

## **Program**

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

**Check out our web site:** [www.great-lakes.org/vpsc](http://www.great-lakes.org/vpsc).

You are just a click away from pictures of Salmon and Walleye trips, previous news letters and more about our Villa Park Sportsmen's Club. You may also send information to be posted on the web site to [villaparksportsman@att.net](mailto:villaparksportsman@att.net).

## **BYOB Fishing**

Where's your favorite fishing hole? Call and we'll set up a meet; Joe Nutt (630)961-1513 or Gary Buehre (630)279-0696 or Adolph Janke (630)843-7193.

## **Sun Times Midwest Fishing Report**

Click this link [www.suntimes.com/sports/outdoors/index.html](http://www.suntimes.com/sports/outdoors/index.html) then click on 'Midwest fishing report'.

As of: March 28, 2012

HEIDECKE: Reopens Sunday. Launch opens at 6 a.m., bank fishing at 6:30. Close is sunset. Biologist Rob Miller expects a banner year for walleye because of the high stocking in 2009. Smallmouth and yellow bass are fine, crappie are coming and hybrids and largemouth are OK. SMELT: Smelt netting opens Sunday in Chicago. Nets may be set at 7 p.m. Netters must be out of the parks by 1 a.m. Biologist Steve Robillard said to expect the same low numbers. Warm water around 50 degrees won't help.

AREA RIVERS: CHICAGO: Jeff Nolan of Bridgeport Bass reported big catfish on crankbaits on South Branch, small largemouth on drop-shot rigs and some smallmouth in Ogden Slip. DES PLAINES: Dan Sims, the president of the Des Plaines River Anglers Association, reported better fishing with bass hitting in slack-water areas and pike holding near rocky points and deeper holes. FOX: Adam Micaletti reported smallmouth holding in predictable spring areas in western suburbs; best on a jig. Flow strong enough to merit caution. ILLINOIS: As of Sunday, about 20 percent of the sauger brought to the MWC were spawned out. Any method is catching sauger. KANKAKEE: Norm Minas switched to dragging jig/pig and swimming a darter head/walleye Assassin slowly above the bottom. Ed Mullady reported pike good in Indiana and catfish good in Illinois, and Trading Post reported some walleye with smallmouth and catfish around state park. CHAIN O'LAKES AREA: Arden Katz reported channels holding good crappie; bigger ones coming on minnows, numbers on Mini-Mites and spikes. Navigation is treacherous with low water. Triangle said walleye remain good, but bluegills are dropping back.

DOWNSTATE NOTE: EVERGREEN: Jim "The Crappie Professor" Kopjo reported excellent crappie down 7 to 8 feet around downed trees or by drifting in deeper water.

LAKEFRONT: CHICAGO: Henry's derby caught browns and coho from shore Saturday. Park Bait reported browns Monday around Montrose. Weather limited perch action, but that should rebound. WAUKEGAN: Capt. Augie Ralph at Salmon Stop reported Johnson Motors and Government Pier best for shore fishermen. Boaters are doing best slow-trolling with small Dodgers and tinsel flies for coho, browns and some lakers.

NORTHWEST INDIANA: Capt. Mike Florey of Shadow Perch Charters caught perch limits last week. When weather allows, Mik-Lurch reported excellent perch in 39 feet at Gary Light and in 42 to 48 feet and scattered out of East Chicago. Capt. Bob Poteshman of Confusion Charters reported weather moved fish, but he is finding mostly coho with a few lakers mixed in; best on

Dodgers and small flies at Gary Light, Dean Mitchell and the Hole in the Wall. Willow Slough has an unbelievable panfish bite going.

SHABBONA LAKE: Lakeside reported excellent crappie in the cribs, three bass longer than 18 inches and a few muskie, including a 43-incher last Wednesday.

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CONNE: Ed Schmitt (FourSeasonAngler.com) caught walleye with pre-spawn white bass, on light-colored jigs and twistertails and on three-way rigs pulling walleye flies.

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We meet the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 PM at the North Terrace Pond Clubhouse on Westmont and Terrace (approximately 6 blocks south of North Avenue and 3 blocks west of Addison) in Villa Park. Annual dues are \$30. Visitors or prospective new members are welcome - a \$3 fee is requested. If you are interested in attending or becoming a member please contact: Marty Kapolczynski at (630) 932-1923.