

# Tight Lines Newsletter

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## Key Dates

### Club Meetings

Oct 18

Nov 15

Jan 17

### Board Elections

Nov 15

### Holiday Party & Awards Banquet

Sun. Dec 11

6-9 PM

### Comm. Outreach

Toys for Tots

Toy collection at:

Nov 15 Mtg. &

Dec Holiday Party

## Presidents Note:

While the open water season is winding down, I'll be looking to get out for a few more outings. It's been a great year and I'd like it to continue. Keep the rods out and ready for last minute opportunities!

We have a few important events coming up: Board Officer elections in November and our Holiday Party and Awards banquet in December.

We will have at least 3 board officer openings. See page 4 for more info. We need members to step up to fill them. I ask you to be one of them!

The November meeting is also our club hosted pizza party. Free food! We try to have 2 club members make short talks on something they are interested in. Let us know if you can share something with the club.

We are making final plans for our



Dec 11th Holiday Party and Awards Banquet. We get together for a nice meal, celebrate the year, hand out Big Fish prizes, and contribute to Toys for Tots. Cost will be approx \$40 a person. More details coming soon. Please plan on attending. It's our biggest event of the year!

See you at the October meeting.

Chris Popp - President

## This Month's Speaker

Few things are more frustrating than gear that fails or works less than optimal when needed. The off season is a great time to maintain our reels, or replace them, to be ready for next year. Mark Anderson, owner of Dave's Reel Service, is an expert

in that realm. He will be sharing tips and advice on how to get our gear back in good working order.

**Special offer** – Mark has offered to give free quick evaluations to those who bring reels to the meeting. Bring one or two along with you!

# This Month's Speaker

## Arlington Anglers Fishing Club



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**Tuesday, October 18, 2022**

**Mark Anderson**

### Fishing Reel Maintenance – Do's & Don'ts



Mark Anderson is the owner & operator of Dave's Reel Repair Service in Vernon Hills. Started in 1980 with 42 years of experience, Dave's specializes in Shimano, Daiwa & Abu Garcia reels to name a few. Mark is excited to share some of his tricks of the trade with the Arlington Anglers Fishing Club during his October presentation. Please join me in welcoming Mark 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



Fall has arrived and as water temps drop, fish are starting to move toward winter holding areas. Look for areas that still have green weeds.

**CHAIN O'LAKES:** Some crappie in 12-14 feet, rip-jigging on Marie and Bluff; same lakes shallow in 5 feet with jigs for yellow bass, up to 9 inches; and Marie for walleye on No. 6 jigging Raps in 6-9 feet.

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

**FOX RIVER:** Water level was very low; some pretty good SM in deeper pools on crank baits.

**DELAVAN AND GENEVA:**

Water was still warm and fish are sluggish. Avoid brown weed areas. Best bet: go deep for SM using large minnows or perch.

**SHORELINE:** Fall fishing is really picking up. Some coho, kings and steelhead are being

taken. Fish coming on spoons, spawn sacks, minnows, and cranks. Hot spots include Navy Pier, Chicago harbors, Waukegan, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Port Washington, and the Root River.

**NORTHPOINT/WAUKEGAN:**

Lakers really hot on the Waukegan reefs. Some boats trolling in 30 feet are already catching some lakers with the nearshore coho and kings.

**SHABBONA:** Fall bite progressing. Fish have been chasing down schools of shad. Look for surface commotion to locate active bass. Swim baits and flukes are a good choice.

**AREA LAKES AND PONDS:**

Crappie fishing starting to pick up.

**FOREST PRESERVES:** The fall season for rainbow trout opens Oct. 15. Anglers 16 and older need an inland trout stamp and a fishing license. Daily bag is five trout.

# Last Month's Speaker Tips

By: Brian O'Connor



This column provides three of the many takeaways from the last month's speaker. Keith Zurawski is owner of Keith's Custom Taxidermy. He talked about taxidermy in general as well as a bonus presentation on fishing Alaska on the cheap.

Regarding fish prep, Keith says to preserve fresh skin don't bag it on ice but rather let it air dry and wrap it in an old t-shirt.

For skin mounts Keith custom carves a piece of Styrofoam to use as the body fill and provide a precise rendering. For replicas he uses other techniques to modify commercial molds to better duplicate the actual fish. In both cases he touches up the colors to reproduce the actual fish.

15 years ago replicas made up only 5% of his business. Now its 40% as replicas never lose their color and don't fade or chip like skin mounts.

## More Last Month's Speaker



Regarding Alaska on the cheap, he says your group can go it alone. He gave several tips on saving money on flights, lodging and car and boat rentals.

Keith recommends fishing the Seward area first to get accustomed to Alaska fishing and its easier to get salmon limits. Resurrection Bay is generally calm water.

Keith goes in August because he can fish shallow, close to shore, only casting with spinners and spoons to stay on the constant moving fish. If the salmon do go out deeper he drifts with live herring on banana weights to search for schools.

Keith volunteered to offer additional tips if interested in trying a trip on your own.

## September 50/50 Winners



In addition to our door prizes, which all attendees have about a 1 in 4 chance of winning, we also hold a separate product raffle or a 50/50 each month.

For the September meeting we did a 50/50 raffle. We actually give out slightly more than 50% to provide a second prize.

The top winner was Jim Allen who grabbed the first prize of \$50. The consolation winner was Bert Saxon who enjoyed a \$20 bonus prize. Congrats guys. Thanks for playing!

Pictured at left in order are Jim Allen, President Chris Popp, and Bert Saxon.

## 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 have 11 Board of Director positions that are critical to the operations of the club. Elections for these officers are held in November. The titles, seen at left, are for one year terms.

Any member can run for these offices. Nominations are preferred prior to election night.

While most existing officers are willing to return, this year we have at least three openings that need to be filled. They are Vice President, Big Fish Contest Chairman and Sargeant at Arms.

It is very important to have volunteers step up for the benefit of club. Plus it can be a fun and rewarding experience. See Chris Popp for more info on what would be required of you.

# Mississippi River Barge Trip Report



On Tuesday and Wednesday, September 13-14, thirteen Arlington Anglers made the trip to Lock and Dam #7 near LaCrosse WI for a couple days of relaxed fishing, fun and camaraderie with fellow members.

The location was the Best Dam Fishing Float, a large floating dock on the East side of the river, just below the dam, which was accessed by being ferried from the West bank. There was plenty of elbow room to spread out and vertically fish over the side, in 15-20 fow, or cast out into the current and slowly reel back in. Their fresh grilled burgers and special home made mustard kept the crew fortified.

Fishing wasn't fast and furious but everyone caught fish. Crawler pieces on heavier jigs or 3-way rigs were most successful. Gene Surace was the walleye king and Ron Cappello was the mix master with 7 species of fish to his hand.

We stayed 2 nights at the Country Inn and Suites in La Crosse, only a couple miles from the "ferry". Dinners out both evenings were outstanding as were the nightly conversations and story telling around the hotel fire pit.



# Lake Kegonsa Trip Report



From Sep 16-19 the beautiful Crown Point Resort hosted 8 Arlington Anglers on our annual trip to Lake Kegonsa, Southeast of Madison WI. Typically a panfish and pike dominated lake, this year the smallmouth and walleye showed up in bigger numbers.



Bass have always been caught by some, but this year more members found willing biters. Keeper walleyes have been almost non-existent the past few years. But this time Bert Saxon discovered the secret sauce and pulled in a number of healthy specimens up to 23 inches.



For some reason the weeds were extremely sparse this year making the bluegill bite a difficult endeavor. The 10" bulls of the past were never found. It almost seemed like a different fishery. But we gladly took what the lake offered.



The group had dinner out 2 nights for delicious prime rib and fish. We ordered pizza in on Sunday evening for the big game between the Bears and Packers.



# Big Fish of the Month



**Big Fish of the Month** goes to Ronda Taylor for her 26" Bowfin. A surprise catch, Ronda was on a club outing at the Best Dam Fishing Float near La Crosse WI.

She was fishing vertically over the side of the dock on the bottom in approx 15-20 feet of water with a piece of crawler on her signature pink jig head.

This was just one of several species she caught on the trip.

# Kid Fish of the Month



**Kid Fish of the Month** goes to 8 year old Weston Kane, another grandson of member Bob Diebold.

Weston was fishing a local Rolling Meadows pond with family members, using a piece of crawler on a small jig under a float when he caught this nice bass.

Way to go Bob for nurturing the next generation!

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

# Honorable mention #1



First Honorable Mention goes to Larry Liebert for his 19-1/2 inch fatty smallmouth bass. Larry was fishing a crank bait off Pelee Island on the Canada side of Lake Erie. He pulled in several other 18-19 inchers during his week long trip.

# Honorable Mention #2

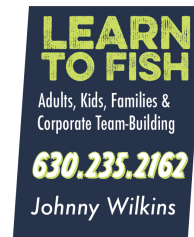


Honorable Mention #2 goes to Dan Blasinski for 18.5" SMB. Dan was fishing Lake Geneva using his tried and true jerk bait technique when this beauty latched on to his Rattlin Rogue.

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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**

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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:**

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



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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.

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