



Fishin' Tales II

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January Membership Meeting

- **When:**
 - Tuesday, January 29 2018 7:30pm
- **Where:**
 - American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
 - Matt Lubaway, Rod builder
- **Other Happenings:**
 - Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
 - Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
 - Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**
 - www.detroitsteelheaders.com Post to the message board and check out the entire site.



Happy New Year

The Presidents Message

Thankfully, the political divide that consumed most aspects of life in 2017, didn't affect the fishing. I'm a firm believer that all fisherman are of like minds and it doesn't matter if the bite is red hot, or just a little off, it's always good just to get out.

I was fishing between the holidays. It was cold and snowy with temps approaching single digits. I was with a buddy and we were floating on a boat in the middle of nowhere. I was enjoying the serenity of the forest when the first fish hit. I never caught a glimpse of him but could tell by the vicious strike, and bend in the rod, it was a nice Steehead. Somehow that fish managed to work free from the treble, but it didn't matter because it's not always about the fish.



There are many ways to measure success. Instinctively, I find myself looking back each January to contemplate successes and failures from the previous year. As president of the Detroit Area Steelheaders, our success is not necessarily measured by the number of fish caught. The DAS fishin' mission, is to protect and promote the great lakes sport fishery. It is the broad measure we use to guide our club.

In 2017 we embarked on an effort to raise the awareness of how our fisheries are managed, identify the various stakeholders, and align our resources for optimum impact. I believe we made good headway meeting these objectives, and the collective voice of our members has resulted in greater influence.

We are always looking for kindred spirits to join us. If you are an expert fisherman, or interested in improving your fishing skills, please consider adding your voice alongside ours.

Tom Gorguze
President
Detroit Area Steelheaders
(2016-2017)

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Detroit Area Steelheaders

Find us on:
facebook.**MEMBERSHIP NEWS****Currently: 177 Members****NEW (Welcome)**

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Tackle Matters

Our "Every Member", "Tackle Raffle", and "50:50 Raffles" were a success this year. Our entire raffle program is intended to be a member benefit that helps keep the monthly member meetings interesting and fun. The members seem to be enjoying them because they keep supporting them. I attempt to keep the tackle raffles interesting by placing different items on the table that members enjoy. If I get too focused on fishing tackle, I will soon hear from members that they have "more tackle than they need". That's why you see tools, things for the boat, camping stuff, cooking stuff, and some clothing. If you have items that you would like to see on the tackle raffle table please let me know and I will see what I can do.

The club paid out on the "Every Member" drawing four times in 2017. That's not a bad average considering there are 177 members and our average meeting attendance is 58 people.

The 50:50 raffle is the easiest sell we have because members can see a direct risk/reward relationship. It also helps that we pay out close to 57% of what we collect.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the raffles and I hope we can keep things rolling along throughout 2018.

Dan Chisholm 2017 raffle chairman.

**DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC.**

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Membership Application

- ☐ New Member - \$35 Yearly ☐ Renewal - \$35 Yearly
☐ Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly ☐ Address Change only
☐ Junior (under 16) - \$20 Yearly (Electronic Newsletter)

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Special People

2017 Trolling Season Review

The 2017 Boat Trolling season kicked off with an April 22 tournament at Port Sanilac. We had good participation with 10 boats registered at the Saturday morning Captain's Meeting. We were fortunate with the weather. Even though the morning temperature was below 40 degrees, light winds and clear skies made things comfortable. Lake Trout were the featured species for the day. At the weigh-in, the 10 boats had a total of 26 lakers, 3 coho, 1 steelhead, and one king. Total catch weight for the day was 215 lbs, with the average fish weighing 7 lbs. Vicki' Seacret took first place with a score of 70.95 pts. Vicki's Seacret also had the biggest fish, a 12.8# Lake Trout. Port captain Dan Chisholm and crew provided a nice lunch at the weigh-in.

Our 2nd tournament was scheduled for May 6th at St Joe. But Mother Nature had different plans with strong North winds and huge waves all weekend, causing a cancellation of the tournament.

Next up was our 2-day tournament at Grand Haven on May 20-21. Seven boats participated. A nice batch of Kings were caught this weekend. On Saturday the weather was so-so, but fishable. The rain held off until the weigh-in, and then the storm forced everyone to take shelter under the parking lot canopy to enjoy the lunch that was provided by port captain Jim Zanke and crew. Saturday's score had Sea Hag in first place with a comfortable 27 point lead over Vicki's Seacret, with Bobby's Toy in third. Sunday's weather was much nicer, and the catching was better too. Bobby's Toy found some nice kings this time, and managed a come-from-behind tournament win with a combined score of 115.2 pts, only 1.5 points ahead of Sea Hag. The 2-day total catch for the tournament consisted of 39 Kings, 2 Steelhead, 1 Coho, and 2 Lake Trout, and once again the average fish weighed in at 7 lbs. The biggest fish was a nice 14.25# steelhead caught by Saluki (John Meade).

Two weeks later we were back on Lake Huron for a tournament at Harbor Beach on June 3. It was another Lake Trout bonanza. Eleven boats participated and caught 63 lakers and 5 steelhead, with the average fish weighing 6.6 lbs. Lake Buzzard (Fred Chartier) won 1st place with a score of 70.35 points. Vicki's Seacret won the big fish prize with a 14 lb laker.

We then had an 8 week break until our July 29 tournament at Holland. The summer fishing doldrums were in force this weekend. Five boats caught a total of 14 fish, consisting of 5 kings, 5 lakers, 2 coho, and 2 steelies, with the average fish weighing 8 lbs. Bad Dog (Tom Gorguze) took first place with a score of 64.2 points. Lake Buzzard had the biggest fish, a 15.7 lb King. Port captain Chris Turak provided a nice lunch for us at Eldeans Boatyard.

Next up was Ludington on August 12. Ludington is typically one of the best fishing ports we visit all year, but not this time! We had real nice participation with 13 boats, but the inclement weather on Saturday forced a 24 hr delay of the tournament. The south winds of Thursday and Friday did an about face, and on Saturday we had a real strong blow from the north that stirred up the lake. On Sunday the fishing was challenging, but we did have a lot of good quality 15-25 lb kings that made up for the slow fishing. At the weigh-in only 8 boats had caught fish. The total catch was 19 kings, 2 coho, and 1 lake trout. Thirteen of the 19 kings were over 15 lbs, and the average fish weighed in at 16 lbs. Port captain Joe von Grabe (Sloppy Joe) won first place with a score of 88.65 points and Tom Gorguze (Bad Dog) won biggest fish with a 25.7 lb king.

Our final tournament was on August 26 at Manistee. We had the best participation of the year with 15 boats registered. But again, the fishing was a challenge at what is usually one of our best ports. At the weigh-in there were only 29 fish: 13 kings, 12 coho, and 4 lake trout, and the average fish weighed in at 10 lbs. Sloppy Joe took first place with a score of 67.8 points, and Fred Chartier had the biggest fish with a very impressive 28.45 lb king!. Our port captain Bob Paradise, his wife Debbie, and the Almost Paradise crew cooked up a fantastic feast for us with grilled steaks, corn on the cob, and all the fixin's. It was a nice finale for the season!

Thanks to all of the Port Captains for the great job they did making the tournaments successful this year. We're looking forward the the 2018 Trolling Season, and we hope to see you all there!

Lake Michigan Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee Member

As a lifetime, active member of the Detroit Area Steelheaders, I have always pushed for the DAS to be active and have a voice with those that make decisions for our Great Lakes Fishery. In September of this year I was asked to be a member of the Lake Michigan Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee. I of course said yes, and they asked if I knew of any group that I would like to represent, as they like to have as much input as possible. My thoughts immediately went to the DAS. This opportunity has allowed me to give the club that voice, and I am honored to represent the DAS on this important committee.

The charge of the Lake Michigan Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee is to review and provide input and direction into the fishery goals, objectives and management plans for Lake Michigan. This Advisory Committee is a citizen based committee. Members will assist the Fisheries Division in charting the future course of fisheries management by providing a voice to and for the diversity of citizen interests in the Lake Michigan basin. Although we are based on the eastside of the state, we do fish all across the state and need to be heard on the issues for all of our Great Lakes. I will be posting all the agendas and the issues that are facing the Committee for our upcoming meetings. Our next meeting is April 17, 2018. Updates will also be given through the newsletter and the board of directors. Please feel free to contact me via the website message board, or through my email at capt.mwilliams@gmail.com, with any thoughts or concerns that you would like the committee to hear. This is our opportunity to be heard and informed on the issues that are facing Lake Michigan, and the future of our great fishery.

Upcoming Speakers

January – Matt Lubaway, Rod builder
 February - Mark Williams, Rapala fishing line and terminal tackle
 March – TBD
 April - Linda Bredernitz, Special People Coordinator

HELP WANTED

We need a volunteer to set up the Public Address system at our monthly meetings. If you are interested in helping out please let a board member know.

Saginaw river walleye event on February 10, 2018

The DAS nomads will be fishing on the Saginaw river for first time. This winter has been fantastic fishing all over the river. We have selected 2 locations to fish. The first one is the USS Edison destroyer located off Marquette Ave, down river from the Harry Truman bridge. This is the Saginaw valley naval ship museum. The other is Memorial park by Hooters restaurant. Both these areas have great parking with walking access to great fishing close by. Popular lures on the river are blue silver, or firetiger jigging Raps. in size 5 or 7. Guys have done well with a nice minnow on the bottom hook. On Feb. 8th I will post our final location or we could fish both areas. We will meet in the parking lot of one or both spots at 6:30 am. And fish until 1pm. Weigh in will follow at 2pm in the parking lot. New this year we will charge a \$5 entry fee per event. Pay me in advance or call me before 630 am start to say your in the event. We will have a big fish pool for the largest walleye by weight, \$5 entry. Paid in advance. For AOTY scoring we will weigh your best 5 walleye to determine winner. Lunch location is to be determined. There are many hotels close by. If you want to head up early or stay late, check out the Fairfield Inn on Wilder Rd. 989 667-7050. If you have any questions call me Blaise Pewinski 248 890-4517.

St Lukes Ice Outing

An ice outing to St. Lukes scheduled for Saturday January 27th will be the first Angler of the Year event in 2018. If you would like to join our nomads for this event you need an Ontario fishing license. You can get an Ontario license online, or at an official license issuer. An annual Sport license costs about \$55, a Conservation is about \$40 but does not allow a you keep a full limit. You will also need a current Outdoors card which is about \$10 for three years. A one-day Sport license is also available for about \$20 and does not require an Outdoors card purchase.

If you'll be joining us, call Bob Paradise at 586 457-4073. There is a \$5 outing fee and an optional \$5 big fish pool. Lunch will be served on the ice. Be at St. Lukes by 7:30 AM at the duck hunting club at the end of Rivard. The hunt club charges \$5 per person for parking. The lot before the hunt club charges per person, plus an ATV fee. As of now the car ferries at Algonac and Marine City are iced in so you'll need to cross at Windsor or Sarnia.

Chefs Corner

Shrimp 'N Bacon Chowder

Directions

1. In a large pot over medium-high heat, brown bacon until crisp. Transfer bacon to a plate and reserve fat in pan.
2. Add onions and cook until softened, 6 minutes. Add flour and stir continuously with wooden spoon until absorbed, about 1 minute.
3. Stir in chicken stock, half-and-half, potatoes, green onions, salt and pepper and simmer on medium-low until potatoes are tender, 10 minutes.
4. Add shrimp and simmer until pink, 2 to 3 minutes, then stir in half the cooked bacon.
5. Garnish with remaining bacon and green onions.

Ingredients

- 8 oz. bacon, chopped
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 3 c. low-sodium chicken stock
- 2 c. half-and-half
- 1 russet potato, peeled and chopped into 1/2" cubes
- 1/4 c. chopped green onions, plus more for garnish
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 lb. medium or large shrimp, peeled and deveined, roughly chopped

2018 Detroit Steelheaders Events

Jan			
16	DAS BOD Mtg 7:00PM		
27	Ice Outing St Lukes - Bob Paradise 586 457-4073		
30	DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM		
Feb			
10	Ice Outing Bay City - Blaise Pewinski 248 890-4517		
13	DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM		
27	DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM		
Mar			
3	Wild Game Dinner		
13	DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM		
24	Manistee River vs. Metro West - Bob Paradise 586 457-4073		
27	DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM		
Apr			
10	DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM		
21	Trolling Tourney Lexington - Dan Chisholm 586 530-9171		
24	Brown Trout Outing Manistee - Adam Plank 616 570-6441		
28	DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM		
May			
5	Trolling Tourney St Joe - Blaise Pewinski 248 890-4517		
12	Walleye Outing St Cl Rvr Algonac Tom Gorguza 248 343-8397		
15	DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM		
19/20	Trolling Tourney Grand Haven 2 Day - Jim Zanke 586 489-2041		
29	DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM		
June			
2	Trolling Tourney Harbor Beach - Joe Von Grabe 586 945-4334		
12	DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM		
16	St Cl River Whipping Outing - Carl Ventimiglia 586 615-7459		
26	DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM		
July			
7	Linwood Walleye Outing - Don Jasman 586 292-3120		
14	Trolling Tourney Holland - Chris Turak 586 321-3228		
17	DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM		
31	DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM		
Aug			
4	Trolling Tourney Ludington - Bob Jones 734 751-1767		
11	Trolling Tourney Manistee - Tom Gorguza 248 343-8397		
25	Trolling Tourney Rogers City - Ken Cione 248 227-1601		
28	DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM		
Sept			
11	DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM		
15	Perch Outing Strling St Pk - Gaspare Aragona 248 330-1774		
25	DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM		
Oct			
6	River Outing Platt/Betsie/PM - Bob Paradise 586 457-4073		
16	BOD Mtg 7:00 PM		
27	River Outing (Big Tom) Lud - Bob Paradise 586 457-4073		
30	DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM		
Nov			
3	Lk Shr Motel Outing Manistee - Bob Paradise 586 457-4073		
13	DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM		
27	DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM		
Dec			
8	Caseville Lake Trout Outing - Blaise Pewinski 248 890-4517		
11	DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM		
18	DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM		

Meetings are held at the Amer- Polish Cultural Ctr at 15 & Dequindre

Red = Trolling Tournaments

Blue= Angler of the Year Outing

Green=Membership Meeting

DAS Scholarships

In cooperation with the Lake Superior State University Foundation, we established the "Detroit Area Steelheaders Fisheries Scholarship". The purpose is to provide financial assistance to a student majoring in the LSSU Biology, or Fisheries and Wildlife Management program, with a focus on fisheries.

The scholarship is a \$1500 annual award. LSSU students may submit a letter of application to the Chair of Biological Sciences. This award does not automatically renew, however past recipients may apply. **Successful candidates must be a full-time student of at least Sophomore status, must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and must be a resident of the state of Michigan.**

Members of the biological sciences faculty recommend a recipient from the applicants for final approval by the Financial Aid Office. This year's recipient was kind enough to share the following:

"I would like to thank you and your foundation for selecting me to be the recipient of the Detroit Area Steelheaders Fisheries Scholarship. I gratefully accepted the reward and plan to make the best of it. Obtaining a Fisheries and Wildlife Management degree from Lake Superior State University has always been a dream of mine. After spending my first semester at LSSU, I know this is the place I am meant to be. I have a new family that is irreplaceable. The people here are the friendliest I have ever been around. Every professor and faculty member at the college is what every student dreams to be, exceptionally helpful and has great knowledge of the material. My goal of graduating as one of the people in my major is underway and this scholarship motivates me to work harder. Once again, thank you so much for selecting me as the recipient of this award!

Sincerely,
Daniel Blair

2017 Detroit Area Steelheaders Board Of Directors Official Election Results

Date December 19, 2017

Location: American Polish Cultural Center

Occasion: Annual meeting and Board of Directors election

Ballots: 50 member ballots

Three-year term beginning January 2018

Results:

Candidate	Votes	Term Expiration
Tom Goguza	49	December 2020
Bob Paradise	49	December 2020
Dan Chisholm	47	December 2020
Bob Feisel	48	December 2020
Carl Ventimiglia	43	December 2020
Hillary Clinton	01	



Why a small hook WINS for Great Lakes Steelhead

The sport of fishing is a lifelong journey of learning throughout one's life as we pursue our favorite fish species be it river or lake. No matter what you're fishing for we all have one thing in common, the fishing Hook. Whether fishing mono, fluorocarbon, braid or a fly line. Spinning reel or bait casting reel we all differ on what we like to fish with.

Man, invented fishhooks 20,000 years ago, and as years passed man kept perfecting the Hook. Today, the avid angler enjoys the best fishing hooks of all time. The manufacturing process kept improving over time and we now have hundreds of different styles for certain types of fish and methods.

In 2005 "Forbes" voted the fishing Hook was in the top 20 tools of all time that helped man. Today manufacturers have many metal choices to make hooks. High carbon steel, steel alloyed with vanadium or even stainless steel just to name a few. A Hook is still very soft after being manufactured, the hooks get heated again and placed in oil, in a high-density oven for the hardening process. Once the hooks come out hard and brittle they need to go into another oil bath but this time at 300 degrees for 1 hour to complete the tempering process. The goal is to end up with a Hook that's strong but yet supple.

If the person making these hooks at the factory isn't on their game. And do not leave the hooks in for a specific time and temperature to complete the final Hook process. The angler could end up with hooks that are brittle and fail. For the record, I believe harder metals are more brittle than others. The harder the metal instead of flex you could have a break. Hence why the factory must get it right during the hardening and tempering process. All metals and hooks will flex and break under a certain load. The good news is, advances in tempering and the blending of metals today have resulted in the strongest hooks to date.

Hooks today are coated with either a clear lacquer or with gold, nickel, Teflon, tin or colors for packaging. The world's greatest fishing hooks are made from premium grade high carbon steel. For a great Hook, you have to start with a superior material to get a premium product. So, today's smaller hooks are stronger, lighter and sharper than ever.

What Hook Features I Look For

We covered the beginning evolution of the Hook and its manufacturing processes, let's delve into why a Hook and Knot choice is so important to the angler. In this article, we will discuss my favorite hooks and Knots for Steelhead fishing and why. These opinions we will discuss are just that, an opinion. But after thousands of fish and years later many will agree with my results and reasons. The eye of the Hook can affect the Hooks performance. Today's Hook eyes come in one of 3 ways upturned, down turned or straight, each eye design has a time and a place.

For Steelhead fishing, here are the Features in hooks that I feel are important. I want a Small Light Wire Hook for several reasons. They prevent hang-ups, in clear water the fish do not see them as easy and they are perfect for Light leaders. The Hook tacks to the fish's mouth. A lighter wire short shank Hook does not drag your bait to the bottom.

This allows the angler to present the bait in a more finesse presentation. In stained water, I will use Hook sizes 4-6 and in clear water sizes 8-12. People for years have their doubts of short shanked Light wire hooks for steelhead.

The Benefits of using smaller hooks:

1. With a smaller hook that has a shorter shank will have less leverage to work open a big hole causing the Hook to pop out.
2. Small hooks with a wide gap by nature are difficult for the fish to throw once it's buried. Use the largest Hook gap you can get away with, without spooking the fish.
3. Light wire hooks offer better penetration with less resistance. This results in better Hook ups.
4. The larger barb on a Hook will hold a fish better but always prevents a good Hook set. The lighter wire hooks with a micro barb are best suited for Great Lakes Steelhead.
5. An offset Hook with a razor point is very important to your success.

Is the Hook Vertical or Horizontal?

What happens when a fish closes its mouth? When the fish closes its mouth, the Hook rotates and lays flat and is no longer in a vertical position the Hook point is now facing sideways and horizontal. When you set the Hook that's when the offset Hook bites and drives the Hook home. Offset hooks are dynamite.

You should end up on the side of the mouth near the upper or lower jaw. In this scenario, the Hook-eye position would make no difference on Hook-ups. If the fish's mouth is closed, and the Hook is laying sideways. You should get the same performance up-on Hook set with any style Hook-eye and Knot, right?

The answer is no because when fishing for Steelhead and salmon I believe things are little different from let's say a bass. Because a Steelhead and salmon are always opening and closing their mouths, I prefer a straight or upturned eye on my all my hooks.



I love a turned-up eye Hook that faces away from the Hook point creating more space between the shank and Hook point. This results in better Hook ups, and is a great feature when using Smaller hooks. Especially when fishing sizes 8-12 on larger fish.

Knot Choice

I love a Palomar Knot and use that Knot a lot, but the Knot I use the most is a Snell Knot when fishing bait. A Snell Knot creates a direct line pull, because its tied to the shank of the Hook. The Hook point and line move in the same direction, resulting in better Hook sets and penetration. Not mention the more leverage the Snell Knot provides when trying to fight these fish. If you think about it Knots tied on the Hook-eye move around the eye of the Hook while fighting a fish, creating friction. When you have friction, you will have line and knot failure. When using an upturned eye Hook, tied with a Snell Knot sometimes a little more force to set the Hook is needed. But, by using the Light Wire Hook, with a micro barb and wide gap it's the perfect deadly combination for Great Lakes Steelhead.

From a conservation standpoint, Smaller hooks are better for the fish. You're less likely to Hook eyeballs, the back of the fish's tongue and the gills. That's always good for the fish when we can release them unharmed. When it comes to hook choices it can be over whelming seeing how so many hooks are available today. Great Lakes Steelhead are typically smaller fish than out west. Here more of a finesse presentation is the name of the game when fishing for over fished fish.

The light wire hooks do not slow or change my offerings current speed. Instead they allow me to deliver that bait perfectly to the fish with a more natural presentation. In the Great Lakes are fish tend to run smaller than out west. Some believe a larger hook also has benefits and I would agree with that to a point. At the end of the day getting more bites will translate into more fish. For me the smaller light wire hooks are the way to go for fussy steelhead. Little hooks make big things happen in the steel-head world!

Roger Hinchcliff

Steelhead Manifesto

19th Annual Sportsman's Dinner



I would like to encourage anyone who has not attended this dinner to come and try it. We put on a really great event, and the dinner is our only Fund Raiser for the year. This dinner makes everything you like about this club possible. We could always use an extra hand. So if you would like to be a volunteer, give me a call.



Thanks,
Carl Ventimiglia
WGD Chairman



Tables of 10 paid in full by January 30th will receive \$100 in raffle tickets.
For tickets, contact Bob Jones:
gitroller2003@yahoo.com • 734-751-1767



Detroit Area Steelheaders Giving Exceeds \$100,000!

For 43 years the Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. (DAS) has contributed to numerous worthwhile causes which we believe serve our stated organizational goal of promoting and protecting Great Lakes sport fishing. Thanks to our members and contributors who have helped us raise funds to make these donations.

The following donations made in 2017 add to the living and growing list of donations made since our inception. The complete list can be found at www.detroitsteelheaders.com/donations.html

November, 2017 - \$1000. To Support the Great Lakes Salmon Initiative and help their participation in the Lake Michigan Citizen's Fishery Advisory Committee meetings .

September, 2017 - \$500. For Support of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC).

July, November 2017 - \$2650. To fund & increase the (3) \$1000 Fishery-related Scholarships at Lake Superior State University to (3) \$1500 Scholarships for the next 3 years.

June, 2017 - \$500. To help fund the Farmington Optimist's Breakfast Club Project F-I-S-H program.

May, 2017 - \$500. To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.

April, 2017 - \$1000. To the Michigan DNR's Salmon Ambassadors Program.

February, May, June 2017 - \$1500. To fund our own Special People fishing outing.

February, 2017 - \$1000. To the Youth Development Commission for their 2017 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.

February, 2017 - \$297. To the Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts of America.

January, February, April, October, December 2017 - \$2150. To continue funding Salmon in the Classroom projects at Oakland Christian K-12, Pine Knob Elementary & Kennedy Middle schools and fund a new Salmon in the Classroom project at Divine Child school.

(Please see www.detroitsteelheaders.com/donations.html for the complete listing)

DAS Skipper's Honor Roll

2017		2014		2011		2008	
1. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret	1. Paul Gjeldum	Blue Horizon	1. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog	1. Mark Williams	Silver Addiction
2. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog	2. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret	2. Bob Paradise	Almost Paradise	2. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog
3. Fred Chartier	Lake Buzzard IV	3. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy	3. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag	3. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret
		4. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog	4. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret	4. Dave Linder	No Limit
		5. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe	5. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy	5. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy
2016		2013		2010		2007	
1. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy	1. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret	1. Bob Paradise	Almost Paradise	1. Bob Paradise	Almost Paradise
2. John Meade	Saluki	2. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog	2. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog	2. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe
3. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag	3. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe	3. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy	3. Mark Williams	Silver Addiction
		4. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag	4. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe	4. Tim Robinson	Pride N Joy
		5. Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	5. E-Fish-N-Sea	Doug Karakas	5. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret
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1. John Meade	Saluki	1. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog	1. Mark Williams	Silver Addiction	1. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe
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4. Dan Chisholm	Channing	4. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag	4. Bob Paradise	Almost Paradise	4. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy
5. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag	5. Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	5. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret	5. Dave Linder	No Limit

The complete Skipper's Honor Roll since the founding of the DAS can be found at www.detroitsteelheaders.com/walloffame.html

2018 ANGLER OF THE YEAR

Angler of the year events give DAS members the chance to get involved in different types of fishing. These events are great opportunities to enjoy friendly competition, while learning from some of the best DAS fisherman hosting events. In 2018 we have 12 events scheduled which encompass a variety of techniques to challenge everybody involved. Above all, these are intended to be fun events. They are designed to introduce new techniques and get members involved while doing what we love most, fishing in Michigan. We have implemented a few new rules intended to make events run smoothly. Details for the June and October 6th events are yet to be finalized. Hope to see all of you at some of these events. If you have any questions or ideas for our AOTY committee, please call Blaise Pewinski 248 890-4517, Bob Paradise 586 457-4073 or Adam Plank 616 570-6441. If you would like to participate, or have questions about a specific outing, call the chairperson of the event you are interested in.

AOTY EVENT RULES

1. All participating members must be up to date on their dues (a grace period of 1 months late is allowed)
2. To be eligible for AOTY points for an event you must contact the event chair person and register your name and pay a \$5 entry fee prior to the event start time or call in to say you are participating and will pay the entry fee at the weigh in. Even if you do not catch anything you must still pay the entry.
3. Each event will have a start and stop time posted by the event chair person. Along with meeting and weigh in location posted before each event Contact the event person or look at the DAS web site or monthly news letter.
4. In events where boats are involved, all participants on the boat must be entered in the event. Each person must keep their catch separate from the others on board, or identify their fish with a zip tie, rubber band etc. Remember, these events are designed to be fun! Pooling a catch together for a weigh in may result in disqualification any or all on board as determined by the committee or chairperson.
5. All events will have a big fish pool, with a \$5 paid in advance of the event or by calling the chairperson and telling them you are in the fish pool. This has to be done before the event start time, and paid before you weigh your fish. Big fish pool is not mandatory to compete in event. Big fish will be determined by length or weight of target species per event. Only the largest fish will receive the money. In case of a tie longest of the 2 or heaviest of the 2 will get paid out.
6. All events have a posted target species along with the maximum quantity of fish to be weighed or measured by length to determine the top catches of an event.
7. POINTS will be given to all event participants for AOTY. 5 points for 1st, 4 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th, 1 point for everybody that weighs a catch, and 1/2 point given to all participants in the event after 4th place.

The Salmon in the Classroom Program

Our new school for the 2017-2018 school year is Wiley Elementary of Shelby Charter Township. The 75 gal tank is located in Mrs. Suggs science classroom. She attended a one day Salmon workshop at Wolf Lake State Hatchery on Nov. 8th and returned with 204 Salmon eggs for their tank. As with our other tanks, the eggs were counted out in birthing baskets.

Positioned near the bottom of the tank, the baskets allow for easy removal of dead eggs, separating the eggs to allow for good oxygenation, keeping the newly hatched Alevin away from the water pump, and giving a great view for the students of hatching eggs and developing Alevin.

We were sorry to hear that Ladywood High School was closing. The science instructor, Mr. Gaule, has moved to Divine Child High School in Dearborn. And with our approval and the DNR, also moved the fish tank and equipment. The school is extremely impressive. We are happy to have added Divine Child High School to our list of schools. They introduced 205 Salmon eggs to their tank on Nov. 13th.

Our program at Oakland Christian Schools was refreshed with a new teacher, Mrs. Ream. She also attended the fall class at Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery for the Salmon in the Classroom program and returned with 218 eggs to introduce into their tank. At present, their Salmon fry are swimming in the column and feeding has started. They are about 2 weeks ahead of the other schools who are still feeding off the yolk-sac, referred to as Alevin.

Our last addition was a second tank at Kennedy Middle School. Mrs. Tamer asked of us and made application to the DNR for the additional tank. With both approvals, the tank was setup and on Nov. 13th, 211 eggs were picked up for Mrs. Tamer's tank and 204 eggs for Mrs. Malloy's tank. Some changes were made in the new setup to see if differences could be shown in tank upkeep and fish growth or survival.

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Fred Chartier Big Fish of the year 28.45 LBS

2017 Creels

Bob Feisel 2017 Skipper of the year

Upcoming 2018 DAS Key Dates

January 11-14, 2018	Ultimate Fishing show
Tue January 16, 2018	Board Of Directors Meeting
Sat January 27, 2018	Mitchell's Bay / St Lukes Ice Outing
Tue January 30, 2018	General Membership Meeting

2017 December Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 140
Featured Guest: Salmon Clause
Featured Presentations: Prizes, Gifts
50/50 Raffle Winner: 4 winners split \$460
Every Member Draw: George Vidusic \$100