



# Fishin' Tales

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- May Meeting**
- When:**  
Tuesday, May 31, 2016 7:30pm
  - Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
  - Featured Guest Speaker :**  
T.B.D.
  - Other Happenings:**  
Boat Trolling Tournament reports, Outing reports, Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle, Every Member Drawing
  - DAS website:** [www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com)
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## St. Joe Fishing ..... Much Better Than Expected!



saw a big surge with a few boats finding some hungry coho and a few kings, team Sea Hag caught 5 more , and Saluki and Vickie's Secret each caught several fish to close the gap that Silver Addiction had early in the morning.

When the tournament ended at 1:00 PM, 10 coolers were lined up all waiting to show their catches. The first heavy cooler came from Saluki with 18 silvers and steelhead, 2nd heavy cooler was Bob Fiesel's with a 13.5 lb. king and a bunch of silvers to go with it. Now it was time for Sea Hag to weigh in their box of lakers caught on the bottom in 45 FOW. 12 fish total ranging from 3 to 11.5 lbs. were weighed. The last big cooler came from Craig Coleman on Silver Addiction. Out they came 1 at a time, and it looked like their 5 big fish could edge all of us out but in the end team Sea Hag prevailed with 1st place. then Silver Addiction, Vickie's Secret and Saluki. Big fish of the day was a 15.5 lbs Laker taken on Blue Horizon. Nice job Paul!

Lunch was provided by the team Channing; chicken, salads etc. plus a lot of great friendship had by all. See you at the next event, until then tight lines to all.

**Blaise Pewinski  
team Sea Hag**

The first tournament of the year went off with great fishing had by most DAS boats. The morning started with calm sea's and the fleet spread out every direction, most heading off shore to find silver fish. Reports had coho, steelhead and lakers in fair numbers from 120 FOW to 200 FOW. At the 9:00 AM fish call most boats reported in with some success. Silver Addiction with 11, Sea Hag with 5, Bobby's Toy and Vickie's Secret with 3, to round off the leader board. At 11:00 AM call we

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## Pine Knob S-I-C Release See some Pine Knob Release pictures on Pg. 7

Pine Knob Elementary had their first Salmon release Monday, May 9th. We had Mrs. Driver and her 2nd grade students and Mrs. Giovas and her 3rd grade students arrive by bus at Yates Park, Rochester Hills on the Clinton River, about 9 o'clock.

There were 4 stations set up for the 45 students to rotate thru in 4 groups. Station 1 was the fish release, Station 2 was casting lessons, Station 3 was lure building, and Station 4 was Track and Field games.

The official release count was 176 smolts. A really good fish count especially for a first year school. Each group of students released three fish with the help of Principal Yeloushan before rotating to the next station. The gravel sand bar just above the bridge made a great launch point

with 2-3 inches of water running over. Then the 13 mothers and teachers took their turn releasing the remaining 41 smolts. The students loved to see their mothers and teachers wading in the water.

The weather was perfect for a day at the park. I want to thank those who helped this very successful release. Mark Carlson and Bill Stanley assisted in the release, Jim Zanke and Chris Nytko instructed the casting class, and Gaspare Aragona directed the lure building. Also, a special thanks to Dreamweaver Lures for supplying the spoon blanks and lure tape. The students really enjoyed designing their lures.

**Rod Elnick**

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Currently: **149 Members**

**New Memberships Welcome!**

JAMES BARNABA	ROBERT BOUCHEY	BILL KISER	PHILLIP KISER	DAVE MULL
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**Re-Newed Memberships**

HENRY BACZYNSKI	NORM DAVIES	STEPHEN GENOFF	ROBERT JONES	CHRISTOPER A. TURAK
HERMANN CHRISTOPH	CHARLES DENNING	JOHN GESING	ANTHONY LEWIS	BRUCE TURNAGE

**Memberships Expired**

<b>2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:</b>	NIC AMICONE	ERIC ISROW	THOMAS OSENTOSKI	
	BRAD HENDERSON	JAMES LORENZETTI	DAVID MAYFIELD	
<b>1 Mo. Ago First Reminder:</b>	JEFF BUSTOS	ED HILL	GARY ROWOLDT	ALLAN VAN BROCKLIN
	MIKE & ANTHONY CORTIS	JAMES LEGENZOFF	DARRELL SMITH	
<b>This Month:</b>	MARK CARLSON	GARY GROSS	PAUL NIENALTOWSKI	RAY VANZYTVELD
	TOM GORGUZE	BOB KSIONZEK	DICK SHIRK	ANDY WILLETTS

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**Tackle Matters**



Thanks to you, the members, the raffles are going well allowing me to place better stuff on the raffle table. Have fun with it! However, we have far too many spoons in the tackle raffle inventory. The club receives generous donations from speakers, vendors, and club members. Often the donation is in the form of spoons. Casting spoons, jigging spoons, and trolling spoons of all sizes are offered to the club at low cost or sometimes no cost.

With the big lake spring and summer trolling season upon us, this is a great time to lower the spoon inventory. I know spoons are not the preferred raffle item for many members but I will try to keep the raffles interesting while at the same time lowering the spoon inventory. What I'm saying here is, like it or not, there are going to be a lot of spoons on the raffle table over the next few months. Please bear with me on this.

**Dan Chisholm**

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**Membership Application**

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

NAME		DATE	
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CITY, STATE ZIP		HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
BOAT NAME		E-MAIL ADDRESS	



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Special People

# DAS Harbor Beach Tournament

**Saturday June 4, 2016**

**Marina: 43° 51' 20" N**

**82° 38' 42" W**

**Phone: 989-479-9707**

**Harbor Master on duty: 4/1 - 10/1**

**7 a.m. - 11 p.m.**

**Saturday:** Skippers meeting at 5:00 am with tournament start at 6:00 am. Fish calls for Saturday are 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Pull lines by 1:00 pm with weigh-in at Municipal Marina on the grass just next to the Marina office.

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The Detroit Area Steelheaders will be returning to the Port of Harbor Beach following last year's very successful tournament here. Recent reports say it's mostly a Lake Trout bite from 70ft to 110ft straight out and north a few miles or so. There have been a few salmon and steelhead being caught on spoons also. Typical Lake Trout set-ups will be Dodgers and Spin-N-Glo's run 10 -15ft behind the downrigger ball ran straight to the bottom then lifting the ball up slightly, occasionally making contact again stirring up the sediment to try to entice a bite. Those that stay and raise and lower the down riggers off the bottom will have a better chance of hooking up on more Lake Trout. You can also use a Thumper Rod set-up with a 1lb ball and work the rod back and forth near the bottom. Blaise Pewinski is very good with both of these set-ups if you need more info. Another set-up is using a bait walker ( Talk to Dennis Harper at the meeting for info on this set-up as Dennis has had a lot of success with this) Don't forget to target different depths higher up in the water column with spoons, flasher/flyes, etc. for Kings, Steelhead and other species.

Last of all the Thumb Area Steel Headers will once again be having a Veterans Fishing Outing there the same day. This is a great opportunity to thank a Veteran for their services, if you see them back at the Marina.

**Jim Zanke**  
**'Hardtop & Tails'**  
**Port Captain**



Twelve Detroit Steelheaders showed up on Saturday, May 7th for the St. Clair River fishing outing. There were a total of 14 Walleye caught and weighed. We fished from 6:00 am til noon instead of 1:00 pm due to the rain. Thanks to Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog", we had a great lunch at his house after the weigh in. More photos are posted in our Photo Gallery @ <http://detroitsteelheaders.com/gallery.html>

## 2016 Boat Trolling Tournaments

Date	Port	Port Captain
<b>April 30</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>St. Joseph</b> plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club	<b>Blaise Pewinski/Dan Chisholm</b>
<b>May 21</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Grand Haven</b>	<b>Bob Feisel</b>
<b>May 22</b> (6:00am - 11:00am)		
<b>June 4</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Harbor Beach</b>	<b>Jim Zanke</b>
<b>July 30</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Port Austin</b>	<b>Bob Jones/Bob Ksionzek</b>
<b>August 13</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Manistee</b>	<b>Tom Gorguze</b>
<b>August 27</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Ludington</b>	<b>Joe Von Grabe</b>

St. Joe Standings														
4/30/2016														
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weighed	Catch by Species & Weight					Best 5 Total Wgt.	Best 5 Total Pts.	Deduction Code	Points Deducted	Total Points	Place
1	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	12	L 11.35	L 11.10	L 10.20	L 9.10	L 7.55	49.30	74.30	NONE	0.00	74.30	1
2	Silver Addiction	Capt. Mark William	14	L 14.55	L 8.95	L 8.45	L 4.60	L 4.50	41.05	66.05	NONE	0.00	66.05	2
3	Vickie's Seacret	Bob Feisel	9	K 13.15	K 5.15	L 3.95	S 3.20	S 3.15	28.60	53.60	NONE	0.00	53.60	3
4	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	5	L 8.90	L 6.65	L 6.25	C 3.20	C 2.05	27.05	52.05	NONE	0.00	52.05	4
5	Saluki	John Meade	15	C 3.85	C 3.50	C 3.45	C 3.45	C 3.10	17.35	42.35	NONE	0.00	42.35	5
6	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	3	L 15.70	L 4.50	L 4.20	-----	-----	24.40	39.40	NONE	0.00	39.40	6
7	Piece of Cake	Charles Denning	4	L 3.80	S 3.65	S 2.15	L 2.00	-----	11.60	31.60	NONE	0.00	31.60	7
8	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	3	C 3.45	C 3.00	L 2.55	-----	-----	9.00	24.00	NONE	0.00	24.00	8
9	Six Pack	Chris Turak	1	L 2.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.20	7.20	NONE	0.00	7.20	9
10	Channing	Dan Chisholm	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	10

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH L A R G E S T	Blue Horizon	Lake Trout	15.70	
	Vickie's Seacret	King	13.15	2
	Silver Addiction	Coho	4.40	30
	Blue Horizon	Lake Trout	15.70	30
	Piece of Cake	Steelhead	3.65	4
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
	Pink	0.00	0	
				66

Deduction Code LEGEND	
LTSM	= Late To Skipper's Mtg.
LTWI	= Late To Weigh-In
1NFC	= No Answer 1 Fish Call
2NFC	= No Answer 2 Fish Calls
UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
DQ	= Disqualified



1st Place - "Sea Hag" - Skipper Blaise Pewinski



3rd Place - "Vickie's Seacret" - Skipper Bob Feisel



4th Place - "Bobby's Toy" - Skipper Bob Jones



5th Place - "Saluki" - Skipper John Meade



6th Place - "Blue Horizon" - Skipper Paul Gjeldum



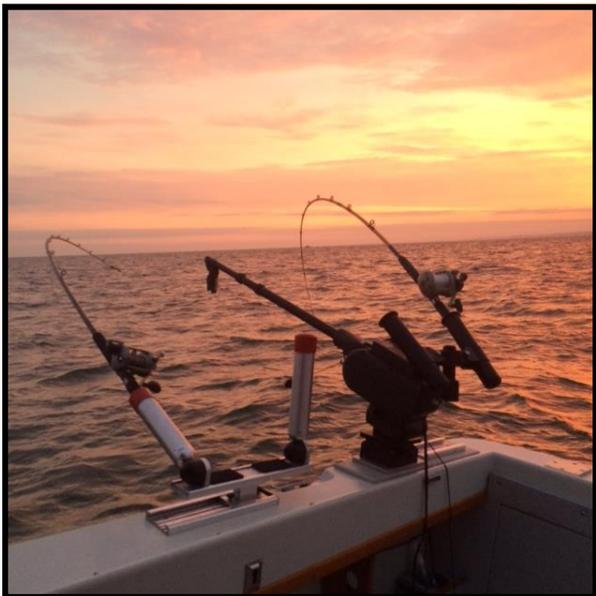
9th Place - "Six Pack" - Skipper Chris Turak



R.J. handling the weigh-in



Rabih Abdallah with a 13.5# King caught on Vickie's Secret



Waitin' for a bite just after sunrise



Paul Gjeldum with his 'Hawg', a 15.7# Laker Trout

## Special People Outing - June 11, 2016

Each year our Detroit Area Steelheaders organization hosts a group of "Special People" for a day of fun and fishing. What is this group of special people? It's a group of people young and not so young who face a physical or emotional challenge. They are men and women, children and adults who come together one day each year to spend a day with us having fun. "Special People Day" is a social outing with their friends where they spend the morning on Lake Erie catching fish. After fishing, lunch is provided under the big tent where our "Special People" socialize and show off their "days catch". The remainder of the event is filled with pictures, prizes, and fun.

Boats will launch from the Toledo Beach boat launch in the morning after the Captains meeting. Toledo Beach has allowed those boats participating to launch for free. Participants will join them at the boat launch. When they come in the participants will de-board the boats at the docks and will be shuttled to the picnic shelter while the boats are pulled from the water. Picnic will be held in one of the parks picnic shelters in the Day Use area. Captains can bring their boats on the trailers to the picnic area parking lot to park. We will have the picnic when all Boats and Crews arrive.

For those wanting to spend the night, Toledo Beach has also OK'd one night's dockage for free

DAS sponsors this event as a way to give back to our community but its success comes from the experience of our members. Each person who helps out knows they are part of a worthwhile cause and the event is sustained because our members keep coming back.

This event has continued for over 30 years now and your help is needed to keep it going. The DAS needs captains, boats, ground crew helpers, and donations. If you can help in any way please call DAS "Special People" organizers Mary Karakas or Linda Banbury @ 248-217-2962 or Anthony Lewis @ 517-449-3036



A Group Photo from 2015's Special People Outing

## Ladywood S-I-C Release - May 12, 2016

WOW – 190 Salmon smolts released. It is a really terrific concentrated effort by instructor Michael Gaule and his students at Ladywood High School in Livonia. The last month is a critical time in this project as the growing fish reach past a safe chemical balance and xx inches of fish per gallon of water. These six months have not been without a questionable moment. Three weeks ago Mr. Gaule walked in to his classroom to see only 6 inches of water in the tank. The supply hose from the chiller had dropped to the floor and 70% of the tank water had emptied on the floor. The circulating pump sat inside a 6 inch high plastic box therefore, the last 6 inches of water couldn't be pumped out. All the fish survived.

Thursday, May 12, we had 12 students at Huron Park in Flat Rock to release the smolts in the Huron River. The day was cloudy but thankfully, no rain. The class spent the morning doing water tests of the river, learning how to lure cast in river waters, making their own trolling lures, and releasing fish. We all had fun, including a young 3

year old fishing with her dad. We invited her to also release some fish with us.

More information can be found about this environmental youth program on the Web at [Michigan.gov/DNR/Salmon in the Classroom](http://Michigan.gov/DNR/Salmon in the Classroom). I would like to thank Tom Gorguze and Jim Zanke for their help in making this a successful morning. Also thanks to Dreamweaver Lures who supplied the lure tape and blanks which, as shown, the



## Pine Knob S-I-C Release Photos (See them all at [www.detroitsteelheaders.com/gallery](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com/gallery))



### ***HOW-TO AND HANDS-ON RAFFLE***

As a member of the Detroit Area Steelheaders you have undoubtedly seen several great speakers that have shared their tips and tricks when it comes to fishing the Great Lakes. The Club has done a good job of providing speakers that are from the ports or areas that the club regularly fishes. In the past, the club has also had a "Boat Show" of sorts where members have brought in their boats and showed how they have them set up for fishing. Well, the Board has decided to try something new. The Club will be offering a Raffle at the May General Membership meeting for an opportunity for an On the Water Clinic, in Ludington Michigan, with Silver Addiction Charters. Captains Mark Williams and Craig Coleman will give a dockside presentation of the latest information and techniques being used to optimize your catch. You will then head out on Silver Addiction for a 3 hour on the water seminar, to let you practice the techniques that were discussed dockside along with the opportunity to ask and learn any and all questions that you may have regarding direction of troll, speed, depth and anything else that you may have always wondered about.

The Clinic will be offered on either Friday afternoon August 12th or 26th. These dates have been chosen since the Club Manistee and Ludington Tournaments are on the following Saturdays and will hopefully encourage participation. Raffle tickets will be \$10 each and the club will limit it to a max of 40 tickets. We draw 4 winning tickets for the on the water portion of the clinic. All members will be encouraged to attend the dockside presentation that will begin at 4 pm and will include a tackle bag of the "HOT BAIT" for each boat that is fishing the club tournament on the following day.

This is not a charter where the goal is for the crew to catch a box full. However, the on the water clinic will be an opportunity for members to learn and ask questions. Any legal fish caught will be kept for the member and crew. All members are encouraged to take this opportunity to receive first hand information on a changing fishery. No matter if you are a seasoned vet or beginner we are sure that you will come away with some tip or trick that will help you catch more fish. For more information please contact Director Carl Ventimiglia or Captain Mark Williams at 586-531-2763. Good Luck to All!

**Upcoming 2016 DAS Key Dates**

<b>Sat., May 21, 2016</b> 6:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Boat Trolling Tournament</b> Grand Haven
<b>Sun., May 22, 2016</b> 6:00am - 11:00am	
<b>Tues., May 31, 2016</b> 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting</b> American Polish Cultural Center
<b>Sat., June 4, 2016</b> 6:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Boat Trolling Tournament</b> Harbor Beach
<b>Sat., June 11, 2016</b> 8:00am - 12:00pm	<b>Special People Outing</b> Toledo Beach Marina
<b>Tues., June 14, 2016</b> 7:00pm	<b>BOD Meeting</b> American Polish Cultural Center

**2016 April Membership Meeting Facts**

**Attendance:** 53

**Featured Speaker:** Dave Mull - Great Lakes Angler Boating Safety & Kayak Fishing the Great Lakes

**50/50 Raffle Winner:** \$105 - Tom Thieda

**Every Member Draw:** Gregg Pratt  
**Not Present**

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