

Program:

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 1 – Welcome back from a long hot summer. Let's hope the rain and excess heat are done for awhile. Pictures from the June kids derby and the salmon and Walleye trips are on the web site www.great-lakes.org/vpsc.

Future Programs and Scheduled Events

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 \$100 for each of six people to cover fishing. A Wisconsin license is required. Call or see Joe Kubica (847.985.4057) for details.

BYOB Fishing

What'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'.

PERCH: As of August 11, shore fishermen were doing well at Montrose, Diversey and Northerly Island/Burnham, however, it takes sorting for keepers, according to Park Bait and Henry's. Mik-Lurch and others reported boaters doing well off Navy Pier; good keepers take sorting. In Waukegan, Salmon Stop reported shore fishermen catching some off the government pier while boaters were focusing in 45-48 feet to the south.

CHAIN O'LAKES AREA: All restrictions on the Fox upstream of the Stratton Dam and the Chain have been lifted. As the Fish of the Week showed, white bass are very good. Triangle also reported catfish are good on crawlers or stinkbait; walleye are excellent around main lake points and bridges; bluegill are good shallow around shaded cover and muskie very active.

COOLING LAKES/STRIP PITS: MAZONIA: A good multiple species spot on overcast days, or early and late. **LaSALLE:** Time on the Water Outdoors reported big blues on cut bait over the deep holes.

DELAVAN/GENEVA LAKES, WISCONSIN: DELAVAN: Arden Katz reported "unbelievable" bluegill in 15-18 feet on hellgrammites or trout worms. Guide Dave Duwe reported largemouth loosely schooled and crappie in shallow weeds (12-15). **GENEVA:** Duwe reported good smallmouth in 22-25, bluegills in 18-20, perch more shallow (12) and walleye good on wind nights.

DES PLAINES RIVER: Andrew Ragas of fishing-headquarters.com reported some pike, channel catfish and largemouth around deeper pools with current, weed beds, downed wood and bridge areas; especially early and late.

SHELBYVILLE: Guide Ken Wilson reported good white bass early on topwaters or trolling otherwise; good catfish drift fishing on the north end and some crappie trolling crankbaits.

EVERGREEN: TOTWO reported good crappie down 3 or 4 feet in 15 with some saugeye mixed in.

FOX RIVER: WESTERN SUBURBS: With continuing high water, Ken Gortowski suggested several spots, including wandering the west side from the dam down in St. Charles and the island park in Geneva. No-wake is in effect from Stratton dam downstream.

ILLINOIS RIVER: STARVED ROCK AREA: TOTWO reported good catfish on cut bait, some sauger on the flats and white bass off the rip-rap.

KANKAKEE RIVER: Norm Minas reported good smallmouth and channel catfish with a jig-and-pig in the fastest water he could find on Monday. Catfish are good throughout. Ed Mullady reported good largemouth and smallmouth around Momence and good smallmouth around the state park and Wilmington. In Indiana, bluegill are good at Horseshoe Bend and LaSalle FWA. **SHABBONA LAKE:** Lakeside reported outstanding big fish, including a lake record channel catfish (Dave Todd, 22.75 pounds, 35 inches, chicken liver) caught on Saturday, and a 49.5-inch muskie weighing 30.65 pounds. Catfish and bass are the top bites, mostly in the weeds. Perch have been the surprise bite of the year, better than bluegill.

ILLINOIS HUNTING REPORT

DEER: James "Pate" Philip State Park will have bowhunting this year. Applications are accepted through Aug. 31. **ICF HUNTS:** At a special property in Winnebago County, the Illinois Conservation Foundation is holding a fund-raiser dove hunt on Sept. 1 and a youth hunt for dove or teal on Sept. 4. Contact ICF director Mark Spangler at (217) 720-4389. **SQUIRREL:** Heat limited effort. Iroquois County SWA is open for squirrels. **COYOTES:** Silver Springs SFWA will add coyote hunting in January.

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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.