



## January Membership Meeting

- **When:**  
Tuesday, January 31, 2017 7:30pm
- **Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured:**  
Free Pizza Night!
- **Featured Speaker:**  
Bill Foster - Outstanding River & Pier  
Fisherman, 6 Time Winner Lakeshore Fall  
Steelhead Tournament  
"Beginner to Expert Steelhead Fishing Techniques"
- **Other Happenings:**  
Upcoming Ice Fishing Outings, Tackle Raffles,  
50/50 Raffle, Every Member Drawing
- **DAS website:** [www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com)
- **Be sure to check out**  
The DAS Message Board on the website for  
the most up-to-date club news and information

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# Fishin' Tales

PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE GREAT LAKES SPORTFISHERY SINCE 1974

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## A Letter from Our President



I remember the first time I witnessed coho salmon run the Bear Creek in Petoskey, Michigan. I was a child standing on a bridge with my father, watching an army of fisherman wading in the river below. The scene was chaotic with fisherman lining the river attempting to harvest the massive silver fish. These were some of the first salmon planted in the great lakes returning to spawn.

My introduction to salmon fishing would come many years later. I was hooked on fishing the first time I landed a big King. I had a couple friends with salmon boats on Lake Michigan and would jump at the chance anytime I was invited to go. When I started rigging a boat of my own, I joined the Steelheaders to shorten the learning curve. It didn't take long before I started putting fish in the cooler.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders is a club comprised of sportsmen that share common interests and goals. We are a teaching club, dedicated to protecting, and promoting the Great Lakes sport fishery. Our membership is as diverse as the types of fishing we enjoy. I joined the club to become a better salmon fisherman. For me, fishing has evolved into a passion. These days I derive as much pleasure introducing others to the sport, as I enjoy catching fish.

There is no such thing as a bad day of fishing. It doesn't matter if it's someone's first fish, their biggest, or day when the action was slow, few activities

**Letter (Cont'd on Page 8)**



## Great Turnout For Caseville Outing, Sat. Dec. 3

Despite reports that the water was still too warm and only a few lake trout were being caught, a great turnout of 30 DAS anglers showed up for this annual event at the Mouth of the Pigeon River in Caseville near the tip of Michigan's Thumb.

A stiff breeze blowing pretty much straight up river greeted us as we all staked our spots in the dark at about 7:00am. Nice thing here is you can park your truck right up close to your fishing spot and jump back in it if you need to warm up for a bit. Although it was cold early on, mainly because of the west wind at about 12 knots, as it got light out it wasn't too bad as long as you were dressed properly.

Fishing started off pretty slow, with cast after cast producing no results but finally about 9:00am, Ty Voigt hooked and landed a nice Lake Trout on a 2/5 oz. dark green/silver hammered Little Cleo spoon and about 45 minutes later managed to catch another Laker on the same spoon. Naturally, everyone casting switched over to something green/silver after this. Carl Ventimiglia's son Carl landed a nice Trout. Don Jasman landed a pair about 15 minutes apart. Shortly afterwards, Scott Groesbeck, Mark Carlson & Todd Ridley all caught Lake Trout. A few Trout were lost also in this span of time. Initially, we were scheduled to fish until 12:30 but because of the increased activity event coordinator Blaise



Carl Ventimiglia III Proudly Holds his 8 pounder!

Check Out Some of the Pictures from Caseville on Pages 14 & 15

**Caseville (Cont'd on Page 12)**

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS****Currently: 155 Members****New Memberships Welcome!**

BEN CECE

JOHN COOMBS

SCOTT GROESBECK

**Re-Newed Memberships**

GASPARE ARAGONA

**Memberships Expired**

<b>2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:</b>	JOSE D. ANGELES	RICK COUGHLIN	LANE SMITH	CHRIS TURAK
	DAVID CHRISTENSON	ROD ELNICK	DAN TITUS & FAMILY	CARL VENTIMIGLIA
<b>1 Mo. Ago First Reminder:</b>	BOB DYSON	FRED HYNICK	DAN WHITMILL	
<b>This Month:</b>	JASON JONES	TED LEWICKI	GARY RUPRICH	

**Detroit Area Steelheaders is on Facebook****2016 Detroit Steelheaders Raffle Report**

Our raffles held during our monthly membership meetings are intended to be a member benefit where the club members have fun with the opportunity to win a nice prize or two. They are not a fund raiser but rather a ofun raiser. The board of directors gives me a free hand with the tackle raffle as-long-as I break even or don't lose a lot of money doing it. The tricky part of breaking even on the raffles is the \$100 member drawing that is awarded to one member if your name is drawn and you are in attendance. That \$100 comes out of the raffle money and I never know each month if that will be paid out or not. With that in mind I think things worked out pretty well in 2016. We paid the \$100 to a member present at the meeting 5 times this year out of 12 monthly meetings. That's pretty good as far as I'm concerned.

You have probably noticed our raffles have changed a bit over the last few months. The board asked me to spice up the prize table by putting things on the raffle table that have more value. In years past I would place 8 prizes on the table at a value of around \$180. Now I place 8 prizes out with a value more like \$280 to \$310. I don't always make expenses doing that so we changed the 75:25 drawing to be a true 50:50. That helps cover the cost of the nicer prizes.

This year's annual meeting held December 13 we gave out door prizes instead of tackle prizes. There was no cost to members for their door prize ticket but the 50:50 tickets were sold at the usual rate of \$5 for 7 tickets. The members obviously liked that because we collected \$568 from the 50:50. The club gave back \$400 of that to 4 lucky winners of \$100 each. We also paid out the \$100 member prize so our total profit from the 50:50 was \$68.

I want to thank everyone for being a good sport and supporting the raffles. Obviously without member support we won't have them. Please let me know if there are items you would like to see on the raffle table but keep in mind if I put too many high cost items in the raffle I will not be able to sell enough tickets to break even

**DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC.**

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**Membership Application**

New Member - \$35 Yearly

Renewal - \$35 Yearly

Senior (65 &amp; over)- \$20 Yearly

Address Change only

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# CLUB NEWS

## 2017 DAS Membership Drive

With the New Year and the fishing shows upon us, the DAS is offering discounted memberships; \$25 for a new regular membership (\$35 normal cost) or \$10 for a new senior membership (\$20 normal cost).

This offer will be available only at the Ultimate Fishing Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace held January 12th thru the 15th, 2017. To qualify as a new membership, you must not have been a member of the DAS for a minimum of one year prior to your signing up.

The membership applications will be available at the Ultimate Fishing Show.

### FALL-WINTER RIVER, SURF & PIER TOURNAMENT/OUTING SCHEDULE

<b>Sat, Oct. 22</b>	<b>Manistee Outing</b> <b>Manistee River Shed</b>
<b>Sat, Nov. 5</b>	<b>@Manistee</b> <b>Lakeshore Motel Tournament</b>
<b>Sat, Nov. 12</b>	<b>@Ludington</b> <b>Michael's Bar &amp; Grill Tournament</b>
<b>Sat, Dec. 3</b>	<b>@Caseville</b> <b>Lake Trout Outing</b>

### 2017

<b>Sat, Jan. 21</b>	<b>Mitchell's Bay</b> <b>Perch Ice Fishing Outing</b>
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Contact: Blaise Pewinski (248) 890-4517

<b>Sat, Feb. 11</b>	<b>Higgin's Lake</b> <b>Lake Trout Ice Fishing Outing</b>
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for Big Steelhead and \$5 per boat for Big Lake Trout. You have to enter all three pools to participate. The largest fish in each pool wins the entire amount entered for that pool. In the event that no fish is entered in any particular pool, a winner will be drawn from the names entered in that pool. Complete up-to-date information is currently available on the Website Tournaments page.

## 2017 Boat Trolling Tournaments

<b>Date</b>	<b>Port</b>	<b>Port Captain</b>
<b>April 22</b> (6:30am - 1:30pm)	<b>Port Sanilac</b>	<b>Dan Chisholm</b>
<b>May 6</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm) plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club??	<b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>Blaise Pewinski</b>
<b>May 20</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Grand Haven</b>	<b>Jim Zanke</b>
<b>May 21</b> (6:00am - 11:00am)		
<b>June 3</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Harbor Beach</b>	<b>Paul Gjeldum</b>
<b>July 29</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Holland</b>	<b>Chris Turak</b>
<b>August 12</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Ludington</b>	<b>Joe Von Grabe</b>
<b>August 26</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm) plus Fish Off vs. Flint River Valley Steelheaders	<b>Manistee</b>	<b>Bob Paradise</b>

## 2017 DAS Boat Trolling

The Boat Trolling Committee met on Thursday, November 10 at Co-Trolling Tournament Director Bob Ksionzek's house and set-up the schedule for the DAS 2017 Tournaments. In attendance were Co-Tournament Directors Bob Feisel & Bob Ksionzek, Blaise Pewinski, Ty Voigt, Joe Von Grabe, Tom Gorguze, Bob Jones, Chris Turak, Paul Gjeldum, Don Jasman, Charlie Denning and Jim Zanke. After about 2 hours discussion, the following was decided:

The 2017 DAS Boat Trolling Tournament (BTT) schedule will consist of 7 events with the best 4 scores of those counting toward Skipper of the Year. The skipper with the least amount of points for 4 events will receive the DAS Skipper of the Year jacket and trophy at the Annual Christmas meeting in December 2017.

Tournament fees remain at \$10 per tournament and there is no annual fee discount. A New Big Fish pool structure will have (3) separate pools available - \$10 per boat for Big King, \$5 per boat

### 3 Boat Trolling Outings Planned

In addition to the 2017 Boat Trolling Tournaments (See page 3), the Trolling Committee has planned 3 outings to compliment that schedule. These outings do not count towards Skipper of the Year. The outings are as follows:

<b>Sat, April 8</b> Location T.B.D	<b>Walleye Outing</b> Organizer Tom Gorguze
<b>Sat, July 8</b> Linwood Saginaw Bay	<b>Walleye Outing</b> Organizer Don Jasman
<b>Sat, Sept. 23</b> Sterling State Park Lake Erie	<b>Perch Outing</b> Organizer T.B.D.

More information will be published on the website as it becomes available next year.

# **Why Should I Join the Detroit Area Steelheaders?**

- The Detroit Steelheaders mission is to protect and promote the Great Lakes sport fishery. We support our Michigan waterways and assist those governing bodies who are charged with the responsibility of sustaining them.
- Membership is inexpensive! Twelve free monthly educational membership meetings where speakers address boating safety, boat maintenance, how-to seminars on all types of fishing. Great Lakes forecast on the condition of the Great Lakes for the coming year. Our members have ample time during meetings to network with friends and just enjoy camaraderie. We also hold voluntary 50:50 raffle and tackle raffle where you can go home with a nice door prize. A Monthly newsletter is included in the cost of membership.
- We support parochial and public education by funding and mentoring "Salmon in the Classroom" activities in four separate schools.
- We support continuing education by providing a renewable scholarship to Lake Superior State College for students enrolled in ecological programs.
- We assist local communities by funding and mentoring local "Kids Fishing Derbies".
- We host an annual "Special People Day" where we take people with special needs out on the lake for a fun fishing experience. The fishing is followed by an awards presentation and picnic.
- We fish!

Plus All of the items below and more!

"Captain of the Year Award". The Detroit Steelheaders schedule several club salmon fishing tournaments each year where points are awarded where participants earn points toward earning the "Captain of the Year" award.

"Angler of the Year Award". Events are held year-round where members fish piers, rivers, and ice. Walleye events, Perch events, Lake trout events near and far.

Being on the water is safer when you fish with a group. If you get in trouble on the water there's a better chance of someone being around who can help. It may save your life.

As part of a club you meet like-minded people who fish. This can lead to friendships and more opportunities to be on the water. We also have a "Crews Board" program where boat captains can request crew and others can ask for the opportunity to crew for someone.

We are a teaching club. Some of our members are very experienced and talented fishermen. We share that knowledge with other members to help them become better fishermen.

## Detroit Area Steelheaders Giving Exceeds \$90,000!

For 42 years the Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. 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 list of donations made in recent years may overlook some, but the overall impact is that the Detroit Area Steelheaders give!

**June, 2016 - \$3000.** To establish (3) \$1000 Fishery-related Scholarships at Lake Superior State University for the next 3 years.

**June, 2016 - \$500.** To help fund the Farmington Optimist's Breakfast Club Project F-I-S-H program

**May, 2016 - \$1000.** To fund our own Special People fishing outing.

**May, 2016 - \$500.** To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.

**May, July, October, November, December 2016 - \$2155.** To continue funding Salmon in the Classroom projects at Oakland Christian K-12, Ladywood High & Pine Knob Elementary schools and fund a new Salmon in the Classroom project at Kennedy Middle school.

**April, 2016 - \$1000.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2016 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.

**March, 2016 - \$250.** To the Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts of America

**February, 2016 - \$2,500.** To the Michigan DNR's Salmon Ambassadors Program

**January, 2016 - \$150.** For Membership and Support of the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council

**May, 2015 - \$500.** To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.

**April, 2015 - \$2,050.** To the Michigan DNR's Salmon Ambassadors Program

**April, 2015 - \$750.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2015 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.

**April, 2015 - \$500.** To help fund the Farmington Optimist's Breakfast Club Project F-I-S-H program

**January, September, November, 2015 - \$1254.** To continue funding Salmon in the Classroom projects at Oakland Christian and Ladywood High schools and fund a new Salmon in the Classroom project at Pine Knob school.

**July, 2014 - \$500.** To fund a \$500 college scholarship.

**July, 2014 - \$250.** To MUCC to help fund their operations.

**July, 2014 - \$250.** To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.

**July, 2014 - \$250.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.

**June, 2014 - \$813.** To fund our own Special People fishing outing.

**May, 2014 - \$400.** To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.

**April - Oct, 2014 - \$1,231.** To continue funding Salmon in the Classroom projects.

**March, 2014 - \$1,000.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2014 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.

**September-December, 2013 - \$485.** To continue funding a Salmon in the Classroom project at Andersonville Elementary School.

**June, 2013 - \$584.** To fund our own Special People fishing outing.

**May, 2013 - \$1,000.** To pay for 50 rods and reels for the Salvation Army Outdoors program.

**May, 2013 - \$277.** To pay for a bus to take students to release the salmon from their Salmon in the Classroom project at Andersonville Elementary School.

**April, 2013 - \$400.** To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.

**April, 2013 - \$800.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2013 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.

**April, 2013 - \$105.** To continue funding a Salmon in the Classroom project at Oakland Christian School.

**December, 2012 - \$622.** To fund a Salmon in the Classroom project at Andersonville Elementary School.

**December, 2012 - \$984.** To fund a Salmon in the Classroom project at Oakland Christian School.

**August, 2012 - \$500.** To fund a \$500 college scholarship for an approved student studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.

**June, 2012 - \$740.** To fund our own Special People fishing outing.

**June, 2012 - \$500.** To fund a \$500 college scholarship for an approved student studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.

**June, 2012 - \$250.** To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.

**January, 2012 - \$250.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.

**January, 2012 - \$1,000.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2012 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.

**January, 2012 - \$400.** To the Armada Middle School for a Salmon in the Classroom project.

**October, 2011 - \$2,000.** To the Ludington Area Charterboat Association to fund operations of their salmon rearing net pens.

**August, 2011 - \$1,200.** To the Armada Middle School for a Salmon in the Classroom project.

**July, 2011 - \$250.** To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.

**May, 2011 - \$250.** To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.

**January, 2011 - \$800.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2009 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.

**November, 2010 - \$500.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.

**June, 2010 - \$1,000.** To fund two \$500 college scholarships for two deserving students studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.

**June, 2010 - \$1,000.** To the Ludington Area Charterboat Association to fund operations of their salmon rearing net pens.

**June, 2010 - \$234.** Donation of Voluntary Youth Licenses to help DNR revenue.

**May, 2010 - \$250.** To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.

**April, 2010 - \$250.** To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.

**January, 2010 - \$1,000.** To Michigan State University to fund a scholarship for a deserving student studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.

**January, 2010 - \$1,000.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2010 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.

**October, 2009 - \$2,500.** To the Ludington Area Charterboat Association to fund the replacement of their salmon rearing net pens.

**October, 2009 - \$1,000.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.

**October, 2009 - \$200** Donation to the Big Ten Bass Fishing Tournament.

**September-October, 2009 - \$222.** Donation of Voluntary Youth Licenses to help DNR revenue.

**June, 2009 - \$1,703.** To fund our own Special People fishing outing.

**May, 2009 - \$2,000.** To fund two \$1,000 college scholarships for two deserving students studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.

**May, 2009 - \$1,795.** To the City of Ludington for a Memorial Bench at the City Marina.

.....AND SO MUCH MORE!

(Please see [www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com) for complete listing)



## Salmon in the Classroom

### Report Log

By Rodney Elnick

#### November 12, 2016

This year, Kennedy Middle School in St Clare Shores, is our DNR approved new school. They are located near Jefferson on Masonic Blvd. Their tank has been setup and running the two week period recommended to allow the tank to settle. Two 7th grade science teachers will be attending the DNR class at Wolf Lake Hatchery on the 16th, returning home with their 150 Salmon eggs.



Our schools from last year are also set up and running, Ladywood H.S. in Livonia, Oakland Christian in Auburn Hills, and Pine Knob Elementary in Clarkston. The students are very excited as well as the teachers. Every day, the students check the tanks when arriving at school, to see if the eggs are there yet. These schools will get their eggs on Nov. 18th.



This year, the DNR has reduced the classroom egg count down to 150 from 200. Their reasoning was that their

recommended tank size could not support 200 fish. Many schools did have problems maintaining a healthy water chemistry. Cleanliness and chemistry may be the two biggest issues.

#### December 30, 2016

At Kennedy, on this Friday, all the Salmon fry were swimming in the column, meaning all over the tank. The teacher and seven students showed up from their vacation to do a water chemistry check. This past Monday the students tried a pinch of food but there were no interested fish. Today however, perhaps a third of the fry showed an active interest. A close examination showed only a small protrusion of the stomach on some of the fry.

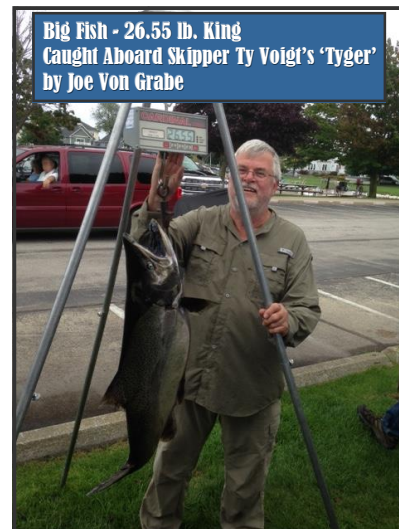


At the other schools, Salmon fry were not as advanced. We think the eggs given to the new schools at Wolf Lake Hatchery were fertilized earlier. All the schools are already thinking about the release date and subsequent activities. Dreamweaver Lure Co. of Ludington plays a part in those activities. They supply spoon blanks and lure tape for the students to create their own custom lures for Dadø to try out, which the students create as part of release day activities. Their creations are quite interesting and fishable.





# 2016 DAS Skipper of the Year & Big Fish



## Skipper of the Year Standings 2016

### FINAL

### Best 4

	Boat Name	Skipper Name	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Port Austin	Manistee	Ludington	Total Points	Best 5	Best 6
1	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	4	3	4	1	3	6	11	15	21
2	Saluki	John Meade	5	2	2	75	4	5	13	18	93
3	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	1	75	1	2	11	50	15	65	140
4	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	3	1	3	75	8	50	15	65	140
5	Piece of Cake	Charles Denning	7	6	5	75	75	75	93	168	243
6	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	8	7	11	75	75	75	101	176	251
7	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	75	5	50	50	10	75	115	190	265
8	Channing	Dan Chisholm	50	4	9	75	75	4	67	142	217
9	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	75	75	6	75	2	75	158	233	308
10	Aquarius II	Chris Nytko	75	75	7	4	75	75	161	236	311
11	Tyger	Ty Voigt	75	75	75	3	9	2	89	164	239
12	Diana's Den	Denis Harper	75	75	10	5	75	75	165	240	315
13	Just Wastin' Time	Don Jasmin	75	75	50	75	12	3	140	215	290
14	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75	75	75	75	1	75	226	301	376
15	Silver Addiction	Capt. Mark Williams	2	75	75	75	75	75	227	302	377
16	Lake Buzzard IV	Fred Chartier	75	75	75	75	5	1	156	231	306
17	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	6	75	75	75	75	75	231	306	381
18	Trapshooter	Ken Clone	75	75	75	75	6	75	231	306	381
19	Moonshot	Brad Walton	75	75	75	75	7	75	232	307	382
20	Money Tree	Chuck Eddy	75	75	8	75	75	75	233	308	383
21	Six Pack	Chris Turak	9	75	75	75	75	75	234	309	384



### Number Caught

	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Port Austin	Manistee	Ludington	Total For Year
No. of Boats	10	7	13	6	12	8	56
Kings	2	7	0	1	40	12	62
Cohos	30	43	0	2	4	0	79
Lake Trout	30	2	49	6	0	1	88
Steelhead	4	4	0	4	0	0	12
Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atlantics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	66	56	49	13	44	13	241

Species	Wgt. (lbs.)	Boat Name	Port
King	26.55	Tyger	Ludington
Coho	8.45	Lake Buzzard IV	Manistee
Lake Trout	15.70	Blue Horizon	St. Joe
Steelhead	7.55	Saluki	Grand Haven
Brown	0.00		
Atlantic	0.00		
Pink	0.00		

**Letter** (Cont'd from Page 1) are as rewarding. The joy of fishing is its own reward.

When you join a fishing club you do more than hone your skills. You add your voice to others working to protect our fisheries for future generations. Whether it's through organized outings and tournaments, the promotion of educational programs, or assisting lawmakers who regulate the resource, joining a club is a way to give back.

Our monthly membership meetings are held in Troy, Michigan the last Tuesday of each month. At meetings, guest speakers address issues such as boating safety and maintenance, Charter Captains and guides present seminars on all types of fishing, biologists and conservation groups keep us up to date on the condition of the Great Lakes, tackle manufacturers share the latest techniques and equipment. If you join a local fishing club, you are bound to meet like minded sportsmen. Meetings are open to the public so please feel free to stop by and come fishing with us.

**Tight Lines,  
Tom Gorguze,  
President  
Detroit Area Steelheaders  
248 343-8397**

## New Fishin' Tales Editor in February

Hi Detroit Steelheaders! My name is Christopher Turak. I am currently on the DAS Board of Directors and I will be taking over editing your Fishin' Tales newsletter.

I plan to change things up and by change, I mean have photos of the month and recipe of the month. I will also be posting lots of info on fishing, and how it's been from the month before prior to an upcoming tournament

Anyone who would love to publish something in the newsletter can just send it my way to [christurak@yahoo.com](mailto:christurak@yahoo.com). The look of the newsletter will be more fun. I will try to grab your attention with lots of cool stuff. I hope you enjoy it!



## Southern Lake Michigan Regional Fisheries Workshop

This workshop will focus on the latest results from 2016 research and monitoring efforts. Michigan Sea Grant and South Haven Steelheaders are co-hosting this event. There is no cost to attend.

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 20, 2017, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** South Haven Moose Lodge,  
1025 Wells St.,  
South Haven, MI 49090 ✧

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## 2016 Detroit Area Steelheaders Board Of Directors Official Election Results

**Date:** December 13, 2016  
**Location:** American Polish Cultural Center  
**Occasion:** Annual meeting & Board of Directors election  
**Ballots:** 77 member ballots  
Three-year term beginning January 2017

<b>Results:</b> Candidate	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Jon Martens	77	December 2019
Bob Jones	70	December 2019
Tom Theida	70	December 2019
Bob Ksionzek	67	December 2019
Jim Zanke	63	December 2019
Don Jasman	55	December 2019

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## 2017 Michigan Winter Free Fishing Weekend: Feb 18-19

As part of these weekends, all fishing license fees are waived for two days with residents and out-of-state visitors allowed to enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes waters for all species of fish during their respective open seasons. All other regulations still apply.

To encourage involvement in Free Fishing Weekends, organized activities are often offered in communities across the state. These activities are coordinated by non-profit groups, schools, parks (local/state), businesses and others. Will you be joining them and planning a 2017 Winter Free Fishing Weekend event? If you would like to plan an event, check out [www.michigan.gov/freefishing](http://www.michigan.gov/freefishing) for information and resources to help! On the site you'll find two toolkits; one focused on planning and the other on promoting your event.

Once your event is coordinated, please register it as an official [2017 Winter Free Fishing Weekend activity online](#). Upon doing so you will be contacted about receiving a packet of materials from the DNR to use during your event. Please join this year's efforts to help get more people out fishing. We welcome you to become a part of the tradition that is the annual Free Fishing Weekends - a time to get together and have some fishing fun! ✧



Carl Ventimiglia, his son Carl, Bill Stanley and Bob Paradise at last year's Higgin's Lake Ice Fishing Outing



## November Meeting Photos



Doug Karakas getting some Pot Luck Snacks



Director Chris Turak & friend Jamie doing their excellent cooking demonstration



Blaise Pewinski and others get cooking tips from Chris Turak



Don Jasman and others get their shares of the goodies!

## December Meeting Photos



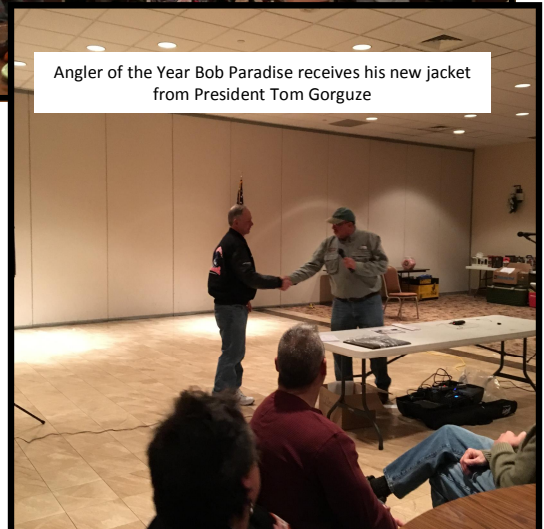
“Salmon Clause” with one of the lucky children who received his gift



Part of 120 adults and children in attendance



Skipper Bob Jones and crew with the Skipper of the Year Award and his new jacket



Angler of the Year Bob Paradise receives his new jacket from President Tom Gorguze

## DAS Skipper's Honor Roll Since 1990

2016	
1. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy
2. John Meade	Saluki
3. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag

2015	
1. John Meade	Saluki
2. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret
3. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy
4. Dan Chisholm	Channing
5. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag

2014	
1. Paul Gjeldum	Blue Horizon
2. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret
3. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy
4. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog
5. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe

2013	
1. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret
2. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog
3. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe
4. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag
5. Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum

2012	
1. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog
2. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy
3. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret
4. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag
5. Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson

2011	
1. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog
2. Bob Paradise	Almost Paradise
3. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag
4. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret
5. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy

2010	
1. Bob Paradise	Almost Paradise
2. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog
3. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy
4. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe
5. E-Fish-N-Sea	Doug Karakas

2009	
1. Mark Williams	Silver Addiction
2. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag
3. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy
4. Bob Paradise	Almost Paradise
5. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret

2008	
1. Mark Williams	Silver Addiction
2. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog
3. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret
4. Dave Linder	No Limit
5. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy

2007	
1. Bob Paradise	Almost Paradise
2. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe
3. Mark Williams	Silver Addiction
4. Tim Robinson	Pride N Joy
5. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret

2006	
1. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe
2. Mark Williams	Silver Addiction
3. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog
4. Bob Jones	Bobby's Toy
5. Dave Linder	No Limit

2005	
1. Bob Paradise	Almost Paradise
2. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe
3. Tom Gorguze	Bad Dog
4. Dave Linder	No Limit
5. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret

2004	
1. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag
2. Chris Nytko	Aquarius II
3. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe
4. Mike Vigus	Crusader
5. Bob Feisel	Vicki's Seacret

2003	
1. Bill Dunk	Free Bird
2. Mike Vigus	Crusader
3. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe
4. Blaise Pewinski	Sea Hag
5. Mark Bevans	In-Seine

2002	
1. Chris Nytko	Aquarius II
2. Doug Karakas	Capt'n Hook
3. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe
4. Bill Dunk	Free Bird
5. Mark Bevans	In-Seine

2001	
1. Mark Stosiak	Tomorrow's Dream
2. Chris Nytko	Aquarius II
3. Joe Von Grabe	Sloppy Joe
4. Mike Vigus	Crusader
5. Doug Karakas	Capt'n Hook

2000	
1. Chris Nytko	Aquarius II
2. Stan Bilek	Blue Star
3. Mark Stosiak	Tomorrow's Dream
4. Dick Shirk	Lil' Scratch
5. Bill Nutting	Just Once

1999	
1. Mark Stosiak	Tomorrow's Dream
2. Stan Bilek	Blue Star
3. Chris Nytko	Aquarius II
4. Dick Shirk	Lil' Scratch
5. Paul Schoenrade	Eagle III

1998	
1. Don Redmond	Trena Dawn
2. Chris Nytko	Aquarius II
3. Dick Shirk	Lil' Scratch
4. Rob Golaszewski	Lucky Falcon
5. Paul Schoenrade	Eagle III

1997	
1. Rob Golaszewski	Lucky Falcon
2. Chris Nytko	Aquarius II
3. Paul Colone	The Kidd
4. Bob Buero	Mickey Mouse Club
5. Jimmy Hardrick	My Dream

1996	
1. Dick Shirk	Lil' Scratch
2. Rob Golaszewski	Lucky Falcon
3. Chris Nytko	Aquarius II
4. Paul Nowak	Nothin' But Fun
5. Don Redmond	Trena Dawn

1995	
1. Bob Mitchell	Kemo
2. Don Redmond	Trena Dawn
3. Daniel Dima	Taz
4. Rob Golaszewski	Lucky Falcon
5. Dave Roehr	Floating Holiday

1994	
1. Joe Golaszewski	Lucky Falcon
2. Jimmy Hardrick	My Dream
3. Chris Nytko	Aquarius II
4. Ron Hartman	Molly Frair
5. Paul Schoenrade	Eagle Two

1993	
1. Dave Even	Teacher's Pet
2. Don Redmond	Trena Dawn
3. Joe Golaszewski	Lucky Falcon
4. Leon Van Eden	Bull Head
5. Chris Nytko	Aquarius II

1992	
1. Bob Mitchell	Kemo
2. Dave Even	Teacher's Pet
3. Tom Moores	Karefree
4. Dick Shirk	Lil' Scratch
5. Mike Wakulski	Wet Paint

1991	
1. Bob Mitchell	Kemo
2. Dave Even	Teacher's Pet
3. Don Redmond	Trena Dawn
4. Dick Shirk	Lil' Scratch
5. Joe Golaszewski	Lucky Falcon

1990	
1. Bob Mitchell	Kemo
2. Dave Even	Teacher's Pet
3. Dick Shirk	Lil' Scratch
4. Rob Pinski	Anticipation
5. Mike Wakulski	Wet Paint



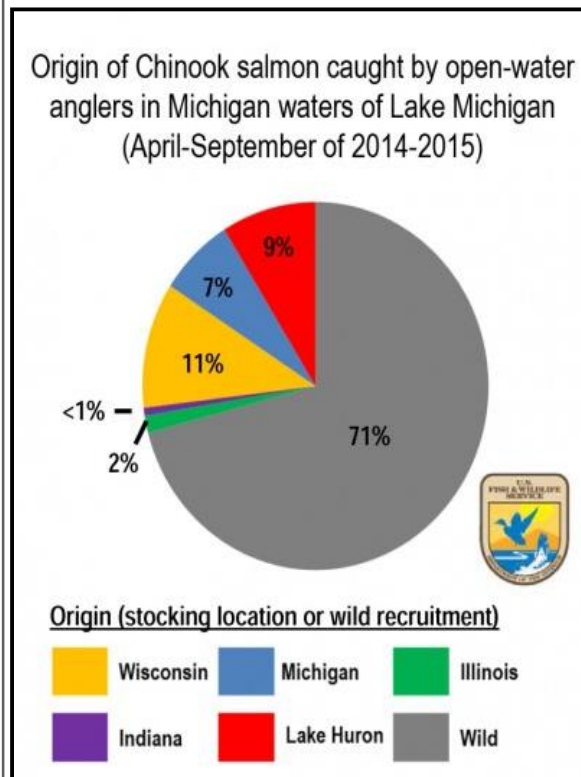
## What will the Lake Michigan Salmon Stocking Cut Mean for Michigan Anglers?

**Mass marking of Chinook salmon sheds new light on the relative importance of Chinook salmon stocked in Michigan.**

Posted on **October 27, 2016** by [Dan O'Keefe](#), Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Sea Grant

**Mass-marking allowed scientists to determine the origin of Chinook salmon caught by Michigan anglers. Numbers do not indicate patterns in survival. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service image, Kornis et al. 2016.**

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the modern Great Lakes salmon stocking program. When coho and Chinook salmon were first planted in the Great Lakes the results were spectacular. A nuisance invader (the alewife) became the prey of choice for salmon and fueled the birth of a world-class sport fishery.



Fifty years later we are struggling to adapt to the influence of new invaders, particularly quagga mussels and round gobies. Fishery managers also must adapt to the rising importance of natural reproduction, which now accounts for the majority of Chinook salmon in Lake Michigan. On top of that, the experience of Lake Huron's alewife/salmon collapse in 2004 serves as a constant reminder that stocking too many Chinook salmon on top of wild fish can lead to disaster for coastal communities.

With this in mind, state and tribal agencies of the [Lake Michigan Committee](#) decided to reduce the number of salmon and trout stocked in Lake Michigan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources recently announced its [plan](#) to reduce Chinook salmon stocking by 230,000 (in addition to reducing lake trout by 270,000 and cutting coho salmon stocking by 96,000).

Public reaction to Chinook salmon cuts in Michigan has been mixed, with a narrow margin of support from groups like the Lake Michigan Citizens' Fishery Advisory Committee and Michigan Steelheaders (MSSFA) and opposition from Michigan Charter Boat Association and the newly-formed Great Lakes Salmon Initiative. What will the decision really mean for anglers?

### Michigan stocking sites contribute little to Chinook catches

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Great Lakes Fish Tag and Recovery Laboratory, only 7% of Chinook salmon caught in Michigan waters during the open-water fishery (April - September, 2014 - 2015) were stocked in Michigan waters of Lake Michigan (see figure). Roughly 7 out of 10 Chinook salmon caught in Michigan waters of Lake Michigan were wild, and Wisconsin and Lake Huron plants contributed more than local stocking efforts.

For Michigan anglers, this means that Michigan DNR's 46% reduction in Chinook salmon stocking absolutely will not cause a 46% reduction in open water Chinook catches. After all, the vast majority of fish being caught by Michigan anglers are not Michigan-stocked fish ([see factsheet for full details and results for other states](#)).

### Fewer stocked salmon does not necessarily mean fewer salmon in the lake

According to the Michigan and Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, about 6.8 million untagged/un-fin-clipped Chinook salmon smolts recruited to the population in Lake Michigan in 2012. While they believe that most of these unmarked fish were from wild, natural reproduction in Lake Michigan tributaries some did come from natural reproduction in Lake Huron tributaries and other sources. A small number of unmarked Chinook salmon smolts came from [Salmon in the Classroom stockings](#) (<10,000 unmarked fish) and from private hatchery stockings in Ontario waters of Lake Huron (214,352 unmarked fish). Even if all of these unmarked stocked fish migrated into Lake Michigan, the estimate of wild smolts recruiting to Lake Michigan in 2012 would be in the neighborhood of 6.6 million.

In 2013, wild reproduction fell dramatically to around 1.4 million smolts. Reasons are not entirely clear but, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, may have been related to low water levels and warm water temperatures during the fall spawning migration that produced those smolts. Other possible reasons include low survival due to an abnormally cold and prolonged winter, slow growth and high mortality of young salmon after hatching, and/or low numbers of alewife to feed on once young Chinook salmon entered Lake Michigan.

**Stocking Cuts** (Cont'd on Page 12)

**Stocking Cuts** (Cont'd from Page 11)

One way or another, natural reproduction was dismal in 2013 and remained below average in 2014 (2.9 million smolts). The poor fishing many Michigan anglers experienced in 2015 and 2016 was due, in part, to these weak wild year-classes.

**The overwhelming influence of natural reproduction**

Back in the early days, fishery managers could control the number of Chinook salmon in Lake Michigan through stocking. If states stocked 2 million Chinooks, then that was it - nothing more to account for, no more mouths to feed.

Now fishery managers have much less control over Chinook salmon numbers. Lake Michigan stocking (from all states) is being reduced from 1.80 million in 2016 to 1.35 million Chinook salmon smolts in 2017. Wild spawning salmon produce around 4.5 million smolts on average, but this wild production can range from 1.4 million smolts to over 6.6 million smolts. This is a lot of variation!

To put stocking into perspective, the total number of Chinook smolts (stocked + wild) produced in 2017 is expected to be around 5.85 million based on an average year of natural reproduction. However, if natural reproduction is poor this could be as low as 2.75 million. If natural reproduction is high, which is a distinct possibility, we could have upwards of 7.95 million smolts entering Lake Michigan in 2017. In short, the impact of the stocking cut amounts to very little in comparison to this tremendous variation in wild fish.

For anglers, the bottom line is that there is good reason to expect the number of Chinook salmon in Lake Michigan to increase or remain steady despite the recent stocking reduction. If salmon numbers do dramatically increase, as they might due to natural reproduction, the result could be a permanent collapse of alewife and salmon.

If natural reproduction remains near recent lows, the worst-case scenario for anglers would be a slight reduction in the number of salmon over the short term. In reality, this worst-case scenario would also be the best-case scenario in terms of ensuring the long term viability of the salmon fishery because it would provide a better chance of alewife recovery.

For better or worse, the future will be determined in large part by wild fish.

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**Caseville** (Cont'd. from Page 1)

Pewinski decided to make it until 1:00. Of course, once this decision was made, the action stopped.

At 1:00 pm, everyone made the short drive over to the Caseville Resort & Marina clubhouse, where every one enjoyed the hearty hot lunch prepared by Blaise, delicious Elk Stew and Sloppy Joe's which was especially good after spending the entire morning out in the cold fishing. There were also chips, pretzels, cookies and other snacks as well as cold bottled water and soft drinks. Nice job on the lunch, Blaise! And Thanks to Blaise's buddy, Lewis Blaise for letting us use the warm and comfortable facilities at the clubhouse.

Once everyone was fed, those that had an entry for the Big Fish Pool gathered on the grass outside to weigh their fish. There were 19 people entered at \$5 per person but only 5 had fish to weigh. Those that had fish but didn't enter the Pool were probably feeling a sorry. The fish were very similar in size so naturally it would come down to ounces separating the entries. Ty Voigt's Lake Trout weighed in at 8 lbs. 14 ozs. on my hand held Field & Stream scale. Don Jasman had a Laker that went 8 lbs. 15 ozs. But ultimately, a 9 lb. 1 oz. Lake Trout caught by Todd Ridley took home the \$95. Congratulations, Todd!

Well, this was truly a wonderful event and a great way to spend a Saturday morning in December. Everyone really enjoyed themselves, fish or no fish. If you haven't done this before, keep next year's outing in mind. I'm sure you won't be disappointed!

Bob Ksionzek

Check Out Some of the Pictures from Caseville on Pages 14 & 15

**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER**  
SATURDAY — MARCH 11, 2017

**AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER**  
2975 E. Maple Rd. Troy, MI 48063  
Doors open at 5:00 — Dinner at 6:00

**TICKETS: \$60**  
Includes beer & soda  
(limited to 550 tickets)

All proceeds help Detroit Area Steelheaders to Promote, Educate, Preserve and Protect our Great Lakes Fisheries and Resources.

**THE MENU**

SOUTHERN GRILLED CHICKEN Ten piece cut chickens tossed in our BBQ dry rub then cooked on our wood fired restaurant grill.	SOUTH TEXAS ANTELOPE Slow roasted with a Texas BBQ rub, and then served on a Texas tomato relish.	BAKED GREEN BEANS WITH HAM & CRISPY ONIONS
SOUTHERN STYLE PULLED BOAR Wild boar butts seasoned with our own dry rub then slow smoked with natural hardwoods. Served with BBQ sauce.	LATE WINTER PHEASANT Pheasant slow roasted in a rich tomato and chorizo sauce, then garnished with tri-colored peppers.	LOADED MASHED POTATOES CAROLINA SLAW
ALLIGATOR SAUSAGE & BAYOU RICE Home Style Gator sausage, roasted then placed on a bed of Louisiana rice.	BAKED WHITEFISH FLORENTINE Fresh fish topped with a spinach filling then topped with casino butter.	ROLLS & BUTTER
		COOKIES & BAR DESSERTS

Guns from: Our Feature Caterer: Taxidermy Display by:   
Tables of 10 paid in full by January 31st will receive \$100 in raffle tickets.  
For tickets, contact Bob Jones: gtltroller2003@yahoo.com • 734-751-1767



## Special People Outing Saturday, June 10, 2017



Each year the Detroit Area Steelheaders host a day of fishing and fun for a group of Special People. What is the group of Special People? It is a group of people young and not so young that face physical or emotional challenges.

It is a group of men, women, and young people that come together each year for the opportunity to get out on the water and fish. Whether catching silver bass, walleye, or even Sheephead, it provides an occasion for a boat ride, enjoy a little sunshine and hopefully catch a few fish. Something most of us take for granted.

The festivities begin with a short captain's meeting under the big tent at Toledo Beach Marina. Our guests usually arrive shortly before 8am. After, the guests meet their captain for the day and we head out for a fishing adventure. Typically, we fish from 8am until noon. Returning to the tent, each boat gets to show off its catch! Pictures of both the crews and the entire group are taken at this time. While a nice lunch is served, volunteers clean and package the walleye for our guests. Typically the event ends in early afternoon. Toledo Beach Marina is located a couple miles just south of Monroe. They have an excellent launch ramp and offer transient slips. In support of DAS and the Special People Outing, Toledo Beach Marina has graciously extended the use of their launch and one night of dockage. Skippers can obtain additional nights if desired. There is plenty of parking for trailers close to the launch ramp. It is about an hour and ten minutes' drive time from our meeting location. You can drive down the morning of the event and launch your boat, or come down early and spend some personal time fishing Lake Erie. Comfort Inn is nearby and usually offers a fisherman's rate. Knights Inn is located off of exit 15. It is a little less expensive, but has limited parking. Boats and trailers are limited.



Fishing Lake Erie for walleye offers a range of options. I personally run small spoons behind Jet Divers trolling. Drift fishing is an option. Mini disk divers, bottom bouncers, crawler harnesses are some of the methods used. From Toledo Beach Marina, a

short run to the Dumping Grounds is right outside the harbor, or a run up into Breast Bay. Lake Erie offers a wide range of fishing options.

This year especially, the Steelheaders are taking on greater responsibilities in this event. More volunteers are needed to set up tables and chairs, clean up, and general support. Also, from our membership, we are in need of captains and boats. Boats need to be large enough to accommodate one guest, possibly two. The more captains that volunteer their boats and services will allow us to invite a larger group of guests. Participating in this event will

leave a lasting impression that will make you glad that you participated! Donations are always welcome in support this event. If you have any questions or concerns about participating; you can contact Dan Chisholm @ 586-530-9171, Rich Janis @ 586-215-6264, or Jim Zanke @ 586-489-2041. We would be happy to assist you. We will pass around the sign-up sheet at the January Membership Meeting.

Jim Zanke

### DAS Annual Big Fish

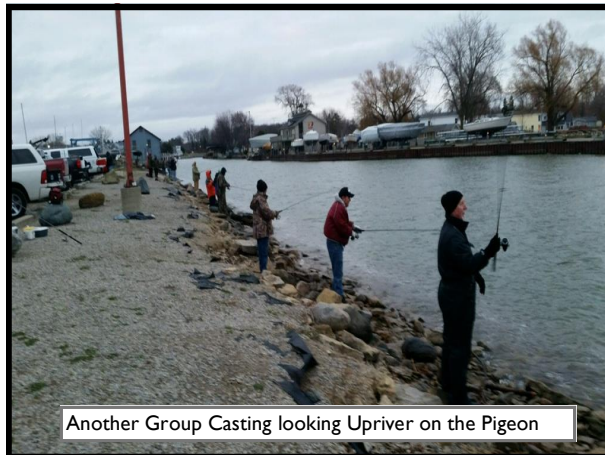
Year	Species	Wgt. In Lbs.	Boat Name	Caught By	Tournament
2016	King	26.55	Tyger	Joe Von Grabe	Ludington
2015	King	17.95	Bobby's Toy	Bob Ksionzek	Ludington
2014	King	22.9	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	Manistee
2013	King	28.65	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	Manistee
2012	King	29.45	Bobby's Toy	Tim Robinson	Olcott, NY
2011	King	26.35	Bobby's Toy	Bob Ksionzek	Ludington II
2010	King	19	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	Ludington II
2009	King	20.45	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	Manistee
2008	King	18.6	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	Manistee II
2007	King	17.15	Thor's Hammer	Al Weichert	Manistee I
2006	King	22.1	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	Ludington Ladies Day
2005	King	19.45	Hawkeye	Larry Walter	Ludington Ladies Day
2004	King	22.05	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	Ludington I
2003	King	26.3	The Office	Duane Dean	Manistee
2002	King	23.63	Rupe	Gary Ruprich	Manistee
2001	King	28.07	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	Manistee
2000	King	27.44	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	Manistee
1999	Coho	29.06	Eagle III	Dave Staniczewski	Manistee
1998	King	28.69	Molly Frair	Ron Hartman	Manistee
1997	King	24.44	My Dream	Jim Hardrick	Manistee
1996	King	26.44	Trena Dawn	Joel Garinger	Ludington
1995	King	27.06	Fish-N-Tails	Doug Fellows	Manistee
1994	King	26.12	Main Squeeze	Walt Pohorly	Rogers City
1993	King	27.25	Karefree	Tom Moores	Presque Isle
1992	King	25.5	Eagle II	Paul Schoenrade	Lexington
1991	King	25.5	Kemo	Bob Mitchell	Ludington
1990	King	26.14	Misery III	Al Schultz	Rogers City
1989	King	28.5	Molly Frair	Ron Hartman	Rogers City
1988	King	25	Trena Dawn	Don Redmond	Rogers City
1987	King	22.19	Cap't Hook	Doug Karakas	Rogers City
1986	King	22.11	Nuf-4-Me	Art Dennis	Ludington
1985	King	23.5	More-N-Likely	Bob Kanas	Harbor Beach
1984	King	25.5	Kneeknocker	Ed Choiniski	Ludington
1983	King	26.38	Sea Esta	Bill Achtenburg	Ludington
1982	King	25.69	Sea Esta	Bill Achtenburg	Ludington
1981	King	28	Valhalla	Steve Hamilton	Ludington
1980	King	30.12	Fishing Fever	Terry Cholette	Ludington
1979	King	26.13	Drifter	Bob Kring	Unknown
1978	King	25.8	Valhalla	Steve Hamilton	Pentwater



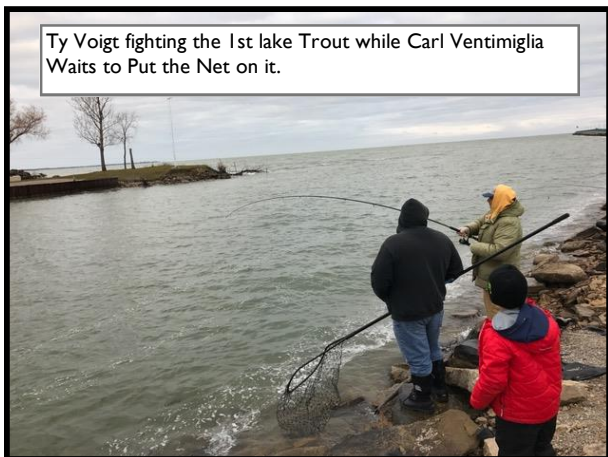
# CASEVILLE OUTING



Looking out to Lake Huron, Some of the Group Casting



Another Group Casting looking Upriver on the Pigeon



Ty Voigt fighting the 1st lake Trout while Carl Ventimiglia Waits to Put the Net on it.



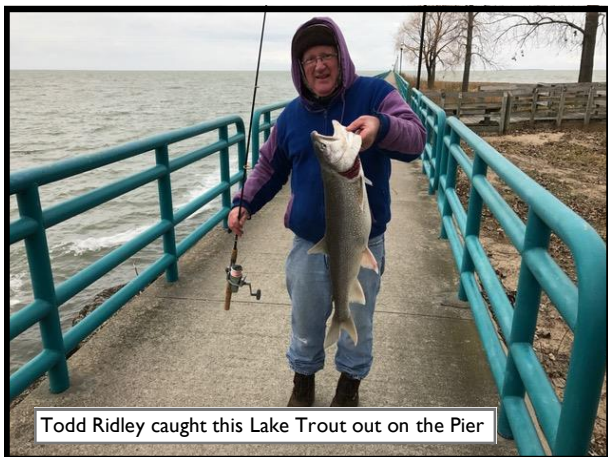
Ty Voigt's Laker went 8 lbs. 14 ozs on a Hand-held scale.



Don Jasman's Trout went 8 lbs. 15 ozs on a Hand-held scale.



Mark Carlson Didn't Join the Other 19 Guys in the Big Fish Pool. We'll Never Know if it was the Biggest?



Todd Ridley caught this Lake Trout out on the Pier



Bob Feisel's Grandson John Paul Progar was Having a Good Time



# CASEVILLE OUTING



Scott Groesbeck About to Weigh his Fish



Afterwards the Group Enjoying Blaise's Delicious Elk Stew and Sloppy Joes in the Caseville Resort & Marina Clubhouse



First person on the Left is Louis Blaze, Our Host at the Clubhouse. Thanks, Louis!



Bob Ksionzek Does the Official Weighing on his Hand-Held Field & Stream Scale



Official Ty Voigt's Lake Trout - 8 lbs. 14



All the Entries in the Big Fish Pool



Todd Ridley Took Home \$95 for His 9 Lb. 1 Oz L.T.



### Upcoming 2017 DAS Key Dates

Thu. Jan. 12, 2017 Thru Sun. Jan. 15, 2017	Ultimate Fishing Show Suburban Collection Showplace
Tue. Jan. 17, 2017 7:00 pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., Jan. 21, 2017	Perch Ice Fishing Outing Mitchell Bay, Ontario
Tue. Jan. 31, 2017 7:30 pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., Feb. 11, 2017	Lake Trout Ice Fishing Outing Higgin Lake

### 2016 December Membership Meeting Facts

<u>Attendance:</u>	120 Adults & Children
<u>Featured Guest:</u>	Salmon Clause
<u>Featured Presentations:</u>	Skipper of The Year Award Big Fish Awards Member of the Year Award Director of the Year Award
<u>50/50 Raffle Winner:</u>	\$100 Bob Feisel \$100 Joe Jones \$100 Don Mikros \$100 Dennis Harper
<u>Every Member Draw:</u>	\$100 Jeff Bustos

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Here are some links to other newsletters and reports:

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(<http://www.great-lakes.org/basinreports/basinreports.html>)

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Published by the Great Lakes Sportfishing Council

#### Metro-West Steelheaders Newsletters

(<http://www.metroweststeelheaders.org/newsletters.php>)

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Newsletters of the Metro-West Steelheaders, a Chapter of the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishing Association (MSSFA). From this page of their website you can also link to newsletters published by other chapters of MSSFA.

#### What's Really Going On with Salmon in Lake Michigan

(<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDNR/bulletins/164c3e2>)

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