

Arlington Anglers

Tactics For Catching Big Muskies



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Every once in a while you run into someone who you soon realize is a real expert on a given subject. That happened at our July Meeting when Gary Dew shared some of his common-sense "big muskie tactics":

Muskies are predictable, aggressive feeders, and ambush predators.

Muskies relate to structure like: rocks, humps, cabbage weeds, drops, break lines, points, etc.

Muskies are a lot like real estate: location, location, location.

Look for combination locations:
Points with deep water escapes
Points with Cabbage flats near
Rock banks with drops, etc.

After you get a bite in a spot, go back with your eyes and electronics and figure out why that spot held a muskie.

You don't necessarily need huge baits to catch a huge muskie. They hit your walleye jig and minnow, so why wouldn't they hit a 6" lure? Switch up size and color until you connect.

Gary Dew is a professional fisherman on the Muskie Tournament Trail. He is also active in AnglerE911.com, the Andrea Lynn Cancer Fund, and the Walk on Water Ice Fishing Derby. 80% of the muskies that he has caught in the last 5 years have been over 40".

On June 10th, thirteen Arlington Anglers helped Cabela's put on their Kid's Fishing Derby at Busse Woods. The pan fish cooperated for the kids, along with a few catfish and bass. Cabela's provided bait, rods/reels, and prizes for some very happy young fishermen.

On June 19th., Dan Stefanich presented a seminar on How To Create Perfect Memories of Your Outdoor Adventures. Some tips that Dan shared:

Create a dramatic "depth of field" shot where your subject is in focus but the background is blurry.

Use a good memory card, at least 8 Gb. so you will never have to worry about getting a "not enough disc space" message in the middle of your photo shoot.

Set your white balance according to conditions. It will help keep highlights from "blowing out" (or going completely white).

Use a high resolution setting. If you happen to grab that once in a lifetime shot and want to print and frame it, you might not be able to if you are shooting low-res (it will turn out blurry).

Instead of meeting at Cabela's on August 21st, the Club will hold it's Annual Picnic and Cook-Out at the Harper College Reservoir starting at 6 PM. Late summer is a great time to seek out and try out a new club. You have a no-risk opportunity to see first hand what a club can do for you.

Attend our Arlington Angler's meeting on Sept. 18th. Our speaker will be Steve New on Line Types: How To Match Your Tackle To Your Prey. Don't miss this opportunity.

Dates to remember:

Aug 3 – Outing
Baseball Outing at Schaumburg Boomers

Aug 4 – Outing
Lake Beulah, Wilmers Landing Rd.

Aug 21- Club Picnic/Cook Out
Harper College Reservoir

Aug 25 – Outing
Lake Geneva, Fontana Launch

Sept 7-9 – Outing – Sturgeon Bay,
Beach Harbor Resort

Sept 8 – Outing – Camp Lake
99th St. Gravel Boat Launch

Sept 18 – Meeting – Steve New
Line Types: How to Match Tackle to Your Prey

Sept 19 – Outing – Fox Chain
Channel Lake, Thirsty Turtle

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.

Please note that we now meet at Cabela's which is located at 5225 Prairie Stone Pkwy, Hoffman Estates, IL just off I-90 at Illinois Rt 59. 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/>.