

Wisconsin Meeting | Tuesday June 4th

6:00 PM - Note New Start Time & May Meeting Date Change

Hideaway Pub & Eatery | 9643 S 76th St.

Franklin, WI 53132 | (414) 525-1950



Ben Garvens – Club Member & 2023 Masters Division Champion *THE ROAD TO A CHAMPIONSHIP & JERKBAITING TECHNIQUES*

Ben Garvens was raised fishing lakes of southeastern Wisconsin and has been chasing Smallmouth Bass and other species for most of his life. His short, but accomplished competitive career includes Angler of the Year

for the Lake Geneva Fishing Club in 2021, Walleyes Unlimited Club Champion - Club Division in 2022, and most recently, Walleyes Unlimited Club Championship - Master Division in 2023. When Ben is not winning contests, he is pushing those who did win.

He will be stepping his toes in the water of becoming a professional angler. Ben will begin his guiding business with the *Fishing For Good Foundation* in 2023. *Fishing For Good* was founded by fellow club member Sam Veith a couple of years ago. The foundation's Mission is – *"To give back to our Veterans, Active Military, Gold Star Families and First Responders with Best-in-Class Guided Fishing Experiences."*

Garven's approach to fishing began with techniques related to live bait; however, in recent years, he has translated his experience into targeting deep-water smallmouth with primarily artificial presentations. One of Ben's favorite techniques is casting jerkbaits. Garvens will expound on the tactics he used to win his recent club championships and the jerk bait tips he uses to target smallmouth, walleyes, and crappies with these hard baits on the deep clear waters of Geneva as well as other bodies of water like Lake Michigan.

This meeting will be a great time to learn a new technique to put in your arsenal or advance your craft to increase your chances at a trophy – no matter the species.