

Arlington Anglers

More Important Than a Muskie

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At the Arlington Anglers July meeting, Professional Muskie Tour Fishermen Jay Garstecki and Gary Dew gave us some tips on making our muskie trips more successful:

- If a cold front comes through, downsize your lures.
- Fish the points, but contrary to many articles, also try the leeward side.
- Don't give up on a proven lure too quickly. Try different speeds/presentations before switching out.
- Draw a map of that "good" spot.
- Include structure, weeds, depths, rocks, etc.
- Redraw it the next time you fish it. Include notes on wind, water temp, sun/clouds, etc.

Now for the MORE IMPORTANT part: both Jay Garstecki and Gary Dew are committed to the Take A Vet Fishing Program (www.takeavetfishing.com). Significant percentages of returning veterans suffer from **post-traumatic stress disorder**. PTSD is a debilitating mental disorder that follows experiencing or witnessing an extremely traumatic event such as killings or a war.

Take A Vet Fishing is a not for profit organization that was created in 2011 to provide emotional support and rehabilitation to those who serve our great nation every day. The mission is simple, to show these men and women how much they mean to us and support them and their families with fishing outings and trips.

Vets and their families receive transportation, lodging, meals, prizes and guided fishing trips. Take a Vet Fishing events occur in Madison, WI. and Minneapolis, MN. A Fox Lake, IL event is being considered for 2015 and potentially moving into Indiana or

Michigan for 2016-2017.

How can we help? You can make a general donation or make a donation "in memory of" or "in honor of" an individual. Also more fishermen and their boats are needed to host more Vets/families as the program grows. See the website or contact Jay at jay@takeavetfishing.com for more info.

A fishing club will introduce you to a large number of new friends that share the same interests and hobbies. The club will provide outings and trips that you never would have even thought about. It will put together people that are looking for fishing buddies when the "bite is on". You'll find yourself fishing more frequently and in a lot of new places.

See you at our September meeting. Pat Harrison (patharrisonoutdoors.com) is doing a seminar on the *Use of Slip Bobbers and Floats*.

Dates to remember:
Aug 2 – Outing Fox Chain
Bauske Marina

Aug 16 – Outing Lake Beulah
Night Fishing

Aug 19 – Club Picnic
Harper College Reservoir

Sept 16 – Meeting
Pat Harrison on Use of Slip Bobbers and Floats

Oct 16-19 - Outing Clinton Lake
Fishing/Camping at Camp Quest

Nov 7-9 - Outing Wisconsin River
River's Edge Resort



Come to one of our meetings to find out more about our club, activities, and outings. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 9:00 PM.. We meet at Cabela's which is located at 5225 Prairie Stone Pkwy, Hoffman Estates, IL just off I-90 at Illinois Rt. 59. Door prizes, speaker, raffles, fishing reports: Give it a try!

For further information call our President Tom Curtin at 312-560-9876 or visit our website at <http://arlingtonanglers.com> .