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October 2023

This Month's Meeting: The next club meeting will be held on Wednesday October 11th at 6:30 pm at the Hoffman House. This month's speaker will be Gary Vosberg and he will be presenting a video on fishing Lake Mendota and he will also be giving a presentation on proper fish netting techniques.

October Special Table Raffle Items: A Farm and Fleet gift card.

September Fish of the Month: There was no September fish of the month winner because the only fish submitted to the contest for September were from anglers who had previously won fish of the month this calendar year.



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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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Members Only Fishing Contest

Best of Breed: Standings As of 10/4/2023

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



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Angler of the Year: As of 10/4/2023

	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
Kerry Schaible	19.5	19.75	22	9	11.5	81.75
Tom Wesseln	19.25	19.5	20.5	9.75	11.5	80.5
Therese Wesseln	19.75	18	13.75	10.25	12	73.5
John Rassmussen		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
Russ Maxwell			20			
Scott Campbell					10.5	10.5



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Pan Fisherman of the Year: As of 10/4/2023

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	9	11.5	32
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 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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Recent Member Catches



Dave Matranga recently caught a 36.5 inch Northern Pike out of the Rock River in Illinois.



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Bruce Youngberg recently caught a 21.5 inch largemouth bass from Lake Ripley in Wisconsin.

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Kerry Schaible recently caught a 19.5 inch largemouth bass in Walter Long Lake in Texas.

RVA Board Members:



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