



Fishin' Tales

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December Meeting/Party

- **When:**
Tuesday, December 13, 2016 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Guest:**
"Salmon" Claus
- **Other Happenings:**
Skipper of the Year Awards, Big Fish of the Year Awards, Member of the Year Award & Director of the Year Award presentations, Door Prize Drawing, Every Member Drawing
- **DAS website:** www.detroitsteelheaders.com
- **Be sure to check out**
The DAS Message Board on the website for the most up-to-date club news and information



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'Salmon Claus', Awards, Raffles Highlight DAS Christmas Party

"Big Moment of the Evening is Appearance of 'Salmon Claus' who will have gifts for all the kids!"

The Board of Directors of the Detroit Area Steelheaders urge all Members AND their families to plan on attending the annual Christmas party/meeting on Tuesday, December 13 at the American Polish Cultural Center. Festivities begin at 7:30pm.

Highlights include presentation of the Skipper of the Year awards and the Big Fish trophies, Member of the Year as well as Director of the Year awards plus there will be elections for the Board of Directors for next year.

There will also be a door prize drawing featuring smoked hams and turkeys along with bottles of your favorite holiday cheer plus many other prizes! Every member and their spouse (our by-

laws state the spouses are members too) will receive a ballot for the directors elections and a raffle ticket for the door prize drawing. Guests will also receive a door prize raffle ticket. We will also have a 50/50 drawing in which tickets can be purchased for \$1 each or 7 for \$5 and our Every Member Drawing where a member who is in attendance and their name is drawn will win \$100.

However, the big moment of the evening will featuring the traditional appearance of Salmon Claus who will have gifts for all the kids on hand.

It promises to be a fun-filled evening so we hope to see all DAS members and their families there.

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Great Turnout For Caseville Outing, Sat. Dec. 3



Carl Ventimiglia III Proudly Holds his 8 pounder!

Despite reports that the water was still too warm and only a few lake trout were being caught, a great turnout of 30 DAS anglers showed up for this annual event at the Mouth of the Pigeon River in Caseville near the tip of Michigan's Thumb.

A stiff breeze blowing pretty much straight up river greeted us as we all staked our spots in the dark at about 7:00am. Nice thing here is you can park your truck right up close to your fishing spot and jump back in it if you need to warm up for a bit. Although it was cold early on, mainly because of the west wind at about 12 knots, as it got light out it wasn't too bad as long as you were dressed properly.

Fishing started off pretty slow, with cast after cast producing no results but finally about 9:00am, Ty Voigt hooked and landed a nice Lake Trout on a 2/5 oz. dark green/silver hammered Little Cleo spoon and about 45 minutes later managed to catch another Laker on the same spoon. Naturally, everyone casting switched over to something green/silver after this. Carl Ventimiglia's son Carl landed a nice Trout. Don Jasman landed a pair about 15 minutes apart. Shortly afterwards, Scott Groesbeck, Mark Carlson & Todd Ridley all caught Lake Trout. A few Trout were lost also in this span of time. Initially, we were scheduled to fish until 12:30 but because of the increased activity event coordinator Blaise Pewinski decided to make it until 1:00. Of course, once this decision was made, the action stopped.

Check out some of the pictures from Caseville, on Pgs. 4 & 5

See Caseville on Pg. 6

MEMBERSHIP NEWSCurrently: **155 Members****New Memberships Welcome!**

BEN CECE

JOHN COOMBS

SCOTT GROESBECK

Re-Newed Memberships

GASPARE ARAGONA

Memberships Expired

2 mo. Ago Last Reminder: JOSE D. ANGELES RICK COUGHLIN LANE SMITH CHRIS TURAK
DAVID CHRISTENSON ROD ELNICK DAN TITUS & FAMILY CARL VENTIMIGLIA

1 Mo. Ago First Reminder: BOB DYSON FRED HYNICK DAN WHITMILL

This Month: JASON JONES TED LEWICKI GARY RUPRICH

Detroit Area Steelheaders is on Facebook**3 Boat Trolling Outings Planned**

In addition to the 2017 Boat Trolling Tournaments (See page 3), the Trolling Committee has planned 3 outings to compliment that schedule. These do not count towards Skipper of the Year. The outings are as follows:

Sat., April 8 Walleye Outing
Location T.B.D Organizer Tom Gorguze

Sat., July 8 Walleye Outing
Linwood Organizer Don Jasman
Saginaw Bay

Sat., Sept. 23 Perch Outing
Sterling State Park Organizer T.B.D.
Lake Erie

More information will be published on the website as it becomes available next year.

**FALL-WINTER RIVER, SURF & PIER
TOURNAMENT/OUTING SCHEDULE**

Sat., Oct. 22 Manistee Outing
Manistee River Shed
Sat., Nov. 5 @Manistee
Lakeshore Motel Tournament
Sat., Nov. 12 @Ludington
Michael's Bar & Grill Tournament
Sat., Dec. 3 @Caseville
Lake Trout Outing

2017

Sat., Jan. 21 Mitchell's Bay
Perch Ice Fishing Outing

Contact: Blaise Pewinski (248) 890-4517

Sat., Feb. 11 Higgin's Lake
Lake Trout Ice Fishing Outing

Contact: Carl Ventimiglia (586) 615-7459

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Membership Application

New Member - \$35 Yearly

Renewal - \$35 Yearly

Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly

Address Change only

Amt. Paid \$_____

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ADDRESS			
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CLUB NEWS

Ultimate Fishing Show

The Ultimate Fishing Show® Detroit, January 12 to 15 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi, features hundreds of the newest fishing boats and more than 200 booths of fishing gear, outfitters, guides and lodges, all right here in America's largest freshwater fishing market. An all-star lineup of professional anglers who entertain and educate show patrons is an annual highlight of the show and this year's cast leaves no stone unturned. Led by Michigan's own bass experts Kevin VanDam and Mark Zona, and walleye professionals Mark Martin and Mark Romanack, more than 75 free seminars are planned for novice to expert anglers. Included in this year's lineup are the always popular salmon, bass and walleye Ultimate Clinics. Special features of this pure fishing show include 110,000-gallon Lake Ultimate, Hawg Trough demo tank, Ice Fishing Extravaganza, Shanty Truck Load Sale, Shore Lunch Fish Fry, Trout Pond for kids and much more. New show hours: Thursday, 1 to 9; Friday, 11 to 9; Saturday, 10 to 8; Sunday, 10 to 5. Admission: \$10 adults, \$4 children 6 to 14, free for children 5 and under. Information: www.UltimateFishingShow.com or 800-328-6550. (Coupons are available on-line for \$2 off for Thursday and Friday only)

As usual, the DAS will have a booth set-up there to let the fishing public know what we are all about. DAS Show Chairman Blaise Pewinski still has some shift openings on Thursday and Friday. If you are interested in helping out you can see Blaise at the December membership meeting or call him at (248) 890-4517. Besides supporting the club, you get free admission to the show to look around before or after your shift.

2017 DAS Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner

Tickets will be available for the 2017 DAS Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner at the December membership meeting. The dinner is being held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 in the Main Banquet Room at the American Polish Cultural Center at the Northwest corner of 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre in Troy, MI.

Doors will open at 5:00 PM and you can deposit your dinner ticket stub in the Door Prize Drawing bucket as quite a few winners will be drawn just prior to and during dinner. Country Smokehouse will again be catering the event and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. This year, the Wild Game main entrees will be Southern Style Pulled Boar, Alligator Sausage and Bayou Rice, South Texas Antelope, Late Winter Pheasant and baked White Fish Florentine plus there will be a Domestic Main Entrée ó Southern Grilled Chicken. There will also be Hot Sides, Carolina Slaw, Rolls and Butter, Cookies and bar Desserts. In addition to dinner, unlimited pitchers of beer and soft drinks are included. There will also be a Cash Bar available.

There will be \$1 & \$5 Table Raffles, Gun Draws, Premium Meat Draws, 50/50 raffles, Yeti Cooler Drawings and many more items. Guns are provided by Michi-Gun. The Taxidermy Display is courtesy of Lombardo's Taxidermy.

Tickets are \$60 per person. If you purchase a table of 10 tickets, you will receive \$100 in \$1 Raffle tickets. Those tables must be purchased and paid in full by the January membership meeting,

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017. This is the club's only fundraiser and all proceeds go to help the DAS Promote, Educate, Preserve and Protect our Great Lakes Fisheries and Resources.

See Ticket Chairman Bob Jones at the December or January meetings for Tickets or call him at (734) 751-1787. You can also e-mail him at gtroller2003@yahoo.com. Tickets are also available on the DAS website, www.detroitsteelheaders.com on the Events page.

2017 DAS Boat Trolling

The Boat Trolling Committee met on Thursday, November 10 at Co-Trolling Tournament Director Bob Ksionzek's house and set-up the schedule for the DAS 2017 Tournaments. In attendance were Co-Tournament Directors Bob Feisel & Bob Ksionzek, Blaise Pewinski, Ty Voigt, Joe Von Grabe, Tom Gorguze, Bob Jones, Chris Turak, Paul Gjeldum, Don Jasman, Charlie Denning and Jim Zanke. After about 2 hours discussion, the following was decided:

The 2017 DAS Boat Trolling Tournament (BTT) schedule will consist of 7 events with the best 4 scores of those counting toward Skipper of the Year. The skipper with the least amount of points for 4 events will receive the DAS Skipper of the Year jacket and trophy at the Annual Christmas meeting in December 2017.

2017 Boat Trolling Tournaments		
Date	Port	Port Captain
April 22 (6:30am - 1:30pm)	Port Sanilac	Dan Chisholm
May 6 (6:00am - 1:00pm) <i>plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club??</i>	St. Joseph	Blaise Pewinski
May 20 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Grand Haven	Jim Zanke
May 21 (6:00am - 11:00am)		
June 3 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Harbor Beach	Paul Gjeldum
July 29 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Holland	Chris Turak
August 12 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Ludington	Joe Von Grabe
August 26 (6:00am - 1:00pm) <i>plus Fish Off vs. Flint River Valley Steelheaders</i>	Manistee	Bob Paradise

Tournament fees remain at \$10 per tournament and there is no annual fee discount. A New Big Fish pool structure will have (3) separate pools available - \$10 per boat for Big King, \$5 per boat for Big Steelhead and \$5 per boat for Big Lake Trout. You have to enter all three pools to participate. The largest fish in each pool wins the entire amount entered for that pool. In the event that no fish is entered in any particular pool, a winner will be drawn from the names entered in that pool. Complete information will be available on the Website Tournaments page by Mid December.

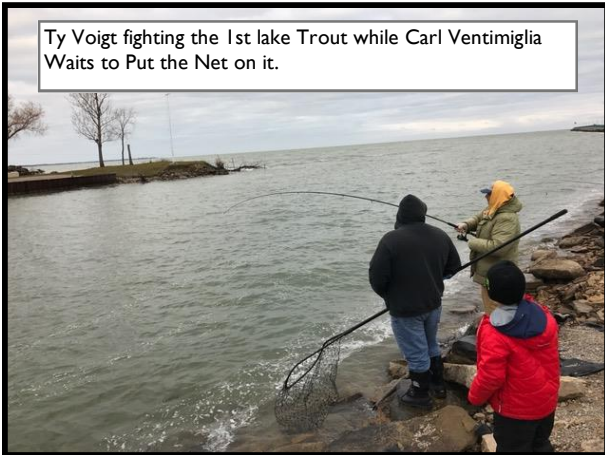
CASEVILLE OUTING



Looking out to Lake Huron, Some of the Group Casting



Another Group Casting looking Upriver on the Pigeon



Ty Voigt fighting the 1st lake Trout while Carl Ventimiglia Waits to Put the Net on it.



Ty Voigt's Laker went 8 lbs. 14 ozs on a Hand-held scale.



Don Jasman's Trout went 8 lbs. 15 ozs on a Hand-held scale.



Mark Carlson Didn't Join the Other 19 Guys in the Big Fish Pool. We'll Never Know if it was the Biggest?



Todd Ridley caught this Lake Trout out on the Pier



Bob Feisel's Grandson John Paul Progar was Having a Good Time

CASEVILLE OUTING



Scott Groesbeck About to Weigh his Fish



Afterwards the Group Enjoying Blaise's Delicious Elk Stew and Sloppy Joes in the Caseville Resort & Marina Clubhouse



First person on the Left is Louis Blaze, Our Host at the Clubhouse. Thanks, Louis!



Bob Ksionzek Does the Official Weighing on his Hand-Held Field & Stream Scale



Official Ty Voigt's Lake Trout - 8 lbs. 14



All the Entries in the Big Fish Pool



Todd Ridley Took Home \$95 for His 9 Lb. 1 Oz L.T.

Upcoming 2016 -2017 DAS Key Dates

Tues., Dec. 13, 2016 7:30pm	Membership Meeting/ Xmas party American Polish Cultural Center
Sun. Dec. 25, 2016	Merry Christmas!
Sun. Jan. 1, 2017	Happy New Year!
Thu. Jan. 12, 2017 Thru Sun. Jan. 15, 2017	Ultimate Fishing Show Suburban Collection Showplace
Sat., Jan. 21, 2017	Perch Ice Fishing Outing Mitchell Bay, Ontario
Sat., Feb. 11, 2017	Lake Trout Ice Fishing Outing Higgin Lake

2016 November Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance:	56
Featured Speaker:	Chris Turak Fish Cleaning and Fish Cooking Demonstration
	Blaise Pewinski Casville Outing Info & Techniques
50/50 Raffle Winner:	\$115 Don Jasman
Every Member Draw:	\$100 Fred Chartier

Enjoy These Other Newsletters and Reports

Here are some links to other newsletters and reports:

Woods-N-Water News

(<http://www.woods-n-waternews.com/>)

(Press the CTRL key + click on the link to open the link)

Basin Report Newsletters

(<http://www.great-lakes.org/basinreports/basinreports.html>)

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Metro-West Steelheaders Newsletters

(<http://www.metroweststeelheaders.org/newsletters.php>)

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Newsletters of the Metro-West Steelheaders, a Chapter of the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishing Association (MSSFA). From this page of their website you can also link to newsletters published by other chapters of MSSFA.

What's Really Going On with Salmon in Lake Michigan

(<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDNR/bulletins/164c3e2>)

(Press the CTRL key + click on the link to open the link)

From Caseville on Pg. 1

At 1:00 pm, everyone made the short drive over to the Caseville Resort & Marina clubhouse, where every one enjoyed the hearty hot lunch prepared by Blaise, delicious Elk Stew and Sloppy Joe's which was especially good after spending the entire morning out in the cold fishing. There were also chips, pretzels, cookies and other snacks as well as cold bottled water and soft drinks. Nice job on the lunch, Blaise! And Thanks to Blaise's buddy, Lewis Blaise for letting us use the warm and comfortable facilities at the clubhouse.

Once everyone was fed, those that had an entry for the Big Fish Pool gathered on the grass outside to weigh their fish. There were 19 people entered at \$5 per person but only 5 had fish to weigh. Those that had fish but didn't enter the Pool were probably feeling a sorry. The fish were very similar in size so naturally it would come down to ounces separating the entries. Ty Voigt's Lake Trout weighed in at 8 lbs. 14 ozs. on my hand held Field & Stream scale. Don Jasman had a Laker that went 8 lbs. 15 ozs. But ultimately, a 9 lb. 1 oz. Lake Trout caught by Todd Ridley took home the \$95. Congratulations, Todd!

Well, this was truly a wonderful event and a great way to spend a Saturday morning in December. Everyone really enjoyed themselves, fish or no fish. If you haven't done this before, keep next year's outing in mind. I'm sure you won't be disappointed!

Check out some of the pictures from Caseville, on Pgs. 3 & 4

Bob Ksionzek

November Meeting Photos



Doug Karakas getting some Pot Luck Snacks



Chris Turak and friend Jamie doing their excellent cooking demonstration