

# New Years Resolution: Learn More/Fish More/Catch More!

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A lot of New Year's Resolutions last somewhere between three months and 30 minutes when that first craving for a beer or a smoke hits you. As an alternative resolution, propose getting serious for these winter months and taking positive steps to learn more fishing techniques so that when the ice melts you can hit the rivers and lakes at full speed.

- Step #1 - Tell your family to forget the Christmas sweater or the latest "As Seen On TV" gadget. Tell them to buy a subscription to some informative magazine like In-Fisherman, Great Lakes Angler, or even Field and Stream. Maybe a hard bound Angling Book or fishing DVD would be appreciated under the tree. Libraries can provide similar resources at no cost.
- Step #2 - Take advantage of some of the shows in the area such as the Harper Muskie Show (Jan 8-10), the All Canada Show (Jan 14-17), or the Rosemont Outdoor Show (Jan 27- 31). Commit to attending a number of top notch seminars from the Pros. Stop at some of the manufacturers' booths to better understand the advantages of the new products and how to use them.
- Step #3 - Seek out and attend a local fishing club that meets your fishing needs. A good fishing club will provide varied methods to learn more about fishing. The best way is to provide quality speakers that share their experiences and techniques. Make sure the topics include different species and different methods. A club can also bring in fishing equipment manufacturers that can explain the latest trends and technologies without heavy duty sales pitches.

Most valuable, is the opportunity to fish with different club fishermen who

are willing to share their knowledge, hot spots, or maybe even boats. You'll be able to practice the techniques with instant feedback.

A fishing club will introduce you to a large number of new friends that share the same interests and hobbies. The club will provide outings and trips that you never would have even thought about. It will put together people that are looking for fishing buddies when the "bite is on." You'll find yourself fishing more frequently and in a lot of new places.

January or February is a great time to seek out and try out a new club after you hit the big fishing shows. You have a no-risk opportunity to see first hand what a club can do for you.

Attend our Arlington Angler's first meeting of the year on January 19th. Our speaker will be the knowledgeable Dale Bowman, the Outdoors Editor for the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper. Dale has been writing in the Sun-Times Outdoors section for over 10 years. He also has written for many magazines such as: Sports Afield, Outdoor Life, Lake Magazine, Shore and Boating Life.

Over sixty people attended the Club's Christmas Party on December 13th. The dinner and drinks served up by the La Mirage Restaurant were outstanding. Club officers for 2010



*Youngest Arlington Angler at age 13, Kyle Mikosz, receives a rod and reel from President Tom Curtin.*

*Please excuse Kyle's shirt.*

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*Mike Wood, at the Arlington Anglers Christmas Party, receives the club's Angler of the Year Award from John Madejczyk. Even though his entry of his 38" crappie was disqualified!*  
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were announced: Pres- Tom Curtin, VP- Mike Wood, Treasurer-Gary Elliott, Outings- Gerry Lopez, Speakers/Website- Pat Harrison, Newsletter- Bob Diebold, Big Fish Contest- John Madejczyk, Sergeant At Arms- Staff Machas and Don Johansen.

Big Fish Contest winners received awards and Mike Wood received the Angler of the Year Award. Attendees came away with Christmas presents, even if the reports from Santa were less than glowing. Dates to remember: January 3- Ice Fishing at Chain of Lakes; January 19- Meeting and Speaker Dale Bowman; February 16- Meeting and Speaker Steve New: New Tackle Products for 2010 & Techniques.

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