

Program:

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 5 – Dave Brown will talk to us about Fishing in and around Lake Geneva .

Notes from the previous meeting

Thanks to John Flannery for his informative talk about bass fishing in local and county ponds and lakes.

Future Programs through June

!!Mark your calendar so you don't miss the excitement!!

June 2 – Workshop for the June Kids Derby

BYOB Fishing

Wednesday, May 5: Timber Ridge (Timber Lake) is located on County Farm Road , 0.7 Mile south of North Ave (Rt 64) in West Chicago .

Tuesday, May 18: West Branch (Bass Lake & Deep Quarry Lake) is located on Army trail Road at Gerber Road in Bartlett .

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 \$120 for each of six people to cover fishing. A Wisconsin license is required. 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. 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 \$120 for each of six people to cover fishing. A Wisconsin license is required. See Joe Kubica for details.

Sun Times Midwest Fishing Report

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

AREA LAKES: Bass were starting to move up, but the string of cold mornings pushed them deeper again. Crappie remain decent; bluegills are starting. Mac's reported panfish are taking crickets and waxies in the Chicago lagoons.

CHAIN O'LAKES AREA: Panfish exploded with increased water depth. Arden Katz reported catching a couple of hundred bluegills late last week. Triangle seconded the excellent report on crappie and bluegills in the backwaters and channels; the south bay of Channel has been hot. Walleye have been good, especially around current (river or around bridges). Water is in the mid-50s. Catfish are fair.

COOLING LAKES/STRIP PITS: HEIDECKE: The bite took off last week, but it has been spottier since. If stable moderate weather comes, this might be the big-fish hotspot.

MAZONIA/BRAIDWOOD: Weather knocked back Mazonia, but it is near prime time. Catfish remain the top bite at Braidwood. **LaSALLE:** Ed McCain of Mik-Lurch reported good catfish and blues. Other fishing has been tougher, particularly bass.

DOWNSTATE NOTES: SHELBYVILLE: Guide Ken Wilson reported good crappie shallow (4 to 6 feet) on jig and minnows on slip corks and white bass on wind-blown points on crankbaits or spinners. Below the spillway is slow. **EVERGREEN:** Guide Jay Angel reported crappie are good on shallow wood. Staffer Brad Wood said crappie are taking about anything. There is some saugeye action, bass are starting and muskies are slow. Boat rental is open Friday through Sunday. **SPRING:** Guide Pete Riedesel reported decent muskie action over the weekend, but the weeds are coming up quickly and the bite will be tougher.

FOX RIVER: WESTERN SUBURBS: The bite is on. Ken Gortowski said "the river dropped from 2200 cfs to 1600 cfs" overnight, which means the river will be near normal shortly. "Sounds to me for the next few days you can pick a spot on the river or a creek and go fish it," he e-mailed. "Something will probably be there."

ILLINOIS RIVER: STARVED ROCK AREA: Cajun's reported white bass being caught around Plum Island, around the mouth of Vermilion and off the cornfield flats. Angel reported some white bass up the Vermilion on bright blade baits. Cajun's reported some sauger and walleye around Plum Island, but Time on the Water Outdoors reported a better bite around the Peru flats.

KANKAKEE RIVER: Lilacs are blooming, a sign smallmouth are up. Ed Mullady also reported good catfish throughout and good walleye around Momence, the state park and Wilmington dam through Des Plaines Conservation Area. He also reported some smallmouth and largemouth in Indiana and good walleye at the Point north of English.

LAKEFRONT: CHICAGO: Park Bait reported coho and browns on the Montrose horseshoe. On Tuesday, good perch came up on the Montrose shoreline, including a jumbo topping 1.5 pounds. Otherwise, smallmouth have been the hot bite. There have been smallmouth to 18.5 inches reported downtown from shore. Mac's reported one smallmouth on the South Side "bigger than a kitchen sink." (Photos to come, we hope.) Henry's reported spotty salmon and trout from shore. Both Mik-Lurch and Capt. Bob Poteshman reported coho are packed off Cal Park, with some browns, kings and steelhead mixed in. **WAUKEGAN:** Salmon Stop reported outstanding perch Tuesday, including one weighing 2 pounds, in 65 feet with fatheads off the bottom. Poteshman said that perch are best off the nuke plant and that salmon, mainly coho, are good and scattered from the beach to 20 to 30 feet from Waukegan to North Point. **CHICAGO SMELT:** Slow. Nets may go in at 7 p.m. Netters must be out of parks by 1 a.m.

SHABBONA LAKE: Angel reported fair crappie on slip bobbers and minnows over the campground cribs and standing timber at the entrance to the no-motor zone. A 19.5-inch long walleye and a 21-inch largemouth were reported in the last week.












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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.

West Branch



Fish Species & Creel Limits

-  **Largemouth bass** ●▲
One per day at 18"
-  **Bluegill** ●▲
-  **Channel and flathead catfish** ●▲
Total of three per day (any combination) at 12"
-  **Crappie** ●▲
15 per day at 9"
-  **Green sunfish** ●▲
-  **Carp** ●▲
-  **Grass carp** ●
-  **Northern pike** ●▲
Three per day at 24"
-  **Walleye** ▲
Three per day at 16"
-  **Rainbow trout** ▲
Five per day
No minimum length
-  **Perch** ▲
Four per day at 10"

● Bass Lake ▲ Deep Quarry Lake

Bass Lake

Located on Army Trail Road at Gerber Road in Bartlett. Moderate 0.75-mile walk on gravel/turf trail west from road to lake.

Acres: 15



 Fish Crib



Deep Quarry Lake

Moderate, steep 75-yard walk on gravel trail to lake.

Acres: 40

Timber Ridge






Timber Lake

Located on County Farm Road, 0.7 mile south of North Avenue (Route 64) in West Chicago. From Kline Creek Farm parking lot, moderate 0.5-mile walk south on gravel trail to lake.

Acres: 17



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Three per day at 15"
-  **Bluegill**
-  **Channel catfish**
Three per day at 12"
-  **Crappie**
15 per day at 9"
-  **Green sunfish**
-  **Carp**
-  **Black bullhead**



Northern pike, also known as jackfish, are without a doubt one of the trophy species in DuPage County. They are well known for their aggressiveness and immense size potential; in fact, it's not uncommon to hook one weighing 8 pounds or more. These carnivorous fish prefer cool water with lots of vegetation and can often be found in the weedy shallows. Use your spoons, plugs and spinners in the hot summer months; then switch to minnows during the cool season.