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May Membership Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, September 26 2017 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
Shawn Pormorski River Fishing Guide
- **Other Happenings:**
 - Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
 - Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
 - Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**
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SOTY Final Tournament...Manistee

The Detroit Steelheaders held the last trolling tournament of the year in the great port of Manistee. Fifteen boats showed up making Manistee our best attended event of the 2017 season. The weather was great, but the fishing slow, and reminiscent of what we experienced two weeks earlier in Ludington. DAS captains worked the areas from Big Sable Point to the Barrel north of Onkama. A total of 29 fish were brought to the scales and thirteen boats weighed fish.

At the weigh in Joe Von Grabe took 1st place with a 49 pound box that included a 19 pound King, two Lake Trout and a 9 pound Coho. It was back to back wins for Sloppy Joe following his win in Ludington. Joe beat four Manistee based boats running his tried and true meat program. One of Joe's Lake Trout came in at 10.25 pounds and was good enough to win the \$70 big Lake trout pool.

Our Almost Paradise crew came in second place with a 36 pound, four fish box. After fishing, my crew hosted lunch of grilled filets, skewered shrimp, fresh garden vegetable's and desert for nearly 60 hungry crew at the Lions Pavilion shelter. Hats off to our chef extraordinaire, Chris Turak for manning the grill.

Local Manistee fisherman, Fred 'Lake Buzzard' Chartier finished third and brought a 28.45 pound King to the weigh in. It was the largest fish caught all year at a DAS tournament, and it was good enough to win the \$140 big King pool.

Although no Steelhead were weighed, Gabe McDougall won the \$70 Steelhead pool by random drawing. Despite the slow fishing, a good time was had by all.

Bob Paradise
'Almost Paradise'



The Sloppy Joe Crew 1st Place

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Angler of the Year 2017

Event	Top Three Places									
2/11/17 Higgins Lake	Carl Ventimiglia 5	Carl Ventimiglia SR 3	Tom Gorguze 1							
3/25/17 Manistee Steelhead Challenge				Bill Foster 5	Gaspere Aragona 3					
4/1/2017 Island Lake Outing						Don Jasman 3	Chris Ventimiglia 1			
4/8/2017 Algonac Outing	No Points Earned									
4/29/2017 Brown trout outing	No Points Earned									
7/8/2017 Linwood Outing								Paul Gjeldum 5	Jay Gillam 3	Bob Feisel 1
Total	5	3	1	5	3	1	5	3	1	



The tackle raffle attraction for the September 2017 member meeting is this Bauer 20 volt electric drill. It has a 1/2 inch chuck and includes a 1.5 AH battery, a charger, and soft case. The tackle raffle table will also include six or seven other prizes so please look the raffle table over and keep supporting our member meeting raffles.



Please do not hesitate to recommend items you would like to see on the raffle table and thank you all for supporting the raffles as well as you do. With your continued support, we can keep the ball rolling with good raffle prizes.

Dan Chisholm



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

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Final SOTY Results

Skipper of the Year Standings 2017

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	Boat Name	Skipper Name	Port Sanilac	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Holland	Ludington	Manistee	Total Points	Best 5	Best 6	Head-To-Head
1	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	1	C A N C E L L E D	3	2	3	5	10	9	14	99	0
2	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	3		75	75	1	4	4	12	87	237	9
3	Lake Buzzard IV	Fred Chartier	75		75	1	2	6	3	12	87	237	11
4	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	6		1	10	4	3	5	13	19	104	0
5	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	75		7	4	75	1	1	13	88	238	0
6	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	5		2	6	75	75	6	19	94	244	0
7	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	4		4	3	75	50	13	24	74	224	0
8	Tyger	Ty Voigt	75		75	9	5	2	9	25	100	250	0
9	Saluki	John Meade	8		5	5	75	8	8	26	34	184	0
10	Channing	Dan Chisholm	9		6	8	75	75	75	98	173	323	0
11	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	2		75	7	75	75	75	159	234	384	0
12	Just Wastin' Time	Don Jasmin	75		75	75	75	50	11	211	286	436	0
13	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75		75	75	75	75	2	227	302	452	0
14	Trapshooter	Ken Clone	75		75	75	75	75	7	232	307	457	0
15	Diana's Den	Denis Harper	75		75	11	75	75	75	236	311	461	0
16	Big Ma Ma	Don Mikros	75		75	75	75	75	12	237	312	462	0
17	Money Tree	Chuck Eddy	50		75	75	75	75	75	275	350	500	0



	No. of Boats	Port Sanilac	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Holland	Ludington	Manistee	Total For Year
		10	0	7	11	5	13	15	61
Number Caught	Kings	1	0	39	0	5	19	13	77
	Cohos	3	0	1	0	2	2	12	20
	Lake Trout	26	0	2	63	5	1	4	101
	Steelhead	1	0	2	5	2	0	0	10
	Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Atlantics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals	31	0	44	68	14	22	29	208

Species	Wgt. (lbs.)	Boat Name	Port
King	28.45	Lake Buzzard IV	Manistee
Coho	15.70	Lake Buzzard IV	Holland
Lake Trout	14.00	Vicki's Seacret	Harbor Beach
Steelhead	14.25	Saluki	Grand Haven
Brown	0.00		
Atlantic	0.00		
Pink	0.00		

September Guest Speaker

Our September 26th guest speaker will be river guide and charter captain, Shawn Pomorski. Captain Shawn operates God's Country Guides in Ludington, Michigan. He is an accomplished river, pier, and big water fisherman. Shawn has been guiding for over 20 years. He credits his late father 'Big Tom' Pomorski for his love of fishing, and respect of the great outdoors. Some of our DAS members know Shawn as host of the 'Big Tom' river tournament held in honor of his father each fall. Shawn's DAS presentation will focus on river fishing techniques using artificial baits.

Catch this presentation to increase your odds when live bait isn't available. The river, pier and surf season is just around the corner. If you are an avid river fisherman, or just learning, you'll find the information covered, very useful.



Upcoming Speakers

Our speaker lineup is set through the end of the year. We strive to provide informative and relevant presentations to benefit all our members. If you have a suggestion for a speaker, please share it with one of our board members. Don't forget to bring your family to our December meeting when Salmon Claus will make his annual visit. If you are bringing children, let Carl Ventimiglia know who is coming so we have appropriate gifts for all our young visitors.

Meeting Date Speaker

October 24	Glen Buener, President Great Lakes Salmon Initiative
November 28	Roger Greil, LSSU Aquatics Lab Manager
December 19	Salmon Claus
January 30	Matt Lubaway, Rod builder
February 26	Mark Williams, Charter Captain

Subject

Stocking priorities
Atlantic Salmon
Naughty or nice?
Rod restoration
Trolling lines & tackle

Lake Michigan Stocking

LAKE MICHIGAN STOCKING* - CHINOOK vs. LAKE TROUT

	<u>Chinook</u>	<u>Lake Trout</u>
1998	5,700,000	2,300,000
1999-2005, avg	4,300,000	2,300,000
2006-2012	3,200,000	2,900,000
2013-2016	1,700,000	2,900,000
2017	1,300,000	2,300,000

*LAKE MICHIGAN LAKEWIDE STOCKING BY ALL STATES & THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

How to effectively manage the Great Lakes sport fishery is a complex matter. Lake managers strive to find a balance between predators and prey, and the various species pursued by sportsman. The chart above shows Lake Michigan Chinook and Lake Trout plants since 1998.

Chinook stocking reductions were made in 1999, 2006, 2013 and 2017 in response to reduced alewife populations and evidence of natural reproduction. Michigan sportsman supported these cuts. During this same period, Lake Trout stocking levels increased, until this year. Last year however, the MDNR planned to cut Chinook to only 700,000 fish, and include a modest Lake Trout reduction. There was so many complaints by Great Lakes anglers, lake managers revised the reduction level of Chinook to 44%, not the 70% originally planned. Across the lake Wisconsin responded to their fishermen requests. They did not cut their Chinook plants, but did cut their lake trout by 50%.

Efforts to manage the predator/prey balance and a couple of mild winters seem to have helped baitfish populations. We did see larger fish this year, but overall numbers are still down. It is not clear if natural reproduction will be a reliable long-term source of Chinook. The DNR estimates over 6 million Chinook were naturally reproduced in 2012, but that fell to only 1.4 million in 2013 and 2.9 million in 2014. The Michigan 2015 weir Chinook harvest was down 80% from 2014.

Within the fishing community, the argument ensues on how to best manage trout and salmon populations. Lake Huron has a great Lake Trout fishery, but look at the impact of no salmon there. Fewer anglers, fewer boats being launched, closure of ½ the charter fleet and devastating financial impacts on local towns and marinas.

Lake Trout cost more to raise than Chinook, do not fight much, and can be badly contaminated. The Michigan Fish Eating Advisory just 3 or 4 years ago said no one should consume Lake Michigan Lake Trout. The tribal consent decree (which is about to expire) mandates stocking of Lake Trout in Lake Michigan, but those stocking levels may not fully take into account natural reproduction of Lake Trout in the southern half on the lake. Critics complain federal agencies and our Michigan DNR manage the fishery to favor trout.

Have baitfish populations rebounded sufficiently to return the Michigan chinook planting level to 2012's 560,000 from the 300,000 now? Should we cut Lake Trout planting 50% to make the lake wide stocking closer to the 2016 reduced level of 1.7 million Chinook. That would relieve additional pressure from alewives. While a Chinook's diet is 90% alewife, Lake Trout diets consist predominantly of alewife when available. Reducing their stocking will also relieve some pressure from the alewives and improve the potential for a vibrant salmon fishery.

Chefs Table

Cajun Shrimp and Grits

Ingredients

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 ounces smoked ham, minced (1/2 cup)
1 cup chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
36 medium shrimp, peeled (about 1 1/4 pounds)
1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
2 1/4 cups water, divided
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 cup fat-free milk
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup uncooked quick-cooking grits
4 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (about 1 cup)
1/2 cup sliced green onions

How to Make It

Step 1

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add ham; sauté 2 minutes, or until edges are golden. Add onion; sauté 2 minutes. Add garlic; sauté 1 minute. Add shrimp to pan, sprinkle with Cajun seasoning, and cook 3 minutes, turning once. Add 1/4 cup water, scraping pan to loosen browned bits. Remove from heat; add butter, stirring to melt. Cover and keep warm.

Step 2

Bring milk, salt, and 2 cups water to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat. Gradually add grits, and cook until thick and bubbly (about 5 minutes), stirring constantly with a whisk. Remove grits from heat; add cheese, stirring with a whisk until cheese melts.

Step 3

Spoon grits evenly onto 6 plates. Top evenly with shrimp, ham mixture, and green onions.



Tips N Tricks

Bamboo For Meat Rigs

Here is a great tip from Captain Bob Mitchell (of El-lin Sportfishing Charters) for fishing with meat rigs. The wood toothpicks that are commonly used to pin meat strips into the plastic head will quickly get soft and swollen when exposed to water. Bob recommends using bamboo toothpicks. They do not get soft when wet, and the point of the toothpick stays sharp and hard. They can be reused multiple times. Bob has had them sitting on the transom of the El-Lin for over a month and they are still solid. You can find them online at Amazon or eBay. Just make sure that you order the round ones (not flat). They cost about 6 bucks for a box of 1000 toothpicks.



Perch Outing Update



Lake Erie Perch Outing Saturday, September 23rd we will be Perch fishing out of the Sterling State Park boat launch in Monroe. **The Port Captain will be Gaspare Aragona.** You can start anytime but must call or text Gaspare at 248 330-1774 with your boat name and number of people onboard. To get to the launch, take exit 15 on I-75. Don't forget southbound I-75 is closed over the Rouge bridge. You can start fishing any time in the morning. Fish anywhere on Lake Erie as long as you launch at Sterling State park. Weigh in will be 1PM next to the boat launch on the grass. Your 5 biggest fish will be counted. You also can contact Gaspar on the radio on Channel 72. Check our Facebook page and the website message board for additional updates.

W A N T E D A Few Good Directors

The Detroit Area Steelheaders Annual Board of Directors election is approaching fast, anyone who has interest in running or who would like to nominate someone for the board of directors, please contact any member of the present board of directors with your or their names. Nomination forms will be included in the October newsletter. They are also available at membership meetings.

August Speaker

As the featured speaker at our August meeting, Congressman Dave Trott stopped by our monthly meeting to learn more about our promotion of trout, salmon, and other fisheries through the Great Lakes region and update us on his work in Washington and how it affects Michigan. Congressman Trott spoke about his efforts to protect and preserve the Great Lakes by ensuring the safety of Enbridge Line 5, stopping the infiltration of Asian Carp, and securing funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. GLRI was created in 2010 to accelerate efforts to protect the Great Lakes. It has provided funding for local projects, such as the Clinton River Spillway fish habitat enhancements, the St Clair River spawning reefs, and the dam removal on Paint Creek. In listening to our concerns, Congressman Trott agreed to look into the levels of federal lake trout stocking and how his office may be able to help promote and protect salmon fishing in the Great Lakes.



Manistee Pictures and Results



Manistee Standings

8/26/2017

Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weighed	Catch by Species & Weight					Best 5 Total Wgt.	Best 5 Total Pts.	Deduction Code	Points Deducted	Total Points	Place
1	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	4	K 19.40	L 10.25	L 9.40	C 8.75	-----	47.80	67.80	NONE	0.00	67.80	1
2	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	4	K 16.25	C 9.10	C 7.25	K 3.45	-----	36.05	56.05	NONE	0.00	56.05	2
3	Lake Buzzard IV	Fred Chartier	2	K 28.45	K 13.25	-----	-----	-----	41.70	51.70	NONE	0.00	51.70	3
4	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	3	C 10.50	K 9.90	C 7.20	-----	-----	27.60	42.60	NONE	0.00	42.60	4
5	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	3	C 9.65	C 6.70	C 5.55	-----	-----	21.90	36.90	NONE	0.00	36.90	5
6	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	3	L 7.60	K 7.15	L 6.75	-----	-----	21.50	36.50	NONE	0.00	36.50	6
7	Trapshooter	Ken Cione	2	K 13.30	C 5.75	-----	-----	-----	19.05	29.05	NONE	0.00	29.05	7
8	Saluki	John Meade	2	K 10.40	K 7.30	-----	-----	-----	17.70	27.70	NONE	0.00	27.70	8
9	Tyger	Ty Voigt	1	K 20.95	-----	-----	-----	-----	20.95	25.95	NONE	0.00	25.95	9
10	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	1	K 16.25	-----	-----	-----	-----	16.25	21.25	NONE	0.00	21.25	10
11	Just Wastin' Time	Don Jasman	2	C 5.40	C 4.90	-----	-----	-----	10.30	20.30	NONE	0.00	20.30	11
12	Big Ma Ma	Don Mikros	1	C 10.15	-----	-----	-----	-----	10.15	15.15	NONE	0.00	15.15	12
13	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	1	K 7.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	7.50	12.50	NONE	0.00	12.50	13
14	Jawbreaker	Gabe McDougall	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	14
14	The Office	James Lorenzetti	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	14

LARGEST

Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
Lake Buzzard IV	King	28.45	13
Lake Buzzard IV	Big Pool King	28.45	
Bad Dog	Coho	10.50	12
Sloppy Joe	Lake Trout	10.25	4
Sloppy Joe	Big Pool LT	10.25	
	Steelhead	0.00	0
Jawbreaker	Big Pool SH	0.00	
	Brown	0.00	0
	Atlantic	0.00	0
	Pink	0.00	0
			29

15

Total Boats

Deduction Code LEGEND

LTSM = Late To Skipper's Mtg.
 LTWI = Late To Weigh-In
 1NFC = No Answer 1 Fish Call
 2NFC = No Answer 2 Fish Calls
 UCC = Unauthorized Crew Chg.
 DQ = Disqualified

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Upcoming 2017 DAS Key Dates

Tue September 23, 2017	Perch Outing Sterling State Park
Sat September 26, 2017	General Membership Meeting
Sat October 7, 2017	River Outing (Bob Paradise), TBD
Sat October 21, 2017	Instructional Pier Outing, Manistee
Sat November 4, 2017	Metro West Fall Challenge, Manistee

2017 August Membership Meeting Facts

<u>Attendance:</u>	40
<u>Featured Guest:</u>	Congressman Dave Trott
<u>Featured Presentations:</u>	Great Lakes Restoration
<u>50/50 Raffle Winner:</u>	\$100 Fred Hynick
<u>Every Member Draw:</u>	Jason Adam (Not Present)