

Arlington Anglers

Ice Ideal for Some, Others Waiting for Spring



Bob Diebold

Arlington Anglers Fishing Club

All of the local lakes are freezing up, so it looks like we could have some safe ice conditions for the Holidays and as well as into 2014. Make sure you test that ice as you go. This may be the year for you ice fishermen!

It really has to be perfect conditions for me to wander out on to the ice. I guess I could tolerate the cold weather more when I was younger. I'd rather start planning my 2014 warm weather fishing. I'm always looking for ways to fish more and fish more effectively. Here's my preliminary checklist:

- Clean up and repair your fishing gear. Get rid of things that you'll never use on Craigslist or at the Rolling Meadows Fishing Flea Market.
- 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
- 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).
- Pick some of your old favorite spots but don't be afraid to try new locations.
- Expand your list of fishing buddies. Invite that new club member out and suggest trying one of his favorite spots (and knowledge).
- Increase your fishing knowledge. Read books/magazines, find online articles, attend seminars at the shows, or listen to some expert talks at a fishing club...
- 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 Kick-off and New Member Night on January 21st. **Our speaker will be Sun-Times Outdoor Writer, Dale Bowman, providing a seminar on Local Fishing Opportunities.** This will be a very interesting and enjoyable session..

The Arlington Anglers had their annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet at *Bucca di Beppa's Restaurant* in Lombard on Dec 7th. This year the Club donated children's gifts as part of the well-known *Toys For Tots Program* run by the Marines Reserve.

Big Fish Contest winners were announced and the Master Angler of the Year Award was presented to Chris Popp.

Officers for 2014 were also announced:

President	Tom Curtin
Vice President	Seth Mahler
Treasurer	Gary Elliott

Secretary	Jim Martinez
Speaker Chair	Pat Harrison
Outings Chair	Bert Saxon
Newsletter	Bob Diebold
Big Fish Chair	John Madejczyk
Webmaster	Kristie Powell
Sgt at Arms	Don Johansen & Staff Machas

Dates to remember:

Jan 21 - Meeting

Dale Bowman on Local Fishing Opportunities

Jan 23-26 - Club Booth

Schaumburg Fishing, Travel and Outdoor Expo

Feb 18 - Meeting

Andrew Ragus on Large and Small Bass Opportunities in IL & WI Waters.

Mar 8 - Club Booth

at the Rolling Meadows HS Fishing Flea Market

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.

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!

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

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At the Annual Christmas Party, Deborah and Seth Mahler collect boxes of gifts for the Marines Toys for Tots Program.
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Bob Diebold grins from ear to ear with a 10 point buck, shot in the first hour of the shot gun season in Ogle County.
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John Madejczyk at the Christmas Party, presents Chris Popp with the Arlington Anglers Master Angler of 2013 Award..
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Henry Comp says this 39" Northern Pike was caught in Hoffman Estates, but it really looks more like Ontario.
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