



Lunkers Unlimited Newsletter

IN THE NEWS

First Carp News of 2024

750,000 pounds of Asian Carp were removed from the Illinois river between November 27 and December 7, 2023. Yikes! The area between Starved Rock and Oglesby was targeted by commercial fishermen and biologists, and the weight appears to be a North American record for freshwater fish. Read the article [here](#).

Alabama Bass: Invasive species

The Alabama Bass has been listed as an invasive species in several south-eastern states. This bass hybridizes with Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, reducing populations. Additionally, their numbers increase rapidly once introduced, creating an overpopulation of small fish. Read more about this bass [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Front-Facing Sonar Battle

Outdoor Life Opinion writer Joe Cermele discusses the "video game fishing" aspect of Live Scope, Active Target, and Mega Live front-facing sonar systems. Read this interesting article [here](#).

Announcements

- Reminder: monthly meetings will be moved to the second Tuesday of the month until the fish-off schedule is set, then will correspond to the fish-off dates.
- An early reminder for boaters to submit a current Certificate of Insurance to the fish-off chairman. E-mail is fine.
- It's never too soon to think about the safety inspection that will occur prior to our first fish-off. Lights, live wells, kill switches and licenses will be checked. Winter is a great time to make sure everything works.

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024 Tentative Schedule

January

9th – Monthly meeting

February

13th – Monthly meeting

March

12th – Monthly meeting

Fish-Off Results:

Site: Gorman Classic at Spring Lake - October 14 & 15, 2023

1st Place – Tony Copack – 23 lbs. 13 oz.

2nd Place – Rocky Roush – 18 lbs. 7 oz.

3rd Place – Mark Urba – 16 lbs. 2 oz.

Big Bass Saturday – Doug Berman – 4 lbs. 11 oz.

Big Bass Sunday – Tony Copack – 4 lbs. 9 oz.

Total Boat Weight – Tony Copack and Doug Berman – 34 lbs. 7 oz.

	Angler	Pounds/Oz.	No. of Fish	Points
1.	Tony Copack	23.13	10	50
2.	Rocky Roush	18.7	8	49
3.	Mark Urba	16.2	7	48
4.	Doug Berman	10.10	3	47
5.	Bob Jabs	10.10	5	46
6.	Jimmie Griffiths	9.3	4	45
7.	Warren Stidolph	5.10	3	44
8.	Bob Cunningham	4.8	2	43
9.	Adam Copack	3.10	2	42
10.	Brian Franc	2.0	1	41
11.	Jim McCarthy	1.14	1	40
12.	John Gorgol	1.12	1	39

2023 Season Standings

	Angler	Lbs./oz.	No. of Fish	Points
1.	Tony Copack	148.01	56	340
2.	Mark Urba	113.11	50	332
3.	Rocky Roush	115.14	45	332
4.	Bob Cunningham	97.11	41	320
5.	Adam Copack	93.14	40	317
6.	Jim McCarthy	74.00	27	308
7.	Jimmie Griffiths	64.13	25	305
8.	Warren Stidolph	64.04	29	278
9.	Brian Franc	79.08	31	277
10.	John Gorgol	54.04	22	269
11.	Kevin Marz	74.02	30	232
12.	Bob Jabs	58.09	24	224
13.	Doug Berman	66.02	23	211
14.	Jake Urba	3.14	1	45
15.	John Zentmeyer	2.02	1	43

2023 Big Bass: Rocky Roush - 6 lbs. 6.6 oz.

2024 Tournament Schedule... Coming Soon!!!

Location	Dates	Lodging	Ramp	Signup Deadline

2024 Meeting Schedule - All meetings are combined general and board unless designated.

- January 9th

February 13th

March 12th

April

May

June
- July

August

September

October

November

December



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like, day 1 of
fishing trip!

Day 7

