

# Tight Lines Newsletter

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## President's Note:

Wow! Where did that Summer go? It seemed like we were just talking about upcoming stable patterns after the Spring spawn and now it's time to consider Fall tactics. Yikes! But that's how things seem to be these days. Time keeps churning.

Hopefully many of you were on the water and had some success the last month. I've heard several positive reports. I got to Ontario in mid-August and got one of my best walleyes (right) at over 27". Fun!

Our annual picnic in August had an incredible turnout. It looked like everyone that made it out had a great time. I know I did. It was awesome to see over 85 smiling faces enjoying spending time with family and other members. See a report and pics on pages 4 & 5. Bummer for you if you missed it!



After a month off it can be tough to get back into the swing of monthly meetings. But back we are on Tuesday September 16 with another great speaker, awesome raffle prizes, and another opportunity for networking and camaraderie. Don't miss this one!

As always, get to the meeting early to register. It helps the front desk and makes it easier to start on time. See you on the 16<sup>th</sup>!

Chris Popp - President

## Key Dates

### Club Meetings

Sep 16  
Oct 21

### Officer Elections

Nov 18

### Outings

Best Dam Float  
Oct tbd  
Lake Shelbyville  
Nov 4-7

Holiday Party &  
Awards Banquet  
Dec 7

## This Month's Speaker

The Fall season is the favorite of many anglers. While the more consistent summer patterns often make good numbers a reality the cooling weather of autumn alert fish it's time to put on the feedbag and start bulking up for the winter. That brings some of the biggest specimens

closer to shore and more easily accessible. This includes some denizens of the deep like trout and salmon. Whether in harbors or feeding rivers, this could be the best time to catch them from shore or small boats. Jim O'Niel has been taking advantage for years and will be sharing his secrets.

## This Month's Speaker

### Arlington Anglers Fishing Club



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***Tuesday, September 16, 2025***

**Jim O'Neil**

### **Fall Trout and Salmon 101**



Jim O'Neil is an avid outdoorsman, from his Eagle Scout years to his high school bass fishing days. Jim competed in the College Bass Tour and the FLW Tour, and now is the host of Midwest Outdoors TV & Podcast. From bluegills to sharks, Jim is always looking for the next hot bite! Tonight he will share his favorite Fall trout & salmon tactics. Please join me in welcoming Jim 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**

## September Raffle Grand Prize – Mojo Bass



Our September raffle Grand Prize will be a St Croix Mojo Bass 7' 1" spinning rod valued at over \$190!

The Mojo Bass series has been an iconic St Croix model for years. This rod will provide you incredible feel to detect the lightest bites and the power to control the feistiess fish.

Five awesome consolation prizes worth another \$250 will also be included in the raffle to give you even more chances to win big!

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

Be sure to attend the September meeting for your chance to win this highly coveted fishing rod!

## Steve's Fishing Report

By: Steve Jung

**Well, that magical time of year is upon us when the heat of summer gives way to cooler nights. Water temps come down which triggers all species to put on the feed bag. For many this can be a time for the biggest fish of the year.**

**CHICAGO LAKEFRONT:** Most harbors are holding smallmouth and northern pike. Crankbaits and plastics will take fish. When the wind blows from the west, salmon and trout will move into the harbors. Spoons and Flicker Shad's are a good bet at this time of the year.

**BIG POND:** Trollers in 90' to 150' are pulling spoons in green and blue in 50' to 80' for chinook, rainbows, and browns.

**FOX/DES PLAINES RIVERS:** Smallmouth have been good on jig/ plastics, crankbaits, and top waters. Action should only get better in later September through October.

**FOX CHAIN:** With cooler water temps it's time to get those Muskie rods back out. Walleye good in 6' to 10' with a jig/ minnow combo. Mixed bags of bluegills, perch, and stripers with leaf/red worms, minnows, and small plastics good under a cork. A great way to cover water is a small 1/32 to 1/64 oz jig with a small plastic casting with an ultralight rod can produce well.

**LAKES DELAVAN/GENEVA:** Bluegill have been on fire in deeper water on standard rigs.

**LOCAL PONDS:** Bluegill and crappie going well on either live or small plastic baits under a float. Largemouth active on all area ponds on plastics, crankbaits, and top water, especially at dusk.

**Bottom line:** The hard water season will be here before you know it, so get off of the couch and enjoy fishing in the fall weather.



## Family Picnic Review By: Chris Popp



On Tuesday August 19 the Arlington Anglers had what is likely our largest family picnic ever! Over 85 members and significant others descended on the Plum Grove Reservoir Pavilion in Palatine for an evening of conversation, camaraderie, and good eating.

Even with the thankful absence of mosquitos the place was still buzzing all night long. And the weather couldn't have been more pleasant. With almost half the membership represented the support and attendance at this event was outstanding!

For \$10 per adult (kids were free) the club supplied all the appetizers, burgers, brats, and dogs with all the fixins, side dishes, desserts, and soft drinks.

As an added entertainment bonus the minnow race track made another appearance.

At the end of the evening we held a 50/50 raffle with a twist. While the winner did take half the pot the other half was split 30/20 with the second and third tickets picked. 100% payout! But it didn't stop there. We kept pulling tickets and raffled off all the excess food, desserts, drinks and supplies until everything was gone. There were over 20 winners in all!

Special thanks go to Rich and Molly Sutton for fee collection, Jeff Henderson and Greg Keller for doing most of the grilling, Kristie Powell for cutting vegetables, Dave Powell for buying and hauling the drinks, Bob Diebold for running the minnow races, and especially Don and Ronda Taylor for purchasing and dragging in all the appetizers, meat, and desserts and for setting up the tables. "Salesman Don" also sold the raffle tickets. It couldn't have happened without the dedication of these awesome volunteers. Thanks again to all!



## More 2025 Family Picnic Pictures



## Kayak Outing Reports By Peter Laugalis

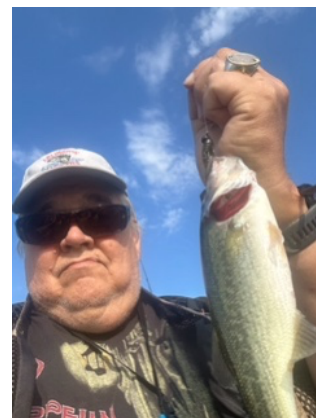


The Arlington Anglers Kayak Klub Tour continued on **Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>** with a trip north to **Sterling Lake** near Wadsworth and the Wisconsin state line.

The weather cooperated and the long narrow lake allowed plenty of places to fish. 5 members took part in the event starting at 7 AM, fishing to around 11:00. Lunch followed at Captain Porky's.

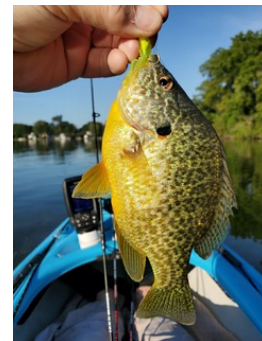
While the post event food and conversation usually makes the trip the fishing wasn't bad either.

While the group caught a number of bass and 'gills, Peter Laugalis was the crappie king. After nibblers weren't hooking up on his larger lures he downsized and started hauling in the slabs until he landed almost 20. A welcome comeback from less than stellar results on some of the previous outings. He was the star this time!



The Arlington Anglers 7<sup>th</sup> stop on their Summer kayak fishing tour took them back to **Round Lake** near Round Lake Beach IL at 7 AM on **Friday August 29**. Four anglers took part in this event. The wind was calm and weed growth had advanced quite a bit since the earlier outing, making edges easier to see.

Chris Popp took advantage hooking up 8 bass on a combo of wacky rigged senkos, Texas rigged craws, and swimming paddle tails. All the others kept from getting skunked but didn't quite have the same success. However, we all scored big at Mrs. Vs after finishing. Whether breakfast or lunch, it was all good!

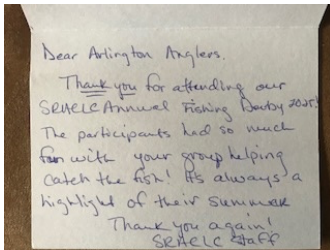


## Community Outreach - SRACLC



On a Wednesday in late July several Arlington Anglers attended the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County end of summer camp picnic, awards banquet, and fishing contest.

As much as we appreciated the opportunity to give back to those less fortunate our efforts were also acknowledged by the dedicated SRACLC staff that works so hard to help these campers throughout the summer with personal enrichment and to enjoy the great outdoors.



This is an event we have been supporting for over 15 years where we help special needs campers bait hooks and weigh catches, as reported in last month's newsletter. It's a very heartwarming and heartbreaking experience all at once. Thanks go to those members that attended.

To that end the staff sent us a hand written note expressing their thanks and gratitude for our help. They shared the fun and joy of the campers who fished with us. It was a meaningful and rewarding event for those participants on all sides.

## Other Miscellaneous Club News & Reminders

**Officer elections** for the 2026 season take place at our November meeting. If you are interested in getting more involved in the operation of the club as an officer or committee member let President Chris Popp know as soon as you can. We will have openings and the more to help share the load of running the club the better. Applications to get on the ballot for officer positions will be taken now through the October meeting. Please consider joining the management team. It's a great way to enhance your experience of being a member.

**The November meeting** is also our annual pizza party where the club springs for pizza and soft drinks for all those attending. Free food!

It is also the month where we turn the tables on the members for our education and entertainment. Instead of a professional speaker we ask 3 members to share tips, tactics, a hobby, or another topic they are passionate about. No reason to be shy as your fellow members will be definitely interested in what you have to say. And we can help you prepare your 10-15 minute presentation. We have one now and need two more. Step up and share!

**Our annual holiday party and awards banquet** is scheduled for Sunday evening **December 7<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 to 9:00 at Moretti's Special Events in Hoffman Estates. This is the highlight of our year and includes a 3-course dinner, year in review, raffle, the awarding of certificates and gift cards for the Big Fish Contest winners, crowning our angler of the year and collection of toys for our Toys For Tots initiative.

You don't want to miss this so get it on your calendar now! And consider bringing a significant other. More details and order forms will be sent out in October.

## Big Fish of the Month

**Big Fish of the Month** goes to Rob Romolo for this nice 42" muskie.

Rob was recently at Eagle Lake with some dedicated muskie hunters, although he personally spent a significant amount of time chasing walleyes. During one of his "required" muskie sessions he finally hit home catching his first big 'ski. It made the long days tossing big baits all worth the effort. Congrats!



## Honorable Mention #1



First Honorable Mention goes to Dave Beyer for this feisty 20-1/4" smallmouth bass. Dave was fishing a bone color Whopper Plopper on Lake Carroll in NW Illinois when this brute hit his surface disturbing plug.

## Kid Fish of the Month

**Kid Fish of the Month** goes to Anthony, son of member Scott Mezzano and grandson of member Ron Mezzano.

The Mezzano's were attending the Arlington Anglers Family picnic and took advantage of the nearby lake after dinner to pick up a couple bass. As long as he got one, Anthony didn't care how big it was!

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 Keith Kaplan for this nice 27+ inch walleye. Keith was recently fishing on Cedar Lake in Ontario when this awesome specimen hit and came to hand.

## Getting to Know New 2025 Club Members



**Mark Young** hails from Mount Prospect where he lives with his wife Laura. They have 2 grown children.

Mark is still in the work force engaged in IT project management.

Mark does not have a boat.

Mark loves to fish for northern pike. He takes an annual trip to

Manitoba to chase big gators. At the moment that is about his only fishing.

Laura found out about the club through a chance meeting with another member. So, Mark joined to meet other anglers in hopes of joining in on more local outings to fish for other species as he nears retirement and to find others that might like to pursue pike with him.



**Jeff Richmond** lives in Northbrook with his wife M B. They have four grown sons.

Jeff is still working running his own industrial pump sales and distribution company.

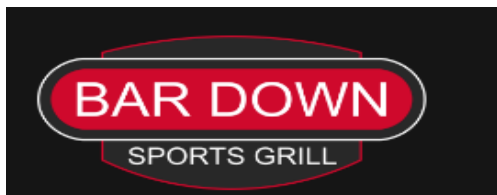
Jeff has several watercraft. He keeps a 20' Bowrider on Lake Michigan. He has a 14' Lund with 25 HP motor he trailers around to local lakes. And he has a couple fishing kayaks.

Jeff says he likes to fish for anything with a tail, but bass are probably his favorite. He also likes chasing other game fish and likes to fly fish for trout. He also loves salt water fishing when he gets the chance.

Jeff joined the club to meet some more fishing buddies and as an activity to fill some time in anticipation of his future retirement, whenever that might be.



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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](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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