

# Arlington Anglers

## Sharpen Those Fishing Skills



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**Arlington Anglers Fishing Club**

There are a lot of advantages of belonging to a fishing club: outings, fishing reports, camaraderie, finding new fishing buddies, etc.

What sets good fishing clubs apart from others is their commitment to consistently provide outstanding educational opportunities. That's where Arlington Anglers excels!

To start the year, the Anglers were lucky to host Dale Bowman, Jim Schaefer, and Mike Norris in consecutive months. In April, the Anglers hosted Jim Crowley (**jimmyfishcom**) who talked about fishing in manmade reservoirs. You can't fish the whole reservoir, so split up the lake into three logical areas, pick the area that matches the season and don't waste time on the wrong area:

- Upper Shallow, stained, cover (weeds, piers, trees, etc.)
- Middle Deeper, clearer, less timber
- Lower More clear, deep, less cover

Jim is one of the most knowledgeable and enthusiastic fisherman that we have ever met. Besides that, he makes sense; "Fishing is a game of odds; increase your chances and you'll be successful (most of the time)." Some of Jim's odds increasing techniques were:

- Use fluorocarbon in clear water situations.
- Try to keep your rod at an angle where you can set the hook at any time during your retrieve.
- Learn how the line feels going over wood, rock, grass. If it feels different, set the hook.
- Fish hit for two reasons: feeding and reflex. While retrieving try to include slow

crawling and quick ripping.

In June, the club hosted Mark Komo (**markkomo.com**) who shared his proven techniques for searching out walleyes. These techniques have worked for Mark on a variety of lakes and rivers on the Walleye Tour or just for fun:

- Stay on the bottom
- Match the hatch (forage)
- Use the right jig
- Change colors often
- Change your live bait
- Vary jig cadence
- One rod correct beats two rods wrong
- Boat control is the key to success
- Fish where the fish are

Dates to remember: August 2 Outing Lake Shabbona; August 16 Outing Lake Michigan Waukegan; August 19 Club Picnic at Harper College Reservoir; Sept 6 Outing Lake Geneva; Sept 16 Meeting with speaker; Sept 18 Outing Blackwell Forest Preserve; Sept 20 Outing Lake Michigan Waukegan; Oct 9-12 Clinton Lake Camp Quest.

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>



*Love that hat! Mr. Gopman with a friend as colorful as any rainbow! Or, peacock.*  
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