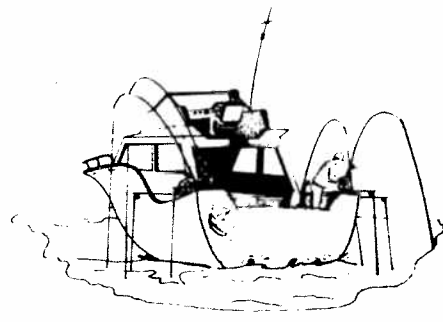




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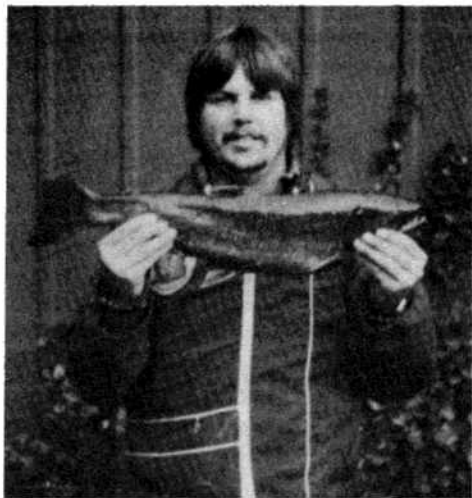
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## Detroit River Coho taken



THIS 5 LB. 3 OZ. COHO was taken by Mike Lamphier, using a Silver '00' Dodger with Blue and Silver Squid, while boat trolling on the Detroit River off the Detroit Yacht Club on October 15, 1978.

*MORE FUN THAN FISH FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW!*

## The Whitney Drain Follies revisited

It was just about a year ago when I reported the outcome of the first Whitney Drain Surf Tournament. This year's results were just as meager. The story is just about the same; last year the surf was unfishable, this year the surf was barely fishable (safe only if an athletic supporter and cup were worn) — talk about brutal waves! Last year three fish were taken, this year three fish were taken. The surf fishery in the Whitney Drain area continues to baffle and frustrate the surf fisherman. It's either hot or cold. So far we've had 2 years of cold.

We had 33 registered to fish the surf tournament on October 14. The winner was **Brian Glaser**, with a 7 lb. 10 oz. steelhead. Close behind for second place was **Pat Devlin** with a 7 lb. 6 oz. steelhead; and **Ed Yankowski II** took third with a 6 lb. steelhead. The rules for this tournament were a trophy for the largest steelhead, brown, laker, coho and chinook.

**Brian** hooked the winning fish in the Drain itself, and after a see-saw battle, he announced it was time to net the fish (Is beaching fish out of fashion this year?). Anyway, who but our stellar **Prez Luckritz** pops up with a net and no waders. But he did have a net! **Elton** then proceeded to amaze and entertain us with the "Sterling Heights sloop, splash, shovel and drop-kick" technique of "landing" a fish. As the golfers say, it doesn't matter how the ball goes in as long as it goes in. It is unbelievable what that man can do to the bottom of a river with a net. We all watched from the surf awaiting the gravel and rocks to finish dropping from the sky to see if the Drain would take another course out to the lake.

**Ed Yankowski** and **Bob Kanas**, the reigning "Mutt and Jeff" of surf and stream, entertained us with their wild antics and deep surf pantomime routine. Just couldn't keep track of them--every time you looked for them they were not where you saw them last.

Bets were being made up in the parking lot on which wave would finally capsize **George (Stilts) Ishimaru**. **George**, who is built rather close to the ground, spent most of his time in the surf at a 45° angle — depending on which wave was hitting or washing over him.

Much laughter, popping Pepsi cans, foreign accents, and beautiful ladies were found coming from "Grayski's Tournament Headquarters, Polka Palace and Spawn Shop."

Once again, more fun than fish, but if you really think about it--isn't that what it's all about?

— Bob Lindberg

**WARNING: THE LOSING CHAPTER BUYS THE BEER!!!**

## St. Joe tourney happens December 2nd

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 and chili 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 fish 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 taken on spawn, wigglers, Corkies, Spin & Glos, spinners, etc.

From the dam to the river mouth yields some super runs and holes which are very accesible by small boat. Dropback fishing, trolling and rolling spawn will take many of these fresh-run steelies. Tadpolllys, 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 at Shamrock Park, and another right under I-94. There will be no check-in point and the Honor System will be expected.

Starting time will be daylight and the tournament goes till 3:30 P.M. Weigh-in will be from 3:30 through 4:30 P.M. at Shamrock Park. 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 1st. Hope to see you on the river December 2nd.

— Gary Gray, Editor

*Note: Due to last year's freeze-out, the members listed below are already paid for this year's St. Joe tourney. Please contact me to tell if you will or will not attend. Paid-up members are: Jerry Lee, John Sparkman, Paul LaForest, Don Jakubiak, Bob Kring, Larry Atwell, Charles Ryder, Stephen LaGrant, Ron Curnow, Bill Olynyk, John Makela and Clay Garrett.*

## NEXT MONTH'S FEATURE

Steelheaders fish the Florida Keys!

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IMPORTANT!

# By - Laws changes

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The Detroit Area Chapter is governed by a set of rules and regulations called By - Laws. When By - Laws changes are proposed, the changes must be approved by the general membership. You will be asked to vote on the following By - Law changes at the November 28 Membership Meeting.

**Article III Section 1 (current)**

The Directors shall be divided into three classes, who shall be elected and hold office for a term of three (3) years each, their terms expiring respectively on the date of the annual meeting each year, or when their successors are elected.

**Article III Section 1 (proposed change)**

*At the December meeting seven (7) Directors will be elected, two (2) for a term of two years and five (5) for a term of three years.*

**Article IV Section 5 (current)**

He (treasurer) shall submit a detailed report at the annual meeting of the financial condition of the Chapter for the preceding fiscal year.

**Article IV Section 5 (proposed change)**

*He (treasurer) shall submit a detailed report of the Chapter's financial condition for the preceding fiscal year at the meeting following the annual membership meeting (January).*

**Article IV Section 6 (current)**

The Officers of the Association shall serve for a term of one year following their election, and no Officer shall be elected to any office for more than two consecutive terms.

**Article IV Section 6 (proposed change)**

*The Officers of the Association shall serve for a term of one year following their election. The President and Vice-President shall not hold office for more than two consecutive years.*

**Article III Section 9 (current)**

NONE

**Article III Section 9 (proposed change)**

*Directors are not eligible to participate/win the boat raffle or any other raffle sponsored by the Detroit Area Chapter.*

The above is in conjunction with our "By-Laws Amendment" rule which states, "These by-laws may be amended or supplemented by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the Chapter present and entitled to vote at any meeting of the membership, provided the proposed amendment or amendments shall be mailed to all."



## COMING EVENTS

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

Tuesday Nights — at Nov. 28  
Bonnie Brook Country Club Dec. 19  
Telegraph & 8 Mile Road Jan. 30

## RIVER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Place/Opponent	Contact
Dec. 2	St. Joe Detroit vs. S. W. Mich. Steelheaders	Gary Gray 846-6482
Jan. 20	AuSable River Detroit vs. AuSable River Valley	
Feb. 3	Betsie River Clinic	Bob Lindberg or Tom Schneider 399-7418 264-2818
March 10	AuSable River Detroit vs. Saginaw/AuSable	

If you wish to participate in the River Fishing Committee, please contact:  
T. Schneider (264-2818) — or — R. Lindberg (399-7418)

# YOU can write too!

As members of the Steelheaders' Detroit Chapter, we can take pride in having the best newsletter of any Chapter. The "State Newsletter" copies many of our excellent articles. **Fishin' Tales** is a professional looking magazine, the best reading of the month.

There are a couple of dozen members who have written articles, some regularly, others only once or twice. That's our problem. We have a club of over 750 members, but only a few, less than 4% have ever contributed to our newsletter. You can only go to the well so many times; our few writers are limited in stories in comparison to the total membership. That's why we didn't have an issue in September.

Our club needs help. Can you imagine the kind of newsletter we could have if every member sent in some kind of article, picture, joke, cartoon, short story, tip or whatever, and had it on file with the so he could put together a bigger, seasonally co-ordinated **Fishin' Tales** planned well in advance, and always out on time.

I'll bet every one of us has a tip or a way of doing something that we all would like to know about, whether it relates to boat, trailer, surf, or river equipment or technique.

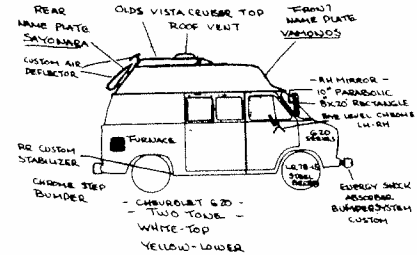
Let's do it. If you can take a picture or write on a piece of paper, you can be doing your part.

— Steve Hamilton, Director

# Let's help George...

This van belonged to **George Ishimaru** until around 5:00 A.M. on November 1, 1978, when it was stolen from a Holiday Inn parking lot. Why was his van in the parking lot of a motel at that hour of the night? George and his wife were staying there, awaiting the completion of repairs to their home, which had sustained major fire damage approximately three weeks before. Talk about the "Year of the Dog"!

And to make things worse, all of George's river fishing gear (from waders to rods) was in that van. We may not be able to retrieve George's fishing gear, but we may be able to find his van.



The van, as you can see, is one of a kind. George did all of the bodywork modifications himself.

Steelheaders, clip this picture out of your **Fishin' Tales** and put it on your sun visor. In your wanderings around the state, watch for it, and if you happen to spot this vehicle, call the police immediately. George's home phone number is (313) 879-0852.



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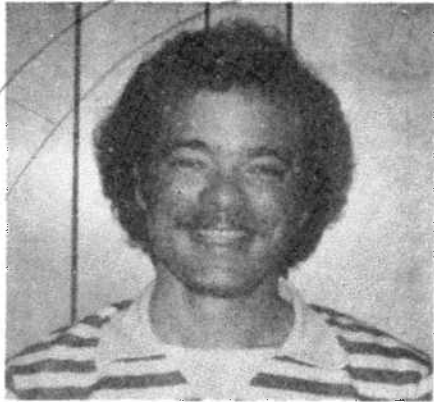
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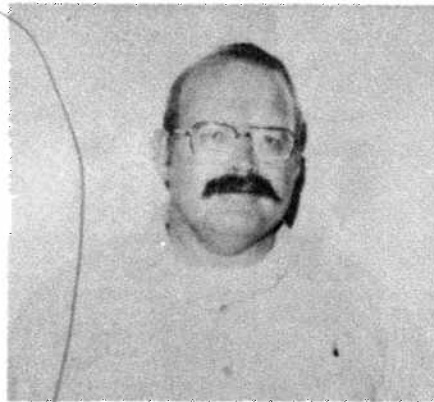
**BOYER, JAMES** — Present Director, 1977 Director of the Year. Active at Spring Shows, Boat Tourneys. Past Chairman of Membership Committee; Chairman, Boat Raffle; Chairman, Research Trips; State Director.



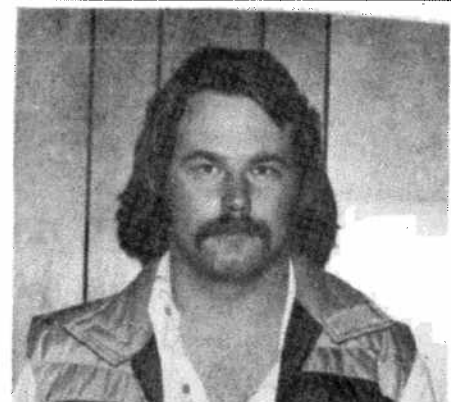
**CALHOUN, DON** — Present Director and Chapter member. Contributes articles to *Fishin' Tales*; has worked on Spring Show and Boat Show Committees; lake and stream angler; State Director.



**HAMILTON, STEVE** — Present Director. Active in River fishing and Boat Tourneys. Chairman, 1978 Boat Show; worked at 1976 and 1977 Spring Shows, 1978 Boat Show and Outdoorama. Member since 1975.



**KRING, BOB** — Very active Boat Troller, Captain of the "Drifter". Participated in "Drift II". Has helped out quite often with *Fishin' Tales*, and is a Field Reporter.



**LEE, JERRY** — Present Director. Chairman, Fund Raising Committee; active Boat Troller and 1978 Skipper of the Year; active at all functions, including Spring Show, Boat Show and Outdoorama.

# ELECTION

The elections for 1978 through 1980 and Election Committee. There are seven opening two for two year terms.

It is the decision of the Election Committee in alphabetical order, with their resumes. The top five three year terms, and the next two to the two.

The ballots must be submitted in person to the Election Committee. The results will be published in *Fishin' Tales*. Thank You.

Tom Schneider

The Election Committee announces with regret present to run this year, because of a wish to see some new blood.

Bob has been a guiding light since the inception of our author of our By-Laws, and as a State Director.


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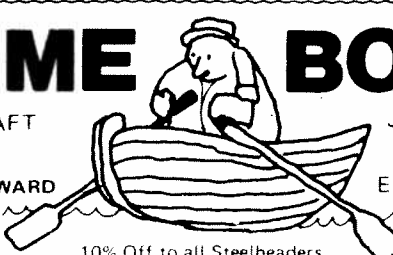
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## Chairman - Election Committee

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**McCAFFREY, TERRY** - Skipper of "Terry's Toy", member for 2 years. Attends meetings regularly, participates in all Boat Tourneys. Assisted at Spring Show, Boat Show and Outdoorama; is willing to work on any committee to assist the Chapter.

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**FLEMING, TOM** - Member 3 years, attends all River Clinics and several Boat Tourneys each year. Chaired booth at Spring Show, has been a speaker at Clinics; assisted on River Committee.



**NESBITT, TOM** - Present Director. Member, River Fishing Committee; Chairman, Spring Show Committee. Has assisted with Boat Raffle, Public Relations Committee, and fished all Tourneys.



**VAN SICKLE, DENNIS** - Active member. Booth Chairman (Where to go river fishing) at Spring Shows. Worked on many Chapter projects including Outdoorama.

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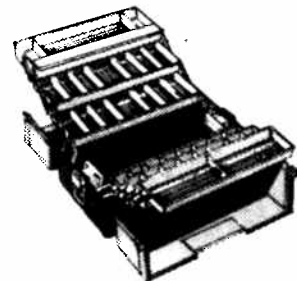
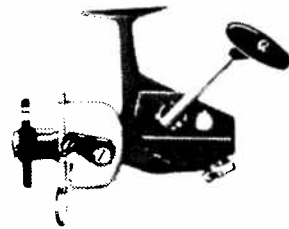
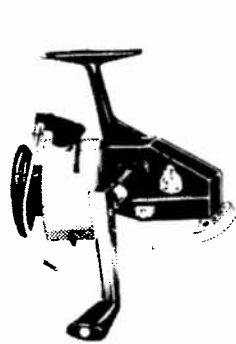
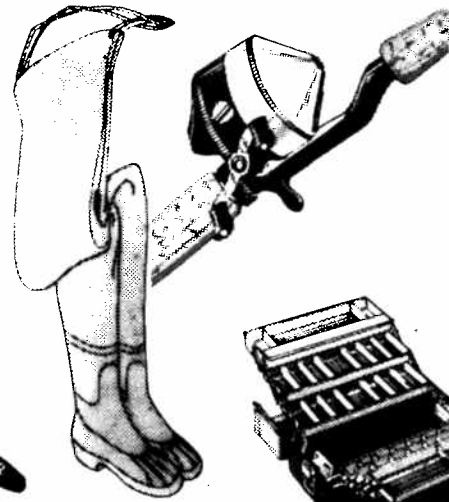
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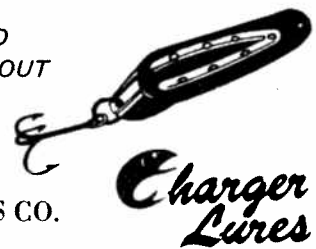
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