

## Program

Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 5, 2012. This will be our Christmas Party. Bring a dish to share. The Club will supply ham, sodas, and coffee.

Check out our web site: [www.great-lakes.org/vpsc](http://www.great-lakes.org/vpsc).

You are just a click away from pictures of Salmon and Walleye trips, previous news letters and more about our Villa Park Sportsmen's Club. You may also send information to be posted on the web site to [villaparksportsman@att.net](mailto:villaparksportsman@att.net).

## BYOB Fishing

Where's your favorite fishing hole? We'll schedule a trip. Talk to or call Joe Nutt, Gary Buehre or Adolph Janke.

## Scheduled Events

February 9, 2013 - Ice Fishing Derby. We'll dig the holes in the ice. There will be lots of fun and prizes for the kids. In case of bad weather the derby will be on February 16.

Reprint from BassPro.com:

### Look for the Blind Spots

By Rick Clunn

The best anglers I know have the ability to see water that other anglers don't see—water that's invisible to other anglers. First, you've got to understand the way we, as humans, look at things. Even as you drive to work everyday, you tend to look unconsciously at the same things over and over. The same billboard, the same bus stop where there's a pretty girl sitting every morning to catch the bus. What you don't realize is there are things you don't see, which I refer to as "blind spots."

Anglers do the same thing when they're on the water. When driving our boat down the lake, we're making these intellectual judgments about what a good spot is and what a bad spot is. In other words, we may look at a pretty point running down the lake and say, "That's a good spot." Look at the timber and say, "Good spot." Look at the rocky bank and say, "Good spot." We're continually thinking "Good spot. Bad spot. Good spot. Bad spot."

After I won the Bassmaster Classic® Championship in 1984 in Pine Bluff, AR, some locals came to me and said, "We don't know anybody that's ever fished that spot. How did you find it? My grandfather didn't fish it, my father didn't fish it, I don't fish it, and none of my friends fish it. I've fished this river my whole life!" I got to thinking about what these guys were saying. How did I find something nobody else had found?

When I started thinking back over it, I looked at this area, a big backwater off the Arkansas River called the Pine Bluff Backwater. It had a lot of pretty water. Trees on one side, lily pads, boat docks, tree falls, creek channels coming in. But, where I caught the fish met none of those descriptions. Visually, it was the worst looking area. Like bees attracted to flowers, everybody went to those good looking spots and by the time they were finished with those, they didn't mess with the in-between areas, or what I call the "blind spots" or "bad spots". The way we navigate our boats leads to this. In other words, when you leave the dock, you usually go from point A to point B. You may have shortcuts. But if you look at the map, those shortcuts often cut off a big section of the lake. If you sat in a helicopter all day and watched the boat traffic, that part of the

lake hardly gets any boat traffic, thus, it probably gets very little fishing pressure. When dealing with the ever-increasing boat traffic on our lakes, it helps to become aware of these little things.

Sun Times Midwest Fishing Report

Click this link <http://www.suntimes.com/sports/outdoors/index.html> then click on 'Midwest fishing report'.

As of: **November 28, 2012**

**NORTHERN WISCONSIN ICE FISHING?** Maybe by the weekend, there's a chance for early ice fishermen. Staff at Eagle Sports Center in Eagle River said it hit 0 degrees Tuesday morning. Staff at Kurt's Island Sport Shop said they expect some to be trying by the weekend, some bays already have an inch or so.

**LAKEFRONT PERCH:** Friday's blow dirtied and riled the waters, slowing action. **CHICAGO:** Those going very early are doing better. Some small perch are being caught at Diversey and Navy Pier, keepers take sorting; fewer at Montrose. Arden Katz said for action Mini-Mites and spikes are best; though he said minnow fishermen are catching some bigger ones. Steve Palmisano at Henry's said a few started in the river at 92nd and 95th. **INDIANA BOATS:** The blow shut it down after Thanksgiving, but the weather forecast for the weekend looks favorable for spots like Gary Light, Portage and possibly even the breakwall at Cal Harbor. Mik-Lurch reported some quality perch caught from shore at the Hole-in-the-Wall.

**CHAIN O'LAKES AREA:** Triangle reported muskie are the main target, primarily on suckers; Catherine and Channel are the top lakes. Water is low, so use caution with boats. For crappie, try deeper channels and main lake points. For walleye, Marie and Bluff have been best with slip-bobber or Lindy rigs.

**DES PLAINES RIVER:** Marcus Benesch reported finally catching and releasing some quality walleye (up to 26 inches) in deep current on white or firetiger Jointed Rapalas or X-Raps bounced off the bottom. Minnow plugs are best for pike.

**LAKEFRONT: CHICAGO:** For perch, see top. Some bluegill shallower at Diversey. Pier passes are available at Henry's.

**NORTHERN WISCONSIN:** Muskie fishing ends Friday. Some ice fishing may begin this week.

**NORTHWEST INDIANA:** For perch, see top. Mik-Lurch reported a few winter steelhead in Trail and Salt. This should be the time for whitefish to begin in earnest on Lake Michigan.

**SHABONA LAKE:** Lakeside is closed until ice season around mid-December.

**SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN LAKEFRONT:** Andy Mikos emailed that he is catching a few browns at Kenosha, including a 13.5-pounder Sunday, on bodybaits (Shad Raps).

**SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN:** Tyler Harmon messaged that steelhead are slow but steady in the rivers; whitefish are good off the piers.

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We meet the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 PM at the North Terrace Pond Clubhouse on Westmont and Terrace (approximately 6 blocks south of North Avenue and 3 blocks west of Addison) in Villa Park. Annual dues are \$30. Visitors or prospective new members are welcome - a \$3 fee is requested. If you are interested in attending or becoming a member please contact: Marty Kapolczynski at (630) 932-1923.