

Program:

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 1, 2011. This will be our workshop for the June 11th Fishing Derby. Please get to the meeting early to help setup, about 5:30 or 6:00 PM. We are expecting a rather large crowd.

Note: There is no meeting in July or August. Next meeting is September 7, 2011.

Check out our web site: www.great-lakes.org/vpsc.

You are just a click away from pictures of the February Ice Fishing Derby, 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 the January meeting we elected to give prizes for the biggest catch for 6 types of fish based on minimum length in inches.

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. To certify your catch bring a photo showing a ruler indicating the head-to-tail length of your catch.

Future Programs and Scheduled Events

June 2 – PM Salmon Trip to Kenosha. Drive as a group on Thursday. We will depart the harbor at about 12:00 Noon. Cost is about \$90 for each of six people to cover fishing. Call or see Joe Kubica (847.985.4057) for details.

June 11 – Fishing Derby at North Terrace Park.

Spring Outing to Lake Geneva - TBD

July 7 – PM Salmon Trip to Kenosha. Drive as a group on Thursday. We will depart the harbor at about 12:00 Noon. Cost is about \$90 for each of six people to cover fishing. Call or see Joe Kubica (847.985.4057) for details.

Sept 7 – Regular meeting.

Sept 8 – AM Salmon Trip to Kenosha. Drive as a group on Thursday. We will depart the harbor at about 6:00 AM. Cost is about \$90 for each of six people to cover fishing. Call or see Joe Kubica (847.985.4057) for details.

Oct 5 - Regular meeting.

Nov 2 - Regular meeting.

Dec 7 - Christmas dinner at the club house.

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 May 25, 2011.

AREA LAKES: Bass have been up and off beds, depending on the lake or pond. On some warmer ponds and lakes, even bluegills were bedding. That might change again with the cool-down and rains. If we get warmer weather for the holiday, just about everything should be up.

CHAIN O'LAKES AREA: Triangle reported walleye are good; bite is changing to crawlers and leeches around current areas and the river. Keep moving to find good bluegills; if warm weather comes, that bite should rebound. Muskies are good shallow. For white bass, look around 12 feet; Marie is best. Catfish are fair.

COOLING LAKES/STRIP PITS: MAZONIA/BRAIDWOOD: Mazonia is the top choice for multiple species for the holiday. Mik-Lurch reported some blues in the 20-pound range on big hunks of cutbait at Braidwood. Otherwise, the best action is for bluegills and channel catfish. Closing time extends to 8:30 on Sunday. **HEIDECKE:** Should be a top choice for walleye and hybrids. Bobby Valenti boated a 27-inch hybrid.

DELAVAN/GENEVA LAKES, WIS.: **DELAVAN:** Guide Dave Duwe reported largemouth are spawning, pike are active in the weed flats (9 to 12 feet), crappie are scattered and bluegills are average. **GENEVA:** Duwe reported improved fishing, with smallmouth suspended in 15 feet, rock bass active in 10 to 12 feet and bluegills and largemouth shallow.

FOX RIVER: WESTERN SUBURBS: Creeks remain the best option. River remains up, and fishing is on the tougher side because smallmouth are in some stage of the spawn, guide Ken Gortowski said.

ILLINOIS RIVER: STARVED ROCK AREA: As of Tuesday, river was in good shape. Time on the Water reported catfish and drum are picking up, white bass are good shallow and sauger are being taken on the Peru and Hennepin flats on crankbaits or jig and minnow.

KANKAKEE RIVER: Norm Minas reported good smallmouth in seams and mud lines on crankbaits and good rock bass shallow on light jigs and 3-inch worms or plastic leeches. Ed Mullady reported good catfish in both states, good pike around Wilmington dam, Kankakee dam and downstream and fair walleye.

LAKEFRONT: CHICAGO: Perch and smallmouth are slow. If weather ever allows water to clear, they should rebound. Capt. Bill Kelly reported limits of lakers in 80 to 105 feet. He also said coho had slowed off the Wilson crib and reported some coho and rainbows east of the R4.

NORTH POINT: Capt. Bob Poteshman reported outstanding coho through Tuesday morning on Dodgers and flies. The key this spring is moving around to find cleaner water after the blows. That should hold again for the holiday weekend.

SHABBONA LAKE: Crappie are the top bite, as the Crappie Open proved Saturday. The other top bite is largemouth. Bluegills have not pulled up.

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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.