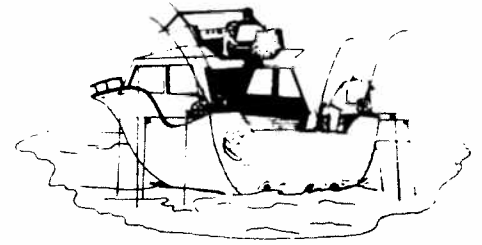




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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 26

The July membership meeting will be on the last **Tuesday** this month. Since the chapter began in 1974 our meetings have been held on the last Wednesday. However, due to the unavailability of suitable quarters our meetings will be the last Tuesday of each month through December. We'll meet at Bonnie Brook Country Club on Shiawassee - east off Telegraph Rd., just south of 8-Mile Rd.

Our guest speaker will be John Scott, a favorite (his third visit), who is now Chief Fisheries Division, DNR. John has been with the Great Lakes restoration program from the beginning and is responsible for much of the fantastic fishing we take for granted today.

We're grateful Mr. Scott finds time in his busy schedule to spend a few hours with us. You can count on an interesting and revealing address and he's prepared to answer your questions.

In addition to our guest speaker a film on fishing will be shown, "Land of the Midnight Sun". A trolling workshop is being arranged and hopefully a slide presentation prepared by the Chapter Education Committee will be ready for the meeting.

The winners in the Frankfort tournament will receive their trophies and awards; and reports on the July and August tournaments will be given. Bring a friend.



John Scott - July Speaker

## Best Bets

### FISHING REPORT

For the last 2 weeks of July and the first 2 weeks of August.

Frankfort for Lakers  
Tip: Fish temperature!

Pentwater, Ludington & Manistee for Lakers and Big Kings.

Tips & Best Bait: Kush spoons, white & chartreuse (small) loco's, Happy Hooker Black w/pink spots, "OO" Dodger 24" leader w/blue and silver Andy Reeker.

Harrisville for Lakers and few Kings. Best depth 75' to 100'. Fish bottom for Lakers, Kings will be suspended.

Tips: Use Attractors!

## STATE TOURNAMENT AT OSCODA

The Michigan Steelheaders is sanctioning its first Lake Huron trolling tournament August 20 & 21, 1977 at Oscoda. The AuSable River Valley chapter will host the tournament and entry forms are available from Steve Paslaski.

Complete details on the \$100.00 fishing event and weekend activities will be sent to you upon request. Write to Steve at 209 Water St., Oscoda, Mi: 48750.

Boat directory is finished and will be available at July meeting for all members. Members will be requested to present membership card before receiving boat directory.

## LADIES DAY SEPTEMBER 17 AT OSCODA

A Fishin Tournament for the ladies. Alright you men, this one is for the women. Treat your Queen to a "King". We will fish in the morning from 7:00 until 11:00. Come in and have a nice picnic consisting of steaks, salads, ice tea, pop & oh yea!! Beer for the skippers. Then go back out and fish from 3:00 until 7:30. Then weigh in the ladies catch. Trophies will be awarded to the top Queens for the biggest catch of Kings. For further information contact Gary Gray (Editor) 846-6482.

## JUDGE SIDES WITH INDIAN FISH SELLING

Indians have been given the legal right to renew selling illegally gill-netted lake trout to wholesale fish dealers in Michigan.

U.S. District Judge Noel Fox ordered the Dept. of Natural Resources to withdraw its June 14 order against white men buying Indian-netted fish. Fox ruled last week that the order was discriminatory against Indians.

Fox's decision came as no surprise to DNR executives. One of them told *The Call*, prior to Fox's ruling, that "He's been against us all along. I expect we'll lose again."

Fox has been sitting on a case brought by the federal government in support of Indians netting for more than a year. Motions so far in the trial have gone against the DNR and sportsmen.

His latest ruling upset what appeared to be a working strategy by the DNR. Without a market for their fish, Indian netting was reported down to a dribble.

With the summer tourist season in full swing, DNR field men now expect Indian netting to resume in high gear as hungry vacationers seek fresh fish. *From Northwoods Call*



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**1977 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Bonnie Brook Country Club  
July 26, August 30  
September 27

**COMING EVENTS**

July 16  
July 26  
(Tuesday)

August 13  
August 20 & 21  
August 30  
September 10  
September 17th

Port Austin Boat Tournament  
Membership Meeting at Bonnie  
Brook Country Club Telegraph  
and 8 Mile Road  
Harrisville Boat Tournament  
MSSFA Tournament, Oscoda  
Membership Meeting  
Oscoda Boat Tournament  
Chapter Ladies Day Tournament

**BOAT TOURNAMENTS**

October 1 Tawas Bay  
contact Jerome Vaerten  
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682-5642 Don White  
September 10 - Oscoda  
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**EARLY APRIL FOR BROWNS****By Gary Gray (Editor)**

One hot spot overlooked by many anglers is Muskegon. Early April this year at Muskegon I, along with my various crew members consisting of men who had nothing but bass baits in their tackle boxes and young boys who never caught anything larger than 9" perch, consistently limited out on Browns daily. Our best trip was the Saturday before Easter when our crew of 5 landed 33 Browns and lost 4 fish. Our action consisted of 3 doubles and 1 triple. The secret? No secret at all. Rapala's! Size #G 13. Colors: Gold & Black, Silver & Black, a few fish taking Blue & Silver, Orange & Gold, but the hottest one of all was an altered 6" Rebel filed smooth and painted chartreuse with flaming red dots. We ran just 4 lines all of which were run off our downriggers from 3 to 8 feet down, running back from the cannonball 70 to 150 feet. The rods we were using were the Olympic 9' Steelhead Special with Shakespeare 1810's equipped with approximately 450 yds. of stren. 4 lb. test with the aid of Walker releases set light, and setting lines with only 3/4 of a wrap we had no problems at all.

One other thing I would like to mention is that 90% of our fish were caught inside the harbor mouth - permitting boats of any size to fish regardless of weather or wind conditions. So don't delay in preparing your boat next Spring and I hope to see you out there! I will be aboard the "Nooner". Give me a shout!

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**LAST TUESDAY  
MEETING NITE**

The last Tuesday of every month through December will be the Chapter's new meeting nite effective July 26th. Bonnie Brook Country Club, off Telegraph south of Eight Mile Rd., will be the meeting place.

The address is 19990 Shiawassee, Detroit.



Early morning tricothode mayfly hatches have started on some rivers, including the upper AuSable. This is generally conceded to be the most challenging fly fishing, with 7X leaders and number 24 to 28 flies required. Depending on the weather (the warmer the earlier) the hatch can start anytime from about daybreak to 10 or 11 o'clock, with the spinner fall following in one to three hours. When the hatch is heavy, hundreds of fish take up feeding stations near the surface to suck in tiny bits of protein.

Night fishing has been fair to good on nearly all streams though the Hexagenia hatch is over or petering out.

## **HEAVY FOG AND HIGH SEAS DELAY TOURNAMENT**

Early Saturday morn'n many skippers were preparing their boats for tournament day. About 5:45 many of the skippers were starting to wonder if the tournament would begin as scheduled due to the heavy fog. At that time the tournament committee made the decision to delay the tournament until 7:00. Still dry-docked at 9:00 a vote of the skippers was to be held to decide if the boats would leave port or not. At this time tournament director, Mike DeCamillo, along with 3 committee men and 2 skippers left port on Mike's boat to check on the lake condition. When Mike returned the decision was made to cancel the tournament until Sunday. A few of the skippers had their boats on their trailers and headed north to Traverse Bay. The remaining skippers and crew members stuck around and told fish stories, drank and played cards. It was just about 1:00 when the fog finally lifted and the wind died down a little, and boats started leaving

port. The boats returned that evening, many had good catches of Lake Trout.

Sunday morn'n the fog was light and the wind mild - a real nice day to start a tournament. Due to the long drive home for many of the skippers the tournament was shortened to 1:00 and the coolers started approaching the scales.



Larry Atwell placed first with 9 Lakers. At the end of the weigh in, the 24 boats had landed 71 Lake Trout, 3 Browns and 3 Steelheads. The largest fish a 10 lb. 15 oz. Lake Trout caught by Chuck Cartwright, captain of the "Tuna Boat".

**Larry Atwell (center) captain of the Cobra placed first in Frankfort Boat Tournament with this fine catch of 9 Lake Trout.**

## **HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES SALES HIT RECORD**

A record 60 million Americans spent close to \$318 million on State hunting and fishing licenses in 1976, according to state license sales figures. The figures represent an increase of \$23 million in state sales and 5000,000 in license holders over 1975. Since some states do not require licenses for ocean fishing, children under 16 or senior citizens, these figures are not completely accurate.

The revenues derived from these license sales enable states to conduct their fish and wildlife conservation and management programs. Additional funds come from federal aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs under which states are reimbursed up to 75 per cent of the cost of approved projects.

California led the nation in sales of fishing licenses with 5.8 million licenses, tags, permits, and stamps sold. Closest runner up was Michigan with 1.6 million sold. Other very heavily fished states were Wisconsin, Missouri, Oregon, Tennessee, and Texas. Minnesota also attracted the most out-of-state fishermen in the country with 415,000 visitors buying licenses last year. Montana, Tennessee, Minnesota, and Michigan also ranked high with tourist fishermen.

Pennsylvania led all states in the nation last year in sales of hunting licenses with 1.9 million licenses, tags, permits, and stamps sold. Michigan, New York, Texas and Wisconsin ranked just below. Montana had the distinction of being the most frequently visited state by out-of-state Hunters. Last year over 127,000 non-residents permits were sold there.

Hawaii had the fewest licensed hunters and fishermen.

## **TROLLING TIPS**

### **INCREASE YOUR CATCHES USE LIGHTER LINE!**

April - 4 lb. for Browns and Steelheads  
May - 6 lb for Browns, Steelhead and Small Kings  
June - 8 lb. for Lakers and Splake  
July - 8 lb. for Lakers and Splake  
Aug. - 12 lb. for Lakers and Kings  
Sept. - 14 thru 17 lb. for Big Kings  
Oct. - 12 lb for Coho

Of course this is not possible unless you have the proper rods for various line weights. Check with your dealer before purchasing. One restriction is the amount of hardware (cowbells, Dodgers, etc.) you're planning on using.

### **LAKE TROUT TROLLING:**

The use of attractors will fill a cooler much faster than clean baits. Best bets are cowbells w/3' leader and 1/4 oz. tadpolys or fireplugs. "o" Dodger w/18" leader and bucktail fly. Cowbells w/"O" Dodger directly behind Cowbells w/18" leader and fly "OO" Dodger w/18" to 24" leader and Fluterspoon. "OOO" Dodgers w/12" leader and small Andy Reekers.

### **TIPS ON FLY SELECTION:**

Green & White, Blue & White with a streak of black are very good bets.

Variation of speeds with an occasional neutral will increase your action.

To effectively bounce bottom with few to no snags attach from your release a 3 ft. leader of 80 lb. mono. Then attach your cannonball. Then limit the line from your release to 15 to 20' leaving the drag on your reel very light. Slowly lower and raise your downrigger to maintain your bait on bottom be sure to use a cannonball and not a Tommy or Herbie due to the beating. The bottom will damage these type of weights.

# FRANKFORT BOAT TOURNAMENT



Don White and wife placed 9th. Marcie said they could have done better but Don farmed a couple of fish!



John Makela (President of the Detroit Area Capter) and Captain of the Sisu, placed 2nd with 8 Lake Trout. (L to R: Bob Johnson, John Makela, Jim Jennings, Frank Fleming).



Father and sons, Bill, Ed and Glen Brandt aboard the Lay-Z-Boy boated 7 Lakers for 3rd Place.



Chuck Cartwright, (center) Captain of "The Tuna Boat", holding a 10 lb. 15 oz. Laker, the largest fish landed tournament day. (4th Place).

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# FRANKFORT BOAT TOURNAMENT FINAL STANDINGS

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1st - Larry Atwell .....	Cobra
2nd - John Makela .....	Sisu
3rd - Bill Brandt .....	Lay-Z-Boy
4th - Chuck Cartwright .....	Tuna Boat
5th - Bob Kring .....	Drifters
6th - Murrell Blackburn .....	Fishin' 5
7th - Daniel Papcun .....	Lay-E-Daze
8th - Terry Cholette .....	Fishin Fever
9th - Don White .....	Last Chance
10th - Jerry Lee .....	Sea Screw



Mike DeCamillo, (right) director of Boat Tournaments and Captain of the Stingray. After the decision of Tournament Committee to hold the tournament on Sunday due to weather and sea conditions, Mike set out at noon anyway to return with the largest catch of the day.



Murrell Blackburn (right) and crew with 6 Lake Trout. (6th Place)



Bob Kring and his son, Doug, with 6 Lake Trout. (5th Place).



Marty Friske, a little green in his first trip boat trolling. But after a short time Marty got things together along with a few fish aboard the "Stingray".



Gary Gray, Captain of the Nooner, and his father, Frank, boated 22 fish for the entire trip. But on tournament day, just 3 Lakers and one 7 lb. Brown. (11th Place).

**FISH TIPS**

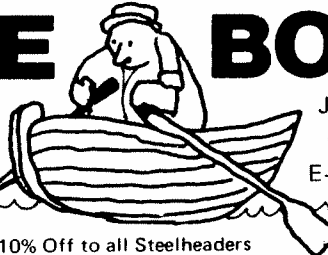
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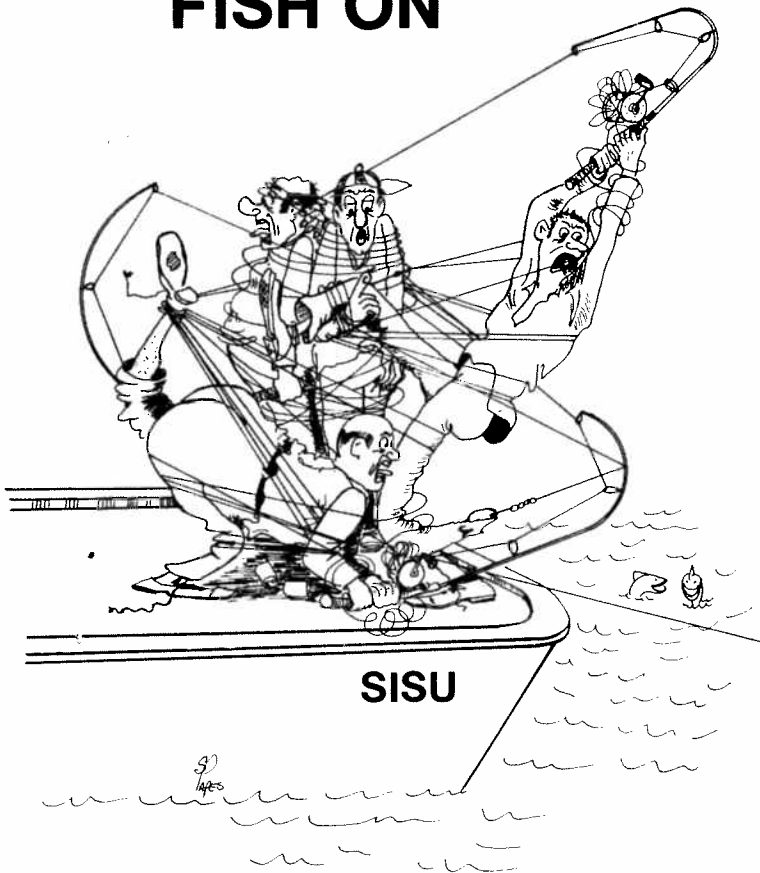
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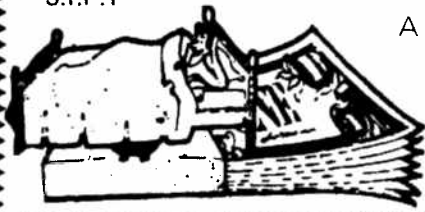
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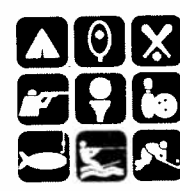


**SKIPPER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS THRU FRANKFORT TOURNAMENT**

CAPTAIN	BOAT	POINTS
Larry Atwell	Cobra	18
Chuck Cartwright	Tuna Boat	16
Murrell Blackburn	Fish'n 5	15
John Makela	Sisu	13
Don Wainio	Flyin' Finn	12
Jerry Lee	Sea Screw	11
Howard Mills	Paramor	9
Gary Gray	Nooner	8
Clay Garrett	Blue Mist	8
Jim Treadaway	Okie Drifter	8
Bill Brandt	Lay-Z-Boy	8
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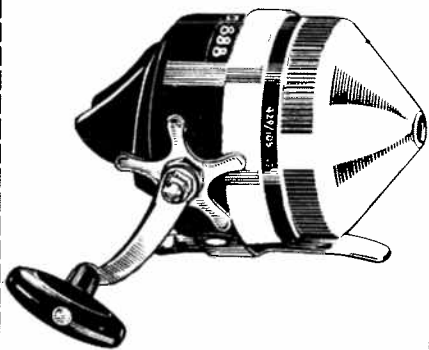
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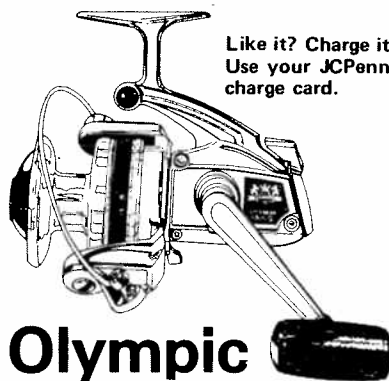


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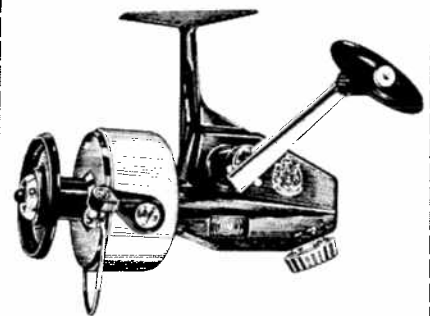
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Rivers and snagging locations are:

- AuSable -- Foote Dam to Rea Rd.
- Sable -- Hamlin Dam to mouth
- Manistique -- Papermill Dam to mouth.
- Manistee -- Tippy Dam to about mile downstream.
- Manistee Lake.
- Pere Marquette -- above and below Scottville Bridge.
- Muskegon -- Croton Dam,

High Rollways, Shaw Park and U.S. 31 to mouth.

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