



Fishin' Tales II

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March Membership Meeting

- **When:**
- Tuesday, March 28 2017 7:30pm
- **Where:**
- American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speakers:**
- Tim Pratschler from team Verdict.
Secrets from the trail.
- **Other Happenings:**
- Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle, Every Member
Drawing, Wild game dinner
- **DAS On the web-**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com Post to the
message board and check out the entire
site.



“ The Power Is Back”

Well that was a close one. After the biggest power outage caused by wind ever, I found myself checking the DTE App on my phone every 10 minutes Friday evening into Saturday morning. By chance Saturday morning my wife Kellie found a company with a generator that could power up the hall. So by 11:00 am it was up and running, the hall was warming up, but it seemed all too easy. Everything was good... until the motor started to act up on the generator. Then out of nowhere at 4:59pm, the power came back on. We were saved!



I would like to say Thank you to all the guests, vendors and volunteers who helped make this evening such a success. A special Thank you goes to Country Smoke House, Lombardos Taxidermy, Michigan, Joel Piatek from Fish- Headz Charters and Duran Martinez. These guys always bring their A-game for me, especially Steve Francis. Not only did he deal with the power going on and off, but helped keeping the generator going. He knew more about the generator than the mechanic they sent out.

The event was a success and we can continue to support all the worthy causes and charities, with the hope of adding some new ones.

So on behalf of DAS, I would like to say Thank you!

Carl Ventimiglia
Wild Game Dinner Chairman

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS**Currently: 155 Members****New Memberships** *Welcome!***Re-Newed Memberships**

Paul Nowak John Lotarski Robert Costin Brian Brenton

Memberships Expired**2 mo. Ago Last Re-** Jason Jones Ted Lewicki Gary Ruprich**1 Mo. Ago First Re-
minder:** Rabih Abdallah**This Month:** Christopher Turak Dan Whitmill Ronald Pisarski**Detroit Area Steelheaders is on Facebook**

The tackle raffle main prize for the March meeting is the portable fish cleaning station pictured. BassPro Shop placed these on sale late last year and I liked the idea that this one hooked up to a hose so you have running water to help with fish cleaning and clean up.

Thank you all for supporting the raffles as well as you do. With your continued support we can keep the ball rolling with really good raffle prizes.

Dan Chisholm

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Membership Application

- ☐ New Member - \$35 Yearly ☐ Renewal - \$35 Yearly
☐ Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly ☐ Address Change only

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Special People

Featured Speaker

It's time for big lake fisherman to put on your game faces because our March speaker is Tim Pratchler from the Verdict Sport fishing team. Team Verdict is a professional Great Lakes salmon fishing team hailing from Ludington, Michigan. Tim and his team have a passion for competing on the Lake Michigan Tournament Trail. Among their notable accomplishments are four appearances in the Salmon Showdown finals, and they are four time winners of the Onkama Shakedown Tournament. Crew member Lance Jambeck will join Tim and share their secrets of successful tournament fishing.



2017 Boat Trolling Tournaments

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



Duran Martinez
Guest MC for the
2017 Wild Game
Dinner. (Duran
and Kellie calling
the door prize
winners)

3 Boat Outings and AOY Events

In addition to the 2017 Boat Trolling Tournaments. The Trolling Committee has planned 3 outings to compliment that schedule. These outings do not count towards Skipper of the Year. These events do count towards Angler Of The Year. The outings are as follows:

Sat, March 25	River Outing
Big Manistee River	Organizer Bob Paradise
Sat, April 8	Walleye Outing
St. Clair River	Organizer Tom Gorguze
Sat, July 8	Walleye Outing
Linwood	Organizer Don Jasman
Saginaw Bay	
Sat, Sept. 23	Perch Outing
Sterling State Park	Organizer T.B.D.
Lake Erie	

A special "Fish On" thank you to Brian Brenton for his \$140 donation to this years Special People outing. Brian returned his \$140 winnings from the February 50:50 drawing and requested that it be used for Special People. Thank you Brian, it is appreciated.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders

Chefs Table

Spiced Thyme Grilled Bluegill

Ingredients:

- bluegill fillets
- minced garlic clove
- grated lemon zest
- chopped thyme
- crushed red pepper flakes
- salt
- extra virgin olive oil

Preparation and Cooking Directions:

In a small bowl, mix together 3 tablespoons of olive oil, the garlic, lemon zest, thyme, a dash each of salt and red pepper flakes. Rub both sides of the bluegill fillets with the mixture and allow it to marinate in the refrigerator for about 10 minutes.

Lay out 2 pieces of aluminum foil just larger than the size of the fish fillets, one on top of the other. Lightly drizzle the aluminum foil with about a tablespoon of olive oil. Place the foil on a medium hot charcoal or gas barbecue grill. Place the fish on top of the foil, cover the grill and allow it to cook for about 8 minutes or until done by testing with a fork for flakiness. Remove immediately and serve with lemon wedges.



Tips N Tricks

There is no need for fishing blind. Whenever I fish a new lake or new port, I like to identify potential honey holes before backing down the ramp. Even if you don't have a local chart,



you can still scout bottom contours with a smart phone or iPad, from almost anywhere. One tool I use is the Navionics Boating app. The Navionics app has a free 15 day trial. The USA only version costs \$10, and \$15 for a version that includes most lakes in the US and Canada. Coupled with the GPS in your phone, you can navigate, plan routes, mark favorite fishing spots, and see bottom detail. The app is easy to use and can store up to 200 waypoints. The boating app was released in 2014 and contains

the same level of detail as most chart plotters. Chart updates are included for 12 months from the time of purchase. Don't be lost at sea. It not only helps you zero in on fish, it can help you find your way home. If you would like to see the app in action, check out the free (computer only) WebApp version on the Navionics website at:

<https://webapp.navionics.com>

Tom Gorguze

Upcoming Tournament

Detroit Steelheaders 2017 Trolling Tournament Kickoff!
Port Sanilac – April 22, 2017

Our first tournament is approaching fast and will be here before you know it. Before April 22 you will want to complete your boat preseason maintenance and safety inspections. Pay special attention to your boat safety equipment. Flares, fire extinguishers, throwable floatation device, horns, whistles, lights, PFD's, and first aid kits. You also need to get your gear sorted and inspected. Drags checked, reels relined or at least inspected, tackle sorted and cleaned, and whatever else you feel you need to do to be ready to troll in Port Sanilac. That's a lot to do and many of us will want to get in on the early Walleye runs that are going on. That means there is even less time to prepare for the trolling season. It's time to start now! The details of the tournament can be seen below and also on the club website under tournaments and outings. Use that a resource to prepare yourself for Port Sanilac. I'm excited and hoping to see many of you at our first tournament of the year:

-Dan Chisolm

2017 PORT SANILAC TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Saturday April 22, 2017

WHERE: Port Sanilac Marina

SKIPPERS MEETING: 5:30 a.m.

TOURNAMENT START: 6:30 a.m. FISH CALLS: Channel 72 9:00 a.m. and noon PULL
LINES: 1:30 p.m.

WEIGH-IN: 2:30 p.m. (must be in line by) Port Sanilac Marina

PORT CAPTAIN: Dan Chisholm (Channing) 586-530-9171 Cell

Algonac Outing and Fish Fry

We have a St. Clair River outing planned for Saturday, April 8 in Algonac. Captains and Crew should meet at the North Channel ramp across from the Algonac Kroger's. Fishing time is 6:30 AM to Noon. Tom Gorguze will be organizing this event. Following fishing we will have the weigh-in and a fish fry at Tom and Diann's cottage on the North Channel. Anglers should be at the fish fry by 1:00 PM. We will accept perch and walleye donations for the fish fry.

On the St. Clair River, early spring anglers can target walleyes or ice out salmon depending on the water temperature. The North Channel has a traditional salmon run when the lake and river ice melts. As the Lake Huron salmon fishery has rebounded, Spring river fishing has also improved. As the river warms up, so do the walleye!

This event counts towards Angler of the Year. Scoring will be based on the total number of legal salmon, walleye and trout caught. Anglers may elect to release their catch, but should get a picture of their fish next to a ruler to verify size first.

2815 pte. Tremble
Just south of the ramp.

Tom Gorguze
248 343-8397

Spring Steelhead Challenge

The 2017 Manistee spring Steelhead Challenge will be a get together with the Metro-West Steelheaders. The date is March 25. The fishing start time is 6:00 AM, and the weigh-in will be at 5:00 PM. The weigh-in will be at Metro-West member Trevor Wisniewski's cottage on 14637 Pine Lake Road, Wellston, MI 49689. Do not be late for the weigh-in. Please park your vehicle on the side of the road in front of Trevor's place. There will be fluorescent marking tape by the road. We will have a \$5 per person big fish contest with Metro-West. This event will also count towards Angler of the Year for DAS members. There will also be food at the weigh-in. Hope to have a good DAS turnout. If you'll be attending, or for additional information contact me Bob Paradise.

Bob Paradise

586-457-4073



Examples of the quality of fish that can be in the Manistee system during the spring run.

DAS Special People Save the Date

June 10, 2017

This year's Special People Club event will be held on June 10, 2017 at Toledo Beach Marina. What is different this year is we are missing some key people who have been the prime movers of this event for many years. The pre-planning behind the scenes stuff that goes on every year will be done by Mary Karakas and her merry band of loyal helpers. The Club will need to carry on all the event day execution to make this a success. What that means is we need volunteers to help out on the day of the event. We need captains and boats like we do every year but we also need people who will act as ground crew. Ground crew helps out with all the tasks that make the event a success. Table and chair set up, registration, pictures, banner set up, cooking, serving, fish cleaning, and clean up just to name a few. Right now we are woefully short on those hands on people to make this event happen. If you can help I need to hear from you. My contact information is in this newsletter as a member of the board of directors. Please help, we need you now!

Dan Chisholm

Did someone say prizes



The prize tables were loaded with Goodies



More Prizes



Jenny Olsen from Michigan Out Of Doors Draws the first table prize



Yeti Drawing



More Prizes



More Prizes

Upcoming 2017 DAS Key Dates

Sat Mar 25, 2017	Big Manistee Rivershed Outing
Tue Mar 28, 2017	BOD Meeting Polish Cultural Center
Sat Apr 1, 2017	Island Lake , Lake Trout Outing
Sat Apr 8, 2017	St Clair River Outing and Algonac Fish Fry (Tom Gorguze House)

2017 February Membership Meeting Facts

<u>Attendance:</u>	47
<u>Featured Guest:</u>	Dan O'Keefe and Roger Hinchcliff
<u>Featured Presentations:</u>	Sea Grant and Drop Back
<u>50/50 Raffle Winner:</u>	\$140 Brian Brenton
<u>Every Member Draw:</u>	\$100 John Meade (Not Present)

Enjoy These Other Newsletters and Reports

Here are some links to other newsletters and reports:

[Woods-N-Water News](http://www.woods-n-waternews.com/)

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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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