

Program:

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Our speaker will be Mike North. Mike will talk about Bass, Walleye, and other species available in the Lake Geneva area.

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.

Catch the Big One

At this (January 4, 2012) meeting we will give prizes for the biggest catch for 6 types of fish based on minimum length in inches. To certify your catch bring a photo showing a ruler indicating the head-to-tail length of your catch.

Fish	Minimum
Northern	30
Blue Gill	9
Bass	19
Perch	13
Crappie	12
Walleye	25

The prize will be a \$10 gift card from Bass Pro, Cabala's or Dicks.

Future Programs and Scheduled Events

February 1, 2012 – General meeting – making jigs

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 December 28, 2011:

LAKEFRONT PERCH: More than 100 fishermen caught perch Monday at Navy Pier, which continues to be the hot spot. Arden Katz said minnows and belly meat work as bait. The trick recently has been to fish straight down or under the pier. There's also perch at Montrose and Diversey and in the river around 92nd. In Indiana, the Hole-in-the-Wall was shut by weather Tuesday. When that reopens, it should return to being the most consistent spot.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN: Hooksetter's Guide Service reported outstanding ice fishing in Marathon and Lincoln counties for panfish (3 to 5 feet), big pike (less than 5 feet on tipups) and walleye (night bite).

DELAVAN/GENEVA LAKES, WIS.:

Geneva Lake Bait & Tackle reported a chance of some ice fishing on Como and on the channels of Delavan later this week.

DOWNSTATE: SHELBYVILLE: Michael Sweeney reported walleye going below the dam on jigs and twisters; best at low light. He said a key is when current is consistent for several days. POWERTON: Open to shore fishing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ILLINOIS RIVER: STARVED ROCK AREA: River is clearing and dropping. Time on the Water Outdoors reported good sauger by the bridge right by Barto Landing.

KANKAKEE RIVER: Ed Mullady reported good conditions, but few are trying. He suggested pike at all ditch and bayou mouths, walleye along brush-lined shores or around islands or bridge piers and smallmouth on the edges of faster water.

MADISON LAKES, WIS.: D&S Bait reported spotty ice fishing on parts of Monona Bay (sorting bluegills) and Cherokee Marsh (sorting bluegills, early and late best).

NORTHERN WISCONSIN: EAGLE RIVER: Chamber of Commerce reported ice getting stronger (more than 6 inches), with walleye in 6 to 12 feet outside of weed edges, pike in 10 feet near or around weeds and panfish good. HAYWARD: Pastika's reported decent fishing with ice 5 to 7 inches (have creepers for slick ice). Most smaller lakes are drivable by four-wheelers; on bigger lakes, use caution or stick to bays and shorelines. MINOCQUA: Guide Kurt Justice reported pike and bluegills (on tear-drop jigs in 6 to 10 feet) are very good. Crappie are good but variable in weeds in 8 to 12 feet.

NORTHWEST INDIANA: For perch, see top. Mik-Lurch reported creeks continue to produce good steelhead. There are browns at any warm-water discharge when fishermen can get out. There are reports of walleye around the Port of Indiana.

ST. JOSEPH AREA, MICH.: Tyler Harmon messaged that there is hit-and-miss whitefish and steady steelhead.

SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN LAKEFRONT: Tom Zeman reported outstanding brown action in Milwaukee harbor. Either cast a jig and twistertail or troll copper spoons or body baits. "Any current break, you can jig and get fish," he said. "It is a phenomenal fishery at this time of the year."

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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.