

# Tight Lines Newsletter

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## Key Dates

### Club Meetings

Jun 16  
Jul 21

### Outings

Jun 18  
Lake Delavan  
Jun 23-26  
Big Green Lake  
Jun 28

Lk Cosman Carpfest  
Jul 8-10  
Best Dam Float

### Com. Outreach

Jun 20  
Busse Outdoor Day

## President's Note:

I really enjoyed getting out so often this Spring trying to catch the spawn for first walleyes, then crappie, then smallmouth, then crappie again. The saying goes that timing is everything. Well, if that's the case, I was a little off. But "everything"? Certainly, that is an exaggeration!

Sure, it would have been nice to hit it right and pull in tons of fat fish. But I enjoyed just as much, if not more so, the time I spent outdoors in the greening landscapes and in the company of the friends I was out fishing with. I caught enough each time out to keep it interesting.

As with most things, it's not always the results that are most important. The process in pursuit of the goal shouldn't be overlooked or hurried. Success can never be guaranteed. So, don't forget to enjoy the journey.

Summer fishing is just starting to heat up. The days are longer so there

## This Month's Speaker

With the relatively easier pickings of the Spring spawn for many species already in the recent past, the Summer bite will soon be upon us. While metabolisms heat up and fish get hungrier, they move deeper and spread out into more mid-season locations.

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is even more time to get an hour or two on the water, even if it's only from the bank of your local pond. Take advantage and get out there!

But don't forget to put the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting on your calendar. If you aren't on vacation you need to be there. Our speaker's topic is going to be very timely and with slightly less attendance your chance to win raffle prizes grows. Come on out and enjoy the time with your fellow members.

I hope to see you there!

Chris Popp - President

That makes them a little more difficult to locate, in most cases. Luckily, we have Sean Bermingham on tap to share his proven tactics for achieving more consistent success throughout the upcoming months. If you want to be on more fish this Summer, don't miss him!

# This Month's Speaker

## Arlington Anglers Fishing Club



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*Tuesday, June 16, 2026*

**Sean Bermingham**

**Summer Fishing Tactics**



Sean Bermingham is a multi-species angler and guide, specializing in local waters like the Fox Chain. He's a custom rod & lure builder, as well as an educator who has written for In-Fisherman Magazine and Midwest Outdoors. Tonight, he will teach us about his favorite 'Summer Fishing Tactics'. Please help me in welcoming Sean to the Arlington Anglers 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

## June Raffle Grand Prize – Fenwick Techna

Our June raffle Grand Prize will be a Fenwick Techna series 6'6" Med Lt action spinning rod valued at over \$200!

The Fenwick Techna is favored by many for its ultra sensitivity and enough power to handle the feistiest game fish. The light weight of the rod will make fishing all day with it a pleasure.

Five awesome consolation prizes, plus a bonus prize, worth another \$300+ will also be included in the raffle for even more chances to win big. That's over \$500 total prize value in the raffle!

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

Be sure to attend the Tuesday June 16 meeting to get your tickets for a chance to win one of these prizes!

## Steve's Fishing Report By: Steve Jung

**As we near the summer solstice, the heat has arrived. While these temps still fluctuate, the bite is on for all species. But don't force a bite that isn't there. Assess, adapt, and adjust accordingly. If the bite is slow downsizing may be the ticket. Clear water? Go natural in colors. Dirty or stained water may need some flash or noise to trigger a bite. Either way get on the water.**

**AREA LAKES:** Pick your species. Everything is going. Largemouth are finishing their spawn. Bluegills should be next. Largemouth are shallow on topwater's, chatter baits, plastics etc. Smallmouth are a bit deeper on plastics, drop shot and Ned rigs. Panfish are hot on baits casted or under a float. Leaf/red worms, plastics, minnows all taking fish.

**FOX RIVER:** Water has stabilized. Look for current seams. Smallmouth on blades,

tubes, plastics and crankbaits like a Manns Minus One that run just under the surface. Don't be afraid to throw a baby spook or popper.

**FOX CHAIN:** Walleye in 4-8 FOW on jig/crawler combo on the weed lines. Panfish all over the chain. Largemouth on plastics near cover. A fair number of muskies in the mid 30's to low 40's being reported. Water temps are in the low to mid 70's, weather dependent.

**CHICAGO LAKEFRONT:** Smallmouth are everywhere. The fishery has blossomed from shore and boat. Plastics, swimbaits, dark sleepers, Kietechs, all working. A nice walleye or two are mixed in. Off shore, salmon limits are the norm. Varied reports on depth and baits. This is where doing some homework comes into play.

**UP NORTH:** Stable weather has turned on all species. Some Largemouth are still on the beds. Leave them to do their thing. Support your fisheries!



## Last Month's Speaker Tips: By: Steve Jung



Billy Heim runs Night Prowler guide service on Lake Geneva.

When water gets up to around 48 in late April a ¾ oz football jig for bass is a good choice. A jig will make good contact with the bottom. Fish are usually within 1' of the bottom.

Fish the windblown shore unless it is too strong. Pay attention for safety.

The shallows on the north shore of Geneva and the north shore of the Narrows are excellent. The east side is a harder bottom. Smallmouth will be in 12-20 fow on sandy points. Smallmouths eat different forage at different times so rig up for what they are eating. A good early morning start is a crawl pattern. A Carolina rig with plastics resembling emerald shiners, the main forage base, is also effective. Experiment with 4# leader lengths.

Drag or lift baits and let the bait drop on slack line.

Another great bait for largemouth is a senko paired with a 1/0 hook. Toss this around boat docks and inside weed edges.

A drop shot is another excellent choice with a 7' MF rod. A 3/16 oz weight with a small piece of nightcrawler the size of your fingernail is all you need. Plastics work too. Fish eat bugs all year long, so smaller can be better.

In the fall, smallmouth eat perch up to 8" in length, so you can go bigger as the year goes on. Once the water hits 72 degrees, the night bite is on until September when water temps drop below 72 degrees, especially for walleye.



## May Meeting Raffle Winners

Our May raffle grand prize was a Grandt All American Series 6'6" Med action spinning rod valued at \$245! The happy winner was Bob Johnson, pictured at left, on the left, with President Chris Popp.

5 consolation prizes, plus a bonus prize, worth another \$315, for a total prize package of \$560 was also given out!

Winners, in order at right, were: Ronda Taylor (BPS digital scale), Jeff Henderson (Plano rod travel tube), Gene Surico, accepting for Bob Rice (Frabill

bump board), Mike Bierman (BPS inflatable life vest), Mike Kopplin (knife/light combo), and Bill Dohr (13 Fishing spinning combo).

There were another 20 door prize winners among the 65+ attendees!



## Lake Wisconsin Outing Report By: Chris Popp



From May 13-15 a cadre of 19 members, in 8 boats, embarked on our annual trip to Lake Wisconsin. What had traditionally been a walleye/sauger trip has now morphed into more of a crappie trip, with the timing of the outing coinciding with the crappie spawn.

The first day was challenging as we arrived to witness whitecaps battering each of the 3 main launches. We all got out, but having to find refuge limited the fishing spots and the results were meager.



The second day's conditions were much more favorable and so was the luck for most of the crews. The crappies weren't quite up yet, but several boats were able to locate them in staging areas. Laugalis and Briant were kings catching 40 slabs casting paddle tails, a third over 12" and only a handful under 10. Along with their paper mouths, Popp and Suelzer picked up 4 slot walleyes between 21" and 25-1/2". The other boats picked up an array of fish with 11 different species (and a turtle) being landed overall!



We had 4 cabins for our 2 nights at the comfortable Lake Wisconsin Resort. Being mid-week we had the place to ourselves. We had a group dinner the first night at the Lakeside Bar and Grill at the end of the block. Our final night we grilled a feast of burgers & dogs, with lots of sides. Camp fires both nights allowed plenty of time to converse with other members, tell stories, and relive the days' action.



## Community Outreach Report By: Pat Trunda



On Sunday, May 31st, eight members of the club volunteered to participate in the Crabtree Nature Center's annual "Explore the Forest" day of activities. This is an event to celebrate everything the Cook County Forest Preserve has to offer and learn about nature with animal encounters, tree climbing, touch-a-truck, and more.

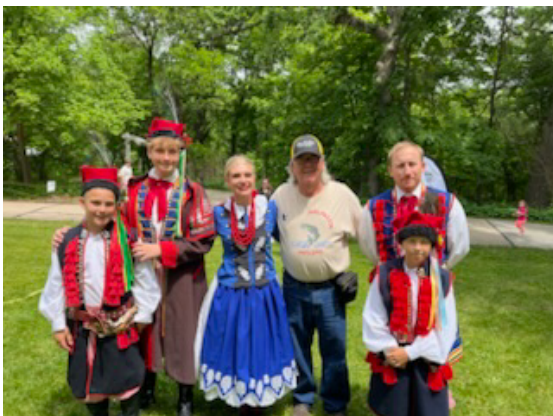
We've had a station there for many years. The members attending taught anyone interested on how to cast a fishing rod to start them on the path to enjoying fishing. We hosted an estimated 100 participants on how to cast with lines of hopefuls backed up waiting for their turn.

A surprise for us was when a performing group of Polish Dancers came to try their hand at casting all dressed up in their professional costumes.

Club members who volunteered were Ernie Clements, Don and Ronda Taylor, Dave Beyer, Kristie and Gar Powell, Tim Nolley, and Pat Trunda.

A special shout out to Ronda, Dave, and Kristie who brought lunch for us.

Thanks All for giving up your time. You made a difference!



# Kayak Klub Outing Report By: Peter Laugalis

On Sunday May 31st the Kayak Klub had their 5th outing of the year at Island Lake. 7 members and 2 guests paddled out in their kayaks and a canoe for yet another beautiful day for fishing.

Over 50 fish were caught by our group. The fish were mostly blue gill and bass along with a few other species. Afterwards we went to the nearby Island Cafe and enjoyed great food and lively conversation.



# Big Fish of the Month



**Big Fish of the Month** goes to Dennis Taylor for this nice early season 31" Chinook "King" Salmon.

Dennis got it during a recent charter on Lake Michigan.

It's a beauty, Dennis. Way to go!

## First Honorable Mention



First Honorable mention goes to Dan Draz for yet another 22+" Smallmouth. Dan was recently on Traverse Bay MI off Lake Michigan when he got this beast. His 6<sup>th</sup> six pounder of the year already!

# Kid Fish of the Month



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We again didn't have any kid fish submitted this month. That's too bad.

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. There is a special joy in seeing their smiling face holding their "trophy".

## Second Honorable Mention



Second Honorable Mention goes to Henry Comp for this 22-3/4" largemouth bass. He was fishing near the slop of a Missouri farm pond when this hawg grabbed his small white spinner bait he was retrieving over the top of the weeds.

## Getting to Know Some New 2026 Members



**Steve Spiwak** lives in Arlington Heights with his wife Becky. They also have a place on Lk Wisconsin. They have 3 grown Daughters.

Steve is recently retired after 30 years at Nalco Water.

Steve has a 16' Crestliner Discovery with 40 HP tiller and a Jackson Cruise FD Kayak.

Steve is a die-hard fly fisherman, loving it's challenge. Pike are his favorite, with bass second, saying there's nothing like catching either on the fly.

Steve joined the club to do something with his nephew, also a new member, where they could learn new techniques, new places to fish and meet others with similar interests.



**Tim Nolley** lives in Schaumburg with his wife, Sheri. They have three daughters and two grandkids.

Tim is semi-retired. He doesn't have to work but likes to keep active.

Tim does not have a boat or kayak, but does have some interest in pursuing both at some point.

Tim doesn't have a favorite species to fish for. He says he like to go after anything and everything with fins that swims.

Tim joined the club mostly to meet new people, stay active, and to have some stress free fun.



**Kyle Rapp** lives in Hampshire with his wife Jackie. They have 4 kids together and 9 grandkids.

Kyle is still working as a Sales Engineer for electronic testing equipment.

Kyle has a Lund Impact 1775 that he trailers to spots.

Kyle likes to target crappie and walleye, but seems to catch a lot of bass in the process. He says he's not a great angler so he's happy with whatever he gets.

Kyle joined because, he said jokingly, his wife told him he had to. She didn't want him fishing alone and so needed to find new friends.

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