

# Arlington Anglers

## Hold the Ice



### **Bob Diebold** **Arlington Anglers Fishing Club**

Looks like we may have to wait for the safe, local ice like most years. Meanwhile, you have to travel north to central Wisconsin if you want get on that hard water.

While we are waiting, there are a lot of things us avid fishermen can do: Organize that fishing gear and get rid of the items that you really don't use. Go thru that lure box and sharpen all of those hooks. Get that ice fishing gear together just in case we actually get more than 3 or 4 inches of ice.

Get those Fishing Shows and Fishing Flea Markets on your calendar. Seek out a solid fishing club to learn new techniques and meet new fishing buddies.

On December 6th, the Arlington Anglers celebrated their annual Christmas and Awards Banquet at the Black Steer Steak House in Elk Grove. The well attended event included drinks, presents, awards, and some great food. Club officers for 2015 were announced:

President -Tom Curtin  
Vice President-Seth Mahler  
Treasurer-Gary Elliott  
Secretary- Jim Martinez ,  
Speaker Chair - Pat Harrison  
Outing Chair-Bert Saxon  
Sgt at Arms- Don Johansen, Frank Mucci ,Staff Machas  
Newsletter- Bob Diebold  
Big Fish Chair - John Madejczyk  
Web Coordinator—Kristie Powell

Awards and Gift Cards for the Big Fish Contest were presented by John Madejczyk. Jim Martinez was awarded the Arlington Anglers Master Angler of the Year Award.

Also like prior years, Arlington Anglers collected a large stack of Christmas presents for the Toys For Tots program run by the Marine Corps.

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 January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and our booth at the *Schaumburg Outdoor and Fishing Expo*.

### **Dates to remember:**

**Jan 20 – Meeting**  
*Speaker TBD*

**Jan 24 – Outing**  
*Ice Fishing on the Winnebago Chain*

**Jan 29 – Feb 1**  
*Chicagoland Fishing, Travel & Outdoor Expo, Schaumburg Convention Center*

**Feb 13 – Outing**  
*Chicago Wolves Hockey Game*

**Feb 17 - Meeting**  
*Speaker TBD*

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> .



Arlington Anglers Jim and Caryl Martinez were the coordinators for Marines *Toys for Tots* project. The gifts will be appreciated by many needy children.