

# Arlington Anglers

## Getting Started on Geneva

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Lake Geneva can be a difficult lake to learn. It's a big, clear, deep lake (over 135 feet) and weekend boat traffic can be terrible. If you take it slow and don't get discouraged, it can be a great lake.

There's a lot of fish including smallmouth, largemouth, perch, rock bass, blue gills, crappies, northern pike, lake trout, brown trout, and some trophy walleyes.

You can get a jump start by talking to experienced Geneva fishermen. The Arlington Anglers got lucky in September and corralled one of the more knowledgeable and experienced fisherman on Geneva, Tom Billing.

Tom has fished on Geneva for 40 years and runs the Lake Geneva Fishing Guide Service. Tom offered these hints to be more successful on Geneva:

- Get a good map. Talk to people at the bait store. Charter a guide for a crash course.
- Look for weed beds, especially those coon tail weeds. The lake is clear enough to grow thick weeds out to 30 feet.
- The main forage in the lake are emerald shiners, perch, and crayfish. Start with those colors when selecting lures. Try purple or black plastics.
- Fish around boats and piers, but be careful of those expensive yachts. Pier cribs early in the spring before the piers go back in, can be dynamite.
- Once the water warms, try fishing the breaks, just inside the buoys, in about 18-20 feet of water. Keep moving until you find the active fish.
- Flat calm days can be tough as fish can see you with that ultra-clear water. Go around the point

where the wind is blowing.

- Try a week day if you can. You'll learn a lot more!
- Night fishing for bass can also be very productive.

Tom Billing has overcome a lot of adversity and has maintained a positive approach for finding those Geneva fish. The Arlington Anglers were very lucky to lure him down to Schaumburg to share his knowledge. Find out more about Tom's guide service at [lakegenevafishing.com](http://lakegenevafishing.com) Tom can also be reached at 262-248-3905.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Oct 6 Outing: Fox Chain,  
Oct 16 Meeting: John Coleman, Fishing the Kankakee, Oct 18-21 Outing: Clinton Lake, Camp Quest, Nov 3 Outing: Fox Chain (weather permitting), Nov 20 Meeting: Wild Game Dinner and Elections, Dec 9 Christmas Party and Awards Dinner

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

