

Tight Lines Newsletter

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Presidents Note:

It's now the mid point of the year. Have you been taking advantage of your opportunities to fish? If not, there is still lots of time. Get out there now and then, even if only for a couple hours. No more excuses!

We've had 2 club outings since last issue. Green Lake was a lot of fun and Carpfest 23.1 saw our biggest turnout. Reports are on pgs 5 and 6. Unfortunately our Lake Geneva trip was postponed due to bad weather. Hopefully we can find a new date.

Our community outreach program continued with the Busse Derby. See page 7 for Pat Trunda's report. We need volunteers for the SRACLC Derby on July 26th. Sign up at the meeting or contact Pat to join in.

The club picnic is fast approaching. We'd like to see a big crowd, with family members if possible. Please plan to attend. Details are on pg 8.



We have an iconic speaker and great raffle prizes on tap for July so be sure to make the meeting. Don't let nice weather distract you from attending. The next one isn't until September. Doors open at 6. Get there early to buy raffle tickets and network with others. And maybe hang out after on the patio.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Chris Popp - President

This Month's Speaker

While there is certainly some luck in fishing I don't think anyone can question there is much more to being truly successful at it. Beyond baits and tactics, understanding your target and finding them is very important. There's science to it.

Our July speaker, Chauncy Niziol, is a local icon that has been a stalwart of the Chicago fishing scene for many years. His vast experience and treasure trove of knowledge gleaned from endless guests on his radio show has given him a unique perspective on how to catch fish.

Key Dates

Club Meetings

Jul 18
Sep 19

Family Picnic Aug 8

Outings
Best Dam Float
Jul 19-21
Carpfest 23.2
Jul 30

Comm. Outreach
SRACLC Kids Derby
Jul 26

This Month's Speaker

Arlington Anglers Fishing Club



Visit our website at: www.arlingtonanglers.com

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Chauncey Nizio

The Science of Fishing



Chauncey has been fishing since he was 3 years old. From fishing parks and lagoons, to rivers and streams, to Lake Michigan...he has been able to take fishing, merge it with science and call it the science of fishing. He has been elected to the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame and the Illini Muskie Fishing Hall of Fame, and has been in the outdoor media for over 33 years. His media resume includes the Chicago Tribune and ESPN Radio as host of 'Chauncey's Great Outdoors'. Please help me welcome Chauncey to the club.

Club Meetings are on the 3rd 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**

July Raffle Grand Prize – St Croix/Diawa Combo



Our outstanding July optional raffle Grand Prize is a St Croix rod and Diawa spinning reel combo **valued at \$200!**

The St Croix is a 7' one piece Triumph model in Medium power with Fast Action.

The Diawa reel is a Revros Model LT 4000 featuring light weight and a smooth drag.

Together this combo can take your fishing success to a new level using either finesse or power techniques.

We will also have 5 other great consolation prizes. Don't miss your chance to win!

Tickets are 1/\$5 or 3/\$10.



Bob's Fishing Report By: Bob Diebold

AREA LAKES AND PONDS:

During the day, run texas rigs in deeper isolated weeds. Hot bite in the evening. Use top water baits over the top of weeds.

CHAIN O'LAKES: White bass are good in 8-10 feet on spinners or jigs and minnows; channel cats are very good on chicken liver, cutbait, leeches or crawlers; carp are very good; walleye being caught on leeches or trolling; muskie are active.

LAKE MICHIGAN ON SHORE: SM found in harbor mouths and along the walls, hitting plastics, crabs, leeches and crawlers. Perch are sporadic, best with SW winds on minnows, crabs, worms, and crankbaits.

LAKE MICHIGAN OFF SHORE: Coho mostly shallower, 75-110 feet, with kings, steelhead and lake trout in 110 to 135 fow. Going out to 200+ ft delivers steelhead, lakers and kings. Color trends: blue and black on overcast days; green, white and orange on sunny days.

DELAVAN: Walleyes can be caught with leeches on small

jigs or on chrome and blue jiggging rapalas in 21-25 fow. BGs on the weedline in 14-16 fow aggressively striking leaf worms fished on a split shot rig. Summer LM are schooled up in good numbers. Fish them with split shot rigs in 16-18 fow. Pike steady in 20-25 fow on large suckers. SM spotty. Use split shot/crawlers along weedlines.

GENEVA: Water is 76 degrees! LM on deep weed points in 20-25 fow. Best presentation is Carolina rigging green pumpkin lizards or drop shotting Yum Houdini worms. SM on deep weedlines in 20-30 fow on nightcrawlers or small perch on a lindy rig. Rock bass excellent in 12-15 fow on split shot rigged crawlers or small white hair jigs.

FOX RIVER: Recent rains helping water levels and current flow. SM below Algonquin and C-ville Dams are good on small spinners, crankbaits or top water baits

SHABBONA: Walleye bite hot on crawlers on the bottom; bluegill bite is best in the evenings.

MISSISSIPPI: Nice flat heads and channel cats on Canadian worms and cut bait. SM and white bass hot.



Last Month's Speaker Tips - By Brian O'Connor



O'Malley & O'Connor



This column provides several of the many takeaways from the last month's speaker. Ken O'Malley owner of Husker Outdoors talked about The Des Plaines River, the cooling lakes, and strip pits to the south of us.

The **Des Plaines River** offers a lot of opportunities all year, but it's all based on current. Right now the river and its tributaries are at historically low levels.

Any kind of warm water discharge in Spring or Fall brings in bait fish, which in turn bring in the LMB, SMB, walleye, pike, as well as sauger, carp, and catfish. Beware of boat control in the summer when the water is as low as it is right now. Some tributaries are not even accessible right now, unless you have a flat-bottom boat

As for cooling lakes, the key is to pay attention to the water

temps, winds, and shorelines, which may all look the same until you learn how to read neighboring hills or flats, which offer a preview of what the corresponding water depths may look like below.

Braidwood – Opening season sees spinnerbaits, chatterbaits, and squarebill crankbaits doing well. Ken's primary fish to target here is largemouth bass.

LaSalle – Don't fish here in the summer, when water temps can rise to 95* and above. Ken's primary fish to target here is blue catfish, which can be caught on cranks and even a drop shot rig.

Heidecke - The only one of the three not still an active cooling lake. 55* is the best water temp to target musky and walleye. Ken's favorite fish to target here is SMB. The lake is loaded. Hybrid stripers are also plentiful.

June Meeting Raffle Winners



President Chris Popp – Phil Steiner

In addition to our door prizes, which all attendees have about a 1 in 4 winning chance, we also hold a separate optional raffle.

Our June raffle grand prize was an ultimate shore fishing package including a collapsible wagon, folding rocking chair, sun shelter, cooler, backpack, and 2 rod holders. The thrilled winner was Phil Steiner (left).

Five other great consolation prizes were also raffled off. Pictured at right in order: Dennis Taylor (Clamplight),

Liz Gordon (Rapala DT crankbaits), Bob Morrison (Mystery Tackle Box – Elite), Brian Rockwell (\$25 Bar Down Grill gift certificate), and Bob Diebold (Ugly Stick/Daiwa Combo)

Husker Outdoors sponsored our 35 door prizes. Thanks Ken O'Malley!!



Green Lake Outing Report

By: Rich Sutton (top left)



Our club had a great outing on Big Green Lake, WI on the 27th-29th of June. There were 14 of us this time, in our 2nd annual fishing trip there. Accommodations at Green Lake Inn were comfortable, food was great, and camaraderie at the campfire was excellent. This year, a few anglers in the group decided to arrive early to extend their fishing time. The weather, while hot, cooperated each day. Several in the group rented a pontoon boat again, which was very conveniently delivered and picked up daily at dock-side.

and local, now favorite, restaurant (Christiani's) couldn't be better.

Many thanks to Ronda & Don and Kristie & Gar for bringing the coffee and continental breakfast buffet and to Ronda again for helping me grill chicken for our first night dinner. A testament to the enjoyment of the trip is that we voted to extend the outing next year from 2 to 3 days. Put this on your "to-do" list for 2024. You won't be sorry!



Noteworthy smallies were caught by Don, Bert, & Chris to mention a few, but all boats recorded some bass varieties (large, small, & rock), along with plenty of perch, bluegills and a pike. The big fish weren't exactly jumping in the boat, but we were definitely learning more about the lake patterns and best techniques. The convenience of the lodging, boat ramp, tackle shop

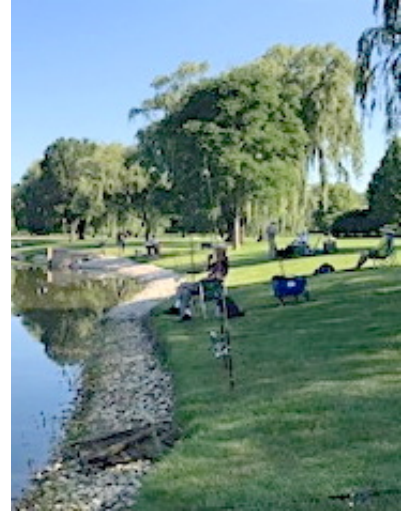


Carpfest 23.1 Outing Report By: Chris Popp

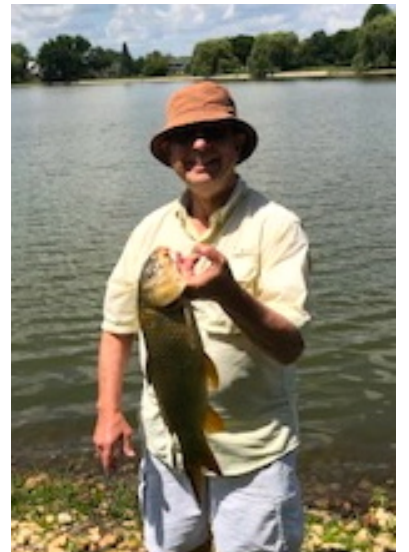


The morning of Sunday July 9th was beautiful. Being sunny, with mild temps and low wind, made it a great day to hold our first carp outing of the Summer.

32 members and guests, several new to carp fishing, arrived at Lake Cosman before 7 AM with anticipation of catching a few of the elusive quarry. While fish were caught, the numbers were a bit disappointing. Especially since there were a few kids in attendance. Its always fun seeing their reaction when catching or netting bigger fish than they typically encounter.



Somewhere around 20 carp were landed, which was somewhat less than our average per person on previous outings. Some bluegills, a catfish and a turtle were byproduct catches. Considering the light bite a bright spot was Ron Cappello (top left) who caught 6 carp right in the middle of other anglers. Congrats Ron!



Regardless the slow action everyone expressed enjoyment of the day relaxing in the great weather and conversing with other members. No one left early. Most said they would return for version 2 on July 30.



A big thanks to Ronda Taylor for bringing donuts to kick start the participants. We also grilled hotdogs by the lake for a late morning snack. This little addition to the event was well received by our biggest crowd ever by a long shot. Get the next one on your schedule. It's fun!!



Community Outreach – Busse Woods Fishing Derby

By: Pat Trunda – Community Outreach Coordinator



In the State of Illinois, Fathers Day weekend is free fishing for everyone. On Saturday, June 17th, Cook County Forest Preserve Commissioner Tim Morrison hosted his annual fishing derby at Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village.

A big THANK YOU to the following volunteers who helped out. Ron Cappello, Ernie Clements, Henry Comp, Larry Liebert, Gar and Kristie Powell, Phil Steiner, Don and Rhonda Taylor, and Pat Trunda. It was a big surprise when Don Taylor's son and grandkids came to fish with Grandpa!

The Arlington Anglers Fishing Club partnered with the Forest Preserve by staffing shoreline measuring stations and helping new anglers with baiting hooks, casting lines and catching the fish, when assistance was needed. Once a fish was caught, it was measured and recorded for the entrant. All fish were then released. A total of 206 participants registered for the derby. After time expired results were tabulated and the Commissioner awarded various prizes to the winners.



Something new our club did this year was lend out fishing rods to those that didn't have them so they could try fishing.



Club Family Picnic To Be Held August 8th



Every August the Arlington Anglers suspend their regular meeting schedule to have their annual family picnic. It's a great time for members to bring out their families and socialize in the great outdoors without the hustle and bustle of a meeting agenda.

For \$10 an adult (kids free!), payable at the event, all are treated to brats, burgers, dogs, soft drinks, and other picnic culinary fare. Our famous minnow races are a welcome entertaining addition for the kids and many adults alike.

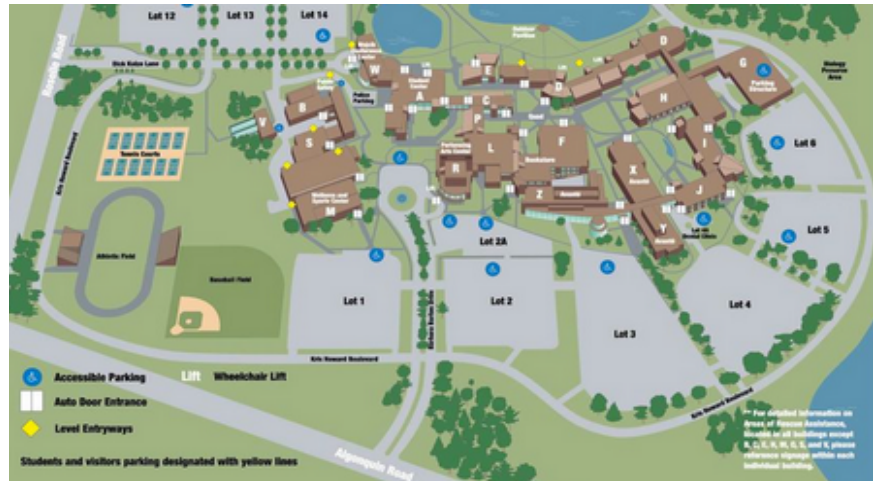
Instead of our standard 3rd Tuesday of the month this year's picnic will

be held the 2nd Tuesday evening of the month, August 8th, from 6 PM until dark.

As in the past the event will take place at the Plum Grove Reservoir Shelter on the SE corner of the Harper College complex. Sign up will be at the July meeting or by responding to a future email blast.

Please note: No alcohol is allowed in the park.

We'd like to see a good crowd so be sure to put this date on your calendar and plan on attending, It's truly one of the highlights of our year!



New Arlington Anglers Hats for Sale



A brand new batch of 30 high performance hats with the Arlington Anglers logo have just been delivered and will be for sale at the July meeting. Thanks to VP Jay Babowice for heading this initiative and finding an outstanding product for us.

We are offering these at our breakeven price of only \$15, which is a true bargain. With a short supply they are all sure to go fast. Be at the July meeting for a chance to get yours. We may or may not have a second run this year.

Big Fish of the Month



Big Fish of the Month goes to Dan Maher for his 49" muskie, which is his personal best and the fattest he's ever seen!.

Dan was fishing in the Winnipeg River System in Ontario, CAN for pike and smallmouth. He was tossing a small firetiger spinnerbait when he saw a big muskie follow.

It took several figure 8s to hook up and several more minutes of worry about his light gear to bring her in. Congrats Dan!

Honorable Mention #1



First Honorable Mention goes to Robbie Henderson for his category leading 12-1/2 inch sunfish. He was fishing a small neighborhood retention pond at the end of a street in Island Lake when this surprise took the small plastic paddle tail he was slowly reeling in.

Kid Fish of the Month

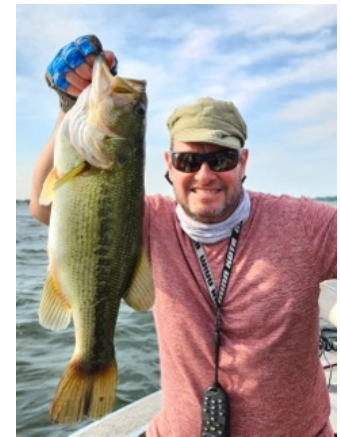


Kid Fish of the Month goes to 6 year old Vinny, the great grandson of member Larry Kunkel.

Vinny was fishing in a Lincolnshire kids event when he got this nice bass. He also caught a larger one later in the day. Way to go Vinny!

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

Honorable Mention #2



Honorable mention #2 goes to Dan Blaszcinski for his 20+" largemouth bass. Dan was ripping tube jigs in his usual aggressive style on Lake Geneva this month when this brute hit hard.

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PO box 772 Arlington Heights, IL. 60006
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Website: 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)**
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847-991-3200
Website: FishinGurus.com
Discount: 15% on tackle / 20% on bait



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1010 East Higgins Rd, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
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Website: Leesglobaltackle.com
Discount: 10% min. on tackle, depending on mfg.



Fish Tech

5802 Dempster St. Morton Grove IL 60053
847-966-5900
Website: fishtechmg.com
Discount: 15% off tackle and bait



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Discount: 15% off floats, line, tackle, rods, reels & bait.
Use code "arlington" at checkout. Also, 15% off lessons, classes, and guiding at Chicagofishingschool.com.



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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). 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.

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