



# Tight Lines Newsletter

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## President's Note:

This issue is coming out a week early because I'll be on my annual Canada trip next week. I always look forward to getting away to fish camp for an extended stay in the great outdoors. It's a highlight of my season regardless the action.

There is no general meeting this month as we gather for our annual family picnic instead. Hopefully you registered to attend. It's a great time to hang with members for a few hours. Details are on page 2.

The club has been busy recently. Lots of outing reports this month. Check them out on pages 5 thru 7.

We've had a few more members join recently growing the club to 112 family units! Get to know the newbies by their profiles on page 8.

There have been lots of bigger fish



caught the last month. I wish I had more Honorable Mentions spots to highlight them. See pg 9 for the best.

Be sure to put Sep 17 on your calendar. Its our next meeting at Poplar Creek. Sometimes missing August can get you out of the habit of attending. We'll be back with a great speaker, lots of raffle and door prizes, and more surprises!

Hopefully I'll see you at the picnic or in September. Until then, keep fishing!

Chris Popp - President

## This Month's Speaker

If you've committed to attend the family picnic this month you'll hear interesting speakers but they won't be the industry experts we usually have. What they will be is other club members! Ok, by speaking I mean you'll have a chance for real conversations with others in the club that you may or may not know.

We rarely have much time for networking or general chatting during our monthly meetings. Social events, like our picnic, are meant to provide some significant time to just eat, talk, and get to know other members better. Sometimes they can be the best source for learning new techniques or places to fish. Hopefully you'll be there!

### Key Dates

**Club Picnic**  
Aug 20

**Club Meetings**  
Sep 17  
Oct 15  
Nov 19

**Outings**  
Best Dam Float  
Oct 16-18

**Holiday Banquet**  
Dec 8

# No Speaker This Month (No General Meeting)

## Arlington Anglers 2024 Family Picnic

**Date:** Tuesday August 20, 2024

**Time:** 5:30 PM until dark

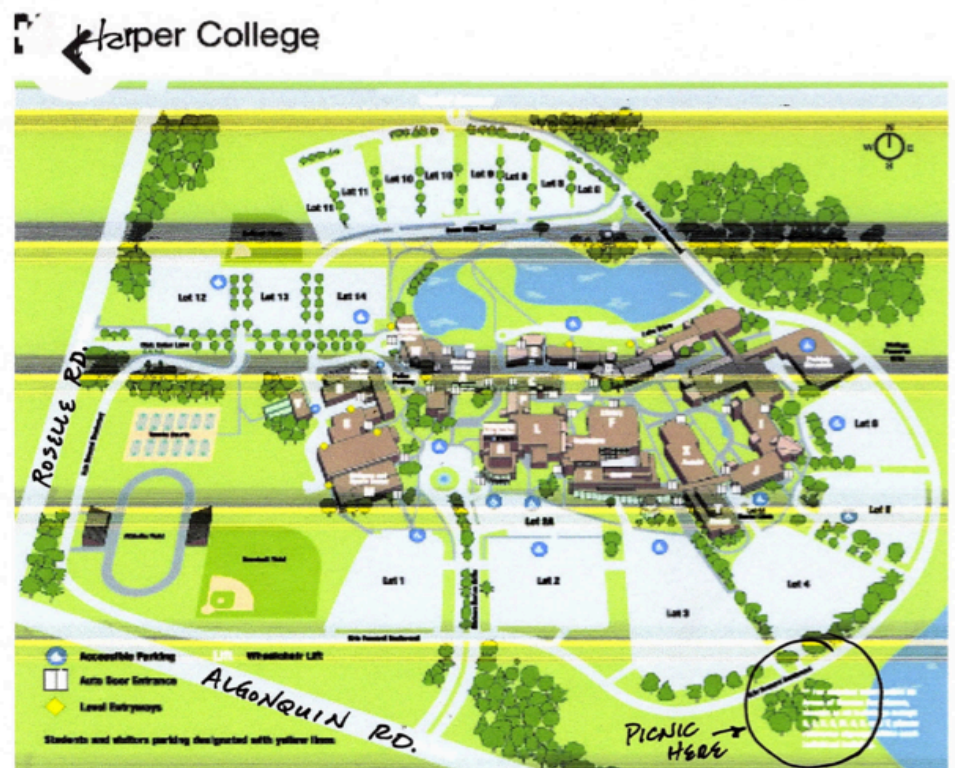
**Location:** Plum Grove Reservoir shelter located at the Southeast corner of the Harper College complex. See map below.

**Cost:** Adults \$10 each, kids free, payable at the picnic. Reservations are requested so we are sure to have enough food.

Burgers, brats, hotdogs, with all the fixings, sides, desert, and soft drinks will be provided. Our minnow racetrack will also make an appearance. And there will be a raffle. Bring a chair in case picnic table seating fills up. Alcohol is not allowed.

There is a pond adjacent to the pavilion. If you are bringing kids, or even if not, come out a little early and catch some bluegills.

Please help make this a fun and successful event by attending. It's a social highlight of our season and one of our best traditions. Respond with your reservation today!



# August Picnic Raffle – 50/50



Our August raffle will be a 50/50 held at the Family Picnic.

Because other family members attending the picnic may not be into fishing (what?) we will forego our typical fishing related prizes and give out money. Everybody likes money!

Based on the amount of raffle ticket sales we will have two or

three winners splitting half the proceeds. The other half will go into the general fund to help offset picnic costs and other expenses.

As in the past, if any uncooked food, snacks, or deserts are left over we'll keep pulling tickets until everything is gone.

Last year a dozen people took something home from the picnic!

## Steve's Fishing Report

By: Steve Jung



**The heat of summer is in full effect. Handle fish quickly during this time. They may swim off fine, but an extended fight and holding them out of the water will increase mortality. Be smart with our resources so they can live to fight another day.**

**LAKE MICHIGAN SHORE:** SMB in harbors along rocks with bonus rock bass and sheephead. Throw spoons for salmon when the conditions are right. A west wind will create the opportunity for bait fish to come in tighter. The salmon will follow the baitfish.

**LAKE MICHIGAN OFFSHORE:** Kings, Steelhead and Cohos in 50'-60' over 170'-220'. Morning bite is best on a variety of flies.

**FOX CHAIN:** Catfish excellent on a variety of baits: crawlers, chicken liver, stinkbait, Koolaid and garlic flavored sausage. White bass on minnows. LMB on plastics around docks. Always have a wacky rig senko ready. With the heat being

consistent, give the muskies a rest. Walleyes and other multi-species caught trolling small crankbaits.

**LAKE GENEVA:** Rock bass all over on crawlers. LMB on senkos/plastics in 12"-24' and docks. SMB on drop shot in 20-25 FOW. Lakers excellent in 74'-85' over 110'. Try for Walleyes on windy nights trolling crankbaits.

**LAKE DELAVAN:** Bluegill in deep weed lines under a float. LMB excellent on deep weed edges and docks. Northern Pike on angle arm spinnerbaits and drifting suckers, also in and along weeds and weed edges.

**FOX RIVER:** Watch the water levels as the repeated rains have made flow interesting, but smallmouth are good in eddies and slack water on ned rigs. Catfish are going in similar areas on a variety of baits. Also try drifting shrimp or crawlers under a float in slow moving deeper channels.

**AREA LAKES/PONDS:** Bluegills on a fly rod with spiders/ants/ small popper are excellent. You can also use a float. Largemouth are excellent on topwaters and senkos.

## Last Month's Speaker Tips By: Chris Popp



Phil Piscitello, a part time guide and owner and operator of Borderline Fishing Guide Service specializing in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin waters, was on hand to talk about Fox Chain of Lakes Summer strategies. But more than that he provided a comprehensive overview of the types of baits that are effective for the various species and how and when to use them. He also broke them down by topwater, mid-depth, and bottom fishing.



When bass fishing Phil says you can't fish too shallow. However, casting accuracy is everything. Bass are often tight to cover and won't venture out to grab a bait.

Spinnerbaits, although often overlooked, are still a killer on The Chain. Sometimes you have to experiment with blade style and size to see what works best.

Phil says three of his most deadly presentations for multi species action are trolling crankbaits, pulling 3 way live bait rigs, and slip bobber fishing.

Phil covered different crankbait types, explained his favorite live baits rigs, and discussed several bobber techniques. Early in his career Phil learned a lot of his slip float strategies for walleye from expert Greg Bohn, who very recently passed away, and for different species and conditions from Mick Thill, a legendary innovator of float fishing, who also has passed.

And if you want to catch muskies on The Chain, then go bass or walleye fishing. Muskies use many of the same bait magnet locations those two other species do. Just don't do it in the heat of summer to avoid stressing the big predators.

## July Raffle Winners



Our July raffle Grand Prize was a 6'10" Medium-Light power, extra fast action, St Croix Mojo Bass Series spinning rod valued at over \$160! It's perfect for a variety of finesse fishing tactics.

The thrilled winner was Ronda Taylor, pictured on the far left with President Chris Popp.

5 consolation prizes worth another \$240+ were also handed out. Winners, pictured at right in order, were:

Frank Mucci (BPS auto/man life vest), Mike Bakos (55 pc survival kit), Junior member Kevin Kinnane (Lew's spinning reel), Pat Kinnane (Multi-tool), and Mike Niederkorn (Set of 3 shallow water bass baits) We also gave out 16 door prizes!

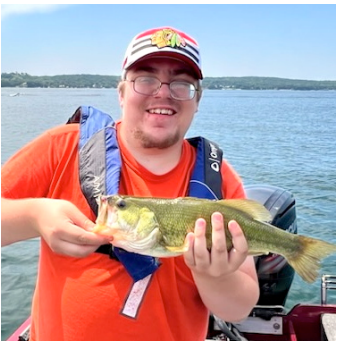


# Lake Geneva Outing Report By: Bob Diebold



Well, after two postponements last year because of heavy storms we finally got the weather to cooperate (almost) on the first try for this year's half day outing to one of the premier southeast Wisconsin fishing destinations.

fish of any boat (75) mixing a few bass in with a ton of panfish. The Bob Rice boat, however, had a heavy load of 30 Largemouth (5 over 3 lbs) and 5 Smallmouth (one over 19").



On Wednesday July 10 we had a great, very well attended outing on Lake Geneva. Other than some unexpected drizzle the first hour or so, the weather for the rest of the morning was very pleasant.

After the fishing finished around 1:00, the group headed over to Siemers Cruise Inn in Walworth to share food, beverages, and fish stories.

I would like to thank the members who volunteered their boats for the outing, and in some cases took on members they didn't know. It was a great way to mix and match members to generate new friendships.

26 Arlington Anglers attended the outing, filling 10 boats. We had four different launch locations, but everyone met up off Conference Point at 6:30 AM for pictures before heading off in different directions.

A total of 360 fish were boated making the average of 36 fish per boat. Rich Sutton and Jeremiah Temple had the most



# Carpfest 24.2 Outing Report By: Chris Popp



The second edition of our annual Carpfest series took place on Sunday morning July 21. Twenty two anglers arrived at Lake Cosman to find beautiful weather, with partly cloudy skies, low wind, and very mild temperatures. A few brought along family including wives, son's, grandkids, and nephews making it a real family affair.

were several hookups almost immediately. Action was pretty steady only slowing down later in the morning.

While bringing fish to hand is on everyone's mind this is really more a social event with lots of time to walk the shoreline and chat with other members. It's a casual, relaxed event that everybody said they enjoyed.



As has happened in the past there were a few less attendees than the first edition and a few more fish were caught, with several participants having multiple catches.

Thanks to Ronda Taylor for bringing donuts and coffee cake for breakfast and to Eyrle Hilton for grilling the burgers and dogs for lunch. Fishing, eating, and hanging out with friends; what better way to spend a morning?

Even though Carp was the main target other species were caught including bluegill, bass, catfish, bullhead, and even a couple turtles!



There was some question how the fishing would unfold as there was surprisingly carp spawning activity all along the shoreline. It seemed strange for this late in the year. But fears were forgotten when there



# Comm. Outreach – Lk County Special Needs By: Pat Trunda



On Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 members of the Arlington Anglers Fishing Club volunteered to help out with the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County at their end of summer picnic and fishing derby. SRACLCLC also had adult volunteers from The Mitsubishi Corporation and The Rust-Oleum Corporation.

the entries. There were over 15 campers that caught fish. After the event members went across the street to Portillos for lunch.

The members who participated were Ron Cappello, Tom Curtain, Tom DiGiovanni, Jack Knies, Chris Popp, Bert Saxon, Phil Steiner, Don & Rhonda Taylor, and Pat Trunda. A big THANK YOU to the volunteers!

The outing was held at Big Bear Lake in Vernon Hills. Members helped the Special Needs Youth with baiting hooks, casting, and catching fish. Also, the club weighed the fish and recorded

The Club received a Thank You card from SRACLCLC saying the camp kids had a wonderful time and that we made this event extra special for the campers.



# Getting to Know New Members



**Bill Tillman** hails from Crystal Lake where he lives with his wife.

Bill is retired from being a Field Service Technician in the Telecommunications and related fields industries.

Bill has a 14 foot boat that he stores in Upper Wisc so he doesn't have to trailer it when making trips North.

Bill likes to fish for Northern Pike and Walleyes but says any tug on the line will do.

He joined the club to learn new fishing techniques and to meet other likeminded fisherman.

He was hooked after attending his first meeting as a guest and winning the raffle grand prize.



**Jeff Moyer** lives in Johnsburg on Pistakee Lake with his wife Sue. They have 2 grown daughters and 3 grandkids.

Jeff has been retired for 4 years from work in IT consulting.

Jeff has 2 boats, a Triton with 200 HP and a jet boat, both moored at his property slips.

Even with having his own water craft he usually just fishes off his dock for any random fish he can catch. He doesn't typically fish for any specific species.

Jeff joined the club to learn more about fishing instead of staying a "rookie", attend some events, and hang out with Tom Gransee who brought him in.



**Pat Kinnane** lives in Hoffman Estates with his wife Laura. Their son Kevin is looking to be an active junior member.

Pat retired from a customer service job in the airline industry. He is now an elected Trustee for the Village of Hoffman Estates.

Pat does not have a boat but would like to pursue getting one in the future.

Pat and Kevin like to fish for most any species. They have no preference at this point.

Pat took up fishing again, after a 30 year hiatus, because Kevin wanted to get into it. It was something they could spend time doing together.

Pat joined the club so he and Kevin could learn more about fishing on a deeper level and meet some other anglers.

# Big Fish of the Month



**Big Fish of the Month** goes to John Olivet for this 51 inch Muskie.

John was on a Lake St. Clair Michigan charter waiting his turn as the Captain trolled big baits. Some luck was on his side as he was up next when the rod bent with this beast on the end. John prevailed after a 20 battle. Way to go!

## Honorable Mention #1



First honorable mention goes to Henry Comp for this 34 inch Common Carp. Henry was fishing the Delaware River near Delanco NJ, just north of Philly when this brute picked up Henry's cornmeal bait and took off. An epic tussle ensued with Henry coming out on the winning side.

## Kid Fish of the Month



**Kid Fish of the Month** goes to 16 year old A J, grandson and fishing buddy of member Bob Steffan, for this 50+ inch Lake Sturgeon.

A J was fishing with grampa at the Best Dam Float in LaCrosse Wisc. A crawler on the bottom held firm by a heavy weight resulted in a number of Drum and small Sturgeon. One bite felt different. This monster was on the line giving A J the fight of a lifetime. Great catch A.J!

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

## Honorable Mention #2



Second Honorable Mention goes to Craig Janes for his 48" Muskie. Usually this would be top Big Fish if Olivet (above) hadn't caught a bigger one on the same outing. It's still a thrilling catch of a lifetime!

# Member Swap Page

## Member Boat for Sale

### 1999 Lund Explorer 1650

**Price: \$10,000**

This 16 foot boat has a lot of great features. Includes a 40hp Johnson with electric start and trim and tilt. Starting and trolling motor batteries are only one year old. Each has a remote sea-line power selector switch. It includes a Hummingbird Helix 9 with side scan and downscan, bluetooth stereo, and the front and rear of the boat are also wired for Lowrance electronics. The Minn Kota Terrova trolling motor has Spot Lock, foot pedal, remote, and ethernet connection to the Humminbird head unit. Comes with three Lund seats, all in excellent condition. Boat carpet is also in excellent condition. Two side rod storage compartments, center livewell, and bow storage. Shoreliner bunk trailer with upgraded composite bunks is included. Comes with a boat cover as well. Only reason we are selling is to get a bigger boat. Everything works as it should, and the hull does not leak as this is a dry boat in excellent condition. We have used this boat on the small southern Wisconsin bass and panfish lakes as well as the Mississippi and Wisconsin rivers with ease. Easy to tow and a good all around entry level fishing boat!

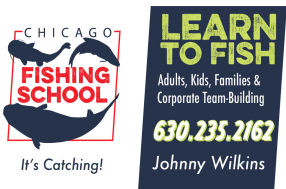
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We've now added Zelle quick pay to our options: ([arlangfc19@gmail.com](mailto:arlangfc19@gmail.com)). So, 3 ways to pay: (1)Zelle, (2)at a meeting, or (3)check by mail. New members - use the form below or visit our "Join Our Club" web page.

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