

# Arlington Anglers

## Pre-Spawn & Early Bass

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**Arlington Anglers Fishing Club**

As soon as the ice opens up at the lagoons, Todd Thomas is out there experimenting with those new lures and plastics he picked up at the shows. At their March meeting, Todd told the Arlington Anglers that now is the time to get out there for the early season bass.

He always starts out in the shallow, warmer water looking for some wood in the water if possible. He suggests using a minnow shaped jerk bait lure with bright reflective colors.

Use a lure that violently darts back and forth and work it hard. You can use this presentation until later in the year when the weeds start to emerge. You can also use soft plastic worms, tails, or lizards any time of the year.

The most popular bass lure is probably a soft, stick-type bait, like the Senko. You can rig it "wacky" style thru the middle or you can rig it weedless from the end. The bass tour professionals favor colors like watermelon, motor oil green, or pumpkin. Todd prefers dark colors like black with blue fleck or bright blue/green with fleck.

Later in the season when the weeds get really heavy, Todd relies on thick plastic tails like his legendary Mogambo tail, Texas-rigged with a 2/0 or 3/0 hook. It casts extremely well, is weedless, and provides good hook-ups.

Dates to remember: April 8th - Outing at Chain of Lakes; April 18th - Meeting, Learn how to rig your boat for Lake Michigan salmon from Capt. Jim Kaske; April 20th - 23rd - Outing at Clinton Lake; May 7th - Outing at Busse Lake; May 16th - Meeting; May 19th - 21st - Outing at Lake Shelbyville.

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, .25 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 847-639-7858 or visit our website at:  
<http://arlingtonanglers.com>



Roy Girgens catching and releasing 46-inch muskie from Crystal Lake in mid-November on a jig and a minnow on 8# test line.  
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