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# hook'n line

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## Coming Events

**General Membership Meeting**  
Tues, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm

**Speaker: Craig Bender**

Craig Bender will be our speaker for the December meeting. Craig will be talking about some of the great ice fishing opportunities the state of Wisconsin has to offer.

Specifically, Craig will be talking about the Sturgeon Bay whitefish opportunities that have become a big draw over the last few years. He'll also be speaking about Lake Mendota and what it has to offer.

Come out to the VFW and learn a little bit about ice fishing!

### Upcoming Club Meetings:

January 10 – General Membership

February 14 – General Membership



Our speaker for the November meeting was Chris Taurisano of T-Bone Guide Service. Chris came in and spoke about some excellent fishing opportunities on Lake Delevan as well as a couple other area lakes. Thanks for the great talk Chris!

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**General Membership Meetings at  
VFW HALL - 7:30 to 10:00 PM  
400 E Devon Ave, Elk Grove Village, IL**

## **President's Report**

"Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice, and is never the result of selfishness."  
- Napoleon Hill

The Holiday Season is upon us, Merry Christmas everybody and Happy New Year! If that doesn't cover you, Happy Hanukah or whatever it is you're celebrating! It is time to be grateful for living in this great country with wonderful families and friends, just like we have right here at Salmon Unlimited of Illinois. 2016 was a great year and with proper planning and organization, 2017 will be even better, and that's where we are right now, planning and organizing.

I have another meeting planned for December 9<sup>th</sup> with the Great Waukegan Development Coalition in regards to the move of the Pass the Passion Tournament to Waukegan Harbor next June. They are developing brochures for the event we will distribute locally. That should be a new fun event on our schedule and something to look forward to. More to follow.....

We will publish our 2017 tournament schedule in January's Hook and Line, so look for that. Your board will work on the dates this month.

The swap meet has been moved to a new date, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2017. The move was made to a different weekend so our show wouldn't conflict with other swap meets on that 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March, so we could attract more vendors.

If any members are traveling during the winter, take pictures and write a trip report, we'll publish it in the newsletter so we can see where members are going. Just send your files to [salmonunlimitednews@yahoo.com](mailto:salmonunlimitednews@yahoo.com)

Have a great Holiday Season everyone, it's Aruba in January for me.

**Jim Nelligan**  
**President**

## **Membership**

### **Benefits of Membership:**

- Membership card entitling bearer to all association benefits.
- Embroidered Salmon Unlimited membership patch.
- Salmon Unlimited automobile decal.
- Voting privileges.
- Salmon Unlimited Hook 'n Line newsletter, published 12 times a year, and sent only to Active Members.
- Fishing seminars covering all aspects of salmon and trout angling.
- Participation in all club competitions and activities.
- Family Membership (Spouse and dependent children of Active Members are eligible to participate in competitions and other activities).
- Membership Roster - Active Members receive a roster of Active Members.
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page3/cee5](http://www.salmonunlimitedinc.com/#!page3/cee5)

## Spaghetti Night!

It's that time of year again.... Membership Renewals!

A number of SU members met last night in the midst of a bit of a snow event to fold, stuff, seal, and stamp the envelopes that contain membership renewals for 2017. First of all, I must really thank our membership committee, Jim & Chris Meachle for opening up their home for us all to come together to have a great spaghetti meal,



a few drinks, and some delicious dessert... All before the work starts!



Thanks to all that came out to help!

I would like to take a minute to ask everyone to watch the mail and be sure to return their membership renewals with their dues AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that the membership committee doesn't have to send out a second mailing!!

## Election Day Fishing Trip off Fort Myers FL

Election Day was very interesting in a lot of ways, but for SU Members Jim Nelligan, John Massard and our wives, Sue and Peggy, plus a local Charter Captain friend of ours, Marine Captain Billy Norris, it meant trying to slay some nonvoting fish off Fort Myers FL.

The wind was blowing 10-15 kts or more on the ride out to some of John's offshore marks, so the 3-5 ft waves I thought would be a challenge proved to be little problem for John's 38' Edgewater. We cruised at 40 mph's skipping over the wave tops. By the time we got to where we wanted to troll it seemed even bumpier and one of the crew got a little queasy, but we pressed on. We trolled with numerous crankbaits for a couple of hours and finally hooked up with one King Mackerel, so we decided to use it as cut bait and anchored on a mark we kept seeing fish on the graph. That turned out to be a smart call. Over the next few hours we caught Amberjack, Mangrove and Yellowtail snappers, porgies, sharks, big blue runners and Red Groupers of all sizes. The Red Groupers had to be 20" and that's about a 20 LB fish, but we did get 3 or 4 of those and lots of snappers to keep for some good eats. The wind died down to a gentle breeze by noon and the rest of the day was awesome weather, 83 and sunny, in fact, that was the weather all week.



Since the wind died down, so did the waves and John cruised in the 50 miles at 60 mph's, good lord that's quick over water. What a ride! Good thing because we were cleaning fish until nightfall. We finished the day with dinner at a great local restaurant on the water, called Flippers. They make the world's best Key Lime

Colada; just ask my wife who had 2 of them whoppers. Sinner! ☺



We definitely had more fun than Hillary, LOL

I hope your off-season goes as well.

**Jim Nelligan  
President**

## Pass the Passion 2017

As we move into 2017 and tournament schedules are being set, one of those tournaments is the Salmon Unlimited Pass the Passion Tournament. Last year was the inaugural year for the tournament and we're pleased to say that the tournament will continue on into 2017 with one exception!! The Pass the Passion tournament will be held at Waukegan Harbor where the tournament will be part of Waukegan's "Harbor Fest"! We are very excited to see this tournament move to Waukegan! Please plan on fishing this tournament to support some young angler's, as proceeds from the tournament goes as a donation to some young anglers!! Waukegan Harbor is offering up free slips and free boat launch to any boat participating in the tournament! So make plans to fish this tournament in 2017!



### HarborFEST 2017

#### Draft Run of Show v1

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017/ Thursday Night

**6:30 pm-8:30 pm** Captains Meeting and Dinner at Harbor's Edge

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017/ Friday

**6:00 am** Professional Tournament Begins

**10:00 am** Festival Set-Up

**12:00 pm** Festival Opening

**2:00 pm-4:00 pm** Fishing Weigh-In

**5:00 pm** Leader Board

**6:00 pm-8:30 pm** Captains Meeting and Dinner at Harbor's Edge

**3:00 pm-11:00 pm** Live Music

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017/ Saturday

**6:00 am** Amateur Tournament Begins

**12:00 p.m.** Festival Opening

**2:00 pm-4:00 pm** Fishing Weigh-In

**5:00 pm** Leader Board/ Awards

**1:00 pm-11:00 pm** Live Music

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017/ Sunday

**12:00 pm-6:00 pm** Live Music

**12:00 pm-4:00 pm** Car Show?

**6:00 pm** Festival Break Down



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## **Current Events and Happenings in the Fishing World**

President Obama just signed the REC Act into law and it could be a game-changer for us.

Officially known as the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act of 2016, the REC Act directs the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) of the Department of Commerce to assess and analyze the outdoor recreation industry and the effects attributable to it on the overall U.S. Economy.

That may not sound like a big deal, but it is.

While sometimes considered frivolous fun, outdoor recreation is actually a massive economic driver. As an industry, a recent study showed that we support 6.1 million jobs and generate \$646 billion annually. But it gets even more incredible – when outdoor recreation ripples through the economy, we're talking about **\$1.6 TRILLION** in economic impact and over 12 million jobs.

Now that I have your attention, here's why all this is important to you.

Every year, anglers contribute \$1.5 billion towards conservation. With the passing of the REC Act and the requirement that the federal government official recognize outdoor recreation as a major sector of the economy, conservation and stewardship of our land and water can now be demonstrated as part of economic development in America. We have a strength that cannot be ignored in future policy and legislative decisions.

The Rec Act forces the BEA to analyze the economics of our industry (at no additional cost to taxpayers, by the way). Once that initial analysis is complete, we could become the sixth economic sector tracked by the Department of Commerce.

So when our elected officials see the importance of outdoor recreation in their district – jobs, revenue, taxes collected, contributions made – you can bet those numbers will get their attention. Imagine someone trying to close public water to fishing because they don't like the sound of boat engines. The decision-makers are going to look at those economic numbers and think twice. And while these changes will help us protect what we have, it also means more funding for stocking and conservation programs, new boat ramps, and more and better access to prime fishing spots.

In short, the increased visibility the REC Act brings means more and better fishing for you and me. And that's a very good thing.

-Article borrowed from <https://keepamericaafishing.org/rec-act-better-fishing/?v=7516fd43adaa>



# Salmon Unlimited Swap Meet

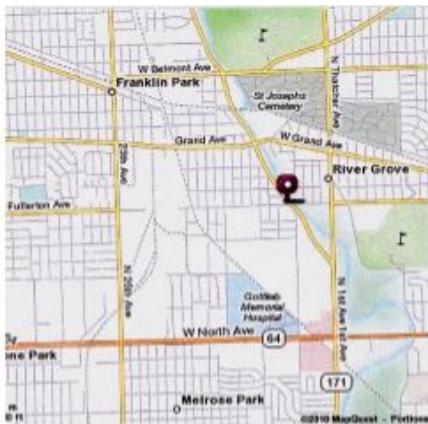
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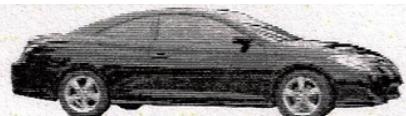
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