

Program:

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 4, 2011. Dave Brown will be our speaker.

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 1 – Workshop for June 11th Fishing Derby.

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 April 20, 2011

AREA RIVERS: Considering the forecast, all area rivers are or will be cold, high, rising and dirty. Fish tight to shore pockets and eddies.

CHAIN O'LAKES AREA: With the higher, faster water, Triangle suggested the walleye bite should improve greatly around current areas and bridges with a jig and minnow. "If it gets warm again and it gets to Warmageddon, I am pretty sure the crappie bite is not over," Greg Dickson said. Before the snow and rain events, largemouth were solid last weekend.

COOLING LAKES/STRIP PITS:

LaSALLE NOTE: Sunday was the second time in 19 days with a delayed start because of staffing issues. The site no longer has a staff worker and relies on seasonal help. Weather has been the main limiting factor for fishermen. Bass and hybrid have been on and off. Mike Lazas reported yellow bass and bluegills "on fire" earlier this month.

MAZONIA/BRAIDWOOD: Close extends to 8 p.m. as of Monday. Site staff at Braidwood reported water in the upper 60s on the north end and in the upper 70s on the south, with catfish and bluegills the main catches. Shore fishermen on north end are picking up some bass. With cold weather, few are fishing Mazonia.

DELAVAN/GENEVA LAKES (WIS.): Geneva Lake Bait & Tackle reported some bluegills and crappie on Delavan (mainly in the channels) over the weekend. A few perch near shore on Geneva.

DOWNSTATE NOTES: Southern Illinois might be the place to be. **REND:** Guide Jason Johns of Todd Gessner Outdoors said: "Everything good [crappie and largemouth] is in the bushes. We are even catching catfish in the bushes. Catfish are shallow, waiting on the shad spawn."

LAKE OF EGYPT: Johns said crappie remain excellent and bass are good.

LAKEFRONT: Weather riled the water. **CHICAGO:** Henry's one piece of good news was some spotty keeper perch inside Montrose. There are a few coho being caught in the harbors. Smelters continue to pick up a smattering of smelt, mainly at Montrose. **WAUKEGAN/NORTH POINT:** Salmon Stop reported a few browns and coho on frozen shad or shiners off the piers; Johnson and Government have been the steadiest. Perch have not been found. Boaters have had limited success reaching coho.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN: Conditions vary from open water to pockets of ongoing ice fishing. Know what you are doing or where you are going.

NORTHWEST INDIANA: Weather has prevented access to the perch off Gary Light, but Thursday might be different. Capt. Bob Poteshman of Confusion Charters reported very good coho when weather allows access. "They are moving around and you have to find them, but they are definitely there," said Poteshman, who sticks with Dodgers and peanut Howie flies. Mik-Lurch reported some kings and coho Saturday in front of Michigan City, some by Lake Street and Gary Light and some lakere and coho by The Gong.

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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.

SHABBONA LAKE FISHING SCHOOL

A
Five Session Fishing School
Four Classroom Sessions
One On The Water Session
Featuring
"On The Water Hot Spots Tour"



New For 2011- Each student will receive a coupon good for \$50 off an all day guide trip with Aaron Sands, Jim Kopjo or Jay Angel.

Two Classes To Choose From

Sunday Nights 6:30 - 8:30 PM
May 1, 9, 15, 22, 29

Monday Nights 6:30 - 8:30 PM
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

(Both Classes will meet Monday May 9)

Instructors

Denny Sands

Denny is a 2010 inductee to the Illinois Outdoors Hall Of Fame. Over the years, he is the one the guides seek out when fishing gets tough.

Aaron Sands

Aaron is Shabbona Lake's Muskie Expert & has caught hundreds of Muskie at Shabbona. Aaron is also an expert on Muskie fishing in Wisconsin & Minnesota.

Clint Sands

Clint's Muskie Record of "7 Muskie In One Day" is part of Shabbona's fishing lore. Clint grew up fishing Shabbona Lake and knows all of the underwater secrets Shabbona Lake is so famous for.

Kevin Wakeman

Kevin is simply known as "The Man" when we talk about Shabbona Lake. You name the fish and he has a knack for catching it. Check out his web site at: www.kevinwakeman.com/

Danny Rail

Danny is the "Local Expert" when it comes to fishing Shabbona Lake. Danny can catch fish on the worst fishing days, as well as he does on the best fishing days.

Jay Angel

He is Shabbona Lake's most versatile fishing guide. As a guide, he has spends countless hours on the water learning & adapting to Shabbona Lake. Jay is an outdoor writer for LaSalle-Peru News, Midwest Outdoors and Heartland Outdoors.

Jim Kopjo

Jim is known as the "Crappie Professor". He has a wealth of knowledge about Crappies & Bluegill. His understanding of depth finders, electronics and underwater cameras is outstanding.

Fill Out And Return

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register on line at ShabbonaLakeFishingSchool.com

2010 Shabbona Lake Fishing School

Name _____ Home Phone _____
Address _____ Business Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
E-mail _____ Birth Date _____

Please Check One Class 701 May 1, 9th, 15, 22, June 5 Sunday Nights (See Note)
Class 702 May 2, 9, 16, 23, June 6 Monday Nights

Cost: \$100.00 Per Person
Make Check Payable To: Shabbona Lake Fishing School, PO Box 283, 4100 Hiorthird Lane, Shabbona, Illinois 60850
or register on line at ShabbonaLakeFishingSchool.com

* Please note: Both Classes meet on Monday, May 9th, because Sunday, May 8th is Mother's Day.

General Information

The Shabbona Lake Fishing School is designed to instruct Fishermen in fishing Shabbona Lake or any man-made lake. The student will visually see Shabbona Lake reconstructed before their eyes via a power point presentation. Learn the latest successful techniques from local pros.

The course will have four classroom sessions and one on the water session. In the classroom, students will learn the locations of Shabbona Lake's renowned underwater habitat. Instructors will teach the latest fishing techniques as they share their vast fishing knowledge.

During the "On The Water" session students will be taken to exact hot spot locations on Shabbona Lake. **NEW FOR 2011** - Each student will receive a coupon good for \$50 off an all day guide trip with Aaron Sands, Jay Angel or Jim Kopjo.

Registration is limited to 30 students per class. Class 701 will meet on Sunday Nights, May 1, 9th, 15, 22, June 5

Class 702 will meet on Monday Nights, May 2, 9, 16, 23, June 6

***Both Classes will meet Monday May 9th, because of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8th

E-mail Registration
Shabbonalakefishingschool@shabbonalake.com

or

Mail To :
Shabbona's Lakeside
Box 253, 4100 Bluebird Lane
Shabbona, Illinois 60550

Classes will be held at :
Pokanoka's Restaurant
Shabbona Lake State Park
Shabbona, Illinois

For further information call: 815-824-2581
or contact denny@shabbonalake.com

Program

Session # 1 - "Class Room" May 1 & 2
Denny Sands

Introduction
History Of Shabbona Lake
Slide Presentation
Overview Of Shabbona Lake

Session # 2 - "Class Room" May 9
Both Classes will meet on Monday May 9

Kevin Wakeman
Bass & Catfish
Jim Kopjo
Crappie
Basic Understanding Of Fish Finders

Session # 3 - "Class Room" May 15 & 16
Aaron & Clint Sands

Muskie

Session # 4 - "Class Room" May 22 & 23
Jay Angel & Danny Raih

Walleye, Stripers & Smallmouth
Tips - Catching Fish On A Bad Day

Session # 5 - "On The Water" June 5 & 6

Hot Spots Tour
Proper Lure Presentations

NEW FOR 2011 !!!

Bonus - Each student will receive a coupon good for \$50 off an all day guide trip with Aaron Sands, Jay Angel or Jim Kopjo.

"Class Room Sessions" will be held at "Pokanoka's Restaurant" located on the shore of Shabbona Lake.

"On The Water Session" will be held On the water of Shabbona Lake.



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Hall Of Famer



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