

**Program:**

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 5, 2011.

**Check out our web site:** [www.great-lakes.org/vpsc](http://www.great-lakes.org/vpsc).

You are just a click away from pictures of the Fishing Derbies, 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](mailto: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**

Nov 2 - Regular meeting.

Dec 7 - Christmas dinner at the club house.

February 11, 2012 - Ice Fishing Derby. We’ll dig the holes in the ice. There will be lots of fun and prizes for the kids. In case of bad weather the derby will be on February 18.

**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 September 28, 2011.

SNAGGING: On Saturday, snagging for chinook and coho opens at four locations on the Lake Michigan shoreline in Illinois: Lincoln Park Lagoon south of Fullerton Avenue, Waukegan Harbor (North Harbor Basin only), Winnetka Power Plant discharge area and Jackson Park Harbor (inner and outer harbors).

COOLING LAKES/STRIP PITS: MAZONIA/BRAIDWOOD: Lakes close Tuesday, except Monster Lake at Mazonia South is open year-round. HEIDECKE: Fishing ends Tuesday.

LaSALLE: Last day of fishing is Oct. 15. In October, it will be open Wednesday through Sunday, 6 a.m.-12 p.m. only.

DELAVAN/GENEVA LAKES, WIS.: DELAVAN: Guide Dave Duwe reported fish transitioning from summer to fall patterns. GENEVA: Duwe reported boat traffic down, fishing

very good: especially smallmouth (20-25 feet), largemouth (moved shallow around dock) and rock bass (12-15). Bluegill are OK.

DOWNSTATE NOTES: SHELBYVILLE: Guide Ken Wilson of Lithia Guide Service reported white bass are phenomenal on main lake flats on Roostertails or jigs. There are some crappie in 10-12 feet on main lake laydowns, just starting to move back into the coves. REND: Guide Jason Johns of Todd Gessner Outdoors reported crappie are improving; on the edge of going well; keep moving around. Catfish are excellent; bass are shallow, hitting small crankbaits or buzzbaits. LAKE OF EGYPT: Johns reported bass are excellent; shallow. EVERGREEN: Bait shop is closed.

DuPAGE/FOX RIVERS: WESTERN SUBURBS: Both are rising, the East Branch of the DuPage is near flood stage. On the Fox, river may come up enough to bring on high-water tactics.

ILLINOIS RIVER: STARVED ROCK AREA: Rising water could help, especially white bass; Time on the Water Outdoors reported crappie were the top bite.

KANKAKEE RIVER: River is rising, but probably just enough to kick in fishing, though Norm Minas said visibility was lessened and big clumps of weeds and some leaves drifting. Before the rains, John Farmer and his son had a decent wade in the state park for smallmouth with crawfish Bomber Model A or 2-inch Shad Rap. Ed Mullady reported catfish good throughout.

LAKEFRONT: CHICAGO: Park Bait reported a few salmon from shore at Montrose. Steve Palmisano at Henry's reported some fishermen are starting to switch or add a rod with a spawn sac under slip bobbers on lighter line (8-pound) for steelhead, smaller kings and coho; but also throwing crankbaits or spoons for big kings. Capt. Bill Kelly reported a mixed bag, mostly smaller kings, in 60-70 feet west of the Car Ferry. WAUKEGAN: Talmadge Hargraves III at the Salmon Stop reported some bigger kings in the harbor. "When the moon comes out, it is a bonanza," he said. It's glow spoons, Shad Raps. Some huge salmon have been landed. NORTH POINT: Capt. Bob Poteshman reported good fishing, but weather has been tough. He said it is mostly 1- and 2-year kings, browns and lakers, near the hill in 60-100 feet.

NORTHWEST INDIANA: Mik-Lurch reported boaters taking good kings at the Hole-in-the-Wall and Buffington; shore fishermen are doing best by East Chicago or Hammond marinas, Amoco or the walkway by Burns Ditch (some coho mixed in there). Spoons (5/8th-ounce Moonshine is the hot one) or crankbaits are best. Creeks are loaded with chinook with a few coho and steelhead mixed in; best on spinners or roe. Smallmouth are decent on Lake Michigan; perch slow. Willow Slough has decent bluegill fishing; boat fishing ends Oct. 6. Mik-Lurch reported a few walleye on leeches at Wolf Lake.

SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN LAKEFRONT: Arden Katz reported good boat action in Milwaukee harbor. The Wisconsin DNR Lake Michigan Report reported fair shore fishing in Kenosha for chinooks, browns and rainbows, mostly on fresh skein. Pike is high. In Racine, shore anglers catching some kings. Root is rising, kings are arriving.

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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.