

Arlington Anglers Fishing Club

Too Cold for Some of Your Fisherman?

By Bob Diebold

There are a certain percentage of fishermen that are willing to brave the elements and freezing Midwest winters to venture on to the ice in order to fish year round. Those die hard fisherman equipped with parkas, clam shells, or shanties have already made some good catches of bluegills and crappies on places like Nielsen's Channels, Pistakee or Channel Lake.

Now the remainder of you, more sane, fishermen can still keep your fishing edge by doing a number of things:

1. Collect those gift certificates from Dick's, Bass Pro, Gander Mountain, or Cabela's and buy that rod and reel that you have been wanting for the last few seasons.
2. Settle down in front of the fireplace and get out that stack of fishing magazines that you have not had enough time to read. Many of them like In-Fisherman, Fishing Facts, and many others are full of informative articles to improve your fishing knowledge and techniques. If you are on a budget, get a good book or fishing DVD out of your local library.
3. Take advantage of some of the shows in the area such as the Harper Muskie Show, The All Canada Show, or America's Outdoor Fishing & Hunting Show in Rosemont (Jan 26-30). 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.
4. Seek out and attend a local fishing club that meets your fishing needs. The best way is to look for 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 many 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.



Gary Elliott on the water hard or soft enables him to capture the Master Angler of the Year Award for 2010.

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Attend our Arlington Angler's first meeting of the year on January 18th. **Our speaker will be Cory Yarmouth providing a seminar on shore fishing Lake Michigan and surrounding tributaries.** Cory is an experienced angler and outdoor writer. Cory's articles can be found in the likes of Midwest Outdoors, Outdoor Notebook and various other publications. Don't miss this opportunity to learn Cory's techniques and tips to improve on your angling skills.

Club Christmas Party

Over fifty people attended the Club's Christmas Party on December 12th. The dinner and drinks served up by the LaMirage Restaurant were outstanding. Big Fish Contest winners received awards and Gary Elliott received the Master Angler of the Year Award.

Club officers for 2011 were announced:

President - Tom Curtin

Vice President - Mike Wood

Treasurer - Gary Elliott

Outings Director - Don Taylor

Speakers - Pat Harrison

Newsletter - Bob Diebold

Big Fish Contest - John Madejczyk

Webmaster - Terry Kennedy

Sergeants At Arms - Staff Machas and Don Johansen



Gary Elliott receives Master Angler of the Year Award

Upcoming dates to remember:

January 18 – Meeting and Speaker Cory Yarmouth

Jan 26 -30: Anglers Booth at America's Outdoor Fishing & Hunting Show

February 15: Meeting and Speaker

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!

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