

Arlington Anglers

You'll Be Surprised What You Find



Bob Diebold
Arlington Anglers Fishing Club

Surprised, to say the least! That's what we said at the June meeting, when local guide and tournament fisherman, Rob Kasjanski, told us about the fishing on the Chicago River and connecting tributaries. When not repairing rods, reels and trolling motors at the Fishing Connection in Tinley Park (708-532-1476), Rob spends many hours on the water from the Calumet River all the way up the Chicago River to the locks downtown.

The color and quality of the water varies greatly from area to area as you head north. Rob targets smallmouth, but that's not to say you can't get an occasional largemouth, bluegill, crappie, carp, bluegill, or maybe even a northern pike. Depending on the water clarity and aggressiveness of the fish, Rob uses his whole tackle box arsenal until he finds what is working at that specific time and place. He successfully uses spinner baits, plastic worms, tube jigs, lizards, drop shot rigs, and crank baits.

There are many miles of river, but look for structure Chicago River style: weeds, barges, corrugated steel, walls, rip-rap, inlets, over hanging trees, bridge abutments, or maybe under the shade of a floating patch of trash. As you traverse the river look out for No Wake Areas, kayakers and long stretches of river lacking gas pumps.

Also at the June meeting, we heard about our Arlington Anglers Club trip to Lake Wabigoon in Ontario, Canada. Once the weather stabilized from snow to the 90's, the fishing picked up. Mike Maloney won the prize for the most fish and Cindy Elliott won the prize for the biggest. Plans are al-

ready being made for next year's trip.

Dates to remember: July 11-13 - Wisconsin River Dells; July 18 - Meeting; Aug 15 - Cook Out at Harper College Reservoir; Aug 18-20 - Menominee River.

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>



Bob Stolberg caught this nice 33 inch, 8 lb. northern pike on Lake Delevan on June 3rd. It has to be difficult getting the hook out while wearing mittens.

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