25
Tom Wesseln	16.5	19.75	23.5	9.5	12.0	81.25
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
Kerry Schaible		17.75	23.5			41.25
John Rasmussen		19		9.5	12.25	40.75
Theresa Wesseln			22.5	9.0		31.5
Scott Campbell	16					16
Gary Vosberg					15.75	15.75
John Wendell					15	15



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Pan Fisherman of the Year: As of 6/5/2024

Angler	Perch	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Chris Olson	13.25	10.5	13.75	37.75
John Rasmussen		9.5	12.25	21.75
Tom Wesseln		9.5	12	21.5
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
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

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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Changes for Illinois Sportsmen in 2024

Hunters, fishermen, and trappers can now obtain a three-year license under a new law for which I served as a chief co-sponsor. Under House Bill 3677/P.A. 103-0456, for residents aged 65 or older, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a three-year fishing/hunting license. For resident veterans of the United States Armed Forces after returning from service abroad or mobilization by the President of the United States, the fee is one-half of the fee charged for a three-year fishing license. Veterans must provide to the Department, per administrative rule, verification of their service. The Department shall establish what constitutes suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing three-year fishing licenses to resident veterans at a reduced fee.

Additionally, under House Bill 2317/P.A. 103-0528, for sport fishing devices or spearing devices, any resident of Illinois who is age 26 or older who has not purchased a resident fishing license in the past 10 years is now eligible to receive a one-time annual resident fishing license for a fee of \$5. The law also provides that any nonresident who has not purchased a nonresident fishing license in the past 10 years shall be eligible to receive a one-time annual sport fishing license for a fee of \$10.



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