

# Tight Lines Newsletter

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## Presidents Note:

It's been a busy few weeks since the last newsletter. My trip to Cedar Lake in Canada was great. Best walleye fishing in the 7 years I've been there. The closed border for 2 years seems to have made a positive difference in the fishery.

Then we had our club picnic right after (report on page 4/5). Lots of planning by our Board officers paid off with a pleasant and enjoyable evening had by all who attended.

Then I had to get this issue ready. As it's going out I'm transitioning from our Mississippi River Barge trip to the Lake Kegonsa trip, back to back. That's 9 club outings this year for me, only matched by Eyrle Hilton. With other random day outings I've been fortunate to fish with 35 members this year. Fun!

Don't forget we will gather again



in person for meetings in Sep, Oct, and Nov. Save the dates now!

Board elections for 2023 are in November. We will have spots to fill. Consider stepping up and take one. It's rewarding and we can use the help. See me for more info.

I hope to catch you all again soon!

Chris Popp - President

## Key Dates

### Club Meetings

Sep 20  
Oct 18  
Nov 15

### Board Elections

Nov 15

### Holiday Party

Dec. t.b.d.

### Comm. Outreach

Toys for Tots  
Toy collection at:  
Nov 15 Mtg. &  
Dec Holiday Party

## This Month's Speaker

Taxidermy is an interesting topic whether you are looking to keep a trophy or not. Keith Zurawski, owner of Keith's Custom Taxidermy, will reveal his secrets on this fine art and what you should do if you ever want to mount a trophy fish.

As a bonus, Keith will be sharing stories of his other passion, fishing Alaska. Keith has been taking annual unguided trips to our greatest wilderness for over 35 years. His recollections of these adventures, and tips to do the same, are sure to be compelling!

## This Month's Speaker

# Arlington Anglers Fishing Club



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***Tuesday, September 20, 2022***

**Keith Zurawski**

**Fish Taxidermy 101**



Keith Zurawski is the owner and operator of Keith's Custom Taxidermy in Wauconda, IL. He has been in the taxidermy business for 50+ years, including work on fish and animals of all kind. He's going to share his secrets with the Arlington Anglers, as well as touch on one of his other passions – fishing in Alaska! He's been doing this annual trip without a guide for 35 years now, and is excited to share. Please welcome Keith to the club!

**Club Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month Jan.- Nov.**

**Poplar Creek Banquets  
2354 W. Higgins Rd.  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169**

**Guests Welcome  
Fee \$3 members | \$8 non  
6:30 PM Start**

# Bob's Fishing Report

By: Bob Diebold



Summer patterns are fading. Fish are confused in seasonal transition. Water is still warm but shorter days are triggering fish to feed and be more active.

**CHAIN O'LAKES:** White bass HOT on small cranks or jigs and minnows on Bluff, Channel, Marie and Petite. BGs near docks with floats or deep with drop-shots and crawler pieces. Crappie picking up, mostly deep. Some big flatheads out of Marie, Fox and the river; SMB deep, muskies on bucktails.

**COOLING LAKES** Final fishing days: Heidecke (Oct. 11), LaSalle (Oct. 15), Braidwood and Mazonia (Oct. 18).

**DELAVAN and GENEVA:** Water is still warm and rains have confused fish further. Crappies in 12-15 fow caught on small minnows w/slip bobbers. Rock bass and BGs are everywhere on worms. Smaller SMB, LMB, and walleyes are mixed in the

weedlines. Bigger LMB and SMB deep and less active on off days but move in on GOOD days.

**LAKEFRONT:** Harbor fishing picking up. Some coho, kings and occasional steelhead on small spoons, spawn, or cranks.

**CHICAGO:** Lakers in 90-150 fow with some kings and coho.

**NORTHPOINT/WAUKEGAN:** Cohos + bonus fish shallower in 85-135 fow. Best in early AM.

**SHABBONA:** Muskies active. Hybrid stripers and catfish on crawlers or chicken livers.

**LOCAL PONDS:** Summer patterns are back after rains. Bass good with a texas rigged senko on outside weed lines. Crappie good on plastics under a slip float. Focus on wind-blown bays and weed edges.

**FOREST PRESERVES:** The Fall rainbow trout season opens Oct. 15 throughout the state. 16 and older need a license and inland trout stamp. Daily bag is 5. See [www.ifishillinois.org](http://www.ifishillinois.org) for locales.

## Board Position Elections in November

### Board Positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Speaker Chairman
- Outing Chairman
- Big Fish Chairman
- Newsletter Chair
- Web Master
- Sergeant at Arms

The Arlington Anglers Fishing Club has 11 Board of Director positions. These volunteer positions are integral in running the various operations of the club and all get an opportunity to vote on issues related to the things we do.

These positions are one year terms with no limit on the number of terms an individual can serve.

Elections are held at the November meeting for the following year. All members are eligible to run for any position.

This year we will have at least a couple openings that need to be filled. We need some members to step up to cover these offices.

If you have any interest in getting involved please talk to Chris Popp or any other existing board member for more information.

# Annual Club Picnic Report



On Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> the Arlington Anglers held their annual club picnic. Between 35 and 40 members, guests, and children gathered from 6-8:30 at the Plum Grove Reservoir shelter at the Harper College complex. The weather was great and the company was even better.

The menu consisted of burgers, brats, and hot dogs with all the fixings, along with potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, watermelon, and a variety of snacks and cookies for desert.

Entertainment was provided by our traditional minnow races. All that camaraderie, food, and fun for only \$10! If you didn't make it this year be sure to put it on your schedule next year.

Even though it's a paid event that doesn't cover all the planning and time expenses. Our club Board of Directors do almost all the legwork to make this a special and successful evening out.

From Rich Sutton collecting money, Dave Powell bringing drinks, Jim Allen supplying snacks, Chris Popp providing the paper goods and supplies, and Bob Diebold taking pics, all put in yeoman's work.

However, special thanks go to Don and Ronda Taylor for buying all the meat and doing the grilling, aided by member Steve Jung. Thanks to all!



## More Club Picnic Pictures



Pictured above with President Chris Popp are 50/50 winners Nancy Franks (right) taking 1<sup>st</sup> with \$60 and Ronda Taylor (left) with the \$25 2<sup>nd</sup> prize. Bert Saxon and Steve Jung took home packs of brats as consolation prizes.

## Community Outreach: Fishing 4 Autism



On Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 members of the Arlington Anglers Fishing Club volunteered for the Fishing 4 Autism (F4A) Fishing Derby and Fund Raiser. It was a rainy morning but a window of 3 hours gave the Autistic Anglers a chance to get the lines wet.

With a minor glitch of the parking lot being closed off, which unfortunately hindered public attendance, one member from our fishing club and one member from F4A stood out by the street directing incoming traffic to where the cars could park. There were 9 participants with all but one person catching fish. One angler caught a combination of 80 total fish. Members of the club assisted with baiting hooks, teaching casting, and the patience of watching a bobber.



Besides being a fishing derby, this was also a fund raiser. The F4A collected over \$300 that was donated to the "Chicago Ride For Autism Speaks" motorcycle rally. The organizer for the F4A, M.C.Morris, has already scheduled next year's fishing derby at Lake Arlington.

The 6 members who volunteered were Jim Allen, Jay Babowice, Ron Cappello, Paul Lam, Don Luken, and Al Wilson. Also club members Jeff and Robbie Henderson were there representing F4A. A shout out to Jim Allen for taking the lead for our club and a big **THANK YOU** to all who volunteered. – Report by Pat Trunda.

# Big Fish of the Month



**Big Fish of the Month** goes to Kristie Powell for her 37" northern pike.

Kristie and husband Gar were on a recent bucket list guided trip to Lac Seul in Ontario Canada.

Kristie was throwing a #5 Mepps inline spinner on 20# Fireline with a short flouro leader leading to a black titanium leader on the business end when the big pike hit.

## Honorable mention #1



Bob Diebold joins his grandson on the FotM page getting first honorable mention for his 20" smallmouth bass. Bob was fishing Lake Geneva in 17 FOW with a green pumpkin plastic stick worm rigged wacky style on a drop shot set up when this brute took his offering.

# Kid Fish of the Month



**Kid Fish of the Month** goes to 5 year old Davis Kane, grandson of long time member Bob Diebold.

Davis was fishing a local Rolling Meadows pond with a piece of crawler under a float when he caught this nice bass. He was using a Zebco kid's rod, so they really work.

Way to go Davis!

Please share your love of fishing with a child. Whether relative, friend or neighbor, submit a picture when you do!

## Honorable Mention #2

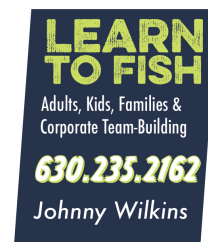


Honorable Mention #2 goes to Chris Popp for his 13" perch caught on Cedar Lake in Ontario. It hit 23' deep near an island just off the main basin. It was fooled by a #4 hook and split shot finesse rig with half a night crawler.

# Sponsor Page - Please support those that support us.



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# Member Discounts

Being a member of the Arlington Anglers comes with many benefits. Following is a list of sponsors that offer discounts to our members with membership cards:



## **GRANDT RODS**

GRANDT INDUSTRIES INC.,  
PO Box 772, Arlington Heights, IL. 60006  
847-577-0848 Jim Grandt  
Website: [www.grandtrods.com](http://www.grandtrods.com)  
Discount: 20% off internet rod prices, plus free hat (while in stock). Free pickup in Arlington Heights. Also, any Pflueger reel in stock can be purchased to create a combo at \$15 off internet retail price. **(Must show membership card at pickup)**  
Standard shipping costs apply if products are shipped.



## **LAKE COUNTY WATER SPORTS**

530 S. Rand Rd. Wauconda IL. 60006  
847-526-2211 – Mike Salisbury  
Website: [Lakecountywatersports.com](http://Lakecountywatersports.com)  
Discount: 10% on parts thru May (mention Bert Saxon)



## **ANGLERS INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES**

1272 E. Dundee Rd. Palatine IL 60074  
847-991-3200  
Website: [FishinGurus.com](http://FishinGurus.com)  
Discount: 15% on tackle / 20% on bait



## **LEE'S BAIT AND TACKLE (2 Locations)**

1010 East Higgins Rd, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007  
847-593-6424  
1400 W. Army Trail Rd., Carol Stream, IL. 60188  
630-830-5337  
Website: [Leesglobaltackle.com](http://Leesglobaltackle.com)  
Discount: 10% minimum on all tackle, depending on manufacturer.



## **LiveBaitFishingTackle.com**

Online or 630-235-2162  
Discount: 15% off floats, line, tackle, rods, reels & bait  
Use code "arlington" at checkout. Also, 15% off lessons, classes, and guiding at [Chicagofishingschool.com](http://Chicagofishingschool.com).

# Renew Your Membership or Join The Club

Yearly dues are the financial life-blood of our club. They pay our speakers, insurance, shows, pizza party, and other operating expenses. Presently, our annual family membership is \$40.00. Please renew or join today!

We've now added Zelle quick pay to our options: ([arlangfc19@gmail.com](mailto:arlangfc19@gmail.com)). So, 3 ways to pay: (1)Zelle, (2)at a meeting, or (3)check by mail. New members - use the form below or visit our "Join Our Club" web page.

**Bring checks made out to "Arlington Anglers" to a meeting or mail to:**

Arlington Anglers  
C/O Rich Sutton  
719 W. Catino St.  
Arlington Hts., IL 60005



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## Swap Shop

The Swap Shop is for members only. If you have something you would like to sell or looking to buy, please contact our Newsletter Editor Bob Diebold for more information. Items will be posted for a limited time. Please advise when no longer available.



