



The Marker Buoy

August 2021

Next Meeting: The next monthly meeting will be August 11th at the Hoffman House at 6:30 pm. Socially distancing and wearing a mask will be mandatory for all non-vaccinated attendees. Due to a cancelation by our scheduled speaker this month there will be a panel discussion and presentations by experienced club members on a variety of topics.

August Raffle: There will be 2 large table raffle items for August one will be a cordless Rapala filet knife and the other will be a Shimano baitcasting reel.

Upcoming meetings: Our meeting on September 8th will be our Rockford All City Muskie Night which is a 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 attached flyer

Upcoming Club Outings:

September 25- Pierce Lake evening outing- Bass and Crappies -This will be discussed at our August meeting. Joe has offered to grill up some brats and hot dogs again so guys can stop in and have a quick bit to eat while out on the lake. RVA members who chose 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.

September 11 and September 18 – Rockford Speedway Raffle nights. Please contact Joe Caruana for details. As a club we need to pitch in and help cover these nights as this is one of our primary fund raisers for the year.



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July Fish of the Month Winner: John Rasmussen caught a 23-inch Walleye in Green Bay in Wisconsin on 7/9/21.





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Members Only Fishing Contest

Best of Breed: Standings as of: 08/04/2021

Species	Angler	Length (in inches)
Smallmouth	Jerry Fisher	22
Largemouth	Kerry Schaible	20
Northern	Chris Olson	39
Muskie	Kerry Schaible	37
Catfish	Chris Olson	25
Walleye	Rod Bondele	30



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Angler of the Year: Standings as of 08/04/2021

	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
Scott Campbell					12	12
Chris Olson				10		10

Pan Fisherman of the Year: Standings as of 08/04/2021

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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