

Program

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 1, 2012. At this meeting we will have a discussion of club finances and prospects for 2012.

Correction for January, 2012 Newsletter

Our speaker's name was incorrectly given as Mike North. My apologies – his name is Mike Norris.

Mike gave an extremely interesting talk on fishing in the Lake Geneva/Green Lake areas of Wisconsin. Green Lake, WI is about 180 miles north of Villa Park, IL – 75 miles north of Madison, WI. Mike has a web site at www.mikenorrisoutdoors.com.

Check out our web site: 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.

Future Programs and Scheduled Events

February 11, 2012 - Ice Fishing Derby. We'll dig the holes in the ice. There will be lots of fun and prizes for the kids. In case of bad weather the derby will be on February 18.

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 <http://www.suntimes.com/sports/outdoors/index.html> then click on 'Midwest fishing report'.

As of: January 25, 2012

AREA LAKES: Travis Brasfield and others noted creepers are important with slick ice. But Steve Palmisano at Henry's noted there is a good base of ice down. Lakes to the north and west are in better shape than those south. Brasfield reported some good bluegills on white Wedgies from a lake in McHenry. He said a neighboring crew pulled out a 10.5-inch bluegill. As of Tuesday, all the sites in the McHenry County Conservation District were open; none in the Lake County Forest Preserve District were. Ice fishing (at your own risk) is under way at most other public sites around the suburbs.

CHAIN O'LAKES AREA/FOX RIVER: Ice varies but averages 6 inches; use usual caution around currents and middles. Best panfish action is on south end of Channel; some on Pistakee Bay, too. Ice fishing is under way on Mineola, which suggests some white and yellow bass are being caught. For walleye, try night-fishing the flats on Channel or the flats next to drops on Marie. On Nielsen's Channel off the Fox River, Arden Katz reported good bluegills to 8 inches. Trick is to use 2-pound line with ice jigs and spikes, then jig all the way down because some fish are suspended right under the ice.

DELAVAN/GENEVA LAKES AREA, WIS.: Brian Gates at Lake Geneva Bait and Tackle — (262) 245-6150 — reported sporadic bluegills on Delavan; he has three shanties out. There's lots of pike but few bass on Como and lots of good bluegills on Pleasant. On Geneva, ice fishermen are sorting keeper perch on Geneva Bay.

LAKEFRONT: CHICAGO: Conditions in the harbors and Navy Pier vary, with unsafe ice in and out. There's still some perch at 92nd, though slush had limited some fishing during the weekend.

NORTH POINT: Lori Ralph at the Salmon Stop reported some ice fishing for pike with roaches.

MADISON LAKES, WIS.: D&S Bait reported good ice but only fair fishing. A few nice perch on Kegonsa, a few deeper on Monona and just beginning on Mendota. Monona and Squaw bays are best for bluegills, but they take sorting.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN: EAGLE RIVER: Ice is 10 to 13 inches with snow cover, according to the Chamber of Commerce report. Pike (outside or in weeds) and panfish (deeper over mud flats) are good and walleye fair.

MINOCQUA: Guide Kurt Justice of Kurt's Island Sport Shop reported ice is averaging 15 to 16 inches with truck travel on most lakes. Walleye (dusk, 9-10 p.m. or 2-3 a.m.) and perch (over mud flats) are decent bites; pike and bluegills are fair.

NORTHWEST INDIANA: Reports and conditions at Willow Slough are varied. Pike and bass are most consistent, and the sporadic bluegill bite is best before dawn. Mik-Lurch reported some steelhead in the streams.

ST. JOSEPH AREA, MICH.: Tyler Harmon messaged that he expects steelhead to be good on warmer days this week with the river up.

SHABBONA LAKE: Lakeside reported 5 to 6 inches of ice. Some guys on deep trees in 30 feet were catching good crappie Tuesday on a very light bite. Some big catfish in the deep trees on a gob of redworms.

WOLF LAKE: As Fish of the Week showed, ice fishing is under way in spots, and some quality pike are being caught. Conditions are varied and variable.

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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.