

January Meeting

When:

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 7:30pm

•Where:

American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre

•Featured:

Guest Speaker: Roger Hinchcliff - Steelhead Mani-

Free Pizza Night

•Other Happenings:

River/Surf/Pier Tournament info., Ice Outing info., Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle, Every member drawing

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A Message From Our President

2014 was a roller coaster year for the DAS fisherman! We started the year with fair ice fishing on Mitchells Bay in Canada, cold weather set in early and made great ice conditions but it had a negative effect on the fishing.

In March, we had our 15th Annual Sportsman dinner. This turned out to be a great event. We had almost 550 people attend and to watch them enjoy a great wild game dinner and join in the 50/50 raffles, table raffles and gun draws really showed the support we have from friends and families.

April came in with great expectations of big catches of salmon and trout. It started out okay but really never took off the way we wanted. I blame it on the coldest winter we had in many years. The water just never warmed up enough to draw in the large schools of bait fish we are used to.

That seemed to be the story at all of our trolling events, I have to believe 2015 won't be a repeat of 2014. One thing was for sure; each of our tournaments had some of the best eats and friendship that you could expect from DAS members.

As summer moved into fall, the fishing seemed to pick up a bit; the river and pier fisherman had the best events they have had in years. Many beautiful lake run steelhead were caught by club members.

Through out the year we were entertained and educated by some of the best fishermen and spokes persons in their fields. A lot of knowledge was passed out to us by these people. I ask that all of us patronize their businesses when you are in the area, along with the people that contribute to our WGD. I am sure we will have a good list of speakers this next year.

2014 did have one high note, we had 20 new members that joined our club. That's big to me. There is nothing better than meeting new people that have the same common interest that we share. Members, keep up the good work at promoting this great club!

Also in 2014 we had a member, who was the back bone of our club, step down from being a board member. This man devoted the last 36 years to the DAS. I met him many years ago and I am proud to say he knows more about the inner works of the DAS than anyone else. He will be missed at the Board meetings that's for sure. Thanks Steve Hamilton!

This last year was fun for all that participated in our events and I believe 2015 will be even more fun. Hope to see you on the pond or stream somewhere.

Blaise Pewinski 2014 DAS President

Roger Hinchcliff will be our 1st guest speaker for 2015

Roger grew up fishing the banks of the Huron River in Ypsilanti, Michigan and has been doing so for over 36 years. He loves to chase steelhead all around the Great

Lakes Region fishes many different ways; Spin, Pin, Fly and Plugs. He enjoys fishing by any means necessary to catch these great sport fish.

Roger is an active member of MetroWest Steelheaders and serves on the board of directors. In addition he is a member of Trout Unlimited, Michigan Fly Fishing Club, Huron River Fishing Association

and the Steelhead Society of British Columbia. He likes to give back to the sport by being a Michigan Salmon ambassador and by volunteering on various river clean up and conservation projects.

Roger won Metro West's River Angler of the year in 2013 and took the clubs honor for the biggest steelhead caught in the big fish contest. In addition to being on

many pro staffs, he is also a writer, blogger and has an online fishing forum with subscribers from all around the world. His Facebook page **Steelhead Manifesto** is now receiving over 200,000 visitors each month and has a very loyal following.

Join us January 27th, 2015 as Roger will be discussing float and drift

fishing techniques for steelhead. His presentation promises to provide some great information for all skill levels for everyone to enjoy.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS										
New Memberships										
None										
Re-Newed Memberships										
LYNN MARTIN	CARL VENTIMIGLIA									
Memberships Expired										
2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:	JASON GILLIAM	MIKE LEHTO								
I Mo. Ago First Reminder:	JIM FITCH	TED LEWICKI	GARY RUPRICH							
This Month:	NELSON CALDWELL	BRUCE HAYWOOD	RONALD PISARSKI	CHRISTOPHER TURAK						
	TOM GODEK	DAVID HOPCROFT	CHRISTOPHER A. TURAK	PETER WASZKIEWICZ						

Planned for Saturday, Feb. 15

DAS Nomads. We are used to chasing perch on LSC. I think it's time we take a visit to Linwood and see if we can catch a few of the perch's cousins. Saginaw bay offers up a very healthy population of walleye; both large and small just waiting for the right offering to be jigged in front of them.

Over the last 20 years I have made the trek up to the bay a couple of times each winter and I even took the Mark Martin ice fishing school to fine tune my ability of catching a few walleye on each of my outings. One thing I have learned about the bay, is do a little homework by following the web and ask just not how the fishing is but how are the ice conditions. The ice does move with every wind that comes up, some times a little and some times a lot.

With that in mind I try to never cross a crack to get to the fishing grounds, you will find that there are plenty of fish on the safe side of the crack. By being mobile you can cover ice, move until you find active fish or blood on the ice. That's a great giveaway by other anglers that there were fish in the area not long ago.

Walleye's can be taken on a variety of lures; jigging Rapalas, round jigs, Crocodile

Saginaw Bay Ice Fishing Outing spoons, Slender spoons, Northland rattling spoons to name a few. All tipped with a whole minnow or minnow head. A good fish This should be a different event for a lot of | finder is a must, to help locate fish in the water column or to determine if you are over productive water or not. I have caught most of my walleye within a foot of bottom but on some trips while fishing close to cracks or shove ice I have found them to be just under the ice.

> Other equipment needed for an enjoyable day on the ice, GPS to find your way back in, ice shanty to keep the wind off, 2 or 3 short jigging rods with top quality line and snap swivels, gas auger, gaffe and transportation on the ice,. Quad, snowmobile or Argo all fit the bill.

> The plan is to meet at 6.30 am at Linwood Beach Marina on Feb 15. We will fish until noon or so, maybe have lunch on the ice and compare success stories of the morning bite. At that time I would figure some guys will want to leave but myself I will likely stay for the night bite, all are welcome to stay.

For more info contact me at 248 890 4517.

Blaise Pewinski

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2015 DAS Membership Drive

With the New Year and the fishing shows upon us, the DAS is once again offering free tackle packs valued at \$35 with a fully paid new regular membership (\$35) or new senior membership (\$20).

This offer will begin with the Ultimate Fishing Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace held January 8th thru the 11th, 2015 and conclude on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, our April membership meeting. To qualify as a new membership, you must not have been a member of the DAS for a minimum of one year prior to your signing up.

The membership applications will be available at the Ultimate Fishing Show as well as at our membership meetings the last Tuesday of the month at the American Polish Cultural Center. You can also sign up on our website at www.detroitsteelheaders.com. You will receive your free tackle pack instantly at the Ultimate Fishing Show or our membership meetings. If you sign up online, you can collect your tackle pack at any following membership meeting.

Club Benefits

As I begin to get Silver Addiction prepped for the up coming big lake trolling season, I make a list of everything that must be done before I launch her in Ludington the first part of April. Yes, there are several lists, a maintenance list, a gear list, a supply list and of course a cleaning list. Being a charter boat though, I have found that my safety list has gotten quite large. All of the paperwork that I need to carry has to be put in a safe dry spot. When I was going through it, I noticed a list of names and numbers, which my wife had laminated. It was a club directory and a directory of fellow charter captains. This was very useful information.

Believe it or not I consider this list of names and numbers to be just as important as what is in the tackle box. This is the list of important Network contacts that I rely on to get the most up to date information of that particular port. Maybe they are local contacts or just club contacts that fish that port a lot, either way, they will have valuable information that will make my fishing trip more successful. This is how charter captains are able to go from port to port and be successful. It is because of the network of fellow captains and friends. We as a club have our own network that needs to be taken advantage of.

When I joined the club back in 2001, Rob Pinskey was the only person I knew. He introduced me to the club and his circle of fishing friends. Granted, I was a bit overwhelmed at first to see just how successful the DAS fisherman had been at different ports. I had been out of salmon fishing for 18 years and was just getting back in and Rob had told me how great a resource the club was to him. Rob was right on the money with that statement. I met Dick Shirk at Gander Mountain standing in front of the Silver Streak display thinking what do I need to buy, and he lent his advice. I don't think my wife has forgiven him for that, seeing as what it has led to! Today, Dick is a valuable crew member, and is still teaching me today.

Blaise Pewinski is another DAS member that took the time down at the Special People outing a few years ago to give me his secrets at catching Lakers at Port Austin. We spent the better part of the

night, until the Fish Fly Hatch started, talking about all the techniques he found to be successful. Blaise has continued to share with me Salmon techniques and subtle hints that are found to be invaluable. I have seen all of these guys do the same thing with club members, and hopefully have been able to help them as much as they helped me.

Now let's look at the entire list of top notch Charter Captains that have spoken at our club the last few years. Have you taken them up on their offer to call and ask them questions when visiting their ports? Dave Even, Shane Ruboyianes, Brian Butts, Willis Kerridge, Richard Laaksonen, and others have all said to stop by and they would be happy to help us out. Have you done that? I know I did and still do. That was how I meet Dave Even. Through Dick Shirk, but I asked if I could crew for Dave or just ride along to learn more from a seasoned charter captain. Dave was nice enough to allow me to, along with the fact that I crewed for free, but I saw first hand just how much the charter captains talk and help each other out. Yes, there are clicks, just like everything else in the world, but for the most part they just want to help each other catch fish, which makes the port look even better.

Simply put, the fishing network of the DAS stretches a lot farther than the current members of the club. Use it to its fullest potential, and you will be surprised at just how much your fishing improves!

Good Luck in the 2015 Season! Captain Mark Williams Silver Addiction Charters Harbor View Marina A- Dock 586-531-2763

Salmon in the Classroom Update

By Jody Robinson and Rodney Elnick



Ladywood Hatch

This year, Ladywood High School, Livonia, is our new Salmon in the Classroom participant. They received their eggs from the DNR on November 5, 2014 and their first hatch started Nov 21. On Ladywood's website, www.ladywood.org, you can find their webcam fo-

cused on the tank and their watery residents. This picture shows the newly hatched eggs.

Last year, on Saturday, May 10, Anderson Elementary School, Davisburg, did their Salmon release across from Yates Cider Mill on the Clinton River. Oakland Christian Schools, Auburn Hills had their release on Monday, May 12 at the same site. Along with releasing the salmon, the students also learned casting and creating their own lures for trolling. We very much appreciated Dreamweaver



Oakland Christian Tank

Lures for supplying spoon blanks and lure tape for the student's creations.

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Howard Tanner, right, changed the ecology of the Great Lakes in 1966 when he imported Pacific Ocean salmon in order to control invasive alewives -- and create a salmon fishery like none other on the planet. He is shown here with a group of friends, along with his father (second from left), near the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, with a prized catch at the dawn of the salmon era.

The Man with the Salmon Plan

One biologist's radical dream for the Great Lakes came true when millions of salmon were brought in from the Pacific. The world's largest freshwater ecosystem has been a giant science experiment ever since.

By Dan Egan of the Journal Sentinel staff

Harrisville, Mich. — The author of the bumper sticker maxim that "A Bad Day Fishing is Better than a Good Day Working" never sat on the shore of Lake Huron with Jay Hall during the fall salmon run.



Jay Hall of Flint, Mich., drove about two hours from his home to go salmon fishing in Harrisville on Oct. 1. Hall didn't get a bite but remembers Harrisville swarming with salmon fisherman in 1989.

The 47-year-old mechanic from Flint was perched on a collapsible chair on a windless fall day, hands stuffed in his jacket pockets, fishing pole propped in the crotch of a twig stuck in lakeshore muck. His gear would have been dragged out to sea had a salmon hit,

but Hall wasn't much worried about that. He was at the end of a bad fishing trip, one that had yielded not a nibble.

"It's just — it's just depressing," he said in a voice as flat as the glassy harbor. "Man it is."

To grasp the depth of Hall's disappointment, you have to understand where he was coming from: Fall, 1989, the last

time he went salmon fishing along the shoreline in Harrisville.

Like so many of eastern Michigan's coastal towns back then, Harrisville swarmed each fall with shoreline anglers plucking chinook out of the lake with such regularity it was as if they were coming off a General Motors assembly line. Reeling in "king" salmon back then was blue-collar sport — all you needed was a pole and patch of public shoreline.

Hall remembered the carnival of the harbor parking lot. Beer flowed; car radios blared. But what he recalled most vividly was the crisp fall air tinged with the scent of burning hardwood from a nearby salmon smokehouse. And the old guy who filleted mounds of bronze carcasses for a dollar apiece — slicing and slinging fish skins into garbage cans with what seemed to be one fluid motion.

Hall and a friend rolled home to Flint that 1989 day, arms sore from fighting the 20-pounders, the back seat of their Geo Metro folded down to make space for coolers loaded with pale-orange fillets. Hall moved away soon after and only recently returned to Michigan to care for his aging mother. He figured one upside to landing back in his home state was that he could once again hit Lake Huron's fall salmon run.

But now that the day had finally come, he didn't feel any of the old exhilaration. All he felt was foolish. On the drive up from Flint, Hall had worried aloud to his brother-in-law that the shoreline might be too packed to find a good spot. When they arrived, the sprawling boat-launch parking lots were empty. Not a single angler could be found on the shore. Only a lone pontoon boat puttered about the harbor.

The fish fillet station was gone. So was the old bait shop, and the only smoke in the air was from Hall's sad cigarette exhales.

"This used to be the hot spot," he kept trying to convince his brother-in-law. "It used to be. It really did!"

After less than two hours they grabbed their gear and headed for the parking lot feeling as hollow as the three coolers in the back of the Dodge minivan.

The lake of Hall's memory is dead, its salmon all but vanished in the past decade — a collapse so swift that fisheries biologists have likened it to driving off a cliff.

For a brief few decades, those biologists had turned this Great Lake into a Pacific chinook factory, taking a wildly popular sport fish from faraway ocean waters and setting it loose to gorge upon the swarms of invasive alewives that had decimated native fish species. In the end, the salmon program proved to be a leaky bandage on a massive biological hemorrhage — the onslaught of invasive species that have infested the Great Lakes since the St. Lawrence Seaway opened the long-isolated freshwater seas to all manner of ecological contagia from Salmon Plan (Cont'd. on Pg. 5)

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Salmon Plan (Cont'd. from Pg. 4) Yet what's happened on Lake Huron is not just a story about the death of its man-made Pacific salmon fishery.

It's also about the rise of something nobody expected – Mother Nature herself.

This Great Lake, it turns out, possessed a remarkable ability to heal itself; the salmon and their preferred prey — the alewives — ultimately succumbed to wave after wave of new invasions since the early 1990s. But the lake's native fish species, built to thrive in its frigid and relatively sterile waters, have figured out how to thrive amid all this fresh ecological chaos by feasting on the new intruders. The questions now:

Will this resurrection of native fish spread across the Great Lakes?

And will it even matter if we fail to close the doors to the next invasion?

Turning a Lake Upside Down

Perhaps no single person has had a bigger impact on the Great Lakes as we know them than Howard Tanner.



In the Great Lakes, Howard Tanner is considered 'Father of the Coho'

Born on Sept. 4, 1923, the son of a grocer in northern Michigan started fishing on Sunday mornings with his father at age 5. The two chased brook trout near the railroad tracks along the Jordan River in

Antrim County — the same region of northwest Michigan fished by a young Ernest Hemingway just several years earlier. Tanner remembers the catch limit at the time was 15 per day, and the Tanners, like everyone else in those days, were not catch-and-release guys. Especially after the country entered the Great Depression, his father lost the store, became sheriff and moved the family into the living quarters of the county jail.

"We ate all we caught," the 91-year-old Tanner told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "There was no question about that."

By age 15, Tanner had printed up business cards declaring himself a professional fishing guide and was taking wealthy city anglers to inland lakes to chase smallmouth bass, or fly fishing on the Jordan River.

By age 23, Tanner was a World War II veteran who had helped carve airstrips out of the jungles of the South Pacific.

By age 29, Tanner had acquired a doctorate in fisheries biology from Michigan State University.

His first job after graduation was as portentous as it was ambitious. He literally turned life upside down in a little lake in the middle of a Michigan state forest using a generator, a pump and a pipe to suck the water 40 feet up from the bottom to the surface.

"The research reason for that was the nutrients would gradually settle to the bottom of the lake, but there was no oxygen down there for biological activity and the question was: What would happen if you pumped that nutrient-rich water back up on the surface where there was sunlight and life?"

As the junior scientist in the experiment, it was Tanner's job to maintain the generator that ran around the clock on the shore of West Lost Lake. He still vividly remembers one early summer morning in 1952.

"There was a fisherman sitting on the bank with his rod, smoking a pipe as I put gas in and checked the oil, and I went over to say good morning. He said: 'Could you tell me what you're doing?' And I said: 'Yes, we're sucking the water off the bottom of the lake and putting it up on the top.' He looked at me and said: 'That's just exactly what I thought,' and walked away," Tanner said with a wry smile. "I can hear him in the bar saying, 'You know what I saw today?'"

The experiment did what was expected — it sparked a bloom of plankton near the surface. But the flicker of life flared out once the scientists turned off the pump.

"It probably resumed its normal situation in a week or two," Tanner said, though he did not stick around long enough to find out.

At summer's end, he headed with his wife and two young sons to Colorado, where he had landed a job at what is now Colorado State University. Since Michigan's state conservation department paid for his education, Tanner had expected the department would hire him. He was a bit disappointed at the time. But looking back more than a half-century later, he said that move was exactly what was needed for his own professional development — and for the future of the Great Lakes.

He found the Western approach to fishery management "totally different, in almost every way" from how biologists approached the job in the Great Lakes region.

Perhaps the most important distinction is that so many water bodies out West are vast man-made pools created by concrete and earthen dams. This made them blank canvasses for fishery managers to construct an ecosystem almost from scratch.

"When you create new water and there is nothing in it," said Tanner, "you plant something."

Hatchery-raised sport fish like trout and bass were planted with abandon, the fish eggs shared in a manner that created bonds between fishery managers and researchers stretching across state lines.

This build-it-yourself approach to fishery management, and the friends Tanner made in top state fishery jobs across the West, proved immensely important not long after a phone call came in 1964 from one of his old professors. He told Tanner that his home state needed a fisheries chief. Tanner's career was thriving in Colorado, where he had become chief of fisheries research. But there were lures. His father back in Michigan was battling cancer and his father-in-law also had been ill. The money was better and, perhaps most significantly, Salmon Plan (Cont'd. on Pg. 6)

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Salmon Plan (Cont'd. from Pg. 5) there was the vastness of the Great Lakes — the world's largest freshwater system.

"I immediately began to think about all the water back there," Tanner said.

Colorado's largest lake at the time was 7,200-acre Lake Granby — scarcely a puddle on a Great Lakes scale.

"About 50% of the surface freshwater in the 50 states are within the boundaries of Michigan, and the other 49 states shared the rest of it," Tanner said. "It was a big job."

And he took it.

Inheriting a Mess

The Great Lakes had undergone a devastating ecological transformation in the 12 years Tanner had been gone, particularly Lakes Michigan and Huron. Both had been overrun by alewives, a herring native to the Atlantic Ocean. Like salmon, alewives have a freshwater and saltwater phase in their life cycle. Both species are born in freshwater and then descend to the sea before returning to their native waters to spawn. Typically.

The alewives that had wriggled their way around Niagara Falls via the Welland Canal found life-sustaining zooplankton and baby fish to feast upon in Lakes Michigan and Huron — enough for them serve as surrogate "seas" for their adult lives.

The fish first made it into Lake Huron in the 1930s, but their numbers exploded in the late 1950s in the wake of the demise of the Great Lakes' native lake trout. Consider lake trout the wolf of the freshwater deep. The beasts atop the food chain could grow to 80 pounds by feasting upon all the smaller fish below — including the newly arrived alewives.

Lake trout might have kept alewife numbers in check. But the king of the lake was toppled by a nearly simultaneous invasion of the Atlantic Ocean sea lamprey, which also slithered into the lakes through the Welland Canal.

These eel-like parasites destroy their prey by swimming up alongside and then latching onto the fish with suction-cup mouths. They use a tongue rough as sandpaper to rasp away their host's skin and scales, then suck the life out of the fish. One 18-inch-long, bratwurst-thick lamprey can destroy up to 40 pounds of fish during the 12 to 20 months it lives in open waters.

By the time Tanner returned to Michigan in the fall of 1964, decades of commercial overfishing and the lamprey invasion had combined to decimate Huron and Michigan's lake trout population.

With the disappearance of this top predator, alewife numbers exploded as they outcompeted the lakes' other smaller fish. Alewives eventually accounted for up to 90% of the fish biomass in Lake Michigan. That means that for every 10 pounds of fish swimming in the lake, nine of those pounds were alewives.

there was the vastness of the Great Lakes — the world's the Great Lakes' wild temperature swings. That led to frequent die-offs by the billions that plugged city drinking water intakes and smothered beaches under reeking mounds of rotting flesh that had to be cleared with bulldozers and dump trucks.

Trying to counter the one-two punch of the alewife and lamprey invasions, Great Lakes biologists seized on a chink in the lamprey life cycle: The parasites don't reproduce in open waters but spawn in a relatively small number of rivers that feed the lakes.

This allowed researchers to concoct a lamprey-specific poison that was pumped into key rivers and streams. By the time Tanner returned to Michigan in 1964, biologists were dispensing this "lampricide" — essentially an ecosystem-scale chemotherapy — on tributaries across the Great Lakes. The poisoning program, which continues today, ultimately suppressed lamprey numbers to about 10% of their late 1950s' peak.

Despite the initial decline in lamprey, the alewife infestation was raging when Tanner returned to Michigan because the lakes still lacked enough predators to keep their numbers in check.

On one of his first days on the job, Tanner grasped the scope of the trouble he had inherited. He was touring northern Lake Michigan in an airplane west of Beaver Island. There was a massive white blob on the water, which the pilot identified as one of the lake's dead alewife slicks. Tanner asked the pilot to bank the twin-engine plane so he could get a closer look. Amazed by the scale of the alabaster blotch floating upon the vast blue sea, Tanner asked the pilot how big of a mess of alewives he was looking at.

The pilot told him it was about seven miles long and twothirds of a mile across. The surface area of this single slick of dead alewives was nearly the size of Tanner's largest lake in Colorado.

"That was the first eyeball experience I had," said Tanner, who has written a soon-to-be-published book on the history of Great Lakes salmon.

"That was a very, very impressive sight."

While most considered the alewife explosion a natural disaster, Tanner assessed it as an opportunity. His boss, after all, had given him one primary directive:

"The fish division hasn't done anything new in 20 years. Get out there and do something big and spectacular."

"The Man with the Salmon Plan", the 1st of a 3 Part Series, will be concluded in the February issue of FISHIN' TALES. You can find the entire series for your reading enjoyment at: http://www.jsonline.com/news/wisconsin/The-man-with-the-salmon-plan-b99397807z1-284550491.html

2014 DAS Skipper of the Year & Big Fish



1st Place - 'Blue Horizon' - Paul Gjeldum



2nd Place - 'Vicki's Seacret' - Bob Feisel



3rd Place - 'Bobby's Toy' - Bob Jones



4th Place - 'Bad Dog' - Tom Gorguze



5th Place - 'Sloppy Joe' - Joe Von Grabe



Big Fish - 22.9 lb. King - Paulj Gjeldum

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1	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	3	2	1	1		\Box		75	75	1	8	83	158	233
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	5	1	50	50		ll		3	5	6	20	70	120	195
3	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	75	5	50	5] [75	6	5	71	146	221	296
4	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	4	75	75	75		c		1	1	2	83	158	233	308
5	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	75	75	3	4		۵		75	3	3	88	163	238	313
6	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	7	3	2	75		N		75	75	75	162	237	312	387
7	Saluki	John Meade	6	4	75	75		c		75	2	75	162	237	312	387
8	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	1	75	75	2		F		75	75	75	228	303	378	453
9	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	2	75	75	3		اآاا		75	75	75	230	305	380	455
10	Channing	Dan Chisolm	75	6	50	75		اآاا		75	75	75	281	356	431	506
11	Knot Too Serious	Steven Williams	75	75	75	75		F		2	75	75	302	377	452	527
12	Blue Star	Stan Bilek	75	75	75	75		ם		75	4	75	304	379	454	529
13	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75	75	75	75		ا ً ا		75	75	4	304	379	454	529
14	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	75	75	75	75] [75	75	7	307	382	457	532
15	Outta Line	Jason Adam	75	75	75	75				75	50	75	350	425	500	575

	Weight	Species	Boat Name
Big Fish	22.90	King	Blue Horizon
	22.90	King	Blue Horizon
	8.30	Coho	Vicki's Seacret
Largest Of Fach	8.10	Lake Trout	Vicki's Seacret
Largest Of Each	9.75	Steelhead	Vicki's Seacret
Species	6.70	Brown	Blue Horizon
	0.00	Atlantic	
	0.00	Pink	

		St. Joe	Grand Haven	Olcott NY	Erieau, ONT	Port Austin		tin	Family Day (Ludington	Ludington II	Manistee	Year
Number	of Boats	7	6	6	6		0		3	7	7	42
	Kings	21	46	0	0				8	12	35	122
	Cohos	2	0	0	0		A		0	6	15	23
	Lake Trout	6	0	0	0		N		0	2	5	13
Number	Steelhead	0	3	8	13		C E		4	3	0	31
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	Atlantics	0	0	0	0		L		0	0	0	0
	Pinks	0	0	0	0		E D		0	0	0	0
	Total	31	49	8	13				12	23	55	191

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2015 Boat Trolling Tournaments

Port Captain

April 18 Lexington Dan Chisholm (6:30am - 1:30pm) St. Joseph **Blaise Pewinski** May 2 (6:00am - 1:00pm) plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club **Bob Feisel** May 16 **Grand Haven** (6:00am - 1:00pm) May 17 (6:00am - 11:00am) **Paul Gjeldum** June 13 **Harbor Beach** (6:00am - 1:00pm) Muskegon John Meade July 18 (6:00am - 1:00pm) Jim Zanke August 1 Olcott. NY (6:00am - 1:00pm) **Joe Von Grabe August 15** Ludington (6:00am - 1:00pm) **Bob Paradise** August 29 **Manistee** (6:00am - 1:00pm)

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Detroit Area Steelheaders Giving Hits \$75,000!

For 40 years the Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. has contributed to numerous worthwhile causes which we believe serve our stated organizational goal of promoting and protecting Great Lakes sportfishing. Thanks to our members and contributors who have helped us raise funds to make these donations.

The following list of donations made in recent years may overlook some, but the overall impact is that the Detroit Area Steelheaders give!

- July, 2014 \$500. To fund a \$500 college scholarship.
- **July, 2014 \$250.** To MUCC to help fund their operations.
- July, 2014 \$250. To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.
- July, 2014 \$250. To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.
- June, 2014 \$813. To fund our own Special People fishing outing.
- May, 2014 \$400. To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.
- **April Oct, 2014 \$1,231**. To continue funding Salmon in the Classroom projects.
- March, 2014 \$1,000. To the Youth Development Commission for their 2014 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.
- **September-December, 2013 \$485.** To continue funding a Salmon in the Classroom project at Andersonville Elementary School .
- June, 2013 \$584. To fund our own Special People fishing outing.
- May, 2013 \$1,000. To pay for 50 rods and reels for the Salvation Army Outdoors program.
- May, 2013 \$277. To pay for a bus to take students to release the salmon from their Salmon in the Classroom project at Anderson-ville Elementary School.
- **April**, **2013 \$400**. To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.
- **April, 2013 \$800.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2013 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.
- **April, 2013 \$105.** To continue funding a Salmon in the Classroom project at Oakland Christian School.
- **December, 2012 \$622.** To fund a Salmon in the Classroom project at Andersonville Elementary School.
- **December, 2012 \$984.** To fund a Salmon in the Classroom project at Oakland Christian School.
- August, 2012 \$500. To fund a \$500 college scholarship for an approved student studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.
- June, 2012 \$740. To fund our own Special People fishing outing.
- **June, 2012 \$500.** To fund a \$500 college scholarship for an approved student studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.
- June, 2012 \$250. To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.
- **January, 2012 \$250.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.
- **January, 2012 \$1,000.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2012 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.
- **January, 2012 \$400.** To the Armada Middle School for a Salmon in the Classroom project.
- October, 2011 \$2,000. To the Ludington Area Charterboat Association to fund operations of their salmon rearing net pens.
- August, 2011 \$1,200. To the Armada Middle School for a Salmon in the Classroom project.
- July, 2011 \$250. To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.
- May, 2011 \$250. To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.
- January, 2011 \$800. To the Youth Development Commission for

their 2009 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.

- **November, 2010 \$500.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.
- June, 2010 \$1,000. To fund two \$500 college scholarships for two deserving students studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.
- June, 2010 \$1,000. To the Ludington Area Charterboat Association to fund operations of their salmon rearing net pens.
- June, 2010 \$234. Donation of Voluntary Youth Licenses to help DNR revenue.
- May, 2010 \$250. To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.
- April, 2010 \$250. To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.
- **January, 2010 \$1,000.** To Michigan State University to fund a scholarship for a deserving student studying for an outdoors/ conservation related degree.
- **January, 2010 \$1,000.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2010 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.
- October, 2009 \$2,500. To the Ludington Area Charterboat Association to fund the replacement of their salmon rearing net pens.
- **October, 2009 \$1,000.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.
- October, 2009 \$200 Donation to the Big Ten Bass Fishing Tournament.
- **September-October, 2009 \$222.** Donation of Voluntary Youth Licenses to help DNR revenue.
- June, 2009 \$1,703. To fund our own Special People fishing outing.
 May, 2009 \$2,000. To fund two \$1,000 college scholarships for two deserving students studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.
- May, 2009 \$1,795. To the City of Ludington for a Memorial Bench at the City Marina.
- **February, 2009 \$250.** To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.
- **January, 2009 \$1,000.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.
- **January, 2009 \$250.** To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.
- **January, 2009 \$500.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.
- **January, 2009 \$1,000.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2009 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.
- October, 2008 \$1,640. Lake Superior State University Aquatics Research Lab for their fish cam.
- March, 2008 \$1,000. To Project FISH for their teaching projects.
- March, 2008 \$200. To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.
- **January, 2008 \$1,000.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2008 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.
- **December, 2007 \$1,000.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.
- **November, 2007 \$250.** To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.
- October, 2007 \$500. To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.
- **September, 2007 \$250.** To the Sporting Lands Alliance to help with their operations.
- **September, 2007 \$500.** To fund a college scholarship for a deserving student studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.
- **September, 2007 \$150.** To Fish Pointe Wildlife Association to help with their operations.
- June, 2007 \$698. To fund our own Special People fishing outing. February, 2007 \$1,000 Grant. To the Youth Development Commission for their 2007 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.

.....AND SO MUCH MORE!

(Please see www.detroitsteelheaders.com for complete listing)

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DAS Skipper's Honor Roll

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1 9 7 6	 John Makela Murrell Blackburn Chuck Cartwright Paul Irvine Steve Hamilton 	Sisu Fish'n 5 Tuna Boat Yellow Jacket Valhalla	1 9 8 9	 Bob Mitchell Steve Banovic Ron Huey Ron Hartman Don Anton 	Kemo Exaggerator Half R's Molly Frair Happy Bare	2 0 0 2	 Chris Nytko Doug Karakas Joe Von Grabe Bill Dunk Mark Bevans 	Aquarius II Capt'n Hook Sloppy Joe Free Bird In-Seine
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2014 DAS Raffle Report

2014		Membership** Tackle Raffle						50:50 Raffle			Inventory		
Month	Δ ttend		Payout		Prizes Cost			Pay Out	Net Profit	Total In	To DAS	Net Profit	Value
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Jan		G Piesczał	¢	\$ 150.00	\$ 182.68	\$ (32.68)	\$ 152.00	\$ 76.00	¢ 70.00	\$ 302.00	\$ 226.00	\$ 43.32	\$640.28
Feb		A Weichert	-	\$ 172.00	\$ 182.68 \$ 182.46	, (/			\$ 76.00	\$ 393.00	\$ 282.00	\$ 43.32	\$421.10
		M. Lolli	•			\$ (10.46)			\$ 110.00			•	\$338.75
Mar		-	\$ -		\$ 186.99 \$ 166.59	\$ (25.99)		\$ 100.00 \$ 115.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 356.00 \$ 452.00		\$ 69.01	
Apr		M.Curzews		,		\$ 60.41	,		\$ 110.00		•	\$ 170.41	\$2,109.69
May	48	D. Linder	\$ -	\$ 150.00	*	\$ (31.66)		\$ 95.00	\$ 90.00	φ σσσ.σσ	\$ 240.00	\$ 58.34	\$2,034.00
June	44	T. Nesbitt	\$ -	\$ 157.00	\$ 203.17	\$ (46.17)		\$ 85.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 237.00	\$ 33.83	\$1,773.91
July	50	T. Nesbitt	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ 174.40	\$ 35.60		\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 120.60	\$2,424.03
Aug	37	T.Capicchi	-	\$ 144.00	\$ 189.50	\$ (45.50)		\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 274.00	\$ 209.00	\$ 19.50	\$2,242.12
Sept		M. Lolli	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 163.57	\$ (13.57)		\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 96.43	\$2,259.01
Oct		R.Banbury	\$100.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 196.58	\$ (26.58)		\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 160.00	\$ (36.58)	
Nov		M.Rymar		\$ 230.00	\$ 173.35	\$ 56.65		\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 161.65	\$2,024.42
Dec*		D.Roehr	\$100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 526.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 526.00	\$ (94.00)	\$ (94.00)	
Totals	654		\$200.00	\$ 1,921.00	\$ 2,000.95	\$ (79.95)	\$ 2,579.00	\$ 1,557.00	\$1,022.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,743.00	\$ 742.05	2024.42
	*	No tack											
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Ticket	price	s for tackle	e raffle and	d 50:50: \$1.0	00 each, 7 ti	ckets for \$	5.00, and 15	tickets for \$	10.00.				
			Decembe	er									
			Winners	50:50	Raffle	\$130	Anthony	Lewis					
						\$130	Bob	Feisel					
						\$130	Glenda	Hartman					
						\$130	Sandy	Williams					
			Total			\$520							

Thank you Detroit Steelheaders for another successful year of tackle and 50:50 raffles. The support you guys show the club is amazing and I hope you have as much fun with this as I do. I wish the every member drawing for \$100 was won more often and I especially wish my name was drawn a couple of times but maybe we will have better luck next year.

As you can see in the summary below the club lost close to \$80 on the tackle raffle during 2014 but we don't fret over that because the tackle raffle is intended to be something we have a little fun with and it's a member benefit.

The 50:50 drawing is a little different. We intend that as a small fund raiser and use those funds to pay off the every member drawing and help to fund the other functions of the club. This year we collected \$2,579 in 50:50 and paid out \$1,557 during the year to 50:50 winners at the monthly meetings. We made the Christmas annual meeting 50:50 drawing a fun event this year by collecting \$526 and paying out (4) 50:50 winners of \$130 each (\$520 paid out).

If you have any questions or suggestions to improve our raffles in 2015 please let me know at the member meetings.

Have a very great New Year!.....Dan Chisholm



Two Great Reasons to Take A Kid Fishing!

The smile on Bob Feisel's grandson, Joshua's face. It's rather apparent how proud Joshua is of catching the 2014 DAS Big Steelhead of the Year and showing off the plaque that his grandfather presented to him. The fish, a 9.75# Steelhead , was caught by Joshua at the Club's Family Day Tournament at Ludington earlier this year.

Besides the sense of accomplishment and the pure pleasure that Joshua had doing this, he received

an education from his grandpa, Bob on what it takes to catch these fantastic sportfish while sharing a day on the water with him. Hopefully, that will translate into respect for the tremendous fishery we have here in Michigan. The same fishery the DAS has been protecting and promoting since 1974.

Ultimately, Joshua may become a member of the DAS and carry on what his grandfather and other DAS members before him have enjoyed. This is truly the best reason to Take A Kid Fishing!



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MEETING NOTICE—PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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Upcoming 2015 DAS Key Dates

Thu., Jan. 8, 2015 thru **Ultimate Fishing Show** Sun., Jan 12, 2015 Suburban Collection Showplace

BOD Meeting Tues., Jan. 13, 2015

7:00pm American Polish Cultural Center

Tues., Jan. 27, 2015 **Membership Meeting**

7:30pm American Polish Cultural Center

Tues., Feb. 10, 2015 **BOD Meeting**

7:00pm American Polish Cultural Center

Sat., Feb. 15, 2015 Saginaw Bay Ice Fishing Outing

6:30am - 12:00pm Linwood Beach Marina

Tues., Feb. 24, 2015 **Membership Meeting**

7:30pm American Polish Cultural Center **2014 December Membership Meeting Facts**

Attendance: 115 Adults & Children

'Salmon' Claus Featured:

> **Boat Trolling Awards Skipper of the Year Award** Paul Gjeldum - "Blue Horizon" **Director of the Year Award**

Steve Hamilton

Member of the Year Award

Mary Karakas **Over 40 Door prizes**

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$120 Anthony Lewis

\$120 Bob Feisel

\$120 Glenda Hartmann \$120 Sandy Williams