

# Arlington Anglers

## Leveraging the Bass



### **Bob Diebold** Arlington Anglers Fishing Club

If you listen carefully to some sound concepts coming from a very accomplished bass fisherman, you can leverage those basic facts into a successful trip for pike, walleyes or other species.

At the July meeting, the Arlington Anglers were treated to an energy packed visit from Jim Crowley, imported from the Bloomington, IL area.

It was obvious that Jim loves to fish and really enjoys sharing his knowledge with others. Let's review some of his tactics and see how we can use them:

When starting out, look for the forage. That could be the minnows or the birds diving on the water, or plankton getting blown on a windy shore.

Once you identify the forage, try to match the size and color. If the water is clear, use lures that have details or colors closely resembling the forage.

If the water is stained or cloudy, try lures that are bright, contrast or make noise. In the heat of summer, try to determine the location of the thermo cline. Use a fish finder, a variety of deep runners, or maybe talk to the guy at the bait store. Use the right line. If you have to haul that bass out of the weeds don't even think about mono... use that braid! If that water is gin clear, use fluorocarbon to make the line disappear.

Jim's success as a fisherman is probably due to his organized approach. Don't bother putting a lot of junk in your tackle box. Take lures of your basic colors and sizes. Take along the weights that can be quickly added to get down to the fish.

Develop a plan and stick to it. Jim Crowley is an accomplished fisherman, author, guide, and TV program host. Find out more about this interesting guy at Jim Crowley Outdoors ([www.jimmyfish.net](http://www.jimmyfish.net)).

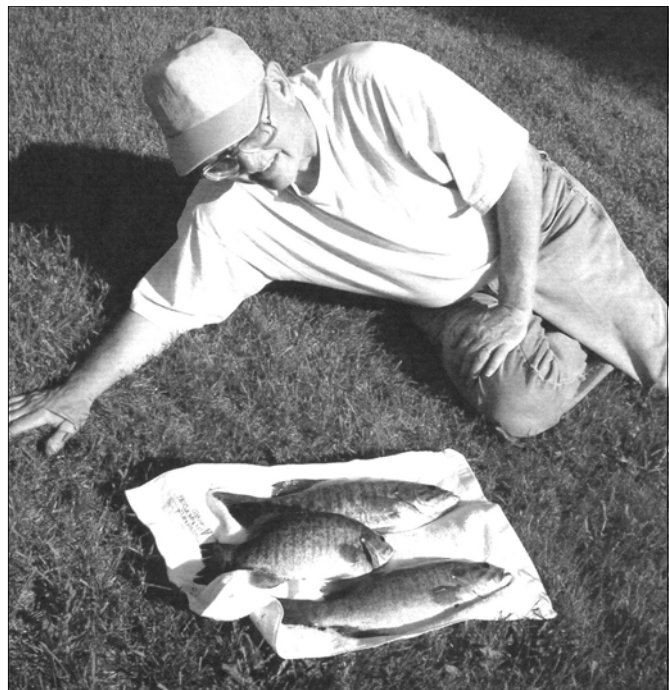
On August 21st, the Arlington Anglers held their annual picnic and cook-out at the Harper College Reservoir starting at 7:00 PM. Members were asked to bring a "dish" as the club provided the brats, burgers and brew.

Upcoming dates to remember:  
Sept. 9 Outing: Heidecke Lake and  
Sept. 15 Outing: Fox Chain

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>



*On a beautiful June day, Bill Dreyer admires three beautiful small mouth bass taken in Ely, Minnesota.*

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