



February Membership Meeting

- **When:**
 - Tuesday, February 28 2017 7:30pm
- **Where:**
 - American Polish Cultural Center
 - NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speakers:**
 - 2016 Michigan sea grant Salmon study report presented by Dan O'Keefe.
 - Roger Hinchcliff from Steelhead Manifesto will give a presentation on targeting Spring drop-back Steelhead
- **Other Happenings:**
 - Upcoming Ice Fishing Outings, 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.

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Ice Fishing Words Of Wisdom From Blaise

My favorite time of the year, when the ice gets safe enough to walk on. Don't get me wrong, I like any time of the year you can go fishing. But when the ice forms it's time to get the auger out and go perchin'. Lake St. Clair and lake Simcoe in Canada would be the 2 best place in North America to search for jumbo perch in my opinion. Over the last 20 years I've learned how to jig long silver spoons with hard beads called Guster or Slab Grabbers to catch limits of monster perch. These lures are meant to be fished close to bottom, using a quick 6 to 12 inch lift and let it flutter back down. Most perch will hit it on the drop or just as it goes still. Electronics play a great role in today's perchin', it can tell you if the perch are interested in your presentation or the action you are giving the lure. I like to use 4 rods with different lure and work the fish until I see a preference of one or another. Perch are usually bottom oriented dwellers but they can be pulled off bottom when you caught your last fish. They will follow the last 1 you hooked, up to the top or close to it, these are feeders and are easy to catch. Pay attention to your sonar, it will tell you where they are in the water column. Just remember to move often until you find active fish, or if you are fishing in a group watch the way the group moves to stay on active perch. This is what I call leap frogging, where you move out in front of the direction the school is moving. I have seen large group of fisherman stay with an active school for over a half mile. That's fun fishing

Remember ice is never safe, take a few precautions. Wear a floatable suit or life jacket, get some ice picks, a throwable cushion with 50 feet of rope are a few I never leave shore without. I hope to see you on the ice maybe our Detroit Steelheaders event in Mitchells Bay CA. or Higgins lake.

DAS director

Blaise Pewinski

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

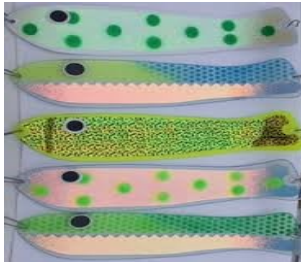
Joe Bryne	Chris Campbell	Don Clark	Bill Foster
Luke Paradise	Mark Paradise	Gary Monger	

Re-Newed Memberships**Memberships Expired**
2 mo. Ago Last Reminder: Bob Dyson Fred Hynick Dan Whitmill

1 Mo. Ago First Reminder: Jason Jones Ted Lewicki Gary Ruprich

This Month: Rabihi Abdallah
Detroit Area Steelheaders is on Facebook**Detroit Steelheaders Tackle Raffle/50-50**

We encourage everyone to participate in the tackle raffle and the 50/50 drawing! The more people participate in the raffles the better the prizes will be. "I have one two full setups for copper and lead core on my boat just by doing the tackle raffle. Top pf the line gear is being put into these tackle raffles and it is because of the participation we all contribute to" Says Chris Turak.

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Membership Application

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member - \$35 Yearly | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal - \$35 Yearly | Amt. Paid \$_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly | <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change only | |

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CLUB NEWS

2017 DAS Boat Trolling

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 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

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

Higgin's Lake Ice Fishing Outing (AOY) Results

Carl Ventimiglia	2	5pts
Carl Ventimiglia	1	3pts
Tom Gorguze		1pt

2017 Outings

In addition to the 2017 Boat Trolling Tournaments, The DAS will hold several outings to compliment the trolling tournaments schedule. These outings will count towards Angler Of The Year.

The next 4 outings are as follows:

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

Tackle Raffle Announcement

DAS Tackle Matters newsletter article. We will have this 11.5 foot Riverside rod combined with a center pin Riverside reel on the tackle raffle table for our February member meeting. Seven other prizes will also be raffled off. Don't miss out on the opportunity to win this combo and please keep supporting our



clubs raffles.....Dan Chisholm

Photos Of Our Steelheaders



**Fishing from the jet Sled
with Mark Stosiak**



**Fresh from the Big Manistee
River, Tom Gorguze fishing
with Mark Stosiak**



**Carl Ventimiglia's son
caught this nice Lake Trout
on Higgins lake.**

CT'S Salmon Cakes

Ingredients:

3tsp olive oil
 1 small onion, finely chopped
 1 stalk celery, finely diced
 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
 1½ cups cooked salmon
 1 large egg, lightly beaten
 1½ teaspoons Dijon mustard
 1¾ cups breadcrumbs,
 ½ tsp freshly ground pepper



Preheat oven to 450°F. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray.

Heat 1½ teaspoons oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and celery; cook, stirring, until softened, about 3 minutes. Stir in parsley; remove from the heat.

Place salmon in a medium bowl. Flake apart with a fork; remove any bones and skin. Add egg and mustard; mix well. Add the onion mixture, breadcrumbs and pepper; mix well. Shape the mixture into 8 patties, about 2½ inches wide.

Heat remaining 1½ teaspoons oil in the pan over medium heat. Add 4 patties and cook until the undersides are golden, 2 to 3 minutes. Using a wide spatula, turn them over onto the prepared baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining patties.

Bake the salmon cakes until golden on top and heated through, 15 to 20 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare Creamy Dill Sauce. Serve salmon cakes with sauce and lemon wedges.

Make Ahead Tip: Prepare through step 3. Cover and refrigerate for up to 8 hours.

To make fresh breadcrumbs: Trim crusts from firm sandwich bread. Tear the bread into pieces and process in a food processor until coarse crumbs form. One slice makes about ½ cup.

Easy cleanup: Recipes that require cooking spray can leave behind a sticky residue that can be hard to clean. To save time and keep your baking sheet looking fresh, line it with a layer of foil before you apply the cooking spray.

Wild Game Dinner Information



18TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

SATURDAY – MARCH 11, 2017

AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER

2975 E. Maple Rd. Troy, MI 48083

Doors open at 5:00 – Dinner at 6:00

Table Raffles, Gun Draws, Meat Coolers,
50/50 Raffle, 4 TVs, and many more items!

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 rotisserie grill.*

SOUTHERN STYLE PULLED BOAR

*Wild boar butts seasoned with our own dry rub
then slow smoked with natural hardwoods.
Served with BBQ sauce.*

ALLIGATOR SAUSAGE & BAYOU RICE

*Home Style Gator sausage, roasted
then placed on a bed of Louisiana rice.*

SOUTH TEXAS ANTELOPE

*Slow roasted with a Texas BBQ rub, and
then served on a Texas tomato relish.*

LATE WINTER PHEASANT

*Pheasant slow roasted in a rich tomato
and cilantro sauce, then
garnished with tri-colored peppers.*

BAKED WHITEFISH FLORENTINE

*Fresh fish topped with a spinach filling
then topped with casino butter.*

BAKED GREEN BEANS WITH HAM & CRISPY ONIONS

LOADED MASHED POTATOES CAROLINA SLAW

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:
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D.A.S Scholarship Winner

The Detroit Area Steelheader's Fisheries and Wildlife Scholarship

In 2016 we partnered with the Lake Superior State University Foundation to establish the Detroit Area Steelheaders Scholarship. The DAS Scholarship is an annual \$1000 award available to students studying fisheries and biological sciences at Lake Superior State University. Applicants are evaluated and recommended by faculty, then approved by the foundation. Our initial \$3000 donation represents a three year commitment to the LSSU Foundation. We hope to make additional donations to maintain a \$1000 scholarship award.

The first recipient is Brendon O'Dell from Hale, Michigan. Brendon shares a little bit about himself, in the excerpt from his thank you letter below.

..."I grew up an avid outdoorsman, and have always had a passion for it. I decided because I have such a love for the outdoors I should have an occupation that involves my passion.



It was an easy decision coming to Lake Superior State University (LSSU) because of their incredibly successful fisheries and wildlife management program. My current major is fisheries and wildlife management with a wildlife concentration, and a geographic information systems minor.

While attending the university the last couple years, I have become a member of the Fisheries and Wildlife Club. This club has given me opportunities to re-

ceive hands on experience with techniques required for future jobs. The club has also provided opportunities to attend professional meet and greets as well as the ability to attend professional conferences and events that allows me to connect with professionals to create a network of contacts for future employment. Last summer I had an employment opportunity to work with the U.S. Forest service as a park ranger at Lumberman's Monument.

News for future events

Manistee River Spring Outing planned for March 25th

Our annual Spring fish-off against the Metro West Steelheaders is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th. This event has become a favorite and draws a loyal following. Participants can fish anywhere in the Big Manistee watershed, between Tippy Dam and the Lake Michigan pier heads.

This is a great opportunity to try out new techniques you may have picked from our January and February speakers. Surf fishing is also allowed. The DAS team will once again be captained by our fearless leader, Bob Paradise. Fisherman can set lines at 6:00AM and will need to be at the weigh-in by 5:00PM. Bring your entire catch to the weigh-in. The weigh-in location is yet to be determined. All Steelhead caught count towards the team prize. A meal will follow the weigh-in. If you want to attend call Bob Paradise at (586) 457-4073.

In addition to the traveling trophy which will be presented to the winning team, this event also counts towards the DAS Angler of the Year contest. Angler of the year points will be based on your two biggest Steelhead weighed for this event.

-Bob Paradise

Upcoming 2017 DAS Key Dates

Sat. Feb 11, 2017	Higgin's Lake Lake Trout Ice fishing Outing
Tue Feb 14, 2017	BOD Meeting Polish Cultural Center
Fri-Sun Feb 17, 18 ,19	Bass Pro Shops Spring fishing Classic
Tue Feb 28, 2017 tural	Every Member Meeting Polish Cul- Center

2017 January Membership Meeting Facts

<u>Attendance:</u>	85
<u>Featured Guest:</u>	Bill Foster
<u>Featured Presentations:</u>	Center Pin River Fishing
<u>50/50 Raffle Winner:</u>	\$123 Doug Lamb
<u>Every Member Draw:</u>	\$100 Ted Lewicki (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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[Basin Report Newsletters](http://www.great-lakes.org/basinreports/basinreports.html)

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[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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