

Tight Lines Newsletter

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Presidents Note:

We are back to in-person meetings this month! While it seems forever since the last one I welcomed the break in presentation planning. A week in Canada catching a bunch of walleyes and 5 other species (a nice redhorse at right) recharged me.

Our Club picnic in early August was outstanding. Record attendance and great weather! Read the report and see more event pictures on pages 5 and 6.



We have mugs! See pg 4 for details.

While Summer may be over don't put away your fishing gear just yet. Fall offers some of the best fishing along with some of the biggest fish. Keep getting our there!

The year is running but we still have a lot going on. More great speakers are on tap and special events are coming later on.

Check out page 7 for advance notice on our officer elections and pizza party in November and the Holiday Party and Awards Banquet in December. Be sure to plan on making both.

But before those events we have two more meetings to go. Get them on your calendar so you don't forget. And keep reading this newsletter for updates. I'll see you soon at Poplar Creek Banquets!

Chris Popp - President

This Month's Speaker

While many like to travel to other states and even Canada to find fish, we like to extol the virtues of fishing close to home. It's convenient, easier to get out more often, and there's good fish to be had here!

No one knows that better than

Andy Plauck, Illinois DNR Fishery Biologist for most of the Northeast region of the State since 2011.

Andy will be talking about local fishing opportunities and the work they do to enhance them. He'll also review the Inland Trout Program, a favorite of many in Spring and Fall.

Key Dates

Club Meetings

Sep 19
Oct 17
Nov 21

Outings

Lake Kegonsa
Sep 22-25
Lake Geneva
Sep 27

Advance Notice!
Holiday Party and
Awards Banquet
Sun Dec 10

This Month's Speaker

Arlington Anglers Fishing Club



Visit our website at: www.arlingtonanglers.com

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Andy Plauck

Inland Trout Program & Fishing in Cook County



Andy Plauck has been with the Illinois DNR since 2011 as a District Fishery Biologist for DuPage, Kane & McHenry counties. In 2022, he took over for Lake and the northern half of Cook County when biologist Frank Jakubicek retired. Andy previously worked in Columbia, MO with U.S. Fish and Wildlife on the Missouri River Pallid Sturgeon Project. He grew up in Oswego fishing the Fox River, and currently lives in McHenry and enjoys fishing the Fox Chain O Lakes in his free time. Please help me welcome Andy 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**

September Raffle Grand Prize – Power Station



Our outstanding September optional raffle grand prize is a Westinghouse Portable Power Station valued at over \$150.00!

The iGen 200s is perfect for outdoor activities like camping, fishing, tailgating, or as a home backup power source. It has 194Wh and 300 peak Watt performance to charge all your personal electronics and even some small appliances and TVs.

This Power Station, at only 4 pounds, includes a gas free lithium battery and comes with a wall charger, car charger, and inputs for solar panels. It also has two 120V AC outlets, three USB ports, and one 6mm DC plug. It's awesome!

There will also be 5 additional great consolation prizes offered.

Tickets are 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. Be sure to attend to get yours!

Bob's Fishing Report

By: Bob Diebold



AREA LAKES AND PONDS:

Bluegill and bass are still on deep weed lines. Bass are hitting Ned rigs and swim jigs tipped with plastic trailers.

CHAIN O'LAKES: Walleyes improving on hard bottom and current areas. White bass are going, especially on the northern part of the Chain.

LAKE MICHIGAN ON SHORE: Returning 4 year old kings are being taken on spoons and crankbaits.

LAKE MICHIGAN OFF SHORE: Lots of lake trout on the bottom 110 -180 fow with 3-year-old kings from 4 to 9 pounds in the 70 to 90 foot band. Occasional steelhead and staging mature cohos are taken there too.

DELAVAN: LMB good in 10 fow on split shot nightcrawlers or plastics fished Wacky. Crappies fished in the 15 ft weeds. BGs suspended over the main lake basin 10-15 ft down in 40 fow. Walleyes in 12-15 ft fow on the

weed line using Lindy rigged nightcrawlers or jerk baits. Pike in the medium depth weeds in 12-15 fow casting white spinner baits or rattle traps.

GENEVA: LMB caught in 14-18 fow using drop shot and 4-inch finesse worms nightcrawlers or crankbaits. Northern Pike scattered with the weak thermocline, in 30-35 fow. SMB hitting nightcrawlers on a lindy rig, perch, or Ned in 16-18 fow. BGs good in 12-15 fow using leaf worms fished just off the bottom. Walleyes caught in 20-30 fow using crawler harnesses, crankbaits or Binks Spoons. Rock bass anywhere in in 12-20 fow on split shot crawler pieces.

FOX RIVER: SMB good in deeper areas with current on Ned Rigs. Catfish active on cut bait. Fish below the dams.

HEIDECKE: SMB good on jigs with crayfish trailers and Ned Rigs.

DuPAGE RIVER: SMB active with bottom bouncing Ned rigs.

New Arlington Anglers Mugs Now Available



A brand new batch of 11 oz capacity white ceramic mugs with the Arlington Anglers logo boldly printed on both sides will be on sale for \$10 each at the September meeting.

Whether you use them for your morning coffee or tea, hot chocolate on a cold day, or to hold the pens and pencils on your desk, owning these mugs

is a great way to show your support for the club.

This was a special order so we may not be able to offer them at this low price in the future. There is a limited quantity so be sure to get one or more when they are offered at the next meeting. If any remain they will be available at future meetings, while supplies last.

August Picnic Raffle Winners



With the Arlington Anglers annual club picnic replacing our normal monthly meeting, and with a mixed group, the August picnic raffle was all cash! We usually do a 50/50 to add to our general fund. However, with a healthy balance we decided to return the entire raffle proceeds to those buying tickets!

The winners, pictured below in order, were Junior Acevedo (\$75), Rich Roller (grand prize winner of \$175), Phil Steiner (\$125), and bonus winner Sue Diebold (\$30).

We continued pulling tickets giving away another dozen prizes of the excess food including relish trays, bags of chips, watermelon quarters, buns, cookies, and other goodies!



Annual Club Picnic Report By: Chris Popp



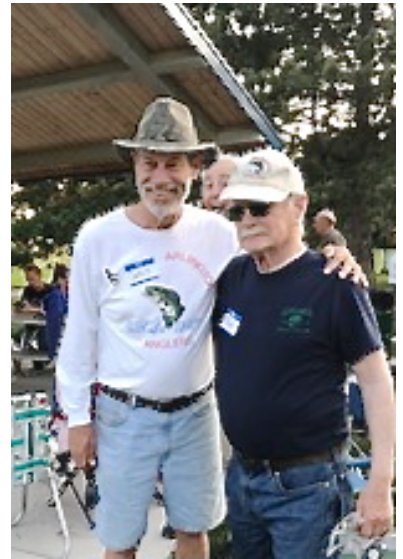
On August 8th the Arlington Anglers held their annual club picnic at the Plum Grove Reservoir Shelter on the SE grounds of Harper College. August is one of two months where the social scene takes precedent over our normal monthly meeting. For 2-1/2 to 3 hours the members and their families are able to converse with others without the distraction of a meeting agenda.

To say this was one of our best picnics ever is probably an understatement. The weather was beautiful, bugs were non-existent, and over 70 family members showed up representing almost 50% of our membership!

For the \$10 fee (kids free) all were treated to appetizers, burgers, brats, hotdogs, sides, salads, fruit, desert, and soft drinks. Our famed minnow race track made an appearance and our 50/50 raffle became a 100/0 raffle with all ticket proceeds distributed.

The picnic is planned and hosted by our board members, along with a few other volunteers. Their hard work cannot be appreciated enough.

Special thanks go to VP Jay Babowice for collecting the picnic fees, Sergeant at Arms Don and Ronda Taylor for procuring the majority of the food, again Ronda, along with Big Fish Chairman Hendo Henderson and Steve Jung for doing the grilling, Secretary Dave Powell brought the drinks, again Don Taylor for running the raffle, Newsletter Chairman Bob Diebold and Treasurer Rich Sutton for handling the minnow races, and Outing Coordinator Kristie Powell and Webmaster Manuel Mejia for helping with cleanup. Along with the members attending, they made it the outstanding event it was!



More 2023 Club Picnic Pictures



Upcoming Special Events On The Calendar

November - Officer Elections For 2024

Board Positions:

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

The November meeting sees not only our annual pizza party, provided by the club with your meeting fee, but also our officer elections for the following year. All volunteer board positions are one year terms that must be renewed on an annual basis by a vote of the membership.

The strength of any volunteer organization comes from members sharing the load. This allows each officer or committee member to make a significant contribution without having too much work that might put a strain on daily life. It's typically a rewarding experience that most have thoroughly enjoyed.

Although things could change, at this point in the year all board members, except for one, has expressed interest in retaining their roles.

That doesn't preclude you from running for any office you desire. If you have interest in being on the ballot let Chris Popp know for which position.

We will for sure be in need of a new Newsletter Chairman as Bob Diebold will be spending more time on vacation.

The main role of this position is to create the monthly fishing report and to send out the newsletter to our subscriber database. Chris Popp writes the rest of it. Therefore, it isn't as daunting as it sounds. And Bob is ready and willing to train.

We absolutely need this role filled. Please consider being the one to fill it and let Chris know.

December - Holiday Party and Awards Banquet



The highlight and culmination of the year is our Holiday Party and Awards Banquet to be held 6-9PM Sunday December 10 at Moretti's Special Events in Hoffman Estates.

This is a time for members and many significant others to join together to celebrate the holidays, recognize our Big Fish Contest winners, and to collect donations for our Toys for Tots initiative. Based on our picnic attendance we expect a big turnout for this event.



Although not set yet, the cost will be about \$45 per person. This includes a 3 course buffet dinner, unlimited soft drinks, and a raffle ticket for one of two Jewel gift cards. A one hour cash bar reception will precede dinner. The awards program will follow dinner.

Please put the date on your calendar and plan on attending, with a significant other if possible. Ticket order forms will be sent out by email in October.

Big Fish of the Month



Big Fish of the Month again goes to Dave McCoy who upped his August muskie BF entry with this 50.25” whopper, his personal best. Dedicated muskie anglers will certainly be jealous as this was a bonus catch while Dave was fishing a Binks Spoon for walleyes on Eagle Lake Ontario this month. With 10# braid and a 20# flouro leader the catch was never a given. Congrats, Dave, on your PB!

Honorable Mention #1



First Honorable Mention goes to Brian O'Connor for his 21.5” smallmouth bass, also a personal best. He was fishing with his son on a small Northern Wisconsin lake not known for big fish when he came up with this awesome surprise. A great memory to share, for sure!

Kid Fish of the Month



Kid Fish of the Month goes to 11 year old Charlie O'Connor, eldest son of our Speaker Chairman Brian (top right with a nice fish of his own), who is pictured here showing off his first ever pike caught on a recent family fishing trip. Apparently he couldn't stop talking about it for a week! That's excitement. Way to go Charlie!

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 Ronda Taylor for her 27.5” walleye. Ronda was casting a jig and minnow on Cedar Lake Ontario in mid August when the biggest of her many walleye that day latched on.

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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.



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1272 E. Dundee Rd. Palatine IL 60074
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Website: FishinGurus.com
Discount: 15% on tackle / 20% on bait



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Website: Leesglobaltackle.com
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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.

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

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