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The views expressed in this paper are those of the Chapter Members and the Editor. The purpose of this paper is to inform the Chapter Members of events which affect the Sportsfishermen. It is our intention to teach, inform and guide the members to respect and appreciate the Great Lakes, Rivers and Land around them.

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**1977 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Bonnie Brook Country Club  
November 29  
December 20

**COMING EVENTS**

**November 29** Membership Meeting  
**December 10** Detroit - St. Joe River Tour-  
nament  
**December 20** Membership Meeting Elec-  
tion Night

**RIVER TOURNAMENTS**

**December 10** St. Joseph River. Contact  
Gary Gray, 846-6482, or Bob  
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**NEW COLUMN STARTS  
WITH THIS ISSUE****"THE PREZ SEZ"**

is a new(s) feature in Fishin' Tales written by Chapter President John Makela. The column, on page 2 of each issue, will report on a variety of fishing items including new products. Chapter policy and direction will be discussed and questions from readers will be answered if confined to state and local steelheader policy.

**STATE DIRECTORS  
MEET**

MSSFA directors met in Lansing in November to discuss a busy agenda. Among the items were the election of officers and the appointment of treasurer and secretary. Detroit Chapter Vice-President Bob Rutt nominated Dick McNellis, Paw Paw, for a second term; Len Hardke, Benton Harbor, was nominated for vice president. Both were elected. McNellis appointed Jim Seiser, Paw Paw, as state treasurer and Walt Olmstead of St. Joseph, secretary.

The Steelheaders Annual, the yearly magazine published by the MSSFA, will probably be discontinued. The board concurred with editor Andy Pelt that advertising accounts would be better served with an expanded monthly newspaper



John Makela

-- currently the "Great Lakes Steelheader". A 'special' issue of the paper will be published annually in February. The annual magazine hasn't been completely abandoned yet, however. A committee of three Detroit chapter (state) directors will study costs and content in hopes of continuation and report to the board its recommendations, including the magazine's saleability.

The MSSFA annual dinner will be at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, on January 14, 1978. Paul Irvine hopes to arrange bus transportation to and from the blast. The chapter should take along a couple dozen couples at least.

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**CHAPTER DIRECTORS  
MEET**

(Oct.-Nov.) Volunteers were appointed chairmen of the following committees: Boat Show, Larry Serafin; Outdoorama, Jim Boyer; Boat Raffle, Jim Boyer; Spring Show, Tom Schneider and Paul Irvine; Swap Shop, Tony Recchia.

A lively discussion on the 'swap-shop' activity resulted in approval of controlled sales of unused tackle if prices reflect a great savings to members.

The president and Tony Recchia will determine who sells what. The board voted that the Swap Shop be active only after the meeting is over.

The Cobo Hall Boat Show is expanding its attractions to include fishing seminars. The chapter was asked to expound on "our kind" of trolling, the species and equipment. The clinics will be held on three evenings during the show week with Paul Irvine and Tom Schneider volunteering their knowledge and experience.

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**MICHIGAN  
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**NOTES FROM THE N.R.C. MEETING 11/3/77. LANSING, MICHIGAN.**

The highlights of today's meeting was the protest effort by the Gull Lake Quality Assn. in which over 100 people appeared to voice their disapproval of the D.N.R.'s intention of acquiring land and enlarging the present public boat launch. All the protesters were property owners and their complaints ranged from boat motor pollution to over crowding and congestion of the lake's surface.

Presently the D.N.R. has an option to buy land adjacent to the existing Praireville Twp. launch, which accomodates 29 car trailers to increase its capacity to 45 car trailers. Gull Lake has 2050 water acres; over 10 miles of shore line, approximately 5 miles long and 1 mile wide. It has had fish plantings since late 1800 including smelt and atlantic salmon. It is a deep lake, some parts as

deep as 90 feet and offers a very desirable recreational resource. Within a radius of 1 hour's driving time, there are 119,387 registered boats — a fleet of boat owners that are forced to use the existing small Praireville Twp. launch of 29 car trailers capacity. With data gathered by the Waterways Commission, supplemented by aerial investigation and a thorough survey of the lake's usage, it has been decided that a potential for 150 boat usage the public sector would be feasible.


Mr. Wagner Schmidt from the MUCC Assn. spoke in support of this project. He compared the situation to a similar problem 25 years ago when residents around Big Star Lake voiced their objections to the D.N.R. providing access and parking to **their** lake — pointing out that thru the ensuing years the action on that lake by the D.N.R. produced no ill effects.

Presently, the Anadromous Fish Program for 1978 is in limbo pending budget approvals by our state legislature. Since the improvement and expansion

programs on our fish hatcheries are well on their way, the D.N.R. can now concentrate their plans on expansion and promotion of the Anadromous fisheries. Judging from the budget requests, there are some great plans ahead. They range from building artificial reefs in the Great Lakes, fish passages on our bigger rivers, fishing pier

improvements and developing or improving break waters. It is strongly recommended we contact our area legislators and urge them to support these projects.

There is a resolution on Indian Treaties, soon to be released from our legislature, that will indicate our state's position on this problem. so watch for it. **Joe Domers**



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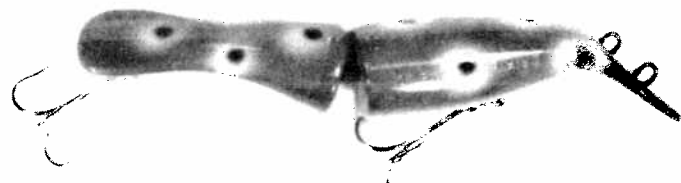
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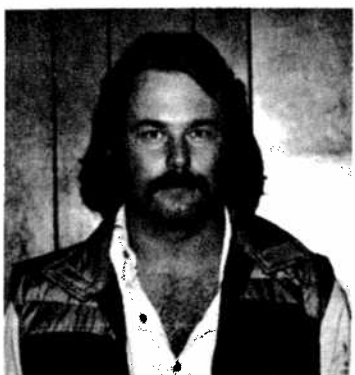
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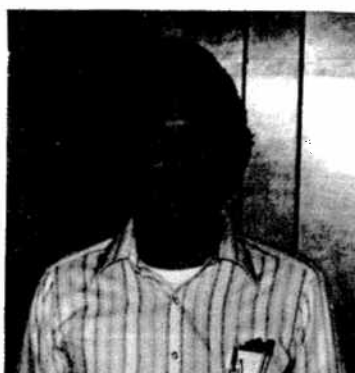
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## YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT!

by Paul R. Irvine

In my last article I wrote about a number of very complex and important issues regarding good health. In this article I would like to touch briefly on just one part of good health; the food you eat.

There are certain foods which we should and should not eat. This article is meant to serve as a general guideline.

Food is one of the most important tools we use to keep us healthy. Without food we would die and without the proper food we will not live a healthy life.

The most important points to think about regarding good health is **striving to be honest with yourself**. I have not talked to a person who smokes, who is overweight, or who does not exercise, that does not make excuses why they are the way they are. Excuses are simply an easy way out. The lazy man's way.

Sure, you never felt better, "Mr. Average Family Man". You should feel good at 40 years of age. Your life is at the top of its ladder and from now on how steep the downhill slide is, is all up to you.

Remember, you don't have to eat all that food your loving wife puts in front of you. And by the way, loving wife, you also are responsible for your family's health. When the husband is overweight, usually the wife and kids are. The women will go on ten "fad diets" to the man's one, but while she is on her diet, she keeps serving those potatoes and gravy to the rest of the family. It's always amazed me how a woman could allow her family to become overweight and then continue to buy and feed them all the junk food they want. And, to think it's all done in the name of love.

FOOD GROUP	NUMBER OF RECOMMENDED SERVINGS				
	Child	Teenager	Adult	Pregnant Woman	Lactating Woman
<b>MILK</b> 1 cup milk, yogurt OR <b>CALCIUM EQUIVALENT:</b> 1½ slices (1½ oz.) cheddar cheese* 1 cup pudding 1¾ cups ice cream 2 cups cottage cheese*	3	4	2	4	4
<b>MEAT</b> 2 ozs. cooked, lean meat, fish, poultry, OR <b>PROTEIN EQUIVALENT:</b> 2 eggs 2 slices (2 oz.) cheddar cheese* ½ cup cottage cheese* 1 cup dried beans, peas 4 tbsps. peanut butter	2	2	2	3	2
<b>FRUIT-VEGETABLE</b> ½ cup cooked or juice 1 cup raw Portion commonly served such as a medium-size apple or banana	4	4	4	4	4
<b>GRAIN, whole grain, fortified, enriched</b> 1 slice bread 1 cup ready-to-eat cereal ½ cup cooked cereal, pasta, grits	4	4	4	4	4

\* Count cheese as serving of milk OR meat, not both simultaneously.

Okay, all you husbands, I have just given you another excuse for being thirty pounds overweight, blame your wife.

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The new vitamin cereal must be good because "Mikie likes it, and he hates everything." This chip is better because it doesn't break when dipped into some super new flavor chip dip. Shot from cannons and sugar dipped junk food.

Food is meant to be good tasting, but more important, it should contain the proper nutrients for good health and a well balanced diet.

The recommended servings from the Four Food Groups for adults supply **about 1200 Calories**. The chart below

gives recommendations for the number of size of servings for several categories of people:

Next issue I will give you a simple way to lose those extra pounds.

### INDIANS DENY GUILT IN L. CHARLEVOIX NETTING

In a case that biologists say is of critical significance to preservation of fish populations in Michigan's inland lakes, six persons, claiming to have Indian rights, have plead not guilty to charges of illegally gill netting in Lake Charlevoix.

Conservation officer Walt Mikula says the six were arrested when they were caught lifting a gill net from shallow waters off a Charlevoix city beach. The net contained about 800 pounds of lake trout and a few rainbows and browns.

The case is being pressed by Dept. of Natural Resources officials to determine if the courts will allow Indians to deplete inland lake fish populations. Federal Judge Noel Fox has ordered DNR lawmen not to interfere with Indian gill netters in the Great Lakes. Biologists say the Indian nets are devastating Great Lakes trout populations.

Indians reportedly have been gill netting Charlevoix for a couple of years. This is the first time they have been caught, DNR officials say.

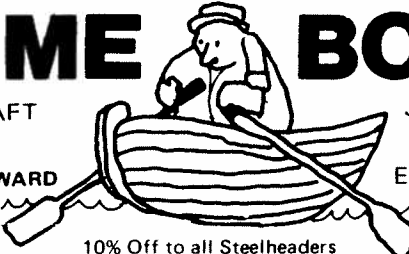
Reports that Indians have set nets in Torch Lake have not been confirmed.

If Indians can get away with netting inland waters, biologists and lawmen fear they will move to other lakes. Biologists who have netted some of these lakes to obtain limited numbers of lake trout eggs, says the lakers could easily be wiped out when they are in shallow water in the fall.

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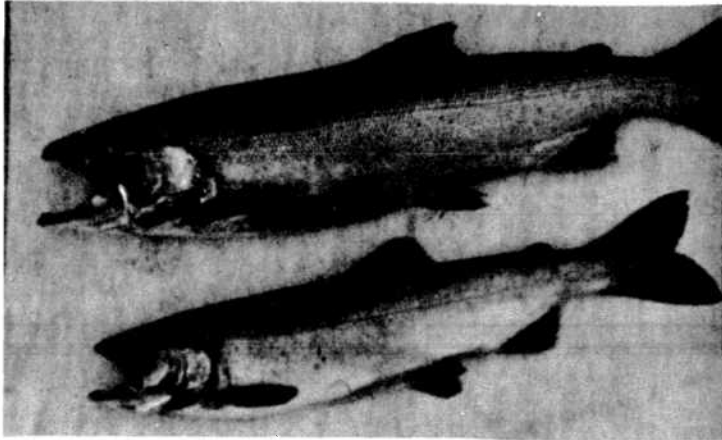
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**BASIC DOWN HOME  
FALL FISHING**

by Tom Schneider  
(Corky Man)



Last fall a dream came true. I was catching Anadromous fish consistently in a south-eastern Michigan stream. Where, you may ask, and I hope you do! The river was the Huron near Flat Rock. However, the success was not mine alone. Buck Ryder (one of Dick Swan's field testers) and I had been exchanging phone calls for the month of September about unsuccessful trips to the river. The reason for no success was very low water (no rain). Then, glory be, "rain", and I was able to hit the river the day after the first October rain. The fish were in and I hooked and released 20 fish that day. That night I called Buck and set up a trip for the next Saturday. I met Buck and Butch and John Ryland at the river in Flat Rock with hopes for a good day, and that it was. We all hooked fish and even ran into an outdoor writer who took our photos for a downriver paper (sure wish I could get those photos back).

The fish we caught were in the 3 to 5 lb. range and all Coho's. The fish were caught on spin & glo's, size #10. The colors that weré best were clown, crome red head, and half chartreuse and half red. I

believe the baits were effective because of the slow water. As a matter of fact, I saw something I have never seen before. A Coho actually chased a spin & glo on the surface of the water when Buck was retrieving it at the end of his drift. (He also landed it.) We have evolved a new technique for fishing slow water with spin & glo's and it should work well with other action baits. I call it the "drift drop back". All we do is use a little more weight than usual and let the drift stop. Let the bait sit for a minute or so, then lift your rod and let the bait move down stream a few feet and let it rest on the bottom again. Repeat this through the hole until a fish hits or you run out of room. Try to keep a tight line and watch out for those arm jarring hits! Spoons & spinners should also work well. As a matter of fact, my first fish this year on the Huron was taken on a blue & white #3 rooster tail spinner.

I would like to add that as of this writing (Oct. 10th) there are both Coho and Chinook in the river, but the foul hooking is heavy, so go with a group if you want fishing room.

Tight lines.

**THE PREZ SEZ**

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Jim Boyer was given the go-ahead to contract double the size of our display area at Outdoorama. Larry Serafin volunteered to build a more elaborate display background for use at Outdoorama, our other shows and year round fishing seminars. The chapter Spring Show, our "biggie", is scheduled for March 25, 1978. No location determined yet.

Board of director meetings are held on the second Tuesday, each month.

**THISA & THATA**

...space will be made available in this column for 'new products'. Only fishing products and their manufacturer will be mentioned. A black and white glossie should accompany the write-up addressed to this paper.

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...look for a special annual issue of this paper in late January. We'll have at least twice as many pages full of pictures and stories - get yours in before January 6. Show us and tell us how you catch fish. 10,000 copies will be distributed to area fishermen.

...look over the questionnaire included in this issue. We'd like your opinion and services and you're invited to use the space provided for additional comments.

...also included is the ballot for election of 1978 chapter directors. Please vote - mail it or drop off at the November membership meeting.

...the December meeting will be on the 20th to avoid the

rush between holidays. Wives and/or lady friends are especially urged to attend the meeting, our annual, where free door prizes are drawn, extra special tackle is raffled, election results will be announced, and honors will go to "Skipper of the Year", "Steelheader of the Year" and "Director of the Year".

...any announcements regarding chapter activities will be included in this column if you send us the news. One liners and stories with pictures are welcome.

**ST. JOE RIVER TOURNAMENT**

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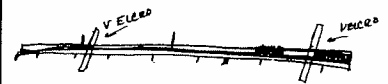
till 5:00 P.M. Weigh-in will be 5:30 thru 6:30 P.M.

For further information, contact Gary Gray or Bob Ksionzek at the November meeting or by phone. All fishermen must be pre-registered prior to December 8th. Hope to see you on the river December 10th.

Gary Gray, Editor

**TACKLE TIP**

Having trouble keeping your rod together when it's in transit or in storage? Is that your problem, Boobie? Try Velcro. Velcro is that two piece, self adhering tape used on out door clothing. I use a 3 inch piece for the top section and a 6 inch piece for the butt section. Use a bright color, easier to find if propped on the ground.



Bob Lindberg

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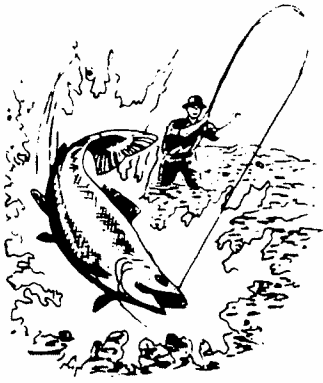
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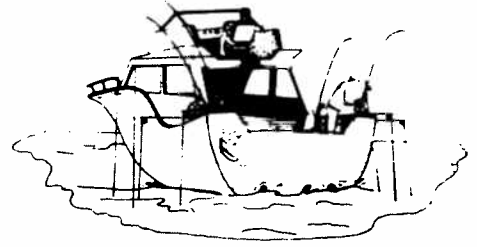
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## BOTH CHAPTERS WIN AGAIN!

Detroit Area's finest once again demonstrated their ability to be consistent — by losing the fishing tournament but winning the drinking tournament.

Saturday morning the festivities started at Fisherman's Headquarters in Wellston at around 5:30. The spirit of both contesting party's was dampened somewhat by the blizzard that most of the members had to drive through. Dawn brought the banks of the Manistee lined with 36 of the 39 members of the Detroit Chapter. There were reports that three clowns from our chapter were sitting at a gas station in Wellston (out of gas) waiting for the proprietor to show up at 8 A.M.

The day passed too quickly and all of a sudden it was time to go to the weigh-in to see what the other members of our chapter had caught. Fate being against us (once again) we didn't have enough fish to meet the minimum entry requirements (we had 13 and needed 15). Honors went to Jerry Blanton for the largest Steelhead, 8½ lbs. and to Tom Schneider who "sneaked in" the largest coho at 7½ lbs. No chinook, brown trout or lakere were caught. We conceded the fishing portion of the tournament and prepared ourselves for the second phase known as the 'partying-down' segment.

After a unique meal of spaghetti & meat balls (coho meat?) the Saginaw bragsters who were benevolent in victory presented trophies to their chapter winners. Really

## SPRING SHOW

It's that time of the year again and preparations are now being made for our Spring Show. Help is greatly needed to make this show another success. We are asking you as members to offer us a hand in doing so. We need a great deal of help with our "boat raffle sales", and to set up various displays and booths. The Spring Show this year is on March 25 (Saturday). For those of you who wish to give us a hand, please contact Tom Schneider at our next couple of meetings.



unique to see trophies presented that had bass or carp as the fish on the top of the trophy.

As the evening wore on the wassailing tournament began. Our champion in this effort was Bob Kring who, in defending his integrity against those pushy Saginaw "boys", single-handedly wiped-out the best of the competition in short dispatch. His prowess at sipping has made him a legend in his own time. It was reported that at least eight of our members were still going strong in the wee hours of the morning and only one member from Saginaw was conscious and he assumed the position of gripping the 'stanley porcelain' and was calling for "Ralph" — Ralph who?

Bob Lindberg

## NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our November Membership Meeting will be held at Bonnie Brook Country Club, Tuesday, November 29th, at 7:30 P.M. The guest speaker will be Dave Weaver, Regional Fisheries Biologist, D.N.R. After his speech, Dave will answer all questions from the meeting floor. Ken Conrad (from the Detroit Area Chapter) will talk on "Drifter Fishing" techniques (corkies, oakie drifters, etc.). After the business meeting Ken and a couple of other fishermen who are of the same persuasion will conduct a seminar on "Drifter Fishing". Trophies will be presented to the winners of the Boat Tournament at Oscoda. The results of the Big Manistee (Saginaw vs D.A.C.) River Fishing Grudge Match will be announced and trophies will be presented. (We shall also be compassionate and understanding as the "turkeys" from Saginaw return the "Grudge Trophy".)

The swap shop will be active at the end of the meeting. We'll have our usual fine tackle raffle with prizes donated from Yakima, Charger, J.C. Penny, Acme Tackle Lakeside, etc. (My apologies to Yakima for omitting them as a tackle donator in the previous newsletter. **Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa** — OK, Tom?)

Hope to see you there — Bring a friend!

## ST. JOE RIVER TOURNAMENT DEC. 10th

Due to the great interest shown by the members of the club, another river tournament has been scheduled against the St. Joe Chapter on their own river. There will be 3 trophies awarded to the 3 largest fish caught by our chapter. Limit one (1) trophy per angler. There will be beer & hot dogs after the weigh-in at the "Grove" in Berrien Springs. The weigh-in will be held at Shamrock Park. The winning chapter will be determined by the weight of the 15 largest caught by each chapter. Entry fee is \$5.00 and the losing chapter pays for the beer.

The St. Joe is basically a boat river, but good bank fishing is found from the dam down through Shamrock Park. For those of you who bank fish or wade there are some real good gravel runs near the bridge where steelhead are taking on spawn, wigglers, corkies, spin & glos, spinners, etc. From the dam to the river yields some super runs and holes which are very accessible by small boat. Drop-back fishing, trolling and rolling spawn will take many of these fresh run steelies. Tadpolys, flatfish and hot-n-tots are three real hot baits which take some big fish. There are two real good boat ramps: one at Berrien Springs and Shamrock Park and another right under I-94. There will be no check-in point and the Honor System will be expected. Starting time is 7:00

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