

# Arlington Anglers

## Bigger is Not Always Better



### Bob Diebold

#### Arlington Anglers Fishing Club

Historically, the fishing community has gravitated toward game fish and away from pan fish, carp, etc. The fishing lure manufacturers have tantalized us with the large flashy super twister inline spinner with eight inch cowbells selling for \$28 a piece. Johnny Wilkins, speaker at the July Arlington Anglers meeting proposed that both large and small fish can effectively be fished by creating a more natural presentation, lively bait, light line, and smaller end tackle that looks more like the food that fish normally feed on.

Johnny described his proven methods to catch all species of fish from a boat or from shore:

- **Rod/Reel** – Use a 10-12 foot crappie type rod to reach stumps, weeds, or docks. Use a medium sized spinning reel with a good drag system. Avoid the micro-light reels as line will come off a medium size more easily.
- **Line** – Use a 4# main line, braided is preferred. Use a 2# fluorocarbon leader. That sounds light, but remember you have a long flexible pole, a drag, and you can always back reel on a big fish.
- **End Tackle** – Remember that fish vacuum food in and expel the water thru their gills. How

natural can a big #2 Eagle Claw or a hard piece of plastic feel? Try a very light jig (1/80th or 1/64th oz. jig) that drops slowly thru the water column giving the fish more time to feed on (and look



Speaker Johnny Williams shows his most effective floats and set-ups to Arlington Anglers Reg Pazerunas and Bernie Harrison. **PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS**

more like their natural sinking food). Some days a plain #14 steel hook with a spike or piece of Berkley Gulp works best. Use heavier jigs for river fishing.

- **Floats** – Floats tell the fisherman what is going on under the water (hit, bump, lift, wind, current, etc.). Use a small skinny float that can communicate the best and won't provide too much resistance to the fish. The majority of the float should be underwater, using split shot to balance it.
- **Bait** – Try a variety of bait to find out what works in the particular body of water (worms, spikes, corn, etc.). Take good care of your live bait keeping

it in the shade or your cooler. Red worms and wax worms like to be kept just cool, while spikes, leeches, and crawlers like to be kept ice cold.

Johnny Wilkins born in a Chicago suburb, has fished in 3 World Championships for Team USA. Johnny's school - the Chicago Fishing School ([www.chicagofishingschool.com](http://www.chicagofishingschool.com))

provides unique lessons and fishing insight which help all levels of anglers better understand fishing. His knowledge helps everyone to begin adventures in catching fish close-to-home around Chicago's ponds, rivers and inland lakes.

#### Dates to remember:

**Aug 15 – Outing  
Fox River Shore Fishing**

**Aug 18 – Annual Club Picnic  
Harper College Reservoir**

**Aug 21 – Outing  
Schaumburg Boomers Ball  
Game**

**Aug 28-30 – Outing  
Green Lake WI**

**Sept 6 – Outing  
Braidwood, IL**

**Sept 10-13 – Outing  
Green Bay WI**

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## Time for a Little Crappie Magic



**Sept 15 – Meeting**  
**Speaker: Sportswriter**  
**Steve Sarley**

**Sept 18-20 – Outing**  
**Lake Sara**

**Sept 27 – Busse Lake**  
**Kids Fishing Derby**  
**(volunteers needed)**

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



Not huge, but smiling Arlington Angler Gene Schamberger caught this feisty Largemouth Bass on the Lake Geneva Outing using a drop shot wacky worm.

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Arlington Angler, Bob Diebold caught this 20.5", 4+ lb Largemouth Bass on 7/25 Lake Geneva Outing using a drop shot wacky worm.

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Arlington Angler, Greg Michela caught this bluegill on 7/25 Lake Geneva. Greg caught over a hundred gills that day using the small tandem jig set-up that he has developed.

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## Arlington Anglers Longtime Member Passes



Arlington Anglers is sad to announce that their oldest senior member, Stafford Machas (90) passed away in July.

Staff was a WWII vet, an accomplished hunter of all North American and African game, and always loved to fish for any species.

He remained active in the club holding multiple offices, working the booth at Sport Shows, and being a great fishing buddy on Outings.

Always a gentleman, he touched many people and will be missed.

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