

Program:

Attention **Attention** **Attention**

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 9, 2011**. John Flannery will tell us about ice & pond fishing. The meeting next month (April) will revert to the usual 1st Wednesday. Dues for 2011 remain at \$30.00. Please see Joe K at the meeting.

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

TBD

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 reported on February 16, 2011.

LAKEFRONT PERCH: Good perch continue to come from Navy Pier and the Cal system. On Tuesday, Carl Vizzone reported a dozen perch out of 60 at Navy Pier were 9 to 10 inches. He found some open water around ice floes. Henry's reported good perch at DuSable, both in open water near the river wall and ice fishing inside the harbor. Mik-Lurch and Henry's reported good numbers and good-sized perch from the Cal around 92nd and 95th.

AREA LAKES: Some shorelines are softening, but the ice fishing should hold across the area for those willing to put on rubber boots and wade through the slop on top.

AREA RIVERS: As of Tuesday, many rivers remained locked up. But that is changing very rapidly, and many will be completely open by this weekend. DuPAGE: At Plainfield on Monday, Ken Gortowski reported open water upstream and down. FOX: As of Monday, Gortowski said much of the river remained iced over, but it is changing quickly. Hermann's reported good ice fishing for bluegills and crappie in Nielsen's Channel at Port Barrington. ILLINOIS: Time on the Water Outdoors reported ramps are open at Ottawa and Hennepin, but Spring Valley remains locked in. Sauger fishing is under way. KANKAKEE/IROQUOIS: I did a tour Tuesday, and much of the Kankakee and the lower end of the Iroquois remained iced up. That will go quickly, though. This is generally the period where the monster walleye come from the Kankakee/Iroquois.

CHAIN O'LAKES AREA: Triangle said bluegills are shallow and crappie are shallower than normal, staging in channel mouths or bay areas. Pike are beginning to stage in channel mouths and creek areas on most area lakes; try tip-ups with large roaches. Walleye are fair on Petite and Marie.

COOLING LAKES/STRIP PITS: MAZONIA/BRAIDWOOD: Braidwood reopens March 1. Mazonia lakes still have ice fishing, but conditions might change by late this week. LaSALLE: Tentatively reopens March 16. HEIDECKE: Reopens April 1.

LAKEFRONT: For perch, see top. Ice fishing continues in the harbors, but use caution around edges and under piers. Mik-Lurch reported some browns at the stateline power plant.

NORTHWEST INDIANA: Mik-Lurch reported good steelhead in Salt and Trail. There are browns at the stateline power plant and Amoco.

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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.