

# Arlington Anglers

## Bargain Basement Fly Fishing

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Urban Myth No. 23: In order to enjoy fly fishing, you have to be wading in a Colorado mountain trout stream using your \$2,000.00 fly rod and wearing your L. L. Bean color coordinated outfit. NOT REALLY!

At our July meeting, Joseph Meyer of One More Cast Fly Shop in Countryside, IL ([www.onemorecast.com](http://www.onemorecast.com)) not only debunked that myth, but very quickly made believers of many of the Arlington Anglers.

Fly fishing uses some different equipment, but relies on the fishing basics known by all experienced fisherman: You need to know where the fish are likely to reside and you have to present a bait that resembles what those fish normally feed on ("match the hatch"). A fly fisherman selects line that will get down the right level and a fly that looks a tasty morsel, whether than be a cricket, grasshopper, leech or shad.

Fly fishing interest peaked after the 1992 movie: *A River Runs Through It*, directed by Robert Redford. That mountain stream looked good, but there are plenty fly fishing opportunities in the Midwest. How about those bluegills at Busse Woods? Bass at Skokie Lagoons? Or, those northern pike in Canada? They are all candidates for a fun and effective fly fishing outing.

Joseph described a recent trip to Shabonna Lake. He noticed that the muskies were feeding on small crappies, a very prevalent forage in the lake. He went back to his shop, made a large fly with crappie colors.

Next time back, that fly outfished the standard muskie hardware and resulted in a number of large muskies.

Fly fishing does not have to be expensive. There are decent \$159 fly fishing combos available at the major sporting goods stores that include the rod, reel and line. You can tie your own flies, but if you stop at One More Cast Fly Shop, you'll find a lot of quality flies in the \$2 to \$6 range. With some practice or instruction, I'll be ready. Watch out, Robert!

Rather than meeting at Dick's for our August 15th meeting, we'll be at the Harper College Reservoir in Palatine for our annual Cookout and Picnic. Besides the normal brats, burgers, and beer, we'll be holding a Casting Contest. Remember, it's accuracy that counts, not length.

Dates to remember: Aug 15 -Cook Out at Harper College Reservoir; Aug 18-20 - Menominee River, Sept. 17 - Heidecke Lake; Sept. 19 - Meeting: Ken Darga, Fall Finesse Topics.

Come to one of our meetings to find out more about our club, activities, and outings. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. We meet at Dick's Sports Store (Flr.1-NW) near Woodfield Shopping Center in Schaumburg, .5 miles north of Higgins, on Martingale Road.

Door prizes, speaker, raffles, fishing reports: Give it a try!

For further information call our President Tom Curtin at 1-847-639-7858 or visit our website at: <http://arlingtonanglers.com>



How this for a catch of salmon and halibut on a charter out of Seward, Alaska?  
That's our buddy, Rich Drews on the far left.  
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