



# Fishin' Tales II

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## December Membership Meeting

- **When:**
  - Tuesday, December 19 2017 7:30pm
- **Where:**
  - American Polish Cultural Center  
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
  - Salmon Clause
- **Other Happenings:**
  - Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
  - Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
  - Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**
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## Caseville 2017

The Detroit Area Steelheader winter nomads set out for some lake trout fishing at one of our most popular destinations, the Caseville harbor. In years past, the unpredictable Michigan weather in early December has forced to fish on thin ice, and other times we've enjoyed perfect fall weather for this outing. This year 26 of us fished in mixed conditions. The river was iced in, but moderate temps kept the water open on the piers.

The MDNR recently opened Lake Trout fishing to a year round season on Lake Huron, and that allowed us to fish the pier. Fishing was a bit slow the first couple hours, then the action picked up when we got a lite breeze. The breeze helped loosen the slush ice and allowed our lures to sink to bottom. The first few bites came on guys casting spoons, then Bob Paradise pulled out a minnow rig on a bobber and sent it down deep. Moments later he caught a beautiful 10.69 pound laker, then another a little while later. It didn't take long before a bunch of us switched our presentation to minnows and the bite turned on.

At 1:00 PM we called it a day and went to our host Louie Balaze's club house for a meal and to warm up. Blaise Pewinski organized this outing and prepared a great meal of venison stew, bean soup, sloppy Joes with plenty of other fixings, and desserts. With our stomachs full now it was weigh in time. The nomads came in with 9 nice trout along stories of many more lost at the net or ice shelves.

At the end Bob Paradise prevailed as champion of the 2017 Caseville outing with the 10.69 lbs. Laker followed by Rabbi Abdouhla's 9.61 lbs, and Blaise Pewinski with a 9.43 pounder. I'm sure next year we will all meet again at Caseville and enjoy some of the best fishing Michigan has to offer. Until then get out and have fun this winter and hope to see a bunch of you the end of January at our Mitchel's Bay perch outing.



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Currently: 177 Members

### New Memberships Welcome!

JAMES ANDERSON NICK ASLEH ROGER W. GREIL

### Re-Newed Memberships

Dan Titus & Family Michael Lolli Jose D. Angeles SCOTT GROESBECK

GARY ROWOLDT Ty Voigt

### Memberships Expired

**2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:** Doug Lamb Rick Coughlin CARL VENTIMIGLIA Stephen Zurawski

**1 Mo. Ago First Reminder:** BEN CECE ERNIE WINKLES  
JOHN COOMBS STEVE SUTTER

**This Month:** JASON JONES GARY D. RUPRICH WAYNE NEALIS



## Tackle Matters

Its that time of the year again for the annual Christmas meeting. Everyone who attends and is the age of 21 or above will receive a raffle ticket when they walk in the door each adult will receive one raffle ticket. There will be hams, turkeys, booze, beer and many other gifts for people to win. Cannot wait to see everyone there and for another successful year in the Detroit area steelheaders. MERRY CHRISTMAS

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#### Membership Application

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

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Special People

## DAS Holiday Party at 7:30PM on December 19<sup>th</sup>

Our December membership meeting is traditionally the best attended each year. Extended DAS families gather to welcome Salmon Clause, acknowledge achievements, elect board members, see old friends, and share their favorite fish stories. Children will get to visit with Salmon Clause and make sure he knows what they would like to get for Christmas. When you arrive, be sure



to check in at the membership desk. All adults will receive a raffle ticket for one of the many door prizes that will be given away. Members and spouses will also receive a ballot for our annual election of officers. Complementary beverages and light snacks are provided by the club. Alcoholic beverages may also be purchased from the hall. We look forward seeing all our fishing friends at the December meeting.

## Ultimate Sportfishing Show - January 11 – 14

Detroit is the largest freshwater fishing market in the U.S. and the Ultimate Fishing Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, is Michigan's biggest pure fishing show. It's also the largest fishing show in the Midwest! This show is all about Fishing tackle, Fishing trips, Fishing boats, Seminar Stages, fishing clubs and more. For years the Detroit Area Steelheaders have manned an exhibitor's booth at this event and we need your help. Volunteers are responsible to help man our booth for a few hours. You get free show admission and the opportunity to talk with kindred spirits about joining our club. Contact Blaise Plewinski to sign up in advance and get your name on the volunteer list.

### Buttercream Frosting

#### Ingredients

3-1/2c Powdered sugar  
1c Butter (room temp)  
1c Crisco  
1/2c Evaporated milk or coffee creamer  
1t Vanilla

#### Instructions

Combine powdered sugar, evaporated milk and vanilla in a bowl.

With electric mixer, add butter to bowl and mix till smooth. Add Crisco, beat on high speed for 7 minutes or until fluffy.

Note: To make chocolate buttercream add sifted powdered cocoa to desired darkness.

Keep buttercream in tightly sealed bowl in refrigerator till ready to use.



Bakers  
Corner

### Cup Cakes with Buttercream Frosting

#### Cup Cakes

*(The secret for one of the favorite deserts at club events.)*

#### Ingredients

1 Box of Duncan Hines cake mix  
(prepared per instructions on box)  
1 extra egg.

*Makes about 18 cup cakes.*

Special thanks must go to Mary and Charles Denning for sharing the how to on this delicious treat.



### HELP WANTED

We need a volunteer to set up the Public Address system at our monthly meetings. If you are interested in helping out please let a board member know.

### Upcoming Speakers

January – Matt Lubaway, Rod builder

February - Mark Williams, Rapala fishing line and terminal tackle

March – TBD

April - Linda Bredernitz, Special People Coordinator



**At our October membership meeting Great Lakes Salmon Initiative President, Glen Buehner, made a presentation to the club. The DAS board of directors believes the GLSI mission closely aligns with our own. We have made a \$1000 donation to support this organization. The letter below is the response from Glen, on how our donation might potentially be utilized.**

"ATTN: Carl, Detroit Steelheaders Board, and Members

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to attend your October Meeting and consideration of joining the GLSI as a voting body. Carl asked me as President of the GLSI to give further explanation of how your contributions to the GLSI will support our/your efforts to support fisheries management on both Lakes Michigan and Huron.

The GLSI has as a part of our mission statement to hold the MDNR accountable for their actions. In no small part is the transparency of their actions a critical component of this accountability and the GLSI working with the MDNR has succeeded in accomplishing this on Lake Michigan but not on Lake Huron as of yet. We are striving to understand the politics in Lake Huron and the L. Huron Citizens Advisory Council to accomplish this accountability and transparency on L. Huron. This is extremely important because in essence these 2 lakes are connected and arguably are one big lake and management considerations must be taken into account because of fish passage between both lakes. The GLSI is the only organization that is fighting for anglers and stakeholders on a lake wide basis for fisheries management to provide lake wide access for anglers and politically this has become a huge endeavor. Not only are we talking about anglers and the MDNR but more importantly the USFWS, USGS and the 5 tribal entities that make up CORA and interactions between Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Ontario.

Understand the GLSI has no paid positions within the organization—all efforts and work is done on a volunteer basis. How is our membership money utilized? Daily management and costs like Web costs, office supply costs, travel expenses (which up to this point has been donated, in the last year as President I have driven over 4000 miles to attend various meetings, presentations etc), Hiring of Lobbyists at over \$5,000 per month—in some cases this is the only way to connect with our states political Representatives and be taken seriously until a relationship is developed.

The GLSI has accomplished in working with the MDNR on Lake Michigan to save our salmonid fishery. 2017 the original plan was to plant 200,000 Chinook and our efforts got that number raised to 330,000 in 2017 and saved the agenda to plant ZERO in 2019!! We were instrumental to getting Zonal Management in place and many changes and improvements written in the Strategic Management Plan. We are currently working to hold and improve Lake Huron to the same standards of science and modeling to improve lake wide access and fisheries for our stake holders.

With the 2020 Consent Decree negotiations starting in 2018 it is imperative that anglers have representation in these negotiations. Well it takes 50-60,000 dollars to even get to play in that arena. Is this the best use of our members contributions? Is hiring Lawyers to try and get a GAG ORDER lifted on negotiations of the decree a best use of members contributions with a minimal chance of success? I have been having conversations with members of the tribes themselves and trying to develop a relationship based on trust and respect and work towards a mutual agreed upon fishery in both interests. Amazingly enough the tribes are/were very hesitant and distrustful of the GLSI first initial contacts based on history but we are breaking thru the walls and are developing a relationship based on 1 simple idea. We are fishermen and they are fishermen actually striving for the same thing—a balanced, sustainable fishery. Currently our cooperative efforts are taking on the USFWS and their agenda of jurisdictional control over the St of Michigans fisheries leaving the MDNR as a supportive agency and not in control. This has led to [6-7hrs](#) a day worth of effort 7 days a week for 2 solid weeks. Working with the tribes will get us further along than attacking them or fighting them in court or the political arena based on trust and respect but we need continued support and pressure from our members to recognized on that stage.

Hopefully your Board recognizes the role that the GLSI is playing in improving our fisheries and work we have already done to maintain our fisheries and join us in support to continue this agenda. Remember the USFWS, USGS and MDNR will not stop with Chinook—Coho, Browns and Steelhead are in the long term plans to be on the chopping block---they go against the native self sustained fishery agenda.

Capt Glen  
President GLSI

### **Making improvements to AOTY Outings.**

It has been two years since the Angler of the Year format was introduced to expand interest in the fishing events promoted by our club. At the heart of the concept was a scoring system designed to recognize individual anglers who demonstrate success pursuing different types of fish. Participation in these events has steadily grown but organizing outings has not been without it's challenges.

Recognizing that scoring would likely be different for each event, we opted to allow individuals organizing specific events wide latitude in establishing rules. While this has been manageable, it does create confusion from time to time. As we start planning next year's events, we will look to make improvements to AOTY outings. We hope to have a full schedule of events to include monthly outings, in the January annual newsletter.

A new AOTY committee is being formed that will help with scheduling events and standardizing rules so that our outings run smoothly. Scoring and rules will be set in advance by the committee. We are pleased to announce, several individuals who have been active in these events are stepping forward. Adam Plank, Blaise Pewinski, and Bob Paradise, have already volunteered. If you like to help improve how AOTY outings are organized, please consider becoming a part of this committee.

## November Speaker

Our November guest speaker was Roger Greil, the Aquatics Lab Manager at Lake Superior State University. Roger runs the Atlantic Salmon breeding program and discussed the numerous challenges in raising Atlantics. Atlantic Salmon are indigenous to the lower Great Lakes but efforts to introduce them in some locations have been mixed. Rogers lab on the St. Mary's river is unique in that water is not filtered, or treated, but taken directly from the river.

The DAS has partnered with Lake Superior State in several capacities over the years. We currently offer a \$1500 annual Detroit Area Steelheaders Fisheries Scholarship through the LSSU Foundation. Successful recipients must be a Michigan resident and student of at least sophomore status with a minimum 3.0 GPA, majoring in the LSSU Biology or Fisheries and Wildlife Management program, with a focus on fisheries. While Roger was here we presented him with a check for the foundation.



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsman's Dinner

This year's dinner is starting to come together. The tickets will be on sale starting at our Christmas general meeting. I was able to keep the cost the same again this year \$60.00. I would like to encourage anyone who has not attended this dinner to come and try it. We put on a really great event, and the dinner is our only source of revenue. This dinner makes everything you like about this club possible. We could always use an extra hand. So if you would like to be a volunteer, give me a call.

The dinner flyer will be in next month's newsletter, so check it out. The dinner menu will also be provided.

Thanks,  
Carl Ventimiglia  
WGD Chairman



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2017 Final Angler of the Year Results												
Name	Higgins Lake 2/11/17	Manistee Challenge 3/25/17	Island Lake 4/1/17	Algonac 4/8/17	Linwood Outing 7/8/2017	Lake Erie 9/23/2017	Platte River 10/7/2017	Manistee Pier 10/21/17	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	0	16
Bob Paradise	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	5	13
Bill Foster	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	10
Rabih Abdallah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	6
Carl Ventimiglia	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Dan Whitmill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Paul Gjeldum	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Ron Pisarski	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
CarlVentimigliaSr	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Don Jasman	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Jay Gillam	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Louie Balaze	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Tom Gorguze	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Adam Plank	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blaise Pewinski	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Bob Feisel	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tom Theida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

### Upcoming 2017 DAS Key Dates

Tue December 19, 2018    Annual Christmas Meeting  
 January 11-14, 2018    Ultimate Fishing show  
 Tue January 16, 2018    Board Of Directors Meeting  
 Sat January 27, 2018    Ice Outing (TBD)  
 Tue January 30, 2018    General Membership Meeting

### 2017 November Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance:                      56  
Featured Guest:                Roger Greil  
Featured Presentations:    Atlantic Salmon in the Great Lakes  
50/50 Raffle Winner:        \$100 Anthony Nowak  
Every Member Draw:        Norm Davies \$100 (Not Present)