



The Marker Buoy

September 2021

Next Meeting: The next monthly meeting will be September 8th at the Hoffman House at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be our Rockford All City Muskie Night which is our joint meeting with the Flatlanders Musky Club. The featured speaker will be Jon Ghinazzi and he will be presenting on fall musky fishing. Also please see attached flyer. Social distancing and wearing a mask will be mandatory for all attendees.

September Raffle:

- 1) Even Keel \$50 Gift Certificate
- 2) Retool \$50 Gift Certificate
- 3) St Croix Discounts Certificate and T Shirts
- 4) Plano box and various musky baits
- 5) Spinning rod and reel combo
- 6) Tool set, Road side kit, and Ace tandem lure
- 7) Motor muffs, Hand pump, Dust brush, and Plano tackle box
- 8) Plano box, Top Raider, Hell Hound, and Suick
- 9) Plano box, Baby Depth Raider, and Double 8 Bucktail
- 10) Bass fishing lure package
- 11) Kids Rod Raffle – tickets will be free
- 12) ½ Day Guide trip with Jon Ghiazzi Raffle – Tickets for the guide trip will be \$10 each/3 for \$20.
- 13) Table raffle for numerous individual musky lures

Raffle Ticket pricing for Bucket and Table Raffles

- Each - \$2
- 3 Tickets - \$ 5
- 7 Tickets - \$10
- 15 Tickets - \$20
- 25 Tickets - \$30
- 35 Tickets - \$40
- 50 Tickets - \$50

Please note: Bucket raffle tickets and table raffle ticket will be different colors. Attendee may decide the split of bucket VS table tickets and still get the discounted pricing.



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Upcoming meetings: The speaker for October meeting is TBA.

Upcoming Club Outings:

September 25- Pierce Lake Weekend outing- Bass and Crappies -This will be discussed at our September meeting. Joe has offered to grill up some brats and hot dogs again. Lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm so guys can stop in and have lunch while out on the lake. RVA members who choose not to fish can stop in and have a bite to eat. Launch anytime you want, and Joe will be grilling in the pavilion next to the boat launch.

Speedway 50/50 Raffle Nights: RVA has two fundraising events coming up. They are critical to the financial well-being going forward. We appreciate your support for these fund-raising events. The dates are 9/11 and 9/18. The events are major races so support is needed. The time for the races will be published shortly but are normally around 6:30 pm. Please respond via email as soon as possible to Joe and Stu.

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.



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September Fish of the Month Winner: Stu Sondgeroth caught a 48.25-inch musky that weighed 30 pounds on Eagle Lake in Ontario.





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Members Only Fishing Contest

Best of Breed: Standings as of: 09/01/2021

Species	Angler	Length (in inches)
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 09/01/2021

	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	18		9	15	60
Jerry Fisher		22	29.5			51.5
Gary Vosberg			26		15	41
Rod Bondele			30			30
Peter Gulatto	19.5					19.5
Scott Campbell					12	12
Chris Olson				10		10

Pan Fisherman of the Year: Standings as of 09/01/2021

Angler	Perch	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Kerry Schaible	10.75	9.5	13.5	33.5
Tom Wesseln	9	9	15	33
John Rasmussen	11	9.25	12	32.25
Chris Olson	14.75	10		24.74
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

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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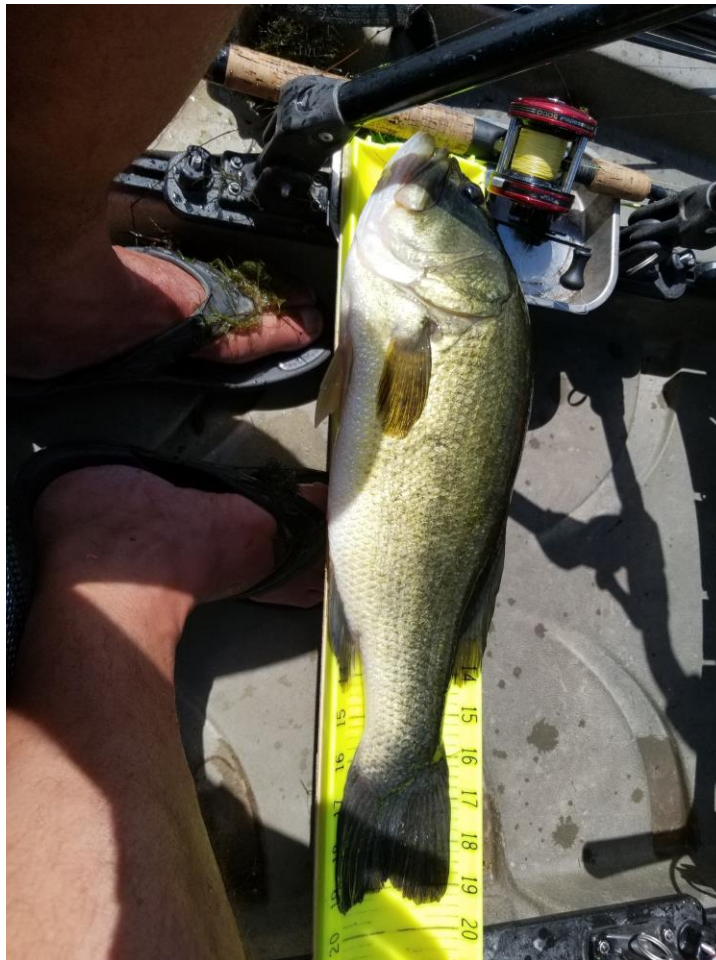
Recent Member Catches





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Recent Member Catches (continued)





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