

Program:

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 2 – Meeting will start at 6:00 P. M. This will be our workshop for the June 12th fishing derby. This will be our last meeting until September 1st.

Notes from the previous meeting

Thanks to Dave Brown for telling us about fishing in and around the Lake Geneva area.

Check out our new website (thanks to Bob James) at www.great-lakes.org/vpsc.

Future Programs and Scheduled Events

June 10 – Salmon Fishing out of Kenosha. Drive as a group on Wednesday. We will depart the harbor at about 12:00 Noon. Cost is about \$100 for each of six people to cover fishing. A Wisconsin license is required. Call or see Joe Kubica for details.

June 12 – Kids Fishing Derby at the clubhouse pond. Volunteers are needed to help with setup and running the events.

June 22-24 – Walleye Fishing, Port Clinton, Lake Erie. Drive as a group Tuesday, fish Wednesday and Thursday, and then return home Thursday afternoon. The cost is \$260.00 for each of six people to cover fishing and lodging (meals not included). We will be fishing in Canadian waters. Yes, you will need to get a 2 day Canadian license. Call or see Gary Buehre for details.

September 8 - Salmon Fishing out of Kenosha. Drive as a group on Wednesday. We will depart the harbor at about 6:00 AM. Cost is about \$100 for each of six people to cover fishing. A Wisconsin license is required. Call or see Joe Kubica for details.

BYOB Fishing

What's your favorite fishing hole? Call and we'll set up a meet.

Joe Nutt or Gary Buehre or Adolph Janke

Sun Times Midwest Fishing Report

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

AREA LAKES: Bluegills are heading toward the beds, and largemouth are in or near post-spawn. Those are the top two species for the holiday weekend at local forest preserves and ponds.

CHAIN O'LAKES AREA: Triangle reported bluegills are the top bite; best on small worms shallow. Bass are mostly post-spawn; try plastics under the piers or on weed edges. For catfish,

try shallow mud areas; water is warm enough to focus on stinkbait. For crappie, focus on shaded backwater areas. For walleye, fish the river; jigs and leeches are best.

COOLING LAKES/STRIP PITS: MAZONIA: "It has begun," Bill Lanham said. He fished both units over the weekend and had crappie, bass, bluegills and redear all up together. "This week will be big," he said. **BRAIDWOOD:** Catfish remain the best bite, but bass are slow. **HEIDECKE:** Guide Jay Angel said walleye are fair, better on windy days; drift live-bait rigs through deeper holes or windblown shorelines. For crappie, drift minnows through the deeper holes. Hybrids are slow. **LaSALLE:** Catfish are OK, and other action is fair.

DOWNSTATE: SHELBYVILLE: Water is warming toward 70. Guide Ken Wilson said walleye, white bass and crappie (still shallow) are the top bites. **EVERGREEN:** Site staff reported crappie are fair; most are being caught away from shore in 12 to 15 feet. Saugeye were good last week; best on crawlers or leeches. **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS:** Guide Jason Johns reported just about everything is doing well. Catfish are very good, and flatheads coming shallow. **I&M CANAL:** Time on the Water Outdoors reported good catfish and decent bass.

DuPAGE RIVER: Frank Macikas said high-water conditions should settle by the weekend. Otherwise, he has done OK for a light bite for smallmouth with power craws or plastic worms.

FOX RIVER: WESTERN SUBURBS: Ken Gortowski reported finding some good action on creeks with better water over the weekend. By this weekend, the main river should improve in clarity.

ILLINOIS RIVER: STARVED ROCK AREA: River remains high, but it is dropping. Time on the Water reported good catfish. White bass and sauger are fair.

KANKAKEE RIVER: River is high; the Iroquois is bringing mud and water. Ed Mullady said the best bite has been catfish, though largemouth and smallmouth are good, too, especially along shorelines and mouths of ditches or creeks.

LAKEFRONT: CHICAGO: For perch, see top. Full moon is Thursday, so expect another good round of shoreline smallmouth fishing. Capt. Bill Kelly reported some coho at the gap at Chicago Light, lakers east of Diversey in 90 to 110 feet on Howie green crinkle and Blue Boy flies, coho and kings between T marker and the car ferry in 50 to 75 feet, coho off Wilmette Harbor and the apartments in 10 to 20 feet and some big coho, some kings and lakers on big Smoke Dodgers and Howie Blue Boys east of the R4 in 70 to 90 feet. Andy Mikos limited on cohos off Evanston last weekend on Dodgers and flies. Capt. Bob Poteshman reported lakers are booming in 100 to 130 feet straight east. He also said there is some salmon between the harbors and cribs. **WAUKEGAN:** Salmon Stop reported a few perch off the end of the government pier. Poteshman reported catching some coho south in the morning; best in 40 to 70 feet. **NORTH POINT:** Poteshman reported a nice pod of fish (mainly coho and some steelhead) in 40 to 100 feet, but it takes work. **DALEY TOURNAMENT:** In May, open species are coho and perch. Register at Vet's, Henry's or Park Bait.

MADISON LAKES, WIS.: D&S Bait reported bluegills going to beds on Waubesa. On Mendota, smallmouth are in between. Crappie are scattered on deeper weed edges.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN: Water warmed very rapidly. Minocqua guide Kurt Justice reported crappie are excellent. Bluegills (moving shallow), smallmouth (many bedding) and largemouth (bedding in some areas) are very good. Perch and pike are fair, and walleye are poor/fair. **NOTE:** Muskie season in the north opens Saturday. Justice suggested small Rizzo Wizz and #5 (00) series bucktails over weeds in 6 to 10 feet. Or try twitchbaits and surface lures.

NORTHWEST INDIANA: Mik-Lurch reported some kings in 55 to 75 feet. Smallmouth are on the beds or coming back on the big lake. There are very good bluegills at Willow Slough and spotty walleye at Wolf Lake.

SHABBONA LAKE: Lake is warming toward 70 and clarity is improving. Angel reported good crappie, especially by the cribs around the land piers on the west side. Bass are up on beds. With warming water, catfishing should kick in.

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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