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July 2023

This Month's Meeting: The next club meeting will be held on July 12th at Pierce Lake in Rock Cut State Park. We will be using the pavilion next to the main boat launch for our meeting. Joe Caruana will have a grill fired up and will be cooking brats. The brats will be ready around 5:00 pm. The club will also be supplying chips and drinks also. Members are encouraged to come out prior to the meeting or after the meeting to enjoy the good fishing Pierce Lake has to offer.

July Special Table Raffle Item: A \$100 gift card to Kwik Trip gas station will be given to one lucky member attending the meeting at Pierce Lake. The card can be used to purchase gas or items inside the station at any Kwik Trip location. Upon arrival at the meeting each member will be given a FREE ticket for the drawing.

Membership dues: The cost for yearly dues will remain \$30 for 2023. Please submit your yearly dues to secretary Stu Sondgeroth or treasurer Bruce Youngberg by mail or at our monthly meeting..



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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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June Fish of the Month: Kerry Schaible caught a 19.75" smallmouth bass while fishing in Wabaskang Lake in Ontario on 6/8/23





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Members Only Fishing Contest

Best of Breed: Standings As of 7/5/2023

<u>Species</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Length (in inches)</u>
Smallmouth	Greg Sterwald	21.5
Largemouth	Bruce Youngberg	23
Northern	Theresa Wesseln	28.5
Muskie	No entry	
Catfish	No entry	
Walleye	Chad Riesen	30



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Angler of the Year: As of 7/5/2023

	Largemouth	Smallmouth	Walleye	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Chris Olson	19	20.75	26	10.25	12	88
Tom Wesseln	19.25	19.5	20.5	9.75	11.5	80.5
Chad Riesen	18	19.75	30	10		77.75
Therese Wesseln	19.75	18	13.75	10.25	12	73.5
Kerry Schaible	18.5	19.75	22		11.5	71.75
John Rasmussen		21	27			48
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
Bruce Youngberg	23					23



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Greg Sterwald		21.5				21.5
Gary Vosberg					12.5	12.5
Scott Campbell					10.5	10.5

Pan Fisherman of the Year: As of 7/5/2023

Angler	Perch	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Tom Wesseln	11	9.75	11.5	32.25
Theresa Wesseln	7.5	10.25	12	29.75
Kerry Schaible	11.5		11.5	23
Chris Olson		10.25	12	22.25
Gary Vosberg		9	12.5	21.5
Scott Campbell			10.5	10.5
Chad Riesen		10		10



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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 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



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



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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

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**



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