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August 2020

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held Wednesday August 12th at the Hoffmann House at 6:30. **Wearing face masks and practicing strict social distancing in accordance with state regulations regarding social gatherings will be required**. **People not wearing a face mask will not be allowed to attend the meeting.**

Speaker for August: The speaker for August will be Steve Everetts from Finseekers Guide Service. He will be speaking on fall fishing on Delavan Lake. Steve is a fully licensed and insured guide and a United States Coast Guard licensed charter captain as well as a member of St. Croix Rods, Pradco Lures, and Venom Lures Pro Staffs. Participates in Lindy's and Frabill's Guide Staff Programs as well.

Finseekers guide service offers professionally guided fishing trips on Delavan Lake, Lake Geneva, Lake Mendota and Lake Michigan. We follow the best bites throughout the calendar period for: Salmon, Trout, Bass, Pike, Walleye, and Panfish. Finseekers, offers guided fishing trips 12 months of the year and push the open water season on the great lakes well into the winter months. In addition, a limited amount of ice fishing dates on Lake Michigan and Inland lakes are offered as well. Steve's guide trips are focused on educating clients about presentations to use as well as catching fish and most importantly having fun. For more information check out Steve's website: www.finseekers.com or to book a trip give him a call at 847-707-1827

Members Only Raffle Prizes: The August members only raffle prize will be a 45-quart Cascade Mountain heavy duty cooler.

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Members Fishing Contest

Best of Breed:

Standings as of 08/08/2020

Species	Angler	Length	Species	Angler	Length
Smallmouth	Greg Sterwald	21.5	Bluegill	Kerry Schaible	8.5
Largemouth	Kerry Schaible	24	Crappie	Chris Olson	13.5
Northern Pike	Kerry Schaible	34	Perch	Chris Olson	13.25
Muskie	No entry		White Bass	Kerry Schaible	14.25
Walleye	Chad Riesen	30	Catfish	John Rasmussen and Kerry Schaible	26
Sauger	Kerry Schaible	18.5			

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Angler of the Year:

Standings as of 08/08/2020

Angler:	Largemouth	Smallmouth	Walleye	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Kerry Schiable:	24	20.5	25.5	8.5		78.5
Jerry Fisher	23		27.5		13	63.5
John Rasmussen	18.75		27		11	56.75
Greg Sterwald	21.5		28.5			50
Tom Wessein	18.75		24.5			43.25
Chad Riesen			30			30
Dave Matranga			29			29
John Rasmussen			26			26
Peter Gulatto	20					20
Chris Olson					13.25	13.25

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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 3rd 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, Sauger, Blue gill, Crappie, Perch, White Bass, 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—Small Bass, Largemouth Bass, Walleye, Bluegill, Crappie.

Contest #3: Best of Breed

Fish will be judged on length accurate to 1/4 inch. A $30 gift card will be awarded to members catching the longest fish of each species. In the event of ties, a $15 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, Sauger, Bluegill, Crappie, Perch, White Bass, and Catfish.

Submitting fish for the contests is very easy. Just use the copy/paste email template. Paste the template into an email, complete the questions, attach picture(s) of the catch, and send to: rockvalleyanglers@gmail.com

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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

OUR MEETINGS:
Membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Hoffman House Banquet Room, 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108. Our meetings are free to attend for all.

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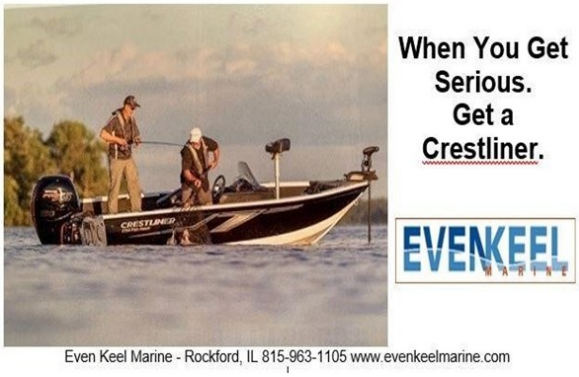

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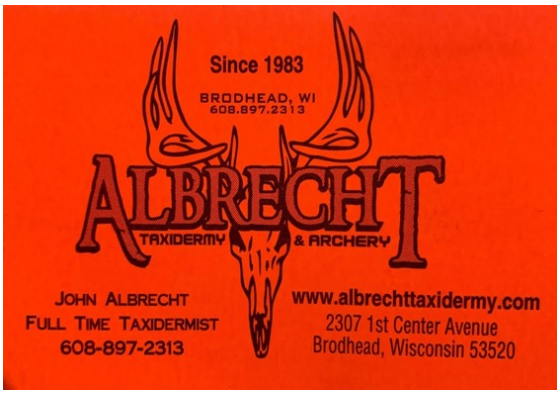

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