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**September 2023**

**This Month's Meeting:** The next club meeting will be held on Wednesday September 13th at 6:30 pm at the Hoffman House. This month's speakers will be Steve Kappel. His talk will be covering fall patterns in Southern Wisconsin lakes.





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Steve has had a passion for fishing since he was a young child and fished small neighborhood farm ponds. Fishing has been in his DNA ever since. He was able to fish area lakes and rivers learning as much as he could from his best friend and his Dad, who would take him on their boat sometimes. Steve has grown since then and now fishes across the Midwest chasing bass and pike with a few walleyes crossing over the gunnel as well.

It wasn't until joining Walleyes Unlimited USA in 2007 that made him grow exponentially. Being able to join such a prestigious club, Steve has thrived in new techniques and patterns that were under the radar so to speak. Learning new things has always been a huge roll in getting better at the sport he loves.

With all the knowledge Steve has been learning it was time to start sharing the wealth and start helping others learn some of the same bodies of water and tips and tricks that he has learned along the way. He is very eager to share information and looks forward to meeting new people and also learning from them because we all don't fish the same.



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**Septem Special Table Raffle Items:** A Fishdonkey 30" metal bump board and a Frabill Bear Claw fishing net. It is 14" x 18" and is one-handed design. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, and 7 for \$20.



**Special Raffle Item:** Club member Stu Sondgeroth has generously donated 3 Cub tickets for Sept 22 against the Colorado Rockies at 1:20 pm. The tickets are in Section 11, Row 12, Seats 1,2 and 3. These are great seats and the Cubs have been playing well as of late.



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**Club hats:** We will be selling Rock Valley Anglers baseball hats at club meetings. Adult size hats will be \$15 and youth hats will be \$5. The number of youth hats is limited. Please contact Gary Vosberg for information.







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**August Fish of the Month: John Rasmussen caught a 29.5" walleye while fishing Green Bay in Wisconsin on 8/4/23.**





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## Members Only Fishing Contest

### Best of Breed: Standings As of 9/6/2023

<b><u>Species</u></b>	<b><u>Angler</u></b>	<b><u>Length (in inches)</u></b>
<b>Smallmouth</b>	<b>Greg Sterwald</b>	<b>21.5</b>
<b>Largemouth</b>	<b>Bruce Youngberg</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Northern</b>	<b>Briam Vogrinc</b>	<b>38.5</b>
<b>Muskie</b>	<b>Frank Sondgeroth</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Catfish</b>	<b>Chad Riesen</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Chad Riesen</b>	<b>30</b>



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**Angler of the Year: As of 9/6/2023**

	Largemouth	Smallmouth	Walleye	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Chad Riesen	18	19.75	30	10	11.75	89.5
Chris Olson	19	20.75	26	10.25	12	88
Tom Wesseln	19.25	19.5	20.5	9.75	11.5	80.5
Kerry Schaible	18.5	19.75	22	8.5	11.5	80.25
Therese Wesseln	19.75	18	13.75	10.25	12	73.5
John Rasmussen		21	29			50
Greg Sterwald	18.5	21.5				40
Gary Vosberg			24		12.5	36.5
Robert Woelky			28.5			28.5
Dave Matranga			28.5			28.5



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	Largemouth Bass	Smallmouth Bass	Walleye	Bluegill	Crappie	
Bria Vogrinc			24.5			24.5
Bruce Youngberg	23					23
Greg Sterwald		21.5				21.5
Russ Maxwell			20			
Scott Campbell					10.5	10.5





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**Pan Fisherman of the Year: As of 9/6/2023**

Angler	Perch	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Chad Riesen	14.5	10	11.75	36.25
Chris Olson	13	10.25	12	35.25
Tom Wesseln	11	9.75	11.5	32.25
Kerry Schaible	11.5	8.5	11.5	31.5
Theresa Wesseln	7.5	10.25	12	29.75
Gary Vosberg		9	12.5	21.5
John Rasmussen	15			15
Scott Campbell			10.5	10.5



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## Members Only Fishing Contest Rules

**General: Only fish caught from waters accessible by the general public are eligible.**

### ***Contest #1: Fish of the Month***

**All entries caught during a calendar month will be evaluated by the Board of Directors to determine a winner. Entries must be received by the 1st Wednesday of the month following the catch to be considered. A \$15 gift card will be awarded to members catching the winning fish. Each member can win only once per year. Species considered—Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Muskie, Walleye, and Catfish.**

### **Contest #2: Fisherman of the Year**

**Fish will be judged on length accurate to 1/4 inch. The lengths of each member's best individual fish of 5 different species will be added to determine a total length. A \$100 gift card will be awarded to the longest total**



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length. A \$50 gift card will be awarded to the second longest total length. A \$25 gift card will be awarded to the third longest total length. In the event of ties, the winning

will be split evenly. Contest Species—Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Walleye, Bluegill, Crappie.

## Contest #3: Best of Breed

Fish will be judged on length accurate to 1/4 inch. A \$20 gift card will be awarded to members catching the longest fish of each species. In the event of ties, a \$10 gift card will be awarded to members catching the longest fish of each species. Each member can win only once per species. Contest Species— Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Muskie, Walleye, and Catfish.

## Contest #4: Pan fisherman of the Year

Fish will be judged on length accurate to 1/4 inch. The aggregate lengths of each member's best individual fish of the 3 different species of panfish will be added to determine a total length. A \$50 gift card will be awarded to the member with the longest total length. In the event of



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ties, the winnings will be split evenly. Contest Species—Bluegill, Crappie, and Yellow Perch.

Submitting fish for the contests is very easy. Just copy/paste the email template below. Paste the template into an email, complete the questions, attach picture(s) of the catch, and send to: [rockvalleyanglers@gmail.com](mailto:rockvalleyanglers@gmail.com)

**Copy/Paste Email Template for Electronic Fish Entries:**

- 1) Name:
- 2) Date Caught:
- 3) Species:
- 4) Length (inches to 1/4 inch):
- 5) Lake/River:
- 6) State:
- 7) Picture: [Yes or No]
- 8) Date Entered:
- 9) Witness:

**\*Remember to attach picture(s) to email prior to sending.**

**\*Send to [rockvalleyanglers@gmail.com](mailto:rockvalleyanglers@gmail.com)**





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## Recent Member Catches





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