

# Arlington Anglers

## *Mastering the use of Floats & Bobbers*

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Remember the first time your Dad took you fishing? He probably maneuvered a glob of slimy worms on your hook and threw out your line with a red and white bobber the size of a baseball. You were then instructed to wait until the bobber went under at which point you were to yank the lips right off that fish.

Well the science of using those floats have come a long way since then as the Arlington Anglers were reminded by speaker and guide Pat Harrison ([patharrisonoutdoors.com](http://patharrisonoutdoors.com)) at the September Meeting:

- a. All floats/bobbers must be matched with the weight of the hook, bait, and lead on the line so as to float about 50% submerged.
- b. Most floats have two or three colors arranged concentrically from top to bottom. This is done to easily identify fish not only pulling down but those species that swim upward with the bait.
- c. Fixed bobbers are easy to attach to a line, but are often limited to shallow water appli-

cations because the bobbers cannot be reeled thru the line guides.

d. Slip bobbers have a wider use because they can be used in any depth of water and fish suspension level. Knots of thread are tied on the line at the appropriate distance from the hook. This method takes a



moving down a stream can be more readily spotted. The list goes on.



Arlington Anglers Rich Sutton and Garland Powell get detailed instruction on the use of Floats/Bobbers from speaker and guide Pat Harrison (center). **PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS**

little more preparation, as the line has to be fed thru the knot, bead, and float ahead of time. The knot can be wound into the reel (the float "slips" down to the hook or stopper weight or swivel) and depths can easily be adjusted.

e. There are many other applications for floats. Lighted floats can make night fishing easy. Special floats can be attached to fly lines so that flies

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

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new places. See you at our October meeting as we learn about using **Fishing Apps on our Smart Phones and PC's.**

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

Dates to remember:

### **Oct 16-19 - Outing**

*Clinton Lake- Fishing/  
Camping at Camp Quest*

### **Oct 21 - Meeting**

*Fishing Apps for Smart Phones  
and PCs*

### **Nov 7-9 - Outing**

*Wisconsin River at the River's  
Edge Resort*

### **Nov 18 - Meeting**

*Elections and Winter Steel-  
heading Seminar*

### **Dec 6 - Christmas Party and Awards Banquet**

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!



**Arlington Angler Mike Bierman proudly displays this 34 inch Northern Pike recently caught on the club's outing on Pistakee Bay. PHOTO BY: ARLINGTON ANGLERS**