

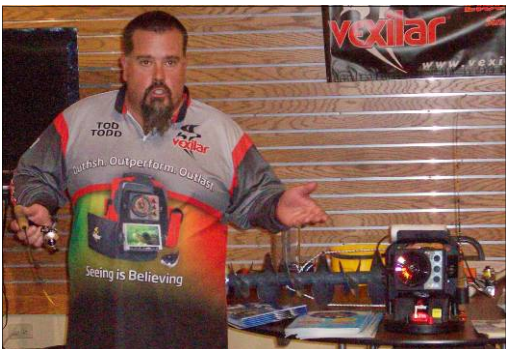
Arlington Anglers

Expand Your Fishing Horizons



Bob Diebold Arlington Anglers Fishing Club

About this time of year, many of us fisherman put away our fishing poles and winterize our boats. The fishing experience gets reduced to reading In-Fisherman and watching the good old southern boys haul in bass on television. There is however, a group of fishermen who make it a year round passion. Equipped with the right clothing and gear, they head out on to the ice to catch those walleyes, northerns, or any other pan fish that



Tod Todd identified the fish, jig, and bottom on the latest Vexilar unit at the October Anglers meeting. PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS

fry up pretty good in the pan.

At our October meeting, Tony Boshold and Tod Todd, brought in their ice fishing gear to show us how to get started and how to become more productive ice fishermen. Better yet, they dispelled the reasons why a lot of guys shun away from ice fishing:

TOO COLD: Dressed properly, you can spend the whole day on the ice. You have to layer your clothing. Start with thin polyester on your skin. The polyester wicks moisture or sweat away from your body. Cotton will absorb the moisture, and quickly shorten your day. Follow up with fleece hoodie, etc. Select an outer layer that will break the wind and repel rain/snow. That could be a one

piece suit or a parka/bibs combination. Padded and waterproof knees are great for kneeling on the ice. There are a lot of PAC boots that will keep your feet warm. Finish up with some good insulated gloves. If it's really cold and windy consider a pop up shelter with a heater.

SAFETY: Put spikes on your boots to prevent injuries from slipping on the ice. Bring a spud bar to test the ice as you go. Carry spikes attached to a rope around your neck. If you go thru the ice, the spikes will allow you crawl out. Have a life vest and a throwable rope. Keep your cell phone in a zip-lock bag.

BASIC EQUIPMENT COST: You can buy expensive gear or look on Craig's List for slightly used poles, electronics, shelters, etc. Hand augers for drilling holes are not very expensive. The next step up would be using your battery powered hand drill to turn that hand auger into a power auger.

The really serious ice fishermen buy gas powered augers so they drill and move all day until they find fish.

Tod Todd does a lot of educational ice seminars. **Tony Boshold** fishes the professional ice tournament tour and has represented the US at a number of international ice fishing competitions. Check out:

<http://www.tonyboshold.com/>

The winter season is a great time to seek out and try out a new club to fine tune your fishing strategies. You have a no-risk opportunity to see

first-hand what a club can do for you.

Dates to remember:
Nov 1-2 – Outing Wisconsin Dells River's Edge Resort

**Nov 19 – Meeting
Pizza, Elections, and Fishing
Manufacturing Reps.**

**Dec 7 – Annual Christmas Party
and Awards Banquet
Buca di Beppo**

**Jan 21 – Meeting
Speaker TBD**

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 6:30 to 9:00 PM. **Please note the time change.** We 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!



Tony Boshold shows the latest in gas powered ice augers at the October Anglers meeting. PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS

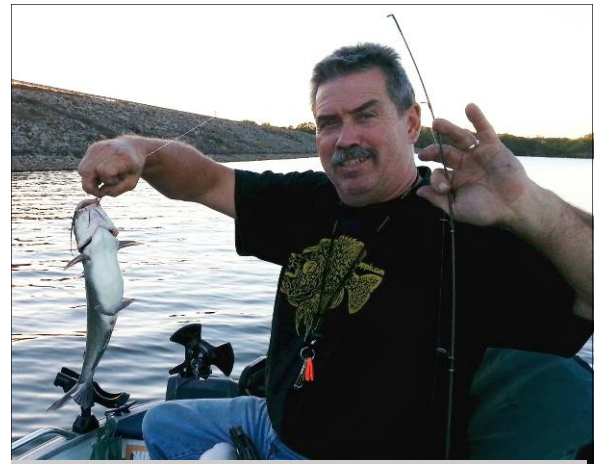
For further information call our President Tom Curtin at 312-560-9876 or visit our website at <http://arlingtonanglers.com> that includes our Events Calendar, Outings photos, etc.

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Greg Michala shows his walleye and crappies on the table at the Anglers October outing at Lake Clinton. PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS



Pat Harrison holds his pet catfish at the Anglers October outing at Lake Clinton. PHOTO BY:

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The weather and fishing was great for the 30 members and families for the October fishing/camping trip to Lake Clinton. PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS