



# The Marker Buoy

## November 2021

**Next Meeting:** The next monthly meeting will be November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hoffman House at 6:30 pm. Social distancing and wearing a mask will be mandatory for all attendees. This month's topic will be a trip report and discussion about fall smallmouth bass fishing on Big Bay de Noc in the U.P. of Michigan given by club member Jason Thompson. Also, a panel discussion of various fishing topics by club members.

**November Large Table Raffle Item:** Piscifun Carbon X spinning reel paired with a Piscifun one piece 6' 10" medium action extra fast rod. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each, 3 for \$10, or 7 for \$20.

**Upcoming meetings:** There will not be a meeting in December. Monthly meetings will resume in January 2022.

**Upcoming Club Outings:** The RVA board is considering holding a spring banquet in 2022. TBA: Look for updates in the Marker Buoy or on our club Facebook page for upcoming outings.

**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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**Fish of the Month Winner:** The October Fish of the Month was a 50.25-inch musky caught by Frank Sondgeroth Eagle Lake in Ontario. Frank caught his musky trolling a silver Jake lure in 8 feet of water.





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## Recent Member Catches





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## Members Only Fishing Contest

Best of Breed: Standings as of: 11/03/2021

Species	Angler	Length (in inches)
Smallmouth	Jerry Fisher	22
Largemouth	Kerry Schaible	20
Northern	Stu Sondgeroth	39.5
Muskie	Stu Sondgeroth and Frank Sondgeroth	50.25
Catfish	Chris Olson	25
Walleye	Rod Bondele	30



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## Angler of the Year: Standings as of 11/03/2021

	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	19	19.5	9	15	80.5
Chris Olson		17	27	10	11.25	65.25
Jerry Fisher		22	29.5			51.5
Rod Bandele		20.5	30			50.5
Gary Vosberg			26		15	41
Peter Gulatto	19.5					19.5
Stu Sondgeroth		18.75				18.75
Scott Campbell					12	12

## Pan Fisherman of the Year: Standings as of 11/03/2021

Angler	Perch	Bluegill	Crappie	Total Length
Chris Olson	14.75	10	11.25	36
Kerry Schaible	10.75	9.5	13.5	33.5
Tom Wesseln	9	9	15	33
John Rasmussen	11	9.25	12	32.25
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](mailto: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](mailto:rockvalleyanglers@gmail.com)



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