

Arlington Anglers

Muskie Fever

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Arlington Anglers Fishing Club

"I was a bass fisherman until six years ago, and then I caught my first 40+ inch, 20+ pound muskie." Ever since that day, Gary Dew has immersed himself into learning more about the fish of 10,000 casts, the elusive muskie. That intensity has paid off as Gary has become a professional on the Muskie Tournament Trail.

The Arlington Anglers were extremely fortunate to have Gary Dew speak at their March meeting. Gary's objective was to educate us about how and where to find muskies based on the time of year:

- March and April: Try shallow weedy/wooded bays with less than 5 feet of water. Try a few of your bass lures; rattle traps, spinner baits, jig & lizard. Stay Smaller.
- May: Stay shallow either early or late, but venture out of the bays during the days. Use top water baits like Top Raiders, Low Riders, or side to side jerk baits.
- June; Try weed flats with deep breaks. Use your standard muskie lures: buck tails with hair or try tinsel tails instead for a more bulked up profile.
- July and August: Improve your golf game as the water is too warm for good fishing.
- September and October: Try inside weed turns or try banks with weed edges and steep drops. Use bigger baits like Double Showgirls or other lures with a wide wobble or high vibration. Try a fast 4.5 to 5.0 mph trolls along contours or weed edges to entice an aggression strike.

Besides being an accomplished fisherman, Gary Dew is also a co-founder of Angler 911, a charitable



Muskie pro, Gary Dew talking about the Midwest muskie opportunities at the Anglers meeting on 3/17/09.
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organization of sportsmen who assist families that have had their lives complicated by cancer. Perhaps you have heard of their successful Walk On Water Ice Fishing Derby icebenefit.com fund raising event.

Dates to remember: April 30 to May 3 - Outing at Clinton Lake Camp Quest; May 9 - Outing at Lake Michigan/Waukegan Harbor; May 15-17 - Outing at Wolf River for white bass; May 19 - Meeting with Speaker; June 6 - Outing at Lake Delavan; June 16 - Meeting with Speaker; June 27 - Outing at Diversey Harbor for perch.

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>



Natalie Valenzo receives a PINK tackle bag from tackle rep, Cary Gelfond, at Arlington Anglers April Manufacturers Rep Night.

Thanks goes out to Cary & Plano Molding Co. for donating a number of products.

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