



# The Marker Buoy

**October 2021**

**Next Meeting:** The next monthly meeting will be October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Hoffman House at 6:30 pm. Social distancing and wearing a mask will be mandatory for all attendees. This month's speaker will be Duane Landmeier.



Duane is a professional tournament Muskie fisherman and has 21 top ten finishes nationwide and finished second in the world championship in 2011. Duane has been affiliated with Muskies Inc. for the past 28 years and has served as President of the Plano chapter for 5 of the last 6 years. Duane also creates many how to podcasts posted on You Tube giving the inside scoop on how to catch and land the fish of a lifetime.

Duane is the owner and operator of Mainly Muskie Guide Service. He also guides for other species. His concentration is on Illinois' top producing Muskie lakes.



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**October Large Table Raffle Item:** A 6-foot 6-inch medium action Daiwa spinning rod with Piscifun 300 series spinning reel that sports 11 ball bearing.

**Upcoming meetings:** The speaker for the November meeting is TBA.

**Upcoming Club Outings:** TBA: Look for updates in the Marker Buoy or on our club Facebook page.

**Rod and reel repair:** Long time club member Jerry Baker builds custom rods, does rod repair, and works on Shimano reels. If you need some work done give Jerry a call at 815-962-0378. He lives in Rockford at 2213 Douglas Street in Rockford, so members should be able to drop off items at his home.

**Fish of the Month Winner:** There is no fish of the month winner this month because the only fish submitted to the contest were submitted by members who have previously won fish of the month in 2021.



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## Recent Member Catches





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Recent Member Catches Continued





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## Members Only Fishing Contest

Best of Breed: Standings as of: 10/06/2021

<b>Species</b>	<b>Angler</b>	<b>Length (in inches)</b>
Smallmouth	Jerry Fisher	22
Largemouth	Kerry Schaible	20
Northern	Chris Olson	39
Muskie	Stu Sondgeroth	48.25
Catfish	Chris Olson	25
Walleye	Rod Bondele	30



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## Angler of the Year: Standings as of 10/06/2021

	Largemouth	Smallmouth	Walleye	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Kerry Schaible	20	20.5	25.25	9.5	13.5	88.75
John Rasmussen	16	19	27.25	9	13.5	84.75
Tom Wesseln	18	19		9	15	61
Jerry Fisher		22	29.5			51.5
Chris Olson			27	10	11.25	48.25
Gary Vosberg			26		15	41
Rod Bondele			30			30
Peter Gulatto	19.5					19.5
Scott Campbell					12	12

## Pan Fisherman of the Year: Standings as of 10/06/2021

Angler	Perch	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Chris Olson	14.75	10	11.25	36
Kerry Schaible	10.75	9.5	13.5	33.5
Tom Wesseln	9	9	15	33
John Rasmussen	11	9.25	12	32.25
Gary Vosberg			15	15
Scott Campbell			12	12



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**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 winnings 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 use the copy/paste the email template. 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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