

Arlington Anglers

Steps for Better Fishing in 2016



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Fishing must be your passion or at least one of your favorite hobbies...otherwise you wouldn't be reading this article. Does that mean we're done until next season? No, not really. 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 and get out there a few times when it is not bitterly cold. 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.

A fishing club will introduce you to a large number of new friends that share the same interests and hobbies. The club will provide informational seminars and outings to spots 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 February 16th meeting (with speaker Frank Hyla) and our booth at the Fishing Flea Market (March 6th) or the Cabela's Fishing Expo (March 12-13).

On Dec 13th, Arlington Anglers hosted their Annual Christmas and Awards Banquet at Jimmy's Charhouse in Elk Grove. The winner of the club's Stafford Machas Memorial Master Angler Award was Gary Elliott. A small mountain of Toys For Tots gifts were collected. It was a great event.

At our January meeting, we heard from Rob Wendell concerning the fishing opportunities coming from the use of kayaks. The popularity has exploded as they can be used all the

way from the Great Lakes to small streams. Kayaks can be paddled but Rob prefers pedal propulsion systems to keep his hands free. When trolling, Rob down-sizes his yellow-birds and divers so as to reduce drag and maintain proper trolling speeds. Many of the newer kayaks built for fishing have mounts for electronics and pole holders. Some even have live wells! Best of all the kayaks cost a whole lot less than boats, can be transported on roof-top carriers, and provide a very stealthy approach that does not scatter the fish.

Rob Wendell runs Great Lakes Kayak Angler Guide Service
GreatLakesKayakAngler.com.

In addition, he is in the owner of the best stocked store for salmon and trout fishing that you'll ever see. His store is the Lake Michigan Angler, located at 1038 Sheridan Road in Winthrop Harbor, IL
LakeMichiganAngler.com

Dates to remember:

Feb. 16 – Meeting
Frank Hyla from Time on The Water Outdoors TV Show

Mar. 5 – Booth
Fishing Flea Market
Rolling Meadows H. S.

Mar. 12-13 – Club Booth
Cabela's Fishing Expo

Mar. 15 – Meeting – Speaker

Apr. 1-3 – Outing
Wisconsin River at Rivers Edge Resort

Apr. 14-17 – Outing
Green Bay, WI

Apr. 19 – Meeting
Speaker TBA

Apr 28-30 – Outing **Lake Shelbyville**

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 7:00 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 847-639-7858 or visit our website at <http://arlingtonanglers.com>

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Arlington Angler Jeff Ayeski gets a look at some fishing equipment used by Kayak Fishing Guide, Rob Wendell.
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Arlington Angler Kristie Powell delicately holds this largemouth bass that was being planted by Cook County biologists into Busse Lake for breeding purposes. PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS