

## AL LINDNER BIO

### FAVORITE FISH: SMALLMOUTH BASS

During a long career spanning the most revolutionary years in sport fishing history, Al Lindner ranks among one of the most renowned leaders in the fishing industry. He continues to fish avidly for all freshwater fish, averaging about 180 days a year on the water, and is recognized and hailed as one of the world's best all-around anglers.



As co-host of Lindner's Angling Edge and Fishing Edge television series, Al remains immensely popular as one of the best-recognized angling authorities in North America. Al, however, has always worn many hats, and even his most avid fans may not realize the extent of his past and present involvement with all aspects of the fishing business.

Foremost among his current efforts, Al is one of the forces at Lindner Media Productions, which specializes in producing educational fishing programs, national TV commercials, product sales presentations, point-of-purchase product videos shown internationally in sporting goods stores and on the internet and provide their trademark underwater and aerial photography to the sport fishing industry.



Al has seats in five different fishing halls of fame. It was a great honor to be inducted into the prestigious International Game Fishing Association (IGFA) Hall of Fame. He has been recognized in the Professional Bass Fishing Hall of Fame, and listed as one of the 35 most influential bass fishing pioneers and visionaries by Bassmaster Magazine. Al also has been honored in the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame as a Legendary Angler, and later enshrined into the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame as an educator. He won the Samuel C. Johnson Fishing Journalist of the Year award for his contributions to the fishing industry in the fields of journalism, conservation and philanthropic leadership. Al was also inducted into the Normark Hall of Fame for the indelible mark of his involvement with Normark. And last but not least he was also invited into the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame. In addition, Al has received countless other awards for his contribution to sportfishing and the sportfishing industry.

Al was a co-founder of the In-Fisherman Magazine and Communication Network which was honored by the Minnesota Magazines and Publications Association and received the Hedley Donovan Award for its contributions to the Minnesota magazine industry. Al's long and honored career as an author, host of syndicated radio and TV fishing shows, video producer, fishing guide, tackle manufacturer, lecturer and champion tournament angler, and an internet and social media icon, has spanned 50 years of the most revolutionary years in the history of sportfishing.

His continuing dedication to teaching youth to fish reached a high point when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service used Al's In-FisherKIDS Camp Fish formula as a nationwide teaching tool. Of all his titles, however, Al prefers that of "Angling Educator," a lifelong obsession he tirelessly pursues.

Al is a two-time Bassmaster tournament winner and has competed in 3 Bassmaster Classic Championships events. Besides being one of the earliest and more famous participants in professional

tournament fishing, he is one of the few fishermen who has successfully fished and won major bass tournaments in the South as well as professional walleye tournaments in the North.

Al played an important role in developing and promoting many angling concepts, procedures, products and language that today's anglers often take for granted. With his brother, Ron, he helped formulate a classification system for categorizing lake, river, and reservoir types. He is also known for patterning fish response by calendar season.

Al, along with Ron, James, Daniel, Troy, Nick and Bill Lindner, are the creative forces behind Lindner Media and it's wide variety of award-winning productions, and has a long and storied history in the fishing business.

As inventors of the Lindy Rig, the No-Snagg sinker, as well as a number of other well known tackle products, the Lindners sold their stakes in Lindy Tackle in 1973, and sold the In-Fisherman Magazine and Communication Network in 1998. Today, Al and the Lindner family focus their efforts on Lindner Media Productions, whose client list includes some of the most respected names in the outdoor industry.