



Fishin' Tales

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December Membership Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, December 15, 2015
7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured:**
'Salmon Clause', 'Skipper of the Year', 'Big Fish', 'Director of the Year', 'Member of the Year' Award Presentations, Door Prizes, Fun!
- **Other Happenings:**
River/Surf/Pier Tournament info., 50/50 raffle,
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' with 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 15 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, plus elections for the Board of Directors for next year.

There will also be a door prize drawing featuring smoked hams and turkeys from Country Smokehouse in Almont, along with bottles of your favorite holiday cheer! 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. 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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Caseville Lake Trout Outing - This Saturday, Dec. 12

Last chance to catch some fish before the Pigeon River freezes over.

Coordinator Blaise Pewinski, says this outing is definitely a go this coming Saturday, December 12 on the Caseville pier. There is all open water with no ice and reports are good with catches of lake trout, walleye and burbot. Those species can be kept as long as they are caught inside river. The area beyond where the river meets the lake is catch-and-release as the Lake Huron season for taking lake trout is closed.

Blaise, Dan Chisholm, Bob Feisel and Ty Voigt have researched this area the last couple of weeks so they can provide any information on what's been working and where in particular.

For those who do wish to try the end of the pier, you will be able to catch some dandy Walleye and Steel-

head, just remember to release any lake trout. Caseville trout are in the harbor feeding on small emerald shiners and alewife, so try to match the size lure to the bait size. I prefer the 2/5 oz. little Cleo or KO Wobbler in silver with blue or orange or glow green early in the morning. The Fire Tiger pattern has been doing very well lately. All you need to do is cast and vary your retrieve and depth until you start catching, some times they hold on bottom other times just under the surface.

Once fishing is over, the Caseville Resort and Marina is willing to allow us to use the club house for lunch and to warm up. Blaise and Dan will bringing the food. Just give Blaise a call before Saturday, so he can get an idea of how much food and drinks they need. Call Blaise Pewinski @ 248-890-4517

MEMBERSHIP NEWS				
		Currently: 153 Members		
New Memberships Welcome!				
ROBERT DYSON				
Re-Newed Memberships				
FRED HYNICK	DAN WHITMILL			
TY VOIGT				
Memberships Expired				
2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:	DAVID CHRISTENSON	ROD ELNICK	CARL VENTIMIGLIA	
1 Mo. Ago First Reminder:				
This Month:	TED LEWICKI	GARY RUPRICH		

Sad News

Tom Schneider, one of the founders of our club has passed away. Tom along with John Makela, Ed Raquel and Joe Sizemore founded the Detroit Chapter of the Michigan Salmon and Steelhead Fishing Association in September, 1974. This was the DAS's original name before splitting off from the state organization in January, 1990

Tom was very involved and did many organizational and political projects for the club. He served several terms as President. He was an avid river fisherman but also did some lake trolling with his boat, "Corky Man"

**DAS 2015-2016 Fall/Winter
River, Surf, Pier & Ice Fishing
Tournaments/Outings**

Sat., Dec. 12, 2015
Caseville Lake Trout River Outing

Sat., Jan. 30, 2016
Mitchell Bay Perch Ice Fishing Outing

Sat., Feb. 20, 2016
Lake Erie (Ohio Waters) Walleye Ice Fishing Outing

For More Information,
contact **Bob Paradise (586) 457-4073** or
Blaise Pewinski (248) 890-4517

**Ludington Regional Fisheries
Workshop**



NEW LOCATION

Topics will include findings on mass-marked salmon and trout, planning for Lake Michigan management, and assessment of alewife and other baitfish.

The controversial issue of aquaculture (fish farming) in Great Lakes net pens will also be up for discussion.

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 9
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: West Shore Community College
3000 N. Stiles Road
Scottville, MI

DETAILS:
Pre-register by Dec. 20
\$30 includes hot lunch

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

DAS Board of Directors Election



DAS By-Laws call for Board of Directors election at the annual meeting each year. This year's annual meeting will occur on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at our normal meeting location American Polish Cultural Center (APCC) located on 15 Mile Road at Dequindre.

Any dues paying member or officer can place a nomination. A nomination should be submitted at least 20 days (November 25) before the election. It should be in writing and signed. If you wish to become involved in the operation of the DAS you are welcome to run for election to the Board of Directors (BOD). New people bring new ideas, different perspective, and enthusiasm. Your club needs you. Please consider placing yourself in nomination for a club BOD position.

To submit a name for this year's ballot:

Mail it - email it - or write it up and give it to me at any membership meeting. Include the person's name and contact information. Have the nominated person sign it so we all know he/she is willing to serve if elected.

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The officers of the club consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These four officer positions are selected from among the at-large members during the first board meeting each year. At large board members are elected for a three year term and are assigned or volunteer to serve on one of the ten "standing committees":

- Fund Raising
- Publicity
- Speakers and Education
- Membership
- Newsletter
- Boat Tournaments
- River Tournaments
- Shows
- Political Action (Coalition)
- Special Events

The board meets at 7:00 pm at the APCC two Tuesday's prior to the general membership meeting each Month. Food and beverages are provided. The board does not meet in August so there are 11 board meetings each year.

Nomination for the 2016 Detroit Steelheaders Board of Directors

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Upcoming 2015 - 2016 DAS Key Dates

Sat., Dec. 12, 2015	Lake Trout River Outing Caseville
Tues., Dec. 15, 2015 7:30pm	Membership Meeting/Xmas Party American Polish Cultural Center
Tues., Jan. 12, 2016 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Tues., Jan. 26, 2016 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., Jan. 30, 2016	Perch Ice Fishing Outing Mitchell Bay

2015 November Membership Meeting Facts

<u>Attendance:</u>	40
<u>Featured Speaker:</u>	Jim Baker, MI DNR Unit Supervisor Saginaw Bay "Walleye & Perch Populations"
<u>50/50 Raffle Winner:</u>	\$85 - John Gesing
<u>Every Member Draw:</u>	Dave Mayfield (Not Present)

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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Published by the Great Lakes Sportfishing Council

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.

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MEETING NOTICE—PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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