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May Membership Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, October 24 2017 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
Glen Beuhner Great Lakes Salmon Initiative
- **Other Happenings:**
 - Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
 - Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
 - Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**
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An Opportunity to be Heard

The Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. is a non-profit fishing club dedicated to the protection and promotion of trout, salmon and other fisheries in the Great Lakes Region. Our official corporate purpose is: "To teach, inform, and guide the public to respect and appreciate the Great Lakes, rivers, and land around us. To promote and protect the fisheries resources therein."

The above statements are the ones our club was founded on and why today we continue to support and promote our Great Lakes Fishery. Over the years the DAS supports different activities with financial donations that align with our mission. While the dollar donations are important, we have not had an active role on the "Political" front of the Great Lakes Fisheries. However, that recently changed as we have been afforded a seat on the Lake Michigan Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee. The charge of the Lake Michigan Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee is to review and provide input and direction into the fishery goals, objectives and management plans for Lake Michigan. Members of the Advisory Committee assist the Fisheries Division in charting the course of fisheries management, by providing a voice for the diversity of citizen interests in the Lake Michigan basin. They meet twice a year, spring and fall.

We all watched the collapse of the salmon fishery in Lake Huron, and now Lake Michigan potentially faces a similar threat. I was on the DAS board when this occurred. It was horrible to see such a great fishery collapse, that was so close to my home. I was brought up Salmon Fishing on Lake Michigan and am concerned the same thing might happen to it. This is when I went looking for ways to be involved and heard. I found and worked with Dan O'Keefe, Michigan Sea Grant and he introduced me to Jay Wesley, Michigan DNR Basin Coordinator for Lake Michigan. In August, I was approached by Jay about a seat on the Lake Michigan Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee. Although I was considered a Ludington contact due to my charter boat, Silver Addiction, he asked if I was a member of any other organization that might want to be represented on the committee. I of course said yes, DAS! He was delighted to hear that an east side organization would be represented as the fishery is state wide, and should be represented as such. I spoke with our president, and he gave me the green light. I am honored and excited to participate on this committee as there are TWO key issues that are going on right now.

The first is the management of Lake Michigan, to prevent a repeat of Huron's collapse. As those that fished Lake Michigan this year saw firsthand the fishery is changing and in a state of flux. The right decisions need to be made to secure the future of our salmon fishery. The current direction is to go to a Natural or Native Species Fishery, which means Lake Trout, Cisco and White Fish, and reduction of Salmon and Coho plants. We are seeing this take effect, as the overall catch rate is up on Lake Trout and down on Salmon. It is necessary for us to have a voice to make sure we sustain our Chinook salmon fishery. We all love the fight they put up and the taste of fresh caught Salmon.

The second issue which is just as important is the upcoming 2020 Tribal Consent Decree. This current Decree dates to the 1980's when the Michigan Band of Indian's expanded their netting rights, under the Treaty of 1836 and ramped up netting operations across the Great Lakes. I saw it first hand as a young boy working with my father on his charter boat. The Charter fleet, through the Michigan Charter Boat Association fought for the current Consent Decree. We saw it back in the early 2000's when we fished around, and occasionally got hung up in poorly marked trap nets. They went away when the Tribal Fisherman gave up. However, to keep their heritage alive, they are trying to expand their rights to include Salmon and Steelhead, along with the native species under the 2020 Consent Decree. This along with the efforts of our DNR to create a more "Native" fishery means that now more than ever we need to be involved on the political front. Since it is coming up for negotiation, WE, as sport fisherman need to be heard on this critical issue.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS Currently: 169 Members

New Memberships Welcome!	Shawn Pomorsky			
Re-Newed Memberships	Jim Zanke			
Memberships Expired				
2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:	Joel Piatek			
1 Mo. Ago First Reminder:	Rick Depunt	Charles Eddy	Joel Garinger	William F. Rose
This Month:	Jose D. Angeles	Gaspare Aragona	Rick Coughlin	Bob Feisel
	Doug Lamb	Michael Lolli	Dan Titus & Family	Ty Voigt
	Stephen Zurawski			



Tackle Matters

The tackle raffle attraction for the October 2017 member meeting is this Rapala Ice Fishing Combo. 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 really good raffle prizes.

Dan Chisholm

We will draw until we have a winner for the every member drawing at the October meeting.



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Membership Application

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

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You may have some questions now that we have a seat on the Lake Michigan Advisory Committee. The summary and answers below were taken from documents provided by the Lake Michigan Basin Coordinator, Jay Wesley.

Who actually runs this show?

Governance in the Lake Michigan Basin is divided among the four states which border it, five recognized 1836 tribal interests, and three United States Federal departments that include a handful of assorted Agencies, Services, Administrations, Grants, and Commissions. Primary authority to regulate fisheries of Lake Michigan is distributed among the non-federal entities. The relationships are complex and defined by constitutional powers, ownership rights, court cases, precedent and legislation.

What about the fish?

A Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) for Management of Great Lakes Fisheries was adopted in 1978 through the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. The JSP instituted lake committees responsible for implementation of lake-wide fisheries management and research. The Lake Michigan Committee developed shared fish community objectives to integrate the JSP's Great Lakes goals with Fisheries Division goals defined in the strategic plan. The Lake Michigan Fisheries Management Plan defines Michigan Department of Natural Resources' management and policy direction pertaining to aquatic resources which influence sport and commercial fisheries in the lake. The plan is designed to guide the Fisheries Division's near and long-term objectives with input from a broad array of stakeholders.

What are we doing here?

While it is not clear what the final Lake Michigan management plan will look like, we have an idea of some measures being considered on how Michigan manages their part of the lake. The Lake Michigan Advisory Committee is comprised of various stakeholders, which provide input to lake managers.

What is Zonal Management?

Zonal Management describes a strategy that considers established lake-wide objectives, and how the Michigan DNR may implement their portion of management. It uses a habitat and regional approach to guide salmon and trout stocking as well as regulations.

Which fish...and how many?

The following snap shot doesn't address many specifics, but it will give you an idea of some things under consideration by LMAC.

Lake trout: Should we keep lake trout stocking the same or consider changes. If reductions were to be made, where would you be comfortable reducing nearshore stocking of lake trout from Manistee to the north. There is already a reduction plan in consideration for Ludington and Manistee.

Brown trout: Brown trout stocking has produced mixed results. We believe that southern Lake Michigan ports get too warm for brown trout and there is not deep water close to provide refuge. Would you consider moving brown trout to areas that have better habitat? How about a combination of reducing brown trout stocking and moving fish resulting in fewer ports getting higher stocking numbers?

Coho salmon: Coho stocking has been very consistent for almost 50 years. We would like to consider some changes to provide more fishing opportunities in the UP and southern Michigan where there is less Chinook salmon natural reproduction. We also would like to increase survival of existing stocking areas. Would you support moving Coho salmon further down the Grand River and St. Joseph rivers closer to the mouths? Would you support moving some Coho stocked at the Platte River further south and to the UP? If so, how many would you be comfortable with knowing that this is our only broodstock source?

Chinook salmon: There are potentially three ways to increase stocked kings in Lake Michigan. Without increasing predator demand, we could reduce other species and increase kings based on equivalents or we could reduce Swan Creek a certain amount and move a percentage of fish to Lake Michigan equal to what already migrates there. Moving Swan Creek fish would require communication with the Lake Huron Citizen's Fishery Advisory Committee and may take time to resolve. We could also increase predator demand based on your reports of bait abundance and return to 2016 stocking numbers, which were 560,000. This option would need consensus from the Lake Michigan Committee. We could also keep the numbers at 330,000 and continue to use the Predator Prey Ratio to determine when to increase.

Steelhead: We do not have any suggestion for steelhead and are open to suggestions by the advisors.

Opportunity To be Heard continued.

As I was told by my father and uncle when I became of age to vote, "IF you do not vote and let your voice be heard, you give up your right to complain about the outcome." We have been afforded a platform of which our club can be heard, and we need to take advantage of it. Please let your board of directors know your feelings and opinions, as I will be taking direction from them. I will try and keep everyone up to date via the newsletter and the message board. My first meeting on the committee is October 17th; I look forward to representing the DAS.

Sincerely,

Mark Williams,

Charter Captain, Fisherman, and DAS Lifetime Member

October Guest Speaker

Our October guest is Glen Buehner, President of the Great Lakes Salmon Initiative. Glen grew up in Warren, MI and currently resides in Ludington, where he operates as a charter Captain in Lakes Michigan and Huron. The GLSI is a non-profit organization whose objective is to support and promote a world class salmon fishery on Lake Michigan and surrounding Great Lakes. They are a relatively new organization and raise funds to support those goals. They apply political pressure, and in some cases legislative or legal action, to protect chinook salmon stocking programs. The GLSI was opposed to all chinook stocking cuts in 2017, and in favor of increased Lake Trout stocking reductions. The GLSI seeks to keep the Chinook as the keystone predator in Lake Michigan and supports re-establishing the Chinook salmon fishery on Lake Huron.



Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Directors Election

DAS By-Laws call for Board of Directors election at the annual meeting each year.

This year's annual meeting will occur on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at our normal meeting location American Polish Cultural Center (APCC) located on 15 Mile Road at Dequindre.

Any dues paying member or officer can place a nomination. A nomination should be submitted at least 20 days (November 30) before the election. It should be in writing and signed. 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.

To submit a name for this year's ballot, mail it, email it, or write it up and give it to me at any membership meeting. Include the person's name and contact information.

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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":

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| Fund Raising | Publicity | |
| Speakers and Education | Membership | |
| Newsletter | Boat Tournaments | |
| River Tournaments | Shows | |
| Political Action (Coalition) | Special events | Salmon-in-Classroom |

Nomination for the 2017 Detroit Steelheaders Board of Directors

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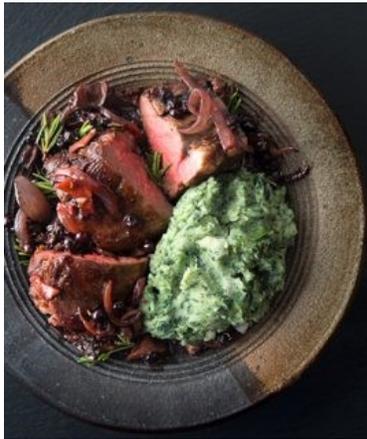
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Chefs Table

I love this recipe with tenderloins, but backstrap or even a well-cut leg steak would work. And of course this will work with duck, goose, beef or lamb, too. You'll notice I use both clarified and regular unsalted butter here. I like the clarified because it has a high smoke point and is better for searing than regular butter; milk solids burn easily. You can buy it in many markets labeled as Indian ghee, or you can make your own. Or use another fat or oil. As for the mushrooms, I used dried morels. Any good dried mushroom will do. You want that mushroom

soaking water, so don't use fresh mushrooms. Port wine can be a nicer kick in the sauce than red wine, but it's strong -- if you use Port instead of red wine, use only 1/4 cup. Finally, remember that this is a savory sauce, despite the blueberries (or huckleberries). If this is weird to you, add some sugar.



- Tenderloins from a deer or 1/2 pound venison backstrap
- Salt
- 2 tablespoons clarified butter, regular unsalted butter, lard, duck fat or vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 small onion, peeled and sliced root to tip
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 3/4 ounce dried mushrooms, wild if possible, reconstituted in 1 cup hot water
- 1/2 cup venison stock or beef stock
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1/2 cup blueberries or huckleberries, fresh or thawed
- 1 teaspoon fresh rosemary minced
- Black pepper to taste
- Malt or red wine vinegar to taste
- Sugar optional
- COLCANNON
- 2 large russet potatoes, peeled and diced
- Salt
- 2 or 3 three tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 or 2 heaping tablespoons sour cream or heavy cream
- 1 cup chopped spinach or other greens

Colcannon is a traditional Irish dish of mashed potatoes with kale or cabbage — as well as the name of a song about the dish.

Take the venison out of the fridge and salt it well. Let it set on the cutting board while you rehydrate the mushrooms and boil the potatoes for the colcannon.

Put the diced potatoes into a pot of salted water and bring to a boil. Simmer until tender. Drain the potatoes and put them back in the pot. Turn the heat to low under the pot and let the potatoes steam for a few seconds.

Beat in the butter, sour cream and chopped vegetables. You want nice mashed potatoes with green streaks. Add salt to taste, cover the pot, turn off the heat and set aside.

Get a large saute pan and put 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter into it. Turn the heat to high and when the butter is hot, add the sliced onion. Saute over medium-high heat until browned along the edges, about 4 to 5 minutes. Turn off the heat, remove the onions and set aside.

Wipe the pan with a paper towel. Pat the venison dry and put the clarified butter into the pan. Set it over high heat until the butter is very hot, but not smoking. Add the venison and sear until medium-rare. If you don't know to tell when the meat is done, use the finger test for doneness. When the venison is done, move it to rest on a cutting board.

Return the onions to the pan, add the mushrooms and garlic and saute over medium-high heat for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring often.

Sprinkle some salt over everything and add the wine.

Boil this down until it's almost gone, using a wooden spoon to stir up any browned bits on the bottom of the pan. Add the stock and mushroom soaking water (strain the water if there is any debris in it) and boil this down by two-thirds.

Add the huckleberries or blueberries and cook another minute or two. Add black pepper, salt and vinegar to taste. If you want it sweet, add some sugar now; start with a teaspoon or two. Garnish with the rosemary.

I served this with a really good Spanish red wine, but any full-bodied red will work, or if you are a beer drinker, a malty Scottish ale or porter is the ticket.

September Speaker

Our September speaker was river guide and Ludington Charter Captain, Shawn Pormosky. The primary topic he discussed was river fishing with artificial baits. Knowing how to fish artificial's comes in handy when live bait and fresh spawn are not available. If you are fortunate enough to have fresh spawn, Shawn covered his favorite curing techniques as well. The last Saturday in October Shawn hosts the 'Big Tom Memorial' tournament in Ludington, so we'll be seeing him soon!



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REEL ADVICE

By Captain Mark Williams
Silver Addiction

The leaves are changing color and I have pulled Silver Addiction for the season. My thoughts now turn to hunting Whitetail Deer, but as I make my list of things to do for the winter, I wanted to share an often over looked task, REEL Maintained. This season I had one of my best, recording 19 Master Angler Lake Trout and King Salmon. My biggest King was 33.4 pounds and my biggest Lake Trout was 28.9 pounds. Needless to say I was glad to have the equipment I had to land these trophies, but I did find that it also takes a toll on equipment. I noticed clickers not working, drags not as smooth, and palls allowing reels to get out of time. While Silver Addiction is fortunate to have a great relationship with Shimano, even the good stuff needs TLC.

I was told a longtime ago to buy the best you can afford and then take care of it. I have several Shimano Tekota Reels, yes, I do know the number, but since my wife reads the news letter we will keep that number a secret. Anyways, I take my "sick reels" to the drag masters at Tuna's Reel Troubles in Ludington. Paulie and Andy go through and tune up my reels for about \$20 each. Some needed, parts, others drags and basic cleaning and lubricating. Paulie and Andy took "Reel" good care to make them good as new. I did this last almost seven years ago, so it was definitely money well spent. They service all models of reels and can get most parts no matter how old the reels. If you need their service, you can look them up on line at www.tunasreeltroubles.com, and make sure to mention you are from the DAS. This is the time of year to address those equipment issues so come spring you will be ready for the big lake season.

Upcoming River, Pier and Surf Events

We have three River, Pier and Surf events remaining on the DAS fall fishing schedule. These events are open to members and guests alike. The top three finishers for each of these outings will receive Angler of the Year points if their dues are current. You'll notice these events fall on consecutive weekends in the peak season. If you plan on attending, or have questions, please give Bob Paradise a call at (586) 457-4073.

First up is our annual **Instructional Manistee Pier and Surf outing on Saturday, October 21st**. The Instructional outing is a great opportunity to learn the basics of great lakes, pier and surf fishing. For experienced anglers, this is a great time to dust off your gear.

Next up is the **Big Tom Memorial tournament on Saturday, October 28th**. This event is hosted by our September guest speaker Shawn Pomorski in honor of his father, Big Tom. There is a \$25 entry fee that must be paid by Friday evening. Registration, weigh in, dinner, and awards are all held at Michaels Restaurant in downtown Ludington, but you can fish anywhere in the state. If you want more details call Bob, or contact Shawn directly at (231) 690-3389.

The Lakeshore Motel in Manistee hosts the third event which is also serves as a **Fish Off with the Metro West Steelheaders on November 4th**. Entry fee is due at the motel by Friday evening. It is \$30 and includes dinner and awards. Weigh in also at the motel but the award banquet is held an offsite location.

Platte River outing results

There were lots of Coho in the Platte river when the Detroit Area Steelheaders arrived on Saturday, October 7th. Bob Paradise led a small troop of anglers on the stretch of water between Lake Michigan and the weir. Thousands of fish were in the system and clearly visible in the clear, shallow waters of the Platte River. It's about a half mile hike for early morning fisherman from the weir access gate to the river. Fishing is prohibited within 300' of the weir as this is the DNR collection point for Coho salmon brood stock in Michigan. The weir is a short distance to where the river enters Platte Bay in Lake Michigan. Parking is available at the weir after 9:00 AM when the gate is opened. Bob was joined by Gaspare Aragona, and Blaise Pewinski downstream of the weir. Kurt Nofz and Tom Gorguze fished where the river empties into the lake. The river mouth is unimproved and fish staging in Platte Bay and fresh run Coho in the river mouth could be easily seen. Only Bob and Gaspare managed to land fish this trip. Bob had three Coho and took first place and the big fish money. Gaspare weighed a single fish, which secured second place. After the weigh in at the river mouth, we headed to Beulah for lunch at the Cherry Hut.

Perch Outing Results

The club's first outing at Sterling State Park was not without its challenges! Construction on I-75, a High School Invitational Cross-Country track meet with runners from 62 High Schools at the park, long waits at the launch and unseasonably record high temperatures all contributed to the excitement. However, the perch fishing report was good and we had eleven boats participate.

After a good 6 to 7 hours of perch fishing it was time to head back to the launch for weigh in and lunch. Don and Cheryl Jasmen manned the grill preparing delicious sirloin burgers with fresh onions and tomatoes from Bob Paradise's own garden. Don Mikros prepared his own version of crispy seasoned French fries which were amazing. The only thing missing was the cheese slices which I forgot in my refrigerator at home! Sorry about that...We had several packaged desserts along with the homemade cupcakes Charlie Denning brought. Plenty of drinks and good eating for all!

Anglers weighed their five best fish. The top five finishes are listed below:

1. Ron Plasarski 2.74 lbs. (5 AOTY pts)
2. Balaze Louie 2.48 lbs. (3 AOTY pts)
3. Tom Gorguze 2.39 lbs. (1 AOTY pt)
4. Blaise Pewinski 2.30 lbs.
5. Rob Pinskey 2.28 lbs.

Big fish was won by Rob Pinskey at a weight of 11.6 oz.

I had a very nice visit with Chris Nytko at his home and want to extend a special "Thanks" for lending us his scale and all the helpful tips. I really enjoyed my first time as Port Captain and appreciate all the help offered by Don Mikros, Don and Cheryl Jasmen.

See you at the next outing.

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Angler of the Year Leader Board												
Name	Higgins Lake 2/11/1	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	-	-	-	-	11
Carl Ventimiglia	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	5
Bill Foster	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	5
Paul Gjeldum	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	-	-	-	-	5
Ron Pisardki	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	-	-	-	-	5
Bob Paradise	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	-	-	-	-	5
CarlVentimigliaSr	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	3
Don Jasman	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	3
Jay Gillam	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	-	-	-	-	3
Louie Balaze	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	-	-	-	-	3
Tom Gorguze	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	2
Chris Ventimiglia	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	1
Bob Feisel	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	1

Upcoming 2017 DAS Key Dates

- Sat October 21, 2017 Instructional Pier outing Manistee
- Tue October 24, 2017 General Membership Meeting
- Sat October 28, 2017 Big Tom Memorial Ludington
- Sat November 4, 2017 Metro West Fall Challenge, Manistee
- Tue November 28, 2017 General Membership Meeting

2017 September Membership Meeting Facts

- Attendance: 50
- Featured Guest: Shawn Pormorski
- Featured Presentations: Artificial lures on rivers
- 50/50 Raffle Winner: \$100 Anthony Nowack
- Every Member Draw: Dave Linder (Not Present)