

Arlington Anglers Fishing Club

Greatest Time of the Year



By Bob Diebold

Spring is definitely the best time of the year for most fishermen. The fish may not be the biggest, but it's pretty easy to find them. You crappie fishermen can find pre and post fish up in those coves, trees, and brush piles. Lake Michigan fishermen can find their limits of cohos in the top ten feet of water. Who can forget those runs of walleyes or white bass in the Wolf River? This is the time of year to get out and try those new lures or reels.

In April, the Arlington Anglers had a *Crappie and Panfish Seminar*, compliments of Jim Kopjo, *the Crappie Professor*. Jim left us with a few tips to help us turn that crappie trip into a success:

- The ideal temperature for the crappie spawn is between 62 and 68°.
- The spawn will occur in the shallow water often close to brush or trees.
- Low light days due to clouds or sprinkles are the best.
- In the spring use small baits or plastics (Nitrogems, crappie nibbles, small minnows, spikes, wax worms, etc.)
- In summer go to larger fathead minnows or twister tails.
- Try casting small jigs or better yet, try slip bobbers to find suspended schools.



Ryan Elliott holds his 27", 7½ lb. walleye caught on the Chain O' Lakes on 5/21.

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Gary Elliott and Dave Stephans demonstrate fly fishing techniques at the 5/17 Arlington Anglers meeting held at the Harper College Reservoir. PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS

In May, the Arlington Anglers enjoyed a *Fly Fishing Demonstration* held at the Harper College Reservoir. Members Gary Elliott and Dave Stephans provided the valuable instruction. Everyone tried their hands with a number of different weight rods that could be used for going after bluegills or all the way up to big northerns or salmon. With a mini-lesson and a little practice, anyone could add this stealth presentation to their fishing repertoire.

The Arlington Anglers also had a great spring trek to Clinton Lake on the weekend of May 12th-15th. Everyone seemed to catch their fill of crappies, along with occasional catfish, white bass, largemouth bass and hybrid striped bass. Toss in a bonfire, poker, fish fry and a camp breakfast on Sunday and you have a perfect weekend. Join us for the October 6th- 9th trip.

This is a great time of year to seek out and try out a new fishing club. Looking for an outing, a new fishing buddy, or just some fishing information? You have a no-risk opportunity to see first hand what a club can do for you.

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 Sporting Goods (lower level) in the Streets of Woodfield Shopping Center, Schaumburg, IL. Door prizes, speaker, raffles, fishing reports: Give it a try!



Seth Mahler with his 15 lb. catfish caught on Clinton Lake on May 13th.

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Attend our annual Fishing Manufacturer's Rep. night on June 21st at 7:00 PM.
Learn about new products and tackle.

Please Note:

The meeting will take place at *Lee's Bait & Tackle*
Located at Arlington Heights & Higgins Roads in Elk Grove

Upcoming dates to remember:

June 3-5 Outing | Sturgeon Bay WI, Beach Harbor Resort (Jim Martinez)
June 11- Outing | Brown's Lake WI, Fischer Park Launch (Don Taylor)
June 13-15 Outing | Lake Erie Walleyes (Stafford Machas)
June 15 Outing | Fly and Spin Fishing on the Fox River at Elgin Dam (Jim Martinez)
June 21 Meeting | Manufacturer's Night at Lee's Bait & Tackle (Arlington Hts. & Higgins Roads)
June 22 Outing | Lake Beulah WI At Wilmer's Landing (Tom Curtin)
July 16 Outing | Lake Delavan WI, County Launch at 7:00 am (Jim Martinez)
July 19 Meeting | Lake Michigan Perch and Salmon Tactics (at Dick's in Schaumburg)

For further information contact our President, Tom Curtin at 312-560-9876 or visit our website at <http://www.arlingtonanglers.com>