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Next Meeting Wednesday, March 13, 2019 @6:30pm

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Welcomes

Adam Walton

Speaking On: Southeastern Wisconsin Lake Fishing

Adam Walton is the owner of Pike Pole Fishing Guide Service, located in Southern Wisconsin. He specializes in year-round multi-species fishing on a variety of Wisconsin waters. Adam honorably served 6 years in the United States Navy and currently holds certifications as a United States Coast Guard Charter Captain, State of Wisconsin Firefighter Paramedic, and an AHA CPR/First Aid Instructor.

He also co-hosts a weekly radio program called "The Fishing Hole", which features fishing reports, guest interviews, and businesses whom have roles in the fishing industry. The show airs every Saturday morning on 101.9FM/1490AM, with coverage spanning throughout Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois.

Captain Walton has participated in a few walleye tournaments circuits in the past including the Midwest Walleye Series, Mercury Nationals, and AIM Wisconsin Walleye Series. For more information on Pike Pole Fishing Guide Service, visit www.pikepolefishing.com or find them on Facebook @ www.facebook.com/PikePoleFishing.



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Upcoming RVA Meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13 @ 6:30pm

Meeting Location: Hoffman House Banquet Room, 7550 E State St, Rockford, IL

Meeting Details: Speakers:

Member Raffle: Guide Trip with Adam Walton

Table Raffle

News/Announcements

- RVA hats available at meeting—\$10 each!
- Leaders and Lures— For anyone interested in hair jigs, Gene can make jigs, 14 hair colors, your jig heads or his. Willing to negotiate on price. Give him a call at 812-654-0902!
- **Time to pay Dues for 2019! See Scott Campbell, Bruce Youngberg.**



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Upcoming Events

Meetings

- RVA Wednesday, 3/13/19, 6:30pm
- Cap City Muskies Inc 3/11/2019, 7.00 pm Coliseum Bar, 232 E. Olin Ave., Madison, Wi.
Speaker: Bill Schwartz, Slammer Tackle
- Yahara 3/13/2019, 7.00pm VFW Hall, 301 Cottage Grove Road, Madison, WI
Speaker: Noah Humfeld, "Fishing the Madison Chain"

Outings

Green Bay Wolf River

Walleye fishing March 29-31. Leaving the 28th and staying at the Bay motel. The Swampdonkey tournament is that weekend too. If interested in going and there are guys interested in going we could put people in their boats to share the cost. See Chris Olson. (Hopefully the river will be open by then!)

Canada - Sioux Lookout

Discovery Lake Lodge May 23-31. Leaving May 22. Cost \$750 plus share of food and fuel. Walleye, Northern, Lake Trout. Currently 2 going. Looking for 1 to 2 more. See Gary Vosberg or Brian Rockwell

Gile Flowage

May 31-June 2. Small Mouth Bass. See Nate Bergman.

Red Lake, Ontario

Trip with High School Students. June 22-31. Cost would be approx. \$900 - \$1050 depending on final head count. See Dave McCoy



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Fishing for Humor



"I think I caught one of those fish showing on the fishfinder"



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Fishing Contests

Check the RVA Closed Facebook Group for the most up to date pictures and reports.

www.FB.com/groups/242324835910467 OR search for "The Rock Valley Anglers"

February 2019 Fish of The Month Nate Bergman 14.25" Crappie





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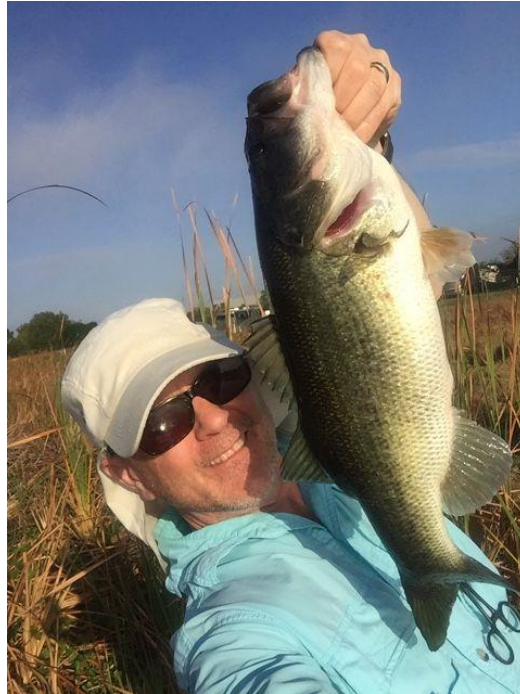
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Alligator Lake, Florida





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February Club Meeting

Mark Finnegan – Speaking on VetsRoll.org



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Brian Alt, DNR – Speaking on Boat Safety





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February Club Meeting

2018 Fishing Contest Winners



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Mountain of Tackle

Rockford Sports Show

Rockford Fishing Garage Sale – Ron Lund And Grandson



Not Pictured

Mountain of Tackle Winner: Greg Castonovo
Rod and Reel Winner: Justin Bodty



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Madison Sports Show 2/22

Yahara Club Booth



Leaders and Lures Booth – Gene Seuring





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Standings as of 3/3/2019

Fisherman of the Year

Angler	Smallmouth	Largemouth	Walleye	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Kerry Schaible	14.00	20.50				34.50
Tom Wessein	15.00					15.00
Chris Olson				11.00	13.25	24.25
Brian Rockwell			16.50			16.50
Pat Abrahamson					12.00	12.00
Nate Bergman					14.25	14.25
Brian Hansas				10.00		10.00

Standings as of 3/3/2019

Best of Breed

<u>Species</u>	Angler	Length	Species	Angler	Length
Smallmouth	Tom Wessein	15	Bluegill	Chris Olson	11
Largemouth			Crappie	Nate Bergman	14.25
Northern Pike			Perch		
Muskie			White Bass		
Walleye	Brian Rockwell	16.5	Catfish		
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Standings as of 3/3/2019

Battle for the Rusty Propeller Trophy - RVA Entries.

	<u>Fish #1</u>	<u>Fish #2</u>	<u>Fish #3</u>
<u>Largemouth</u>			
<u>Pike</u>			
<u>Blue Gill</u>			
Chris Olson	11.00	8.75	7.75
Brian Hansas	10.00		
<u>Crappie</u>			
Pat Abrahamson	12.00		
Nate Bergman	14.25		
Chris Olson	13.25		

Standings as of 3/3/2019

Battle for the Rusty Propeller Trophy - RVA Entries.

	<u>Fish #1</u>	<u>Fish #2</u>	<u>Fish #3</u>
<u>Yellow Perch</u>			
<u>White Bass</u>			
<u>Catfish</u>			
<u>Inland Walleye</u>			
Brian Rockwell	16.50		
<u>Great Lakes Smallmouth</u>			



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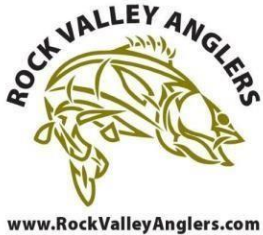
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<u>Inland Smallmouth</u>			
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Tom Wessein	15.00		



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Contest #1: Fish of the Month

For the 1st time, panfish will be considered in this contest. 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 \$10 gift card will be awarded to members catching the winning fish. Each member can win only once per year. The WI and IL Chapters will compete in this contest separately. 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

For the 1st time, panfish will be part of this contest. 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. The WI and IL Chapters will compete in this contest together. 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 \$20 gift card will be awarded to members catching the longest fish of each species. In the event of ties, a \$40 gift card will be awarded to members catching the longest fish of each species. Each member can win only once per species. The WI and IL Chapters will compete in this contest together. Contest Species—Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Muskie, Walleye, Sauger, Bluegill, Crappie, Perch, White Bass, and Catfish

Contest #4: Battle for the Rusty Propeller Trophy

The Rock Valley Anglers® square off against the Yahara Fishing Club for southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois angling supremacy in this interclub contest. The WI and IL Chapters will compete in this contest together. Dual club members can compete on behalf of only 1 club. Entries must be caught in WI or IL. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category will be awarded 3, 2, and 1 point respectively. In the case of ties, entries will receive equal points. Each member can receive points for only 1 fish in each category. The club with the highest point total will win the Rusty Propeller Trophy! Contest Categories—Great Lakes Smallmouth Bass, Great Lakes Walleye, Inland Smallmouth Bass, Inland Walleye, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Muskie, Bluegill, Crappie, Yellow Perch, White Bass, and Catfish.



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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:

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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

Rock Valley Anglers® - Fishing Contests:

Contest #1: Fish of the Month

Contest #2: Fisherman of the Year

Contest #3: Best of Breed

Contest #4: Battle for the Rusty Propeller Trophy

See the CONTESTS page of our website, www.rockvalleyanglers.com/contests, for additional details.



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