

# Tight Lines Newsletter

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## Key Dates

### Club Meetings

Jan 17  
Feb 21

### Shows

#### Chicagoland Fishing

Jan 26-29  
RM Flea Market  
Mar 4

### Outings

Fox Chain Ice  
Jan 24  
Sturgeon Bay Ice  
Feb 8-10  
Wisconsin River  
Mar TBD  
Lake Shelbyville  
Apr 27-30

## Presidents Note:

Welcome to 2023! I hope you all had a nice holiday. It's a new year and we have a lot of great things in store for it. Hopefully you're all up for getting it started as I am.

Things are happening fast. Check out the Key Dates to the left. Our first meeting is on the 17<sup>th</sup> followed by two ice fishing outings. All the members were sent emails with details. Sign up and support the coordinators, if you can.

We have a booth at the Chicagoland Fishing Show Jan 26-29. If you aren't working it, but are attending, be sure to stop by. We had more volunteers than we could fit in. Thanks to all who offered to help!

Last year ended on a high note with a very successful holiday party and awards banquet. See the report starting on page 5 with pictures, followed by the award winners.

## This Month's Speaker

It's January which means it's either time to fly South or go ice fishing if you want to get your fix in. While some are reluctant to venture onto the ice, many others find it a fun way to enjoy the outdoors. And you don't always have to freeze to do it!



We are now accepting membership renewal for 2023. Please get those in asap. I hope you found value, had fun, and will be returning. We want and need everyone back! Check out page 9 for payment options.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon. Here's to having another great year together. Tight lines!

Chris Popp - President

Trevor James, owner of Wet n Wild Outfitters, will be bringing a pro panel of local ice guides to discuss all things ice. Whether new to the sport and just wanting to try it, a grizzled veteran, or only curious, they will provide all the info you need. Bring your questions along!

## This Month's Speaker

### Arlington Anglers Fishing Club



Visit our website at: [www.arlingtonanglers.com](http://www.arlingtonanglers.com)

***Tuesday, January 17, 2023***

**Wet n Wild Outfitters**

**Ice Fishing Pro Panel**



Trevor James has been the owner & operator of Wet n Wild Outfitters dating back to 2009. Trevor and the Wet n Wild team will be hosting Tied Off Angling Adventures, the crappie professor Jim Kopjo, and others for this Illinois ice fishing pro panel. This live Q&A-style seminar will give our members the opportunity to ask local pros what they do and how they do it. Please join me in welcoming these fishing guides 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

**Cold, warm, warm, cold: Ice fishing and climate change don't mix well.**

## **AREA LAKES AND PONDS:**

Ice conditions vary greatly in northern Illinois. Beware of skim ice, honeycomb ice, springs, and iffy shorelines.

**CHAIN O'LAKES:** Channels and some lakes with better ice. Good for bluegill and crappie on the south end of Channel Lake, jigging small ice jigs and red spikes; most shoreline ice is questionable.

**CHICAGO LAKE FRONT:** Perch fishing holding up well at Navy Pier, DuSable and Calumet River. Use minnows, wax worms, spikes, and plastics. Occasional steelhead, coho, king, browns being taken on spoons, spawn sacks, minnows, and cranks.

**LAKE MICHIGAN:** Some good cold weather lake trout fishing on reefs and breakwaters on the entire West shore from Indiana, thru Chicago, up to Milwaukee.

**FOX RIVER:** Some walleye below the McHenry Dam, using large fatheads or half a night crawler on a jig head.

**STURGEON BAY:** Ice is finally setting up. Shallow bay ice has yielded good perch and pike. Brave fishermen have occasionally ventured out in the bay for walleyes and whitefish.

**NORTHERN WISCONSIN:** Good ice and great early season ice fishing for mixed bag.

**COOLING LAKES:** Closed.

## **GET READY FOR ICE FISHING:**

Get your ice auger blades sharpened now. Drop them off at our sponsor [Lee's Bait & Tackle](#)



## Last Month's Speaker Tips by: Brian O'Connor

### **Future Speakers**

#### **February**

Derek Boeger  
Fishing Guide  
Fishing Green Bay

#### **March**

Dave McCoy  
Local Expert  
Spring River Tactics

This column provides several of the many takeaways from the last month's speaker. We add this column every month so those that weren't at the meeting see what they missed and for those that were there to help them review some of the key points they learned.

Because of the holiday party in December we didn't have a speaker last month.

Our lineup for 2023 is almost complete. Fishing guides, tackle manufacturers, government agencies, and other angling experts will offer unique education and entertainment during 9 of our 10 monthly meetings this year.

As a bonus, our popular member speaker night at our last meeting in November will feature our own experts on topics dear to them.

Try not to miss a single month!



# Holiday Party and Awards Banquet



On December 11, 2022 the Arlington Anglers held our annual Holiday Party and Awards Banquet at Moretti's Unique Events in Hoffman Estates. 54 club members and guests attended.

This banquet is held for several reasons. For one, its the capper to recognize a great year and provide an opportunity to get together to celebrate the holiday season and to spend significant time socializing with other members.

This is also when our Big Fish Contest winners are recognized. A \$25 Cabellas gift card is awarded to the longest fish in each of 16 different categories. With only one card allowed per person, some 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers won cards.

And finally, this is also our time to collect for our Toys for Tots initiative. Members donated almost 100 toys for the cause. Thanks for your generosity!

During the opening cocktail hour an 85 slide presentation of the "Year in Review" was run on the big screen. It highlighted our fishing and outreach events, speakers, and member fish catches we had during the year.

Dinner was buffet style with roast beef, parmesan encrusted salmon, and chicken marsala as main course options. Salad, sides, soft drinks, and desert completed the feast.

The main program followed with the Big Fish Contest winners getting their due, the 50/50 winners collecting their cash, and 2 Jewel gift cards going to door prize winners.





## More Holiday Party & Awards Banquet Pictures



🌿 Happy Holidays! 🌿



## McCoy wins 2022 Angler of the Year



Congratulations go to first year member Dave McCoy for being our 2022 Angler of the Year. Dave amassed 38 points among our 16 different species categories, with the top fish in 6 of them. Now that's a true multi-species fisherman. Way to go Dave!

5 points are awarded for the longest fish in each category. Second place earns 3 points and third place gets one point.

Finishing in second was Chris Popp with 30 points. Bert Saxon finished third with 12 points.



## 2022 Big Fish Contest Winners

Congratulations to all the species category winners. Each was presented a certificate of achievement at the December awards banquet. While there were some true monsters, others were just nice fish. If not this year, you could be on this list in 2023. Be sure to enter your catches on our website within 60 days of your catch. Good luck!

<b>Species</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Length (in.)</b>	<b>Date Caught</b>
Crappie	Greg Michela	16.25	10-17-22
Perch	Chris Popp	13	8-6-22
White Bass	Dave McCoy	13.5	10-29-22
Bluegill	Dave McCoy	9	11-12-22
LM Bass	Robbie Henderson	21	7-11-22
SM Bass	Dave McCoy	22	6-6-22
Walleye	Dave McCoy	29	5-17-22
Northern	Kristie Powell	37	9-5-22
Musky	Bernie Bono	46	7-25-22
Catfish	Bert Saxon	39.25	3-20-22
Carp	Adrian Hurrell	35	6-27-22
Sauger	Dave McCoy	19.25	10-28-22
Lake Salmon	Chris Popp	35	10-10-22
Lake Trout	Dave McCoy	38	11-12-22
Inland Trout	Chris Popp	16.5	4-2-22
Other (Drum)	Chris Popp	29.5	4-30-22



## Big Fish of the Month



### Big Fish of the Month

goes to Dave McCoy for his 11-3/4" Bluegill. You heard that right. A beast for the species!

Dave was ice fishing on Big Stone Lake near Ortonville MN at the end of December when this one came in amongst a number of other brutes over 10 inches. He was informed this was one of the best lakes around for big panfish.

Our 2022 AOY is starting out hot again!

## Honorable mention #1



First Honorable Mention goes to Chris Popp for this hefty 27" Common Carp caught on the North Branch of the Chicago River. A rare 48 degrees in January made it a nice day to sit riverside. He caught it using a bolt rig with a secret pack mix.

## Kid Fish of the Month



**Kid Fish of the Month** is without an entry this month so we pulled out a picture from the SRACLC community outreach event for special needs kids we attended in July.

It was amazing to see the joy on the kid's faces when they were able to pull in even a small fish.

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

## Honorable Mention #2

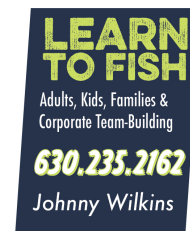


Second Honorable Mention goes to no as we didn't have a 3<sup>rd</sup> fish submitted this month. This is a joke. Get your pictures in to Chris Popp. You could be featured on this page as well as the meeting bragging boards!

## 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:**

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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.



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