

Fisherman's Resolution

Arlington Anglers Fishing Club

By Bob Diebold

Strange winter so far...There's no snow on the ground today, and there is very little ice on those lakes, bays and channels. This fishing lull gave me a chance to reflect on my fishing resolutions for 2012.



First off I decided my overall objective was going to: 1) fish more; and 2) fish more effectively. That sounds good, but how do I intend to make that happen? So I'll share the checklist that I developed:

- Get out the calendar and figure out what species will be biting when and where.
- Contact your fishing buddies so they can set aside those dates.
(Don't forget to get concurrence from the family social director (spouse).)
- 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.
- Pick some of your old favorite spots but don't be afraid to try new locations.
- Investigate some new spots identified in magazines, fishing shows, on the web, or with other members of your fishing club.
- Expand your list of fishing buddies. Invite that new club member out and suggest trying one of his favorite spots (and knowledge.)
- Do some research on that fishing spot before you hit the water: lake maps, DNR reports, buddies with experience on that water, local bait shops, etc.
- Understand that water better: weeds, clarity, temperature, game fish, forage, etc.
- Perfect the techniques that you are comfortable with. Practice if needed.
- Learn new techniques from articles, new buddies, or club seminars. Try drop-shotting, bottom bouncers, slip bobbers, etc.

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 17th. **Our speaker will be Jim De Rosa (Bass Pro Guide and Instructor) providing a seminar on Bass Techniques For All Conditions.** Don't miss this opportunity to learn Jim's techniques and tips to improve on your angling skills.



Alex Skelton holds his colorful Lake Geneva blue gill under the watchful eye of his favorite Uncle Kraig.
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The Arlington Anglers had their annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet at Chandler's Restaurant at Schaumburg Golf Course on Dec 11th. Mahler. Officers for 2012 were announced:

President	Tom Curtin
Vice President	Seth Mahler
Treasurer	Gary Elliott
Speaker Chairman	Pat Harrison
Outing Chairman	Mike Robson
Sgt. at Arms	Don Johansen & Staff Machas
Newsletter	Bob Diebold
Big Fish Chairman	John Madejczyk
Webmaster	Terry Kennedy



President Tom Curtin announces Arlington Anglers 2012 Officers at the Christmas Party, while Treasurer Gary Elliott reminds Tom that the club still has a budget.
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Big Fish Contest winners were announced and the *Master Angler of the Year Award* was presented to Seth Mahler.



Big Fish Contest Chairman, John Madejczyk, announces Arlington Anglers 2011 winners and hands out gift certificates.
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Dates to remember:

Jan 17 - Meeting –Speaker Bass Pro Jim De Rosa, Bass Techniques For All Conditions

Jan 26-29 - Rosemont Show, stop at our booth

Feb 21 - Meeting - Speaker Corey Yarmouth, Seminar on Lines, Hooks, and Rigs

Feb 25 - Club Dinner at the Bavaria Hof in Roselle at 6pm

Mar 3-4 - Great Outdoor Expo at Woodstock North H. S., stop at our booth

Mar 10 - Fishing Flea Market at Rolling Meadows HS, stop at our booth

Mar 20 - Meeting - Tribune Columnist Don Dziedzina on Cooling Lakes

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 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 312-560-9876 or visit our website at <http://www.arlingtonanglers.com>.