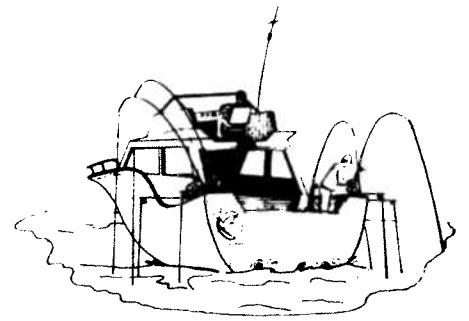


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26 1/2 LB. LAKE TROUT POSSIBLE MODERN STATE RECORD

Trophy laker lights up the Fourth!



JOHN SCHUBERT, Captain of the "Easy Money", landed this 26 lb. 12 oz. Lake Trout at South Haven on the 4th of July. John caught the laker on a "Williams Wabler" clean, 35' down in 105' of water.

The battle lasted about 40 minutes before landing the fish. After boating the laker, John quickly got back to port to weigh his fish. After having the weight certified, Dave Johnson, fish biologist from Planwell, Mich. was contacted. Dave said that the lake trout is probably the current modern day record for Michigan. The fish is now being mounted — a REAL TROPHY in any fisherman's log.

HOT AUGUST TIPS

No summer doldrums for steelheaders!

Lake Trout fishing is still in full swing the first few weeks of August. Almost all ports along Lake Michigan are good. Some of the best are Muskegon, Ludington, Manistee and Frankfort. What seems to produce the most fish are attractors with fireplugs,

clutter tads and small spoons. Favorite colors are chartreuse with red dots, shades of green and blue and chartreuse with black dots. Dodger and fly or dodger and squid combinations work well also.

Ports on Lake Huron that have improved for Lake Trout are Harrisville, Oscoda, and in recent years, Port Austin has been especially hot. Favorite lures here are also attracted with fire plugs, dodgers with flutter spoons, dodger and fly or squid and sometimes the blue and pearl Andy Reeker No. 3. Most success here has been fishing right on the bottom.

Later in August, the Chinook and Coho start their migration runs to their home streams. Some of the best ports will be the Grand River in Kent County (300,777); Chinook, Muskegon River (300,135); and Manistee with 652,578 Chinook and 600,000 Coho. The best

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Richie lands a lunker



RICHIE HAMEL, YOUNG upcoming steelheader, landed this 10 lb. Laker on his first trip lake trolling. Richie was aboard the "Hobo", along with his mother Linda, Gary Gray and Bill Muirhead (skipper) and family. The fish was taken on a hammered blue and silver "Loco" 40' down in 105' of water at South Haven.

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Tournament location changed

Due to the reluctance of many who are active in our boat tournaments to support the scheduled tournament in Alpena on July 29, the tournament has been rescheduled for Pentwater on the same date.

Reasons cited for the discontent with Alpena as a tournament location include distance from Detroit, poor results in previous years' tournaments (1975 and 1976), and a unique problem that showed only in 1976 when the waters of Thunder Bay at Alpena warmed enough to cause an algae bloom which plagued fishermen by coating their fishing lines.

All arrangements and reservations made to incorporate our chapter tournament with the opening day festivities of the Michigan Brown Trout Festival at Alpena on July 29 have been cancelled.

The tournament at Pentwater on July 29 will be co-ordinated by **Mike Trevas, phone 563-9541**. Details for this tournament are to be announced at the July membership meeting.

**Mike DeCamillo, Director
Chairman, Boat Tournaments**

Largest fish entered during Tournaments

Steelhead	John Makela	10lbs. 3 oz.
Brown Trout	Sid Kolongowski	6 lbs. 13 oz.
Lake Trout	Murrell Blackburn	11 lbs. 7 oz.
Splake	No current entry	
Chinook	Bob Kring	21 lbs. 8 oz.
Coho	No current entry	
Atlantic Salmon	No current entry	

COMING EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Tuesday Nights — at	July 25
Bonnie Brook Country Club	August 29
Telegraph & 8 Mile Road	Sept. 26

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENTS

PENTWATER	July 29
LUDINGTON	August 19
OSCODA	Sept. 9
MANISTEE	Sept. 23

Ladies Day Tour to be announced



For BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT Registration, contact MIKE TREVAS at 563-9541 one (1) week prior to Tournament starting date or an additional \$5.00 charge will be added to the fee.

For further Information or Complaints, contact
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TOURNAMENT REGISTRAR

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Atwell leads for Skipper of Year



LARRY ATWELL (LEFT) SKIPPER of the "Cobra", shown with his crew and a few of the fish caught this season to make him the leading Detroit Chapter Skipper going into the month of July.

CURRENT STANDINGS

Skipper of the Year

Skipper	Boat	Points
Larry Atwell	Cobra	21
Jerry Lee	Sea Screw	20
Bob Kring	Drifter	17
Tony Recchia	Bella Dawna	14
Howard Mills	Paramour	14
John Schubert	Easy Money	12
Murrell Blackburn	Fish'n Five	10
John Makela	Sisu	10
Toby Lampi	Jessie III	9
Jim Treadaway	Okie Drifter	8

Hot August Tips

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luck on lures for the Chinook are baits usually fished clean and run away from the ball. J-Plugs, Chargers, Tadpolllys, Miller Spoons and Locos all work well. Dodgers and flies will take Coho, but almost anything will work when you can find a school.

Over on Lake Huron, Harrisville has 200,000 Chinook; and Oscoda has 401,292 Chinook and 200,000 Coho. The Chinook start coming in here in the last two weeks of August and continue until late September. Best lures are J-Plugs, Tadpolllys, Williams Warblers, Flutter Spoons and Chargers. Their choice of color seems to change constantly, so you must work them accordingly.

Another area that has a good amount of fish returning this year is the Huron River in our area. It has 201,180 Chinook and 200,000 Coho. We are hoping to get some boats together for a research trip in this area later in August or September. The fish have to come in and I believe they can be caught if we can find them. It sure would be nice to be able to fish in our own backyard instead of traveling two to three hundred miles! If we want the D.N.R. to continue these plantings, a research trip in this area would be worthwhile. If the Canadians would stop their netting around Pele Island, it would help.

This concludes Tips for August and with a little help from the fish, it should be an exciting fishing month.

— Murrell Blackburn

TOP TEN BOATS

Port Austin Tournament

Frank Arleth	Sally E
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Toby Lampi	Jessie III
Larry Atwell	Cobra
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I can't believe I actually agreed to get up before dawn and drag my weary body out of bed on my day off. Why am I donning long johns and foul weather gear on this chilly spring morning; making coffee and a lite breakfast, and packing food for the boat?

Why is my husband glaring at me as I sleepily touch up my eye makeup? Doesn't he know I passed up a great shopping weekend with the girls, a chance to gossip and check out the latest fashions? He sure doesn't appreciate what I'm doing to keep him company!

Now he is sighing as I decide what color eyeshadow to use. Well, I have to look good for the fish. I wonder if he would give me an opinion on which pair of levis to wear. The old standards or the new Calvin Kleins? Oh, oh! Better not ask. His face is all red and contorted.

Usually, that means he has a hard time speaking and when he does it is in controlled mumbles.

Well, finally we're on the dock now. Gee, Tim looks relieved. The "TimBuc-Su", our boat, looks real pretty bobbing up and down gently in her slip. Tim is even smiling now. We pack her up.

The boat is leaving the dock and the sun is coming up. Looks like it will be a nice clear day but I still have my doubts about why I am here as I put on a pair of winter gloves, and zip up my down jacket.

We troll for about a half-hour after setting lines and I can tell my husband is in his glory, relaxed and content in his captain's domain. I'm still not quite awake yet to tell if I am.

Oh well, there goes the rod tip. Fish on! My turn! Tim grabs the boat and I grab the rod. I'm fully awake now as the fish breaks water. Wow! My first brown trout. What excitement as I try hard not to goof up and bring him in, with instructions from Tim at the wheel. He neutrals and gears the boat. The fish is

at the boat. Get the net Tim! My arm is getting sore from reeling in. We net the fish and it's in the boat. I get a big kiss from my husband as I stand there and grin.

Would you believe — a thirteen pound brown trout and my mascara didn't even smear! What a super smile from Tim. I'm really awake now girls and what was I saying about getting up early and not being appreciated? Well, IT WAS WORTH IT!!

— Sue Motzer

Cook's Corner

SMOKED FISH SPREAD

- 2 Medium slices Smoked Fish (Remove skin and bones)
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KRING, GRAY AND MUIRHEAD PLACE SECOND IN MSSFA EVENT

Members grab 'green' at South Haven

After talking at our Chapter meeting, Bob Kring, Gary Gray and I decided to take a shot at the M.S.S.F.A. money tournament in South Haven. Bob, captain of the "Drifter", has fished in these before, but it was the first time either Gary or I had fished for money.

The weather during the tournament was unbelievable. We fished both dead calm water and seas of up to 8 foot waves. We fished in pea soup fog, sunshine and thunder storms.

The first day we took 12 fish — half Lakers, half Kings — from the surface to 25' down. This put us in 13th place in a field of 93 boats. Our hottest baits were the Silver Horde plugs fished 10' behind Yellow Birds. Locos and rattlesnakes were our best spoons, fished 12'-25' down.

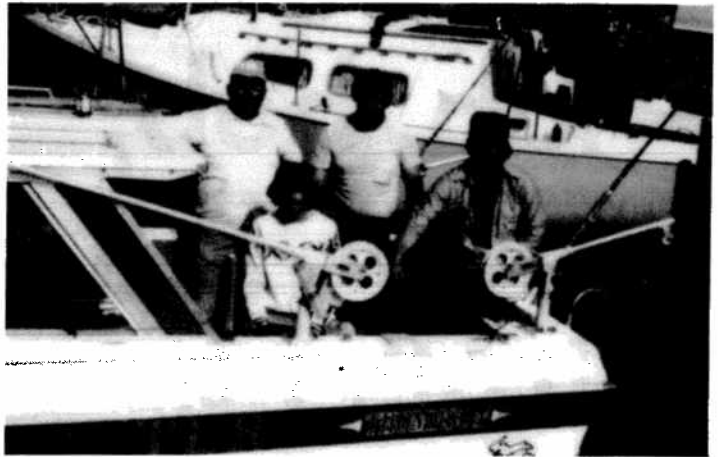
The second day, because of the high seas, we knew our surface planers would be useless. We knew the fish should be deeper because of the warm surface water that had blown in—but how deep? We ran straight out to 120' and headed south. A half hour went by — no fish — no marks. We changed baits constantly without any luck.

We reached the power plant and started marking fish at 45'-60'. In desperation, Gary was cutting and sticking lure tape on every lure we used the day before. We finally found the right combination — No. 3 Loco spoons, silver with a strip of green tape on one side. Our best depth was 51'. We took fish with the spoon all day, both clean and behind attractors.

Everything started going our way. We limited out 45 minutes early, which was a good thing because we were 7 miles south of the power plant. We just made it back in time to weigh in. We took over 500 points in the two days, which put us in SECOND place.

We lost only 3 fish, which is unusual in 6'-8' waves. Bob's auto pilot, long limber rods and the smooth drag on the Daiwa reels all helped put the fish in our box.

— Bill Muirhead
Field Reporter



BOB KRING (UPPER LEFT), SKIPPER of "The Drifter", Gary Gray (center), skipper of the "Nooner", and Bill Muirhead (right), skipper of the "Hobo". These members of the Detroit Chapter put their combined techniques together to place second in the South Haven Tournament. Glen Sweet (lower) was the observer throughout the tournament and had just as much fun as the crew did yelling "Fish On!"

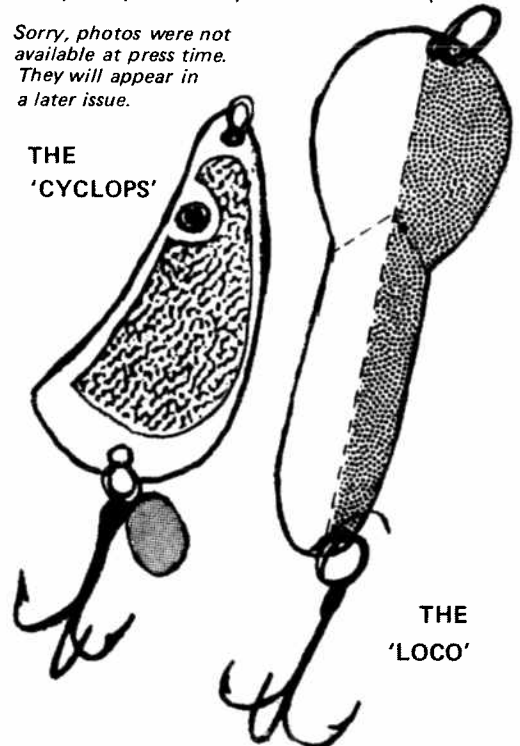
New Product Report

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They also have a new spoon on the market called the Cyclops. This lure has been tested in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron for the last several months with excellent results, running it both clean and behind dodgers. For any further information, write to Glen E. Evans, Inc., Caldwell, Idaho 83605 — phone (208) 459-0722.

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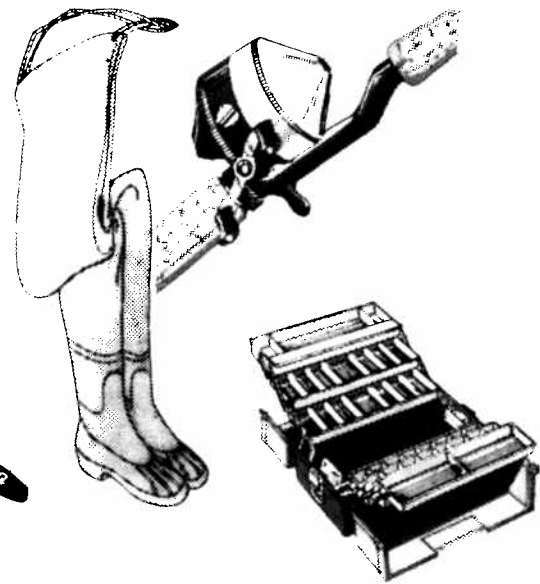
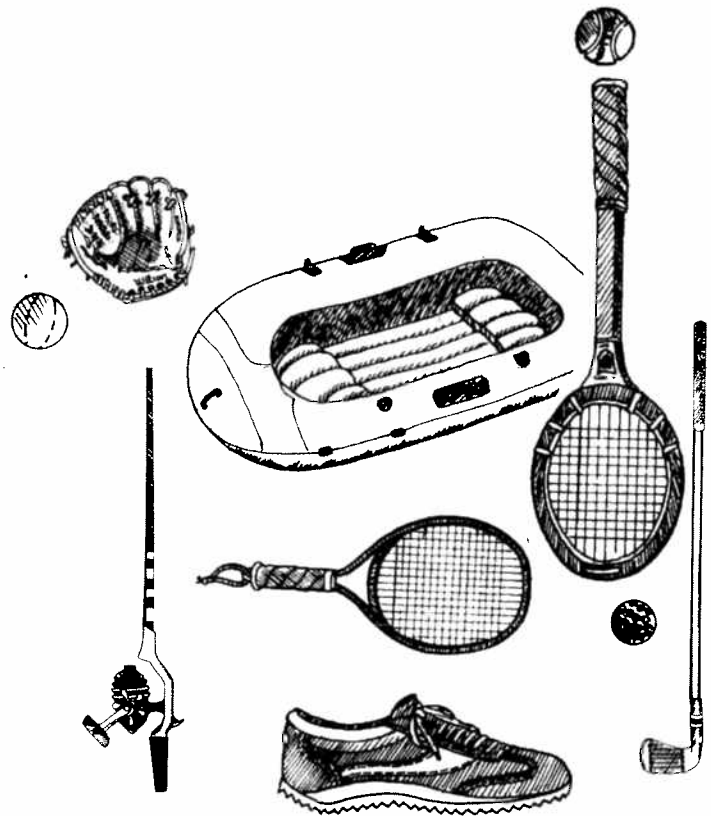
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'Big Brownie' worth \$10,000 at Brown Trout Festival

ALPENA--The dates for the 1978 Michigan Brown Trout Festival to be held here have been announced by the Alpena Chamber of Commerce. The Festival will begin Saturday, July 29 and run through Sunday, August 6.

There are three separate fishing events comprising the Festival: The Super Tournament, the regular tournament and the "Big Brownie" event. Although the regular tournament runs during the entire festival, (and you can fish as many or as few days as you wish), the Super Tournament will take place the first two days — Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30.

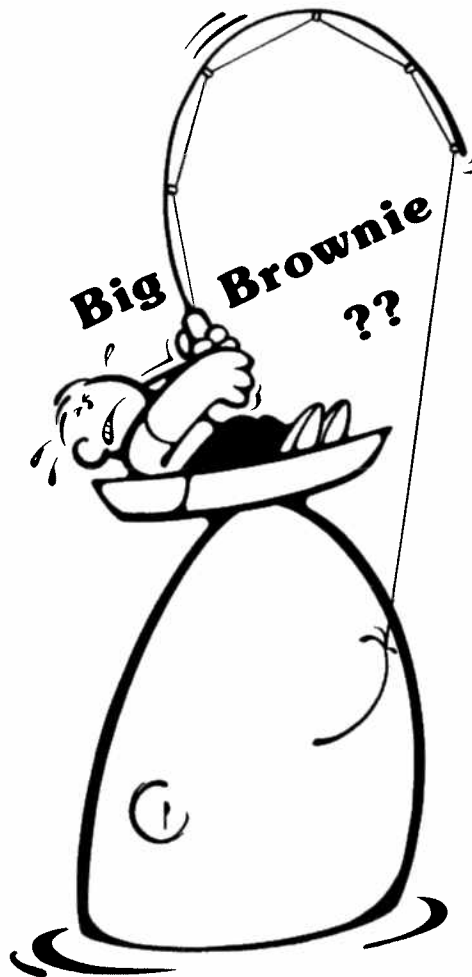
With an entry fee of \$100 per boat, it offers the serious money competitor an opportunity to compete for cash prizes in the thousand-dollar-plus range. In 1977 (the first year for the Super Tournament), the first place winner, Chuck Schiefle of the "Irex" from Alpena, won \$1400. The second place finisher, Bob Bennett of the "Wasted Days" from Detroit, won \$875. Third place went to Dick Marchinski of the "Born Free" from Alpena, who won \$350. This year's Super Tournament should draw even more entrants, resulting in even bigger cash prizes.

Fishermen entering the regular tournament compete for savings bond prizes. In 1977, there were eight \$100 bonds given away, one \$750 bond, one \$1500 bond and one \$3000 bond. The first place winner, Larry Seaman of Alpena, captured the \$3000 top prize with a 16 pound 7 ounce Brown Trout. A \$500 savings bond was also awarded to Robert

O. Hines of Alpena for the largest fish other than a Brown Trout--a 21 pound 6½ ounce Chinook Salmon.

The Big Brownie event generates a lot of enthusiasm and excitement during the Festival. Again this year, a Brown Trout will be tagged and released somewhere within Thunder Bay just prior to the Festival and will bring \$10,000 to some lucky angler if caught during the Festival dates. During the 1977 Festival, Big Brownie was caught by an unlucky fisherman...unlucky because Big Brownie was lost at the boat! It was subsequently found three days later, floating dead in the bay. Better luck in 1978!

— Mike DeCamillo



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