

Arlington Anglers

The Ice Man Cometh



Bob Diebold **Arlington Anglers Fishing Club**

Now is the time to get out on that ice. You don't have to travel up to northern Wisconsin to catch those big ones. Guide Chris Taurisano (who guides all year round - tboneguideservice.com) at the Anglers January meeting described plenty of good opportunities in our local area:

On the Chain, many of the lakes are producing on the 10-15 foot ridge lines. There are also good quantities of blue gills and crappies that want "meat" (waxies, minnows, spikes). The ice is solid except for the current areas.

For some bigger fish, travel up to Lake Delavan for pike over 30". Use dead herring fished near the bottom on the weed edges. For consistent blue gills and crappies, fish more in the weeds.

Chris reminded us of a few hotspots when the ice goes out: back channels on the Chain for crappies, rocky points on the Chain for spawning walleyes, below the McHenry Dam on the Fox River for spawning walleyes, and finally back to Delavan over the weeds for those mid-day gulls and crappies.

When asked about becoming a better fisherman, Chris Taurisano offered the following tactics:

- **EVALUATE THE CURRENT CONDITIONS:** temperature, wind, cloud cover, etc.
- Change your approach accordingly on bait size, depth,

speed, etc.

- **BE VERSATILE.** Try jigs, crankbaits, drop-shots, etc. Each technique has its own advantages. Learn how to use your electronics.
- **COVER THE WATER.** That means not only the surface but from top to bottom of the water column. Use techniques like drop shot with a bottom jig, weighted crank baits, slow rolled spinner baits, etc.

Recently awards for the 2014 Big Fish Contest were announced by Chairman John Madejczyk:

White Bass - Jim Martinez
Sturgeon - Bert Saxon
Catfish - Seth Mahler
Northern Pike - Mike Bierman
Walleye - Stafford Machas

Jim Martinez also won the Arlington Anglers *Master Angler of the Year Award*.

Dates to remember:

Feb 13 - Outing
Chicago Wolves Hockey Game

Feb 17 - Meeting
Mike Norris on Bass Fishing Techniques

Mar 7 - Fishing Flea Market
Rolling Meadows HS

Mar 17 - Meeting
Captain Bob Jenkins on Lake Michigan Salmon, Bass, and Perch Fishing

Mar 14 - Cabela's
Fishing and Outdoor Expo

Apr 10-12 - Outing
Wisconsin River at Rivers Edge Resort

Apr 17-18 Outing
Walleye Fishing on the Fox River in DePere, WI

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!

Also stop in to see us at our *Show Booths* at both the Rolling Meadows & Cabela's events.

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

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Arlington Anglers Ken Vyletta and Guide Chris Taurisano examine a lipless crank bait to "rip" for walleyes.
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At the January Meeting, happy Arlington Anglers Tom Edinger and Jim Gavula show off their winning raffle prize (\$\$\$) and door prize (Plano tackle box).
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