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February Membership Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, February 27 2018 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
Capt. Mark Williams and Capt. Craig Coleman
(Terminal Tackle)
- **Other Happenings:**
Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**
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The Salmon in the Classroom Program

By Rodney Elnick

We highlighted in our annual newsletter how the Detroit Area Steelheaders continue to be an active partner with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Salmon in the Classroom (SIC) program. Last year, we sponsored four schools, and all the tanks were very successful. This year we will sponsor a fifth tank, adding a second tank at the Kennedy School. Also this year, Paul Gjeldum will be assisting at the Wiley Elementary school in Shelby Township which is new to the program. The tank at Ladywood was moved to Dearborn Devine Child, after Ladywood closed. The summary that follows, highlights each of the releases and results from last year.

The Kennedy Middle School – St. Clair Shores

On Thursday, May 4 Mrs. Malloy and Mrs. Tamer, brought 48 students to the Clinton River at Yates Park in Rochester, MI. Kennedy was new to the SIC program last year and this was their first release of Salmon smolts. The students were divided into five groups and each was rotated through activity stations during the morning hours. Eight Steelheaders, four teachers, and six parents were on hand to guide the students.

Station #1 was the Salmon release. Each student was given a plastic bag of river water. Salmon were fished out of the transport cooler with a net, and dropped into the bag. The smolts were carried to a table where they were measured for length and noted on a chart. Then down to the river where the school principal gave direction for a proper release. A member Steelheader in waders watched several feet downstream to catch any unplanned swimmers. We released 107 Smolts of the 151 eggs we started with (71% survival).

Station #2 had the students taking turns with personal instruction on casting techniques in moving waters. Two shorter fishing poles with spincasting reels were used with weighted bobbers. Using a 1-2-3 count, the objective was to drop the bobber 45 degrees upstream and retrieve the bobber by the time it was 45 degrees below the student. The students picked up the technique fairly quick however, the objective soon became 'how close to the far shore' can you drop the bobber. The instructors had to assist in flipping the bobber off the shore line shrubbery. Several bobbers were recovered by walking around by way of the bridge.

Station #3 was really interesting. One of the teachers, in arm pit high waders, was digging double handfuls of mud from the river's edge. These were placed on 12x18 plastic lids, one for each student. The objective was to recover any common stream invertebrates (bugs) and secure them in egg cartons for later identification and examination back at school. Stream invertebrates are important in the context of streams and rivers as ecosystems and are used as biological indicators of a stream's health.

Station #4 ties together what we see as opposed to a Salmonids vision. Some fish are colorblind. The Salmon have cones and rods in their eyes similar to humans, so they can see color. Comparatively, however, Salmon have very poor vision. Continued on Page 3.

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Membership News

182 members

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2 MONTHS PAST

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Tackle Matters

You won't want to miss the tackle raffle this month. Dan has gone all out with some wonderful prizes. Including a beautiful Fly Rod combo. Hope to see you on the 27th.



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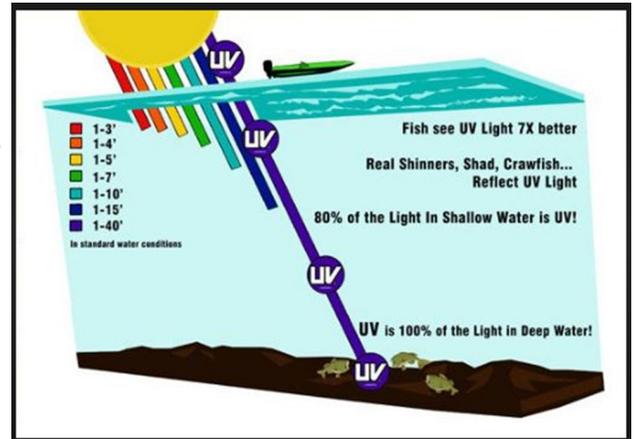
Adam Plank
AOTY

They can detect relative size, overall shape, and general color pattern. But their sharpest focus is 2 to 3 inches from the mouth and still objects will appear as a blur. During the day, the (color) cones move to the upper layers of the retina to give optimum color vision. At night, the cones are withdrawn leaving the rods extended, leaving the fish colorblind, it can only see shades of gray. The deeper in the water, the less light, which leaves the deep swimming salmon only seeing shades of gray in the daytime, leaving glow and UV lures high attractors.

Dreamweaver Lure Co. of Ludington is part of Station #4. They have supplied colored tape and blank, uncolored spoons for the students to be creative and artsy. After a quick general talk of Salmon and color and deep water, they are challenged to design the perfect lure. Typically, they have been pushed to finish. They will want to spend more time at this station than any of the others. When done, the lure is theirs to take home for Dad to use on his next outing.

A few of these creations are quite good. Were I Dreamweaver, I'd want a picture of each lure, just for the record, of course.

Station #5 is an energy release exercise for each student. Games are played, usually involving running, ball handling, yelling, and laughing. That ends the morning. It's only left to clean up and the students to eat lunch before returning to class.



Pictured is this falls tank with eggs at Kennedy Middle School.

Ladywood High School, Livonia

On Monday, May 8, Ladywood teachers brought 22 students to Huron Park on the Huron River in Flat Rock. This is an all woman's catholic high school. Last year on the Island, the ladies ran into a 3-1/2 foot rat snake so everyone was staying alert.

This park has no sand bar as at Yates Park. Due to the rapid current at this site, our release was at the river's edge to prevent getting any feet wet. The ladies released 118 Smolts of the 156 eggs they started with (76% survival).



The casting station was also fun for the students. Their goal was also the far shore line but an overhanging tree provided a guarding action. Five or six ladies had never had a fishing pole in their hands. Their casting results were more up than forward. We did have one tree tangle behind us.

The lure making was very creative. There were two lures made that I'm sure I would have purchased if I'd seen them in a store. We again thank Dreamweaver Lure Co. for the supplies that they provided.



Oakland Christian Schools, Auburn Hills

On Monday, May 15 Oakland Christian Schools brought 42 students to Yates Park at E. Avon Rd. and Dequindre. This was their fourth year raising Salmon and they have a 130 gallon tank located in the vestibule of the elementary side of the school. All 12 grade levels utilize the Salmon as a teaching tool but only the 4th graders release the Salmon. They had the highest survival and released 131 smolts, having started with 149 eggs (88% survival). We want to thank Mrs. Clark (teacher), Paul Brown (marine biologist), and Dan Didocha (DAS) for their successful work. Dreamweaver lure blanks and tape were again used to provide a creative example of what a Salmon might eat.

Pine Knob Elementary, Clarkston

Thursday, June 1st, was Pine Knob Elementary's Salmon release with teachers Mrs. Driver and Mrs. Giovas. They released 119 smolts out of 162 eggs (73% survival). The mud search for macro invertebrates was included so we had 5 stations for the students, therefore 5 student groups. The release station was the most popular but again, the lure making station controlled the timing as the students concentrated on their 'perfect lure'. Thanks again to Dreamweaver Lure Co. for supplying the lure blanks and colored tape.



Saginaw Bay Outing

On February 10th we had our second ice outing of the year. Saginaw bay and river were the target areas for 13 DAS nomads. Six fished the bay, the rest of the group fished the river mouth and the Edison destroyer area. The bay had the best action, but you had to go at least six miles out to get on the walleye. On the bay, nomad Bob Paradise was the first to score on a dandy five pound plus fish. It was his first time on the bay and it only took five minutes to get his first bay walleye. I bet he could catch a fish in a mud hole. He has the knack for it.



Fishing wasn't real hot but it kept us interested. By the 1:00 PM end of fishing time, Bob, Gaspare, and myself had 5 or 6 fish a piece. Dan Chisholm and Paul Gjeldum also landed some keepers. If all the small fish we caught were legal, we would have limited out. The river nomads had a similar report, lots of small fish. At 2:00 PM everyone met at the State Park pavilion to weigh our catch. First up was Bob with a total poundage of 9.5 lbs, then Gaspare with a nice five fish catch totaling 13 lbs, next was Blaise with five fish weighing 9.5 lbs, which included a dandy 6 lbs. Dan Chisholm came to the scale with a 5.25 pounder followed by Paul Gjeldum with a 2 pounder. At the end of weigh-in Gaspare took top honors followed by Blaise, Bob, Dan, and Paul to round off the top 5 spots. Big fish money went to Blaise with a dandy 6 pound, 25 inch walleye. Lunch was hot dogs and chili served by Blaise. I'm sure we will include a Saginaw Bay outing next year, we all caught fish, and that's a good thing. Hope to see you at the next event on March 24 where the DAS river rats take on Metro West in a fish off on the Manistee river.

Until then, tight lines!

AOTY POINTS

Gaspare 5, Blaise 4, Bob Paradise 3, Dan Chisholm 2, Paul Gjeldum 1

Paul Nowak, Dennis Harper, Steve Genoff, Scott, Don Mikros, Adam Plank and Carl Ventimiglia each had ½ point

Michigan Steelhead Challenge, Manistee River 3/24/18

The Metro West, meet up to face off with the Detroit Area Steelheaders each spring on the Manistee River. This year the challenge is scheduled for March 24th. Fishing is allowed anywhere on the Manistee river watershed. In addition to the traveling trophy the clubs compete for, Angler of the Year points will also be awarded, and Bob will establish a big fish pool. Last year we lost the spring fish-off to a combined Metro-West and Traverse City team. If you are interested in joining us for this fun weekend outing, call Bob Paradise At 586 457-4073 to secure your spot on Team DAS.

January Bamboo Rod Building Speaker



Bamboo flyrod building is a lost art....well almost a lost art. DAS member were treated to the painstaking process of building Bamboo fishing poles from scratch at our January meeting. Rick Goodrich is exceptional craftsman, and he walked us through the process of cutting, shaping, and joining bamboo sections to create a flyrod using old world techniques. A great big thank you goes out to Rick for an outstanding presentation.

Chefs Table

Ingredients for 4 Packets – Prepare before the trip and store in a container until prep time at camp.



- Entire head of cauliflower broken into medium florets or sliced thickly
 - 4 green onions chopped
 - 9 cloves garlic chopped
 - Juice and zest of one lemon or lime
 - 16-20 pitted kalamata black olives (plus 2 tablespoons capers, optional)
 - Olive oil – 2 tablespoons drizzled over everything
- Herbs to taste, such as thyme, basil or parsley



Ingredients bagged separately

- Fish – 4 portions of cod, catfish, blue hake or your catch of the day (not frozen at time of cooking)

TIP: Cook longer if you want more charring. In the packet above, portions of the cauliflower did get brown and approximately half of the breadcrumbs got crispy



We learned the hard way (bits of charcoal for dinner) that there are a few keys to success:

- 1) Choose ingredients that can stand up to the heat such as cod, cauliflower, zucchini and peppers.
- 2) Cook the packets on a grate instead of directly on coals. If you can't use a grate, let the coals die down a bit.
- 3) Check the inside of one packet after 15 minutes to estimate remaining time



2018 Detroit Steelheaders Events

<p>January</p> <p>16 DAS BOD Mtg 7:00PM</p> <p>27 Ice Outing St Lukes - Bob Paradise 586 457-4073</p> <p>30 DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM</p> <p>February</p> <p>10 Ice Outing Bay City - Blaise Pewinski 248 890-4517</p> <p>13 DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM</p> <p>27 DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM</p> <p>March</p> <p>3 Wild Game Dinner</p> <p>13 DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM</p> <p>24 Manistee River vs. Metro West - Bob Paradise 586 457-4073</p> <p>27 DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM</p> <p>April</p> <p>10 DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM</p> <p>21 Trolling Tourney Lexington - Dan Chisholm 586 530-9171</p> <p>24 DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM</p> <p>28 Brown Trout Outing Manistee - Adam Plank 616 570-6441</p> <p>May</p> <p>5 Tourney St Joe - Blaise Pewinski 248 890-4517</p> <p>12 Walleye Outing St Cl Rvr Algonac Tom Gorguze 248 343-8397</p> <p>15 DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM</p> <p>19/20 Trolling Tourney Grand Haven 2 Day - Jim Zanke 586 489-2041</p> <p>29 DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM</p> <p>June</p> <p>2 Trolling Tourney Harbor Beach - Joe Von Grabe 586 945-4334</p> <p>12 DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM</p> <p>16 St Cl River Whipping Outing - Carl Ventimiglia 586 615-7459</p> <p>26 DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM</p>	<p>July</p> <p>7 Linwood Walleye Outing - Don Jasman 586 292-3120</p> <p>14 Trolling Tourney Holland - Chris Turak 586 321-3228</p> <p>17 DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM</p> <p>31 DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM</p> <p>August</p> <p>4 Trolling Tourney Ludington - Bob Jones 734 751-1767</p> <p>11 Trolling Tourney Manistee - Tom Gorguze 248 343-8397</p> <p>25 Trolling Tourney Rogers City - Ken Clone 248 227-1601</p> <p>28 DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM</p> <p>September</p> <p>11 DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM</p> <p>15 Perch Outing String St Pk - Gaspare Aragona 248 330-1774</p> <p>25 DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM</p> <p>October</p> <p>6 River Outing Platt/Betsie/PM - Bob Paradise 586 457-4073</p> <p>16 BOD Mtg 7:00 PM</p> <p>27 River Outing (Big Tom) Lud - Bob Paradise 586 457-4073</p> <p>30 DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM</p> <p>November</p> <p>3 Lk Shr Motel Outing Manistee - Bob Paradise 586 457-4073</p> <p>13 DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM</p> <p>27 DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM</p> <p>December</p> <p>8 Caseville Lake Trout Outing - Blaise Pewinski 248 890-4517</p> <p>11 DAS BOD Mtg 7:00 PM</p> <p>18 DAS Membership Mtg 7:30 PM</p>
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Red = Trolling Tournaments
 Blue= Angler of the Year Outing
 Green=Membership Meeting

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

February Speaker

Captains Craig Coleman and Mark Williams will double up for a presentation on fishing lines and terminal tackle at our February 27th meeting. Mark and Craig are DAS members and run the Silver Addiction II charter boat out of Ludington Michigan. Captain Mark Williams has been fishing the Great Lakes since the age of six. He is a second generation charter captain, and worked on his father's charter boat from 1979 to 1992. As a DAS skipper Mark was back to back 'skipper of the year' in 2008 and 2009. In addition to running a successful charter business Mark serves on the Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Committee representing the Detroit Area Steelheaders. Captain Craig Coleman has been fishing the great lakes for over 20 years, and grew up in Ludington. He is a past Amateur winner of the Ludington Offshore Classic, and numerous other tournaments. His family owned and operated, the only Fishing and Archery store in Ludington, and is always on the pulse of the Lake.

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Membership Expires:



2018 St.Lukes/Mitchells Bay Outing

11 members and 1 guest made the trip to jumbo Town. Almost everyone caught fish, but only a few Limits were landed. Lower left is one of (5) 12 inchers Blaise caught for his first place finish. The hi-lite to the trip was a double lunch bonanza. Brats were grilled out on the ice and hot chili

was served at the weight in. Despite the 15mph winds and the hundreds of small lakes on top of the ice this was one great day to test our skills for these gems of the Hard water.



Adam Plank with his days catch at the Mitchells Bay Outing on January 27 2018. This was Adams first trip to the east shore of lake St. Clair and definitely not his LAST. Still in the bag is a whopping 13.5 inch jumbo, that took big fish.

Upcoming 2018 DAS Key Dates

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| February 27, | DAS Membership Mtg |
| March 3, | Wild Game Dinner |
| March 13, | Board Mtg 7:00 pm |
| March 24, | Manistee River Outing vs MWS |

2018 January Membership Meeting Facts

- Attendance: 45
- Featured Guest: Rick Goodrich
- Featured Presentations: Bamboo Rod Building
- 50/50 Raffle Winner: Fred Chartier \$115
- Every Member Draw: Paul Nowak \$100