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Monthly Membership Meeting

- **When:**
- Tuesday, June 26, 2018 7:30pm
- **Where:**
- American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
- Capt. Joe Raymer– Saginaw Bay Walleye
- **Other Happenings:**
- Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
- Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
- Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**
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2018 Salmon in the Classroom Releases

by Rodney Elnick

It is the end of the school year and all five schools have released fish. A grand total of 1035 Smolts were released. The Clinton River near Yates Cider Mill saw 869 Smolts and the Huron River at Flat Rock had 166 Smolts released. The overall tank survival rate from all five schools was 83%. I am extremely pleased with our schools and the work they put into each tank.

Kennedy Middle School

The Kennedy Middle School of Saint Clare Shores brought 51 students to Yates Park. This was the second year for Kennedy and we had tanks in two classrooms. The students were divided into five groups and were rotated through five stations during the morning hours. Seven Steelheaders, five teachers, and five parents were in attendance to guide students through these exercises.

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 length was measured for length and recorded. Then down to the river where their instructor gave direction for a proper release. We released 183 Smolts of the 203 eggs we started with (90% survival) of tank number 1 and 174 Smolts of 209 eggs (83% survival) of tank number 2.

Station #2 had the students taking turns with personal instruction on casting techniques in moving waters. Two shorter fishing poles with spin casting 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 flipping bobbers off the shore line shrubbery.

Station #3 was really interesting. Science teacher Mrs. Malloy, 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 allows the students to build their own lures. Above 50 feet, color is part of the attraction. 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 to be pushed to finish. They usually 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.

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.



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Chris Turak

10 Habits of Great Anglers

From SteelheadManifesto.com

- 1) **Check your knots.** Every single time they tie a knot, a good angler moistens the knot and gives the knot and leader a good tug to make sure it's strong and has seated correctly. Every time, period!
- 2) **Check your leaders.** Great anglers always check their leaders after every landed fish or snag. Always take the time to re-tie and do not be lazy.
- 3) **Sharp Hooks.** Good anglers will check the hook point to make sure it's sharp. If it's not, either they sharpen it or replace it.
- 4) **Organize your gear.** This is where preparation meets opportunity, having the right flies, bait, and gear for the current situations. Staying organized is a must and will translate into more fish.
- 5) **Fish the closest water first.** Great Anglers always make short casts into the near water first in the run and work outwards. Fish move around and sometimes are right next to the bank.
- 6) **Presentation:** A good angler thinks before he or she casts and delivers the right presentation in the right place, but only after he or she has studied the run or pool.
- 7) **Keep your offering in the water.** It's simple mathematics, the longer your bait or fly is in the water the better chances you have of catching more fish. Successful anglers always have a line in the water.
- 8) **Water and terrain features.** A good angler is not only studying his surroundings above the water and the terrain, but what's below the water as well.
- 9) **Analyze current conditions.** Many variables can impact what kind of day you're going to have. Make changes to your techniques based on the weather, water conditions and temperatures. You must adapt based on the day you're given to fish.
- 10) **Life Long Journey.** Good anglers know that they can learn something about fishing from almost anybody and every time they are out fishing. Good anglers crave the knowledge and seek it out. Be it online, books, seminars, magazines or videos. Great Anglers talk fishing a lot with buddies.

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Detroit Kids Fishing Derby



On May 19, 2018 Detroit Parks & Recreation Department and Hook, Line, & Sinkers, Inc hosted the 22nd Annual Kids Fishing Derby at Palmer Park on Lake Francis. Sponsorship from your Detroit Area Steelheaders, numerous other organizations, and individuals, help make this day possible. I was on hand to volunteer and take in the festivities. I arrived at 8 am to see Gary Williams handing out some poles to the kids. I started by helping set poles up for the kids with a hook, a split shot and a bobber. Once there were enough poles set up I walked around and watched the kids catching fish and helped untangle snags. The driving force behind this day is Gary, He's a one man wrecking ball who takes it on himself to introduce the joys of fishing to inner city youth. At the end of the session Gary gave out prizes to kids (Life jackets, fishing poles, tackle packs and the grand prize of a mountain bike.) In addition to Gary, the Detroit Steelheaders also extend a special thank you to Jim Zanke for his generous donation of over 50 rod and reel combo's which were distributed to participants that didn't have their own equipment. This was a great outing for the parents and kids as well as myself. Submitted by Jon Martens



Ahh...Harbor Beach

It's nice to fish a port near home. You can get away for the day, then still get home in time to knock a couple tasks off your 'honey do' list on Sunday. But this this year the weatherman didn't cooperate. On Saturday June 2nd, the conditions at Harbor beach kept everyone off the lake and only three of the boats that showed up for the tournament would be able to fish on Sunday. Port Captain Joe von Grabe resigned himself to serving lunch, then heading home before getting to fish. Dan Chisholm hit the St Clair River for some walleye on his way home Saturday. It turns out, one of the hazards when fishing a port near home, is being near home.



The weather is only one challenge faced by salmon trollers, you also have to find fish and get them in the boat. But before any of that can happen, you better have a good crew to help run the boat. When the guys you normally fish with can't make it, what's a guy to do? Well, Paul Gjeldum from the Blue Horizon was faced with that very problem at Harbor Beach. Fortunately, Paul's mom loves fishing as much as he does. Being able to take the people who taught you to fish is a special treat. Skipper Bob Jones was impressed. Bob says "Hat's off to Paul for bringing his mom, just the two of them on the boat. How cool is that!!!! Paul you are truly a inspiration to us all." Bob Fiesel said "Paul's mom, Jenny, was a hoot! She's very enthusiastic about fishing!"



Bobby's Toy, Blue Horizon, and Vicki's Seacret were the three boats that fished Sunday. Everyone caught at least five fish, and all the

fish weighed were Lakers. The only salmon was a small Pink caught on the Blue Horizon. Bobby's Toy secured his third first place finish of the season. Vicki's Seacret finished in second place, and Blue Horizon in third place.

Harbor Beach Standings 6/2/2010													
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weighed	Catch by Species & Weight			Boat # Total Wt.	Boat # Total Pts.	Selection Code	Points Deducted	Total Points	Place	
1	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	5	L 7.50	L 4.70	L 4.35	L 4.20	33.35	58.35	NONE	0.00	58.35	1
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Fiesel	5	L 4.75	L 4.40	L 4.15	L 4.76	29.41	54.41	NONE	0.00	54.41	2
3	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	5	L 4.80	L 4.30	L 4.80	L 3.80	26.00	51.00	NONE	0.00	51.00	3

Boat Name	Species	Wgt	Number Caught	Total Boats
LARGEST	Blue Horizon	Pool Salmon	0.00	3
		King	0.00	
		Pool King	0.00	
		Coho	0.00	
		Pool Coho	0.00	
	Bobby's Toy	Lake Trout	7.50	
	Bobby's Toy	Pool LT	7.50	
		Steelhead	0.00	
		Pool Steelhead	0.00	
		Brown	0.00	
	Atlantic	0.00		
	Pool Atlantic	0.00		
	Pink	0.00		
	Pool Pink	0.00		
	Total		24	

Deduction Code Legend	
LTSM	= Late To Skipper's Mtg.
LTIW	= Late To Weigh-in
NMPC	= No Answer 1 Fish Call
NMPC	= No Answer 2 Fish Calls
UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
DQ	= Disqualified

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Divine Child High School

On Tuesday, May 8, Divine Child High School of Dearborn brought teacher, Mr. Gaule and 29 students to Huron Park on the Huron River in Flat Rock. This park has no sand bar as at Yates Park. Additionally, the current is more rapid so our release was at the river's edge without getting any feet wet. The students released 166 Smolts of the 200 eggs they started with (83% 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 students 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.

Pine Knob Elementary

Monday, May 14, was the Pine Knob Elementary Salmon release with teachers Mrs. Driver and Mrs. Giovas. They released 166 Smolts out of 215 eggs (77% survival). The mud search for macro invertebrates was included so we had 5 stations for the students. The release station was the most popular but again, the lure making station controlled the timing as the students concentrated on their 'perfect lure'. We again thank Dreamweaver Lure Co. for the supplies that they provided.



Wiley Elementary

Our new school for the 2017-2018 school year is Wiley Elementary of Shelby Charter Township. A 75 gal tank is located in Mrs. Suggs science classroom. On Wednesday, May 16, was Wiley's Salmon release. This is their first release with 179 Smolts out of 204 eggs (88% survival). With the usual 4 stations the students were again pressed for time to complete their lures. We were surprised by the attendance of the local news crew for Channel 4 who documented the morning's events. Mrs. Suggs gave the Steel-headers a great review, however it didn't survive the cutting room.



Oakland Christian Schools

On Wednesday, May 23 Oakland Christian Schools of Auburn Hills brought 28 students to Yates Park. This was their fifth year raising Salmon. They have a 130 gallon tank located in the vestibule of the elementary school and all grades include the Salmon as a teaching tool but only 4th graders release the Salmon. They released 167 Smolts, having started with 218 eggs (77% survival). We want to thank our new teacher, Mrs. Ream, Mrs. Clark (teacher), Paul Brown (marine biologist), and Dan Didocha (DAS) for their successful work through the year. Dreamweaver lure blanks and tape were again used for the students to provide a creative example of what might catch a fisherman.



In addition, I wish to thank Dreamweaver Lure Co. for the lure blanks and tape supplies provided for the students lure building. And last, for the D.A.S. membership that backed the program, assisted through the school year, and those helping to make our releases successful. I look forward to the Fall startup of the program and hopefully adding a sixth school.



June Speaker Capt Joe Raymer

Our featured speaker on June 26th is Capt. Joe Raymer from Frank's Great Outdoors. Captain Joe will talk about local techniques that should produce good catches on Saginaw Bay. He'll also pinpoint locations where we might find walleye for our outing out of Linwood on July 7th. He mentioned possibly having some tackle gifts that he will have available for all those members in attendance that evening. We look forward to his presentation and hope to see you at our June meeting.

Chefs Table

ASIAN SALMON IN FOIL

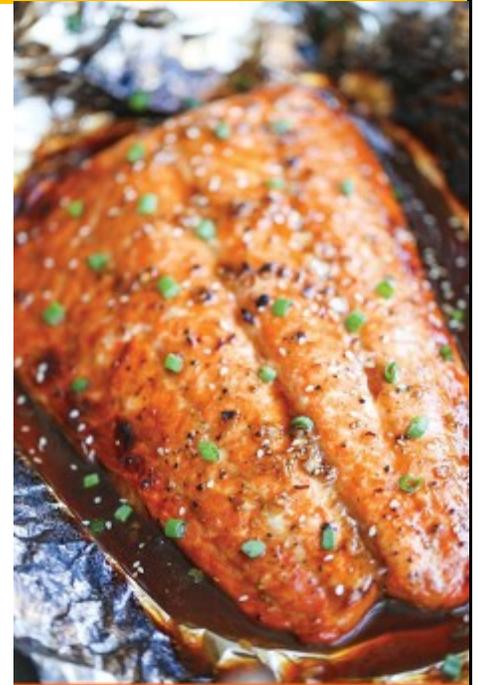
YIELD: 4 SERVINGS PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES COOK TIME: 20 MINUTES TOTAL TIME: 30 MINUTES

Ingredients:

1/4 cup honey
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce
 1 tablespoon seasoned rice vinegar
 1 tablespoon sesame oil
 1 tablespoon freshly grated ginger
 1 teaspoon Sriracha, optional
 Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
 2 pounds salmon
 2 green onions, thinly sliced
 1/2 teaspoon sesame seeds

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with foil.
 In a small bowl, whisk together honey, garlic, soy sauce, rice vinegar, sesame oil, ginger, Sriracha and pepper, to taste.
 Place salmon onto the prepared baking sheet and fold up all 4 sides of the foil. Spoon the honey mixture over the salmon. Fold the sides of the foil over the salmon, covering completely and sealing the packet closed.
 Place into oven and bake until cooked through, about 15-20 minutes.* Open the packet and broil for 2-3 minutes, or until caramelized and slightly charred.
 Serve immediately, garnished with green onions and sesame seeds, if desired.



ASIAN SALMON IN FOIL

DAS Event Calendar

June

June 16 St. Clair River Whipping Outing, Carl Ventimiglia (586) 615-7459
 June 26 Membership Meeting

July

July 7 Linwood Walleye Outing, Don Jasman (586) 392-3120
 July 14 Holland Trolling Tournament, Chris Turak (586) 321-3228
 July 31 Membership Meeting

August

August 4 Ludington Trolling Tournament, Bob Jones (734) 751-1767
 August 11 Manistee Trolling Tournament, Tom Gorguze (248) 343-8397
 August 25 Rogers City Trolling Tournament, Ken Cione (248) 227-1601
 August 29 Membership Meeting

September

Sept 15 Sterling State Park Perch Outing, Gaspare Aragona (248) 330-1774
 Sept 27 Membership Meeting

October

Oct 6 Platt River Outing, Bob Paradise (586) 457-4073
 Oct 25 Membership Meeting
 Oct 28 Big Tom Steelhead Ludington, Bob Paradise (586) 457-4073

November

Nov 3 Manistee Lake Shore Steelhead Outing, Bob Paradise (586) 457-4073
 Nov 29 Membership Meeting

December

Dec 8 Caseville Lake Trout Outing, Blaise Pewinski (248) 890-4517
 Dec 18 Salmon Clause Party

Here's what you missed last meeting

Many thanks to club members Jim Zanke, Chris Nytko, and Joe von Grabe for their boat rigging demonstrations at the May general membership meeting. All the skippers had their boats rigged with typical presentations for how they might fish. It's good see what these skippers have determined to be their most productive hassle-free set ups. After each presentation, everyone had an opportunity to ask



questions before heading inside the hall for our swap meet. It looked like a lot of tackle was trading hands. If feedback from members is positive, we will schedule another swap meet next spring.

Special Friends Celebrates 30 Years

Detroit Steelheaders Special Friends Outing 30th Anniversary June 9, 2018 at Toledo Beach Marina

Wind and rain created an additional challenge to the 30th anniversary of the Detroit Steelheaders Special Friends outing. Challenges can be an obstacle, or they can just make for new ways to have fun and that's the way the outing went this year. We hosted 25 Special Friends on 12 boats and everyone was had a great time. Some of our boats came in a little early because of the wind and one boat (mine) only made it out of the harbor for a couple of hundred yards before I came back in, but we gave it a try anyway. All of our guests caught fish and the walleye harvest was not too bad considering the conditions. The Channing crew did not feel it was safe to be on the lake so we set our guests, Ellie and Charlie, up with some perch rigs and fished for pan fish right inside the marina off the docks. It was a good move because in no time they were hauling in perch, bass, rock bass, sunfish, bullhead, and bluegill. They were having so much fun the noise attracted other event volunteers to come over from the tent just to watch. Like I said, challenges can be just a new way to have fun. There was a total of 25 bags of walleye fillets taken home by our guests (thanks to the effort of our fish cleaning crew organized by Don Mikros).

One of the rewarding things about being involved in this outing is the pride of being part of a team effort. It takes a lot of willing hands to make this event successful. I will probably miss the effort of someone as I try to recognize all who help out but please understand, your effort is appreciated.

Boat Captains:

Blaise Pewinski (Sea Hag)	Ray Johnson (Pullum Maior)	Tom Gorguze (Bad Dog)	Bob Jones (Bobby's Toy)
Daniel Chisholm (Channing)	Paul Gjeldum (Blue Horizon)	Tom Stockton (Fish Hawk)	Jose Angeles (Angel Casa)
Stan Bilek (Blue Star)	Jim Zanke (Hard Top N Tails)	Paul Nowack (Nothin But Fun)	Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret)

Volunteers:

Don Mikros, Mary Chisholm, Rod Elnick, Jim Govostes, Steve Prout, Gaspare Aragona, Danielle Chisholm, Jon Martens, Mike Lolli, Ray and Linda Banbury

(There are others whom I don't recall their name or don't remember). Thank you very much for giving up your time and talents.

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The Heart and Soul of the Event:

None of this matters or happens without the contributions of Linda Bredernitz and Mary and Doug Karakas. Linda makes all the arrangements to call up our Special Friends guests and Mary and Doug do all the behind the scene arrangements for marina, tent, tables, chairs, bait, etc. Thanks to all and "job well done".

Dan Chisholm, 'Channing'

Holland Trolling Tournament — July 14th

Hi everyone, the Holland tournament for July 14 will be a great one with awesome food and lots of big fish! We moved from Eldens to the north side of Lake Macatawa. The new location is called Parkside Marina. It's nowhere near as big, or fancy like Elden's, but it will be more convenient to launch at the DNR ramp and the cost for dockage is cheaper. We hope to have a nice tournament at this place. We will be doing the captains meeting at 5:00AM, then out to the lake and set lines at 6:00AM. We also have swag (prizes) for everyone in attendance.

Dream Weaver and Church's Tackle have committed to sponsor us for the tournament. Fishing has been on fire in Holland this year, lots of limits of monster Kings have been taken every day. Check out lakeshoretack-leadfirearms.com. This is the place to go for salmon equipment. It's one of the best tackle shops in Michigan, if you don't have it they do! Hope to see everyone there. For any extra info, feel free to contact me.

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Skipper of the Year Standings 2018

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Best 3

Boat Name	Skipper Name	Ludington	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Holland	Ludington	Manistee	Rogers City	Total Points	Best 5	Best 7	Best 8
1 Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	1	1	6	1	75	75	75	75	3	234	309	309
2 Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	2	3	3	3	75	75	75	75	8	236	311	311
3 Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	75	5	1	2	75	75	75	75	8	308	383	383
4 Channing	Dan Chisholm	50	4	5	75	75	75	75	75	59	359	434	434
5 Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	50	6	4	75	75	75	75	75	60	360	435	435
6 Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	3	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	85	385	460	460
7 Lake Buzzard IV	Fred Chartier	75	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	152	452	527	527
8 Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	152	452	527	527
9 Diana's Den	Denis Harper	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	200	500	575	575



Number Caught	No. of Boats	Ludington	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Holland	Ludington	Manistee	Total For Year
		6	7	6	3	0	0	0	0
	Kings	0	31	36	0	0	0	0	67
	Coho	1	1	19	0	0	0	0	21
	Lake Trout	3	14	0	24	0	0	0	41
	Steelhead	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
	Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Atlantic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals	4	47	57	24	0	0	0	132

Species	Wgt. (lbs.)	Boat Name	Port
King	22.10	Blue Horizon	Grand Haven
Coho	3.75	Lake Buzzard IV	Grand Haven
Lake Trout	11.30	Blue Horizon	St. Joe
Steelhead	14.65	Lake Buzzard IV	Grand Haven
Brown	0.00		
Atlantic	0.00		
Pink	0.00		

Upcoming 2018 DAS Key Dates

- Sat June 16, 2018 St. Clair Whipping Outing
- Tue June 26, 2018 General Membership Meeting
- Sat July 14, 2018 Holland Trolling Tournament
- Tue July 17, 2018 BOD Meeting
- Tue July 31, 2018 General Membership Meeting

May 2018 Membership Meeting Facts

- Attendance: 40
- Featured Guests: Jim Zanke, Joe von Grabe, Chris Nytko
- Featured Presentations: Boat Rigging
- 50/50 Raffle Winner: Bruce Turnage \$65.00
- Every Member Draw: Jason Adam (not present)