



# Fishin' Tales II

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## November Membership Meeting

- **When:**  
Tuesday, November 28 2017 7:30pm
- **Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**  
Roger Greil (Lake Superior State University)  
Aquatics Lab Manager
- **Other Happenings:**
  - Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
  - Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
  - Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**  
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## Fall Steelhead Events

Each spring and fall, migratory Steelhead can be found in shallows surrounding our Great Lakes tributaries. Steelhead is the common name given to migratory Rainbow Trout that are born in rivers and spend most of their lives in the Great Lakes or Oceans. They typically enter their spawning streams when lake temperatures drop in October and winter in the rivers as they prepare to spawn in the spring. Sportsman congregate in these areas in search of these highly sought-after sport fish. DAS River, Pier, and Surf fisherman anxiously await the opportunity to target these athletic beauties each fall. This year we targeted Steelhead on the Manistee piers three consecutive weekends.

### Instructional Pier and Surf Outing, Manistee – October 21, 2017

The instructional outing has become a favorite for many of the Detroit Area Steelheaders. Participating this year were Bob Paradise, Tom Theida, Don Mikros, Don Jasman, Tom Gorguze, Max Zamarron, Adam Plank and Gaspare Aragona. Several members were able to hit the river Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to "pre-fish" and secure some fresh spawn. We were on the pier by 4:00AM. Winds out of the east slowed the bite, overall fishing was very slow for the day. Highlight of the outing was a delicious dinner made by Don Mikros Friday night. Don made an 8-pound pot roast that melted in your mouth and all 8 pounds were consumed!! The dinner was followed up with my favorite – coconut and chocolate cream pies! This more than made up for the poor fishing on Friday.

Max caught two fish early. We didn't catch any other fish until the end of the day when Dan

caught two and Gaspare caught one. Five fish were caught in total, and Dan Witmill won our Big Fish pool. We want to remind everyone about the importance of keeping your memberships up to date. You are unable to receive AOTY points if you are not a paid member of the club. Gaspare was the only Steelheader to receive points (5 AOTY) during this tournament.



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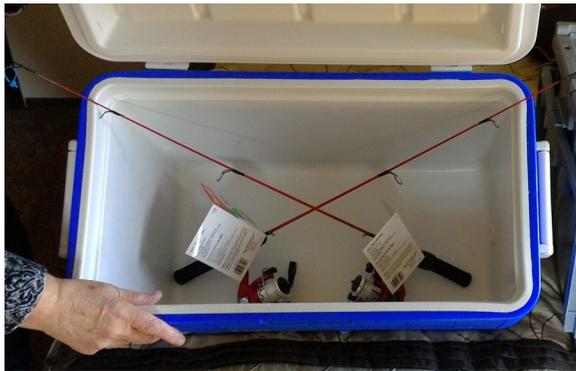
**Currently: 169 Members**

**New Memberships** Welcome! *SAMUEL ANDERSON GLEN BUEHNER ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW LEIGH SNYDER MAX ZAMARRON*

**Re-Newed Memberships** Joel Garinger Charles Eddy Gaspare Aragona Bob Feisel Dan Witmill

**Memberships Expired**

<b>2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:</b>	William F. Rose	Rick Depunt		
<b>1 Mo. Ago First Reminder:</b>	Doug Lamb Ty Voigt	Michael Lolli Jose D. Angeles	CARL VENTIMIGLIA Stephen Zurawski	Dan Titus & Family Rick Coughlin
<b>This Month:</b>	ERNIE WINKLES	STEVE SUTTER	SCOTT GROESBECK	BEN CECE
	JOHN COOMBS			



**Tackle Matters**

The tackle raffle attractions for the 2017 November member meeting are this 32 Qt. Coleman cooler and two ice fishing combos. The tackle raffle table will also include other prizes. So please look the raffle table over and keep supporting our member meeting raffles.

Don't forget our super expanded December raffles. Every child in attendance will receive a gift from Salmon Claus. All adult guests will be eligible to win prizes from a selection of turkeys, hams, booze and miscellaneous prizes.

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  - Renewal - \$35 Yearly
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## November Speaker

Our November guest speaker is manager of the Lake Superior State University Aquatic Research Laboratory, and noted Atlantic Salmon expert, **Roger Greil**. The LSSU lab is best known for rearing and stocking Atlantic salmon in the St. Mary's River and Greil has been involved in every aspect of the Atlantic project since 1987.

Roger is widely recognized as the only fish culturist to achieve success breeding Atlantic salmon in the Great Lakes. It took a decade for the project to produce substantial returns, and today anglers come from around the world to fish the St. Mary's for Atlantics.

Roger knows more about the needs, methods and problems faced with raising Atlantics in the Great Lakes than anyone. He also admits that some degree of his success is in part due to special circumstances present at his site not found anywhere else on the Great Lakes.

Roger credits the success of the lab on three factors.

- 1) **imprinting** His eggs are fertilized, hatched and all fish raised and released at one site on the St. Mary's River for maximum imprinting.
- 2) **stocking size** All Atlantics released at the university's lab are held from 18-20 months again not only for maximum size and maximum survival, but maximum imprinting.
- 3) **location** (temperature) The waters flowing down the St Mary's River are perfect for this type of experiment. Always cold, always clean, always moving.

He also notes that he is not utilizing Atlantic salmon to create a sport fishery first, but as a study animal in his classroom. Atlantics are difficult to rear and are not a creature to expect optimum survival either in the hatchery or once released in the wild.

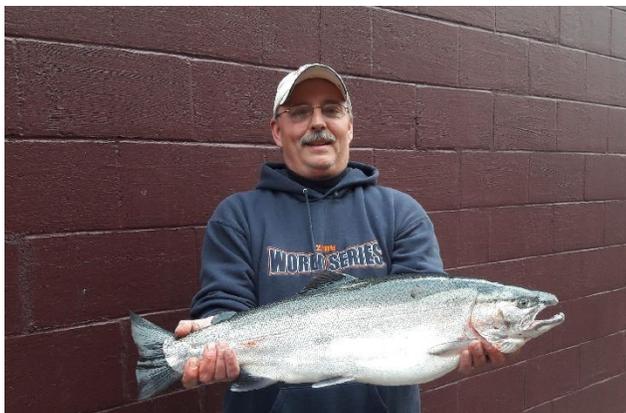
Please join us in November for his presentation.



## Big Tom Memorial Tournament, Ludington – October 28, 2017 Contd from pg 1

Gaspare Aragona, Tom Theida, Robbie Abdallah, Max Zamarron, Dan Whitmill, and Bob Paradise were on the pier shortly after midnight to secure choice locations. Don Jasman and Kurt Nofz also fished later in the morning. We fished from 1:00 am to 3:00 pm. The fishing was good as soon as we got started with 8 fish on before daylight. In all, about 20 fish were landed! Dan Whitmill won Big Fish at 13.6# to win the Big Tom Memorial Tournament Cup. Steelheaders that placed in this tournament are as follows:

Dan Whitmill	5 AOTY points
Tom Theida	3 AOTY points
Rabih Abdallah	1 AOTY point



## Metro West Fall Challenge, Manistee – November 4, 2017

The Detroit Area Steelheaders won the plaque back from Metro West Steelheaders! The following members participated in the Metro West Fall Challenge on Saturday. Rabih Abdallah, Gaspare Aragona, Bob Feisel, Bill Foster, Don Jasman, Bob Paradise, Blaise Pewinski, Adam Plank, Shawn Pomorsky, Max, Dave Roehr, Tom Theida and Dan Whitmill. The tournament started at 6:30 am with weigh-in at 4:00 pm. Everyone fished the piers except Bill and Shawn who fished in the rivers. When we arrived at the piers at about 4:30 am, Dave was waiting for us on the South Pier. The water was calm, air temperature about 38 F and a light wind blowing directly from the East.



The fishing action was very slow with a total of 4 fish caught between 6:30 am and 4:00 pm on the pier. Right after daylight, Gaspare managed to land a beautiful 6 pounder. The bites were very few and far between but Gaspare added a second smaller Steelhead to his total. Shortly after noon, Bob landed an 8 pounder. The last fish came on Adam's line at 3:45 pm. The fish was a real acrobat and thanks to Bob's skillful net handling the fish ended up on the pier. The river anglers enjoyed some success. Shawn managed a couple of fresh steelhead that he released and chose not bring to the weigh-in. Bill caught several nice Steelhead including a couple ten pounders that got a lot of attention at the weigh-in. Paul Stewart from Lakeshore won the Lakeshore Cup and Plaque with his 15.6-pound Steelhead.

Steelheaders that placed in this tournament are as follows:



Bill Foster 5 AOTY pts  
 Bob Paradise 3 AOTY pts  
 Adam Plank 1 AOTY pt



### Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Directors Election

This year's Election will occur on Tuesday, December 19, 2017. Current members and spouses are eligible to cast a ballot.

Any nomination should be submitted (November 30). If you wish to become involved in the operation of the DAS you are welcome to run for election to the Board of Directors (BOD). New people bring innovative ideas, unique perspective, and enthusiasm. Your club needs you. Please consider placing yourself in nomination for a club BOD position. The board meets at 7:00 pm at the APCC two Tuesday's prior to the general membership meeting each Month. Food and beverages are provided. The board does not meet in August so there are 11 board meetings each year.

The officers of the club consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These four officer positions are selected from among the at-large members during the first board meeting each year. At large board members are elected for a three-year term and are assigned or volunteer to serve on one of the "standing committees":

- |                              |                  |                     |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Fund Raising                 | Publicity        | Raffles             |
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| Newsletter                   | Boat Tournaments | Website             |
| River Tournaments            | Shows            | Angler of the Year  |
| Political Action (Coalition) | Special events   | Salmon-in-Classroom |

## Chefs Table Featuring Thanksgiving Sides

### Candied Yams

Cut the sweet potatoes crosswise into 1-inch-thick rounds. Halve or quarter any extra-large pieces so that they are all similar in size.

Melt the butter in a large Dutch oven over medium heat. Combine the brown sugar, granulated sugar, pumpkin pie spice and salt in a small bowl. Add the sugar mixture to the Dutch oven and whisk until it forms a paste. Add the potatoes and stir well, spooning the sugar mixture over the potatoes to coat evenly.

Cover and cook the potatoes, stirring occasionally and gently to avoid breaking them up, until they are just tender when pierced with the tip of a knife and the sauce resembles a thin syrup, 25 to 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Spread the pecans on a baking sheet and toast until dark brown with a light scent of roasted nuts, about 8 minutes. Season the pecans with some salt while warm, let them cool completely and coarsely chop.

Transfer the potatoes with their sauce to a large serving platter and sprinkle the pecans over the top.



- 4 pounds sweet potatoes (about 8 medium), peeled
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup firmly-packed dark brown sugar
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 white onion, diced
- 4 ounces cremini mushrooms, sliced
- 4 ounces shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and sliced
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup half-and-half
- Kosher salt
- 1 1/2 pounds green beans, trimmed and halved
- Freshly ground pepper
- For the topping:
- 1 white onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 cups all-purpose flour oil, for frying

### Green Bean Casserole

**Make the casserole:** Melt the butter in a large Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the diced onion; cook, stirring, until softened, 7 to 10 minutes. Add the mushrooms; saute until softened and most of the liquid has evaporated, 10 minutes. Sprinkle in the flour; cook, stirring, 1 minute. Add the broth and half-and-half. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium low and simmer until thickened, about 5 minutes.

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Add the green beans and cook until crisp-tender, 7 to 10 minutes. Drain; shake off any excess water and add to the mushroom sauce. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the beans are very tender, 10 to 12 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

**Make the topping:** Soak the sliced onion in the buttermilk, 5 minutes. Combine the flour and 1 teaspoon salt in a medium bowl. Heat 2 to 3 inches vegetable oil in a large pot until a deep-fry thermometer registers 350 degrees F. Working in batches, drain the onion, toss with the flour and shake off the excess, then fry until golden, 4 to 6 minutes. Drain on paper towels.

Transfer the green bean mixture to a 4-quart baking dish and top with the fried onion. (The casserole and topping can be made up to 2 hours ahead; refrigerate the casserole. Bring to room temperature; reheat at 350 degrees F, 30 minutes. Top with the fried onion; bake 5 more minutes.)



## Tips N Tricks

The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation's [Take Me Fishing™](#) campaign has some useful tips to help keep your gear in prime condition so you can get off to a great start next season. "It's important to make sure you properly store your fishing and boating gear during the off season," recommends blogger and outdoor enthusiast, Tom Keer. Make sure your boat is clean, dry and tuned up while out of use in the winter. Taking simple precautions can help you avoid potential problems come spring.

### Storing your Fishing Equipment

- Lay-up is the best time to service your reels. If you do the work yourself, or have it done, make sure your reels are ready for next season
- Check rods for worn guides and loose winding wraps. Use Q-tips to inspect guides. Replace any with nicks or grooves. If the wraps are loose or exposed, repair with a few wraps of winding thread and coat with rod spar varnish.
- When you disassemble your rods, keep tip and butt sections from becoming mismatched.
- Store your rods to avoid a set or bend. Room temperature is best. Storing them in a hot place can weaken the graphite or fiberglass.
- Examine monofilament and braided lines for wear, replace where necessary.
- Repair or replace broken lures, tools (like pliers or hook hones) and terminal tackle.
- Filet knives get dull with use. Sharpen the edge for next season. Clean, dry and coat the blade with a light oil before storing for the winter.

### Storing your Boat

- Winterize your engine by running fogging oil through the cylinders. Start the new season with fresh spark plugs, filters, and lower unit oil.
- Trim outboards down so all water can drain. If you remove your outboard attach it to a saw horse in the upright position (rather than laying on its side).
- Before filling your tank, be sure to add gas stabilizer to avoid unwanted moisture.
- If possible, remove your batteries and store in a warm, dry place. Trickle charge in the spring.
- Store your boat clean and ensure that the interior compartments of your boat are as dry as possible before putting its cover on for storage. If you don't have a cover, consider shrink-wrapping your boat to keep debris from collecting and animals from nesting (or chewing wires, cables and hoses).
- If you store your boat on a trailer, jack up the wheels and place a cinder block under the axles to keep a flat spot from forming on your tires. As rubber breaks down with repeated soakings and exposure to the sun, consider replacing your tires every four to five years regardless of tread wear.
- Pack your trailer hubs and your steering cable with grease so hubs and cables don't freeze up.
- Inspect all trailer lighting harnesses, brake light harnesses, and directional indicators to be sure your lighting system is intact.
- Inspect any trailer leaf springs and U-bolts and change if they are corroded.
- Replenish your first-aid kit, update flares, replace flashlight, life jackets and handheld marine radios if necessary. Replace sun screen and bug repellent, as well as any other items you've used during the season.

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## Traverse City East Bay Fishing



On Thursday, November 2, 2017 I chartered a trip on the East Bay in Traverse City with "Fish With Jim". You may remember Jim as he is a DAS member and he was a speaker for one of our summer meetings this year. He's also a Metro West member so he has roots in our area.

It was a little wet with light rain part of the day but all the important things all went well. We had a light South wind with temps in the mid 40's, and fish. Fish are always the most important factor. There was no visible thermocline. It was pretty much 52/54 degrees from top to bottom. We started out in 150 fow and picked up one small throw-back King and two nice Cisco in the first few minutes. As we got deeper we went through a slow period where we had one fish and one knock-off. That sent us back to where we picked up a couple of Cisco. The structure in East Bay provides rapid and frequent depth changes where we would pick up a Cisco or two in one area followed by a

Lake Trout or two in another area. Our trolling speed was in the two mph range from 2.2 to 2.4. The bite was exclusively a spoon bite on small Silver Streaks of just about any color. Or no color at all. We picked up several Lake Trout and Cisco on a mini hammered metal Silver Streak with no color, just the polished metal.

We caught our fish on two downriggers (30' back and 80' to 90' down with a slider), and a variety of lead core from 6 color to 12 color. We ended up with 11 Cisco in the box but lost at least that many after solid hook-ups. We also brought 10 to 12 Lake Trout to the boat for a safe release. All in all a really active and satisfying four hours of fishing on the East Bay.



Dan Chisholm

## October Speaker

Our October guest speaker was the Great Lakes Salmon Initiative President, Glen Beuhner. He introduced DAS members to the GLSI's mission, accomplishments and goals. Our members extended a warm reception, and interacted with numerous questions. Glen shared the current MDNR Lake Michigan Management Plan, recent predator prey consumption rates, bait assessments, predator biomass, and proposed Zonal Management models.



The GLSI feels the future is extremely positive. The food web is starting to demonstrate a balance. Fish health is generally improving. Lake managers are listening to anglers and responding in a positive manner.

The GLSI would also like Lake Huron's management held to similar standards, they would like to see Chinook return to southern ports for improved angler access within proximity of the states south east population centers. Glen thanked the Detroit Steelheaders for the opportunity to speak and Lake Michigan Basin coordinator Jay Wesley for encouraging transparency of management plans.

The GLSI cautions sportsman to be wary of federal stakeholders advocating a native only agenda!! The GLSI believes federal stakeholders would prefer eliminating Chinook, Coho, Steelhead and Browns from the Great Lakes. Their goal is a fish tank, look but don't touch.

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Angler of the Year Leader Board												
Name	Higgins Lake 2/11/17	Manistee Challenge 3/25/17	Island Lake 4/1/17	Algonac 4/8/17	Linwood Outing 7/8/20	Lake Erie 9/23/2017	Platte River 10/7/20	Manistee Pier 10/21/1	Big Tom 10/28/17	Lakeshore Motel 11/4/17	Caseville Lake Trout 12/2/17	Total
Gaspere Aragona	0	3	5	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	-	16
Bill Foster	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	-	10
Bob Paradise	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	-	8
Carl Ventimiglia	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	5
Dan Whitmill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	-	5
Paul Gjeldum	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	-	5
Ron Pisarski	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	-	5
CarlVentimigliaSr	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	3
Don Jasman	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	3
Jay Gillam	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	-	3
Louie Balaze	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	-	3
Rabih Abdallah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	-	3
Tom Gorguze	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	2
Adam Plank	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1
Bob Feisel	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	1
Tom Theida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	1

**Upcoming 2017 DAS Key Dates**

- Weds November 15, 2017    Firearm Deer Opener
- Tue November 28, 2017    General Membership Meeting
- Tue December 6, 2017     Board Meeting
- Sat December 9, 2017     Caseville Trout Outing
- Tue December 19, 2017    General Membership Meeting and Salmon Claus

**2017 October Membership Meeting Facts**

- Attendance:                    45
- Featured Guest:             Glen Buehner
- Featured Presentations: Salmon in lake Michigan
- 50/50 Raffle Winner:      \$90 Tim Lee
- Every Member Draw:      Charlie Denning \$100