

March Program

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 7, 2012. At this meeting we will have a discussion of club finances and prospects for 2012.

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.

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: February 29, 2012

LAKEFRONT SALMON/TROUT: CHICAGO: Powerliners continue to take some coho (2 to 3 pounds) at Montrose and a few coho, steelhead and browns at Belmont, according to Henry's. Casters are taking some at Jackson Park and Cal Park, too.

WAUKEGAN: Lori Ralph at Salmon Stop reported some steelhead and browns off the South Rocks on spawn sacs, frozen shad or shiners and large roaches.

INDIANA: Mik-Lurch reported browns and coho (14 to 20 inches) "all over the place." At East Chicago Marina, spawn on the bottom is working in the colder water. At Gary Light, anything is working. Capt. Ralph Steiger caught plenty of browns Tuesday.

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN: Tyler Harmon messaged that coho and whitefish still are being caught with limited to good success along the entire shoreline.

AREA LAKES: Spring crappie fishing has begun, especially south of the city, where Ray Hinton and a friend picked up a mess of beauties during the weekend. To the north and west, some lakes still hold unsafe ice cover.

CHAIN O'LAKES AREA/FOX RIVER: Unsafe ice is expected to last through the weekend on the Chain. The lower river from Pistakee downstream is open and fishable, though.

COOLING LAKES/STRIP PITS: MAZONIA/BRAIDWOOD: Braidwood reopens Thursday. (See column.) Mazonia lakes have open water.

LaSALLE: Tentatively set to open March 15, pending arrival of conservation workers.

HEIDECKE: Reopens April 1.

DELAVAN/GENEVA LAKES, WIS.: Brian Gates at Geneva Lake Bait & Tackle thinks fishermen will be able to ice-fish through the weekend on Delavan, but there's probably not enough ice for shanties. He said some nice perch are being taken by shore fisherman at Geneva. Remember, lake trout remain open on Geneva.

DES PLAINES RIVER: Nick Doumel, the vice president of Des Plaines River Anglers Association, said pike have been slow, but he expects some will move into grassy spawning areas with some rain and warmth.

ILLINOIS RIVER: At the Illinois Walleye Trail tournament Sunday, most sauger remained in the wintering holes (20 to 26 feet). Most pulled live bait on three-ways or vertical-jigged. The

winner — Jay Walsh, Dave Gossar and Dick Shew — vertical-jigged 3/8 -ounce jigs in 21 to 23 feet.

KANKAKEE RIVER: Norm Minas reported targeting walleye, though he doesn't think they are moving into spawning patterns with water temperatures back in the 30s. Ed Mullady reported good walleye in both states and some big pike in the mouths of ditches, creeks and quieter shorelines.

LAKEFRONT: For salmon/trout, see top. **CHICAGO:** Arden Katz reported lots of small perch (keepers are about one in 15) at Diversey. There are still some in the river at 95th.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN: EAGLE RIVER: Chamber of Commerce reported 12 to 17 inches of ice with tough travel. Pike (15 feet or less on weed edges) and panfish are the best bites. **MINOCQUA:** Guide Kurt Justice of Kurt's Island Sport Shop reported 19 to 22 inches of ice. Forecast snow might limit access. Perch (bigger ones in 26 to 33 feet) and walleye (best was 31 1/2 inches) are very good.

NORTHWEST INDIANA: For salmon/trout, see top. Lots of whitefish are being taken at East Chicago Marina by those fishing the bottom.

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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.