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February Meeting



When:
Tuesday, February 25, 2014
7:30pm

Where:
American Polish Cultural Center
North West corner
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre

Featured Speaker:
Chip Cartwright from Wolverine Tackle
'Walleye fishing on Lake Erie'
'New Spoon Colors for Lakes Huron & Michigan'
'His View of the Status of Lake Michigan Fishery'

Other Happenings:
Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle, Every member drawing

Up-To-Date Information on the DAS website at:
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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Chip Cartwright Featured Speaker for February Meeting



One of the most experienced anglers on the water, Chip Cartwright was born to be a great fisherman. His family owns Wolverine Tackle, maker of the world famous Silver Streak spoons. Wolverine Tackle is located in Orchard Lake, Michigan. Chip, took over the company for his late father, Chuck. Chuck was an avid boat troller and member of the Detroit Area Chapter of the Michigan Steelheaders, which is what the DAS used to be called. Both father and son had track records as tournament-winning charter boat Captains, and Chuck was an expert lure designer by trade.

Chip Cartwright honed his skills over countless hours on the water perfecting the design and use of fishing tackle and special techniques for maximizing the productivity of lures. His presentation of Lake Erie Walleyes Start to Finish is a must see for anyone who fishes for walleyes. Chip is also an accomplished Great Lakes troller and routinely produces limit catches of salmon and trout.

At the February meeting, we will be hearing a condensed version of his walleye presentation. Chip also will be talking about the new spoons Wolverine has developed specifically for Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. He will also conclude the evening's talk with his take on the Status of the lake Michigan fishery.

We hope to see all DAS members for this meeting, because this is a presentation you won't want to miss!

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There's only 79 more days to the first DAS Boat Trolling Tournament of the season, but who's counting?

2014 Wild Game Dinner Right Around the Corner

The Annual Wild Game Dinner is almost here and it is coming together very well. This dinner means just about everything to the health of our club. Without this fundraiser, our club would not exist. It gives us the funds to donate to all the great charities and organizations to help protect and promote the Great Lakes Sport Fishery and to help pass it on for future generations. It also funds all the member benefits we receive each month (meeting place, newsletter, pizza nights) just to name a few. If any member would like to lend a hand to help us set up the hall, you can get a hold of me at 586-615-7459 for more information.



We could also use a few more prizes for the table raffles if anyone would like to donate some or finds a good deal, please let me know. I feel like we will have a great event; tickets are almost sold out and people should be itching for a night out after the winter we have been having. Keep those fingers crossed that Mother Nature gives us a break for the evening.

Carl Ventimiglia

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Memberships *WELCOME!*

NELSON CALDWELL	CHRISTOPHER A. TURAK	PETER WASZKIEWICZ
TOM GODEK	CHRISTOPHER TURAK	TRAVIS WHITE

Re-Newed Memberships

JIM FITCH	DAVID HOPCROFT	WILLIAM PEARCH	BRUCE TURNAGE
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Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired

ROBERT BUTKIEWICZ	MARK GAZDA	ANTHONY LEWIS
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HERMANN CHRISTOPH	CAPT. STEVE JONES	TOM OSENTOSKI
ANTONIO COSBEY	MIKE LEHTO	CARL VENTIMIGLIA SR.

Next DAS Ice Fishing Outing

The DAS will have our 2nd outing on the Canadian side of Lake St. Clair on Feb. 15, 2014. We will be fishing out of St. Lukes (Tomø Duck Club) at the end of Rivard Rd.

Buying a Canadian license is quite expensive but can be used year round in different locations such as Eriean, the Canadian side of the Detroit River, etc. We will have a big fish prize for \$5.00. Fishing will most likely end at 3pm with the weigh in to follow.

This type of fishing requires some type of transportation (ATV, snowmobile, or car) to get to the fishing

grounds usually 1 to 7 miles out. Make sure your auger is sharp because the ice can be pretty thick by this time.

The fishing here can be fantastic with jumbo perch the norm. The trick is to be mobile; keep an eye on where the people are moving to stay on top of the fish. Everything works here; jigging spoons seem to catch the big ones. Silver, brass, copper, with colored beads, Kenø Hook Slab Grabbers or Gusters can do the trick. Bait stores can be found at: Lighthouse Cove, Duckyoø at Stoney Point, Mitchellø Bay and Bass Haven.

Contact Bob Paradise with any questions at 586-457-4073, or Blaise Pewinski at 248-890-4517

Bob Paradise

February 2014 DAS Field Test Item

This month we have the 7 inch bubba blade filet knife just in time for cleaning all those perch you take home from our ice outings. See you at the meeting!!



Bubba Blade

- 7" Blade with 6" handle for a total length of 13"
- Full tang construction from a single piece of steel provides strength and stability and balances the knife
- Coated with a non stick surface that is bonded with Titanium that will help prevent rusting & pitting and let the meat slide off the blade effortlessly
- Trigger grip lets you put some heat on the knife when needed
- Thumb & finger pads ensure total control
- Safety guards for protection from the blade & spines of fish
- High carbon stainless steel
- Large patented textured no slip grip handle made from thermoplastic polymer then wrapped with a special synthetic rubber that stays sticky when wet for total grip security
- Factory sharpened by hand to razor sharpness
- Rockwell hardness rating 56-58
- Custom black synthetic sheath with Velcro straps

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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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2014 River, Surf & Pier Spring Schedule

Save these dates!

Date	Location/Event
March 15	Manistee Fish Off with Metro West
March 22	Clinton River Fun Fishing
April 5	Island Lake Trout Outing
April 12	Manistee II
April 26	St. Clair River Walleye Outing

To RSVP or for more info, call Bob Paradise at 586-457-4073 or Anthony Lewis at 517-449-3036 or ajlewis6@gmail.com

Manistee River, Surf, Pier:

For more information, contact Bob Paradise at 586-457-4073 or Anthony Lewis at 517-449-3036 or ajlewis6@gmail.com

Date/Time/RSVP:

-Saturday, March 15, however early you prefer.....
 -RSVP to Anthony Lewis at 517-449-3036

Where to Fish:

-The Manistee river watershed, from the pier to the dam

Weigh in:

-5:30pm dinner with Metro West at the Cabin
 - The Farm
 10490 Yates Road
 Copemish, Mi. 49625
 -If you get lost, call the landline at 231-362-3646

Directions to Manistee:

-Take I 75 North to
 - M-10 East to
 - M-155 West
 - M-55 West to town

Where to fish:

-The pier
 -The upper river by the dam

Where to stay:

Days Inn Manistee
 1462 Manistee St, Manistee, MI
 (231) 723-8385 () · daysinn.com

Super 8 Manistee
 220 Arthur St, Manistee, MI
 (231) 398-8888 () · super8.com

Microtel Manistee
 226 East Parkdale Avenue, Manistee, MI
 (231) 398-0008 () · microtelinn.com

The Ramsdell Inn
 399 River St, Manistee, MI
 (231) 398-7901 () · ramsdellinn.net

Manistee Inn & Marina
 378 River Street, Manistee, MI
 (231) 723-4000 () · manisteeinn.com

Lake Shore Motel
 101 Lakeshore Dr S, Manistee, MI
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Little River Casino Resort
 2700 Orchard Hwy, Manistee, MI
 (231) 723-1535 () · lrcr.com

Manistee National Golf & Resort
 4797 Grant Highway, Manistee, MI
 (231) 398-0123 () · manisteenational.com

River Side Motel & Marina
 520 Water Street, Manistee, MI
 (231) 723-3554 ()

Clinton River Outing:

For questions, concerns, or more information, or to RSVP: contact Anthony Lewis at 517-449-3036 or ajlewis6@gmail.com

Date:

-Saturday, March 22

Starting Time:

-Meet at 6:30am at Yates Cider Mill Parking lot.
 -If you arrive after 7am, the city will charge you \$5 to park.

Directions:

-Take M-59 to the Dequindre Rd Exit
 -Take Dequindre North
 -The park is on your left, just before 23 mile rd.
 -I 990 East Avon Road, Rochester, MI

Where to fish:

-See attached map:
 -The best sections are from the bridge to the dam.
 -If it is too crowded there, try walking south on the nature path.
 The park extends over a mile downstream.

Hints:

-Try pink spawn.
 -The Clinton is pretty shallow. Consider using less weight than you normally use.

Weigh in:

-I am at the picnic tables in front parking lot.

Lunch:

-Provided graciously by Don Mikros! Please RSVP

2014 Boat Trolling Tournaments

Date	Port	Port Captain
May 3 (6:30am - 1:30pm)	St. Joseph <i>plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club</i>	Blaise Pewinski
May 17 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Grand Haven	Dan Chisholm
May 18 (6:00am - 11:00am)		
June 21 (6:00am - 2:00pm)	Olcott, NY	Jim Zanke
July 12 (7:00am - 2:00pm)	Erieau, ONT	Carl Ventimiglia
July 19 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Port Austin	Bob Ksionzek
August 2 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Ludington <i>Ladies Day</i>	Bob Feisel
August 9 (6:00am - 2:00pm)	Ludington II	Joe Von Grabe
August 23 (6:00am - 2:00pm)	Manistee	Bob Paradise

Great Lakes Ice Cover Spreading Rapidly

By [Mark Torregrossa](#) | For [MLive.com](#) on February 06, 2014 at 4:21 PM, updated February 07, 2014 at 7:08 PM (Reprinted from [MLive.com](#))



Ice continued to build this past week on the Great Lakes due to the cold air and a temperature staying below freezing and Lake Superior's new record shows it.

The lake is 92 percent frozen, topping a 20-year-old record of 91 percent set on Feb. 5, 1994. That statistic helped total Great Lakes ice cover soar, and we can expect to see more form in coming days.

The air temperatures this past week averaged around five degrees below normal for the Great Lakes area. This amount of deviation from normal means it was a fairly cold week.

As of February 5, 2014, the entire Great Lakes system is now reportedly covered 77 percent with ice, according to the [Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory](#). Last week at this time the ice cover was 66 percent. The 77 percent ice cover now still lags behind 1994, when the entire Great Lakes system had an average ice cover of 84 percent on February 5. This data is according to Jia Wang, physical oceanographer at the Great Lakes Environmental Research Center in Ann Arbor, MI.

Let's look at each individual lake.

Lake Superior

Lake Superior is almost frozen over as of yesterday February 5, 2014. Lake Superior is 92 percent covered with ice now. The ice has increased rapidly in the past week, from 76 percent ice cover on January 30, 2014. The high resolution satellite picture from February 3, 2014 shows all of the ice cover on Lake Superior. The current ice cover on Lake Superior is the highest amount ever for February 5. In 1994, Lake Superior was reportedly 91 percent covered in ice.

Lake Michigan

Lake Michigan is now 51 percent covered with ice, as opposed to 42 percent at this time last week. Coyotes were seen walking on the ice just offshore of Chicago this week. This makes us wonder if the lakes freeze over totally, will animals from Canada be able to cross over Lake Huron or Lake Superior, and enter Michigan. It is thought that this is how the last wolverine spotted in Michigan made it into Michigan. Lake Michigan has

been covered with more ice on this date in the past. In 1977 and 1996, Lake Michigan was up to 74 percent ice covered.

Lake Huron

Ice cover on Lake Huron rocketed up an additional 14 percent this week, climbing to a total ice cover of 86 percent. If the ice continues to build at that rate in this next week, Lake Huron could be almost frozen over, or frozen over by the end of next week. People ice fishing are reporting 24 inches of ice on Saginaw Bay near Bay City. Lake Huron has been as much as 95 percent covered in ice on this date back in 1981 and 1994.

Lake Erie

Lake Erie is the shallowest of the Great Lakes, with an average depth of 62 feet and a maximum depth of 210 feet. It also has the least volume of any Great Lake, with 116 cubic miles of water. So it should come as no surprise that Lake Erie currently has the highest percentage of ice cover. Lake Erie is 96 percent covered with ice. Last week at this time Lake Erie had 94 percent ice cover. Erie was entirely ice covered on February 5, 1996.

Lake Ontario

Lake Ontario is an interesting lake. It is the smallest Great Lake when it comes to surface area, but actually holds more than three times the amount of water when compared to Lake Erie. The average depth of Lake Ontario is 283 feet, making it the second deepest Great Lake behind Lake Superior. The deepest spot in Lake Ontario is 802 feet. The ice cover on Lake Ontario is the lowest of any of the Great Lakes, with only 32 percent covered in ice. Last week at this time, Lake Ontario had 27 percent ice cover. Lake Ontario has been covered with as much as 79 percent ice up to this point in the winter in 1994.

Will ice continue to grow?

The ice cover should continue to grow at a rapid rate based on temperatures expected in the next few weeks. You may not want to hear this, but I don't see several days in a row cracking the freezing mark until at least February 21. There could be a few hours above freezing late next week, but that won't slow the ice growth. Also, the weather pattern is going to be fairly quiet in the next two weeks. This means lower wind speeds around the Great Lakes, which should help accelerate ice cover growth.

It is going to be close, but we may be living in a historic winter with regards to amount of Great Lakes ice.

We will see some fascinating ice sculptures if we get a big wind that breaks the ice, and piles it up.

We will also be fascinated when the ice has melted, and we see

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Membership Is The Key to This Great Organization

2014 Membership Drive from now thru April 29, 2014

Current Annual members sponsoring a new member get their next annual membership free
Lifetime Members sponsoring a new member will receive a Tackle pack worth \$35

As an incentive for new members, the Board of Directors has begun a new membership drive for 2014. From now through April 29, 2014 (the April membership meeting date), any current annual member who sponsors a new member will receive his next annual membership for free. Likewise, any Lifetime member who sponsors a new member will receive a tackle pack worth \$35.

So, members, please do your part to keep the DAS a thriving, growing club to protect and promote the Great Lakes fishery that we all have enjoyed for over 35 years!

Lake Huron Atlantic Salmon Program Grows

(Reprinted from The 2014 Northern Lake Huron Management Unit (NLHMU) newsletter)

Most anglers know that Lake Huron is changing right before our eyes, and we have made some changes to fish stocking at our Huron side ports. Atlantic salmon have been stocked in the St. Marys River for decades by LSSU, and now that program is getting a boost. Fisheries Division has increased our capacity for Atlantic salmon rearing, and we have focused additional experimental stocking not only in the St. Marys River, but also at our Alpena and Oscoda ports. Our unit worked with the public to identify the best possible stocking locations with these additional, but limited, yearling fish. Atlantic salmon have a much different feeding strategy than Chinook salmon, and it is believed that they will thrive in the different forage base that exists today in Lake Huron. After an initial stocking in 2013, look for returns of these fish as soon as 2014!

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Feb. 7, 2014

Contact: Steve Scott; 906-293-5131, extension 4070 or [Ed Golder](mailto:Ed.Golder@dnr.state.mi.us), 517-284-5815

DNR releases information on actively managing cormorants

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced figures from its efforts with federal partners to actively manage cormorants in several parts of Michigan.



For years anglers have observed cormorants feeding in their favorite fishing spots, with substantial increases in bird numbers over the past few decades. These observations have concerned anglers about the potential effects cormorants may be having on the fish they are

targeting. In response to these growing concerns, the federal government enacted a depredation order in 2003 that authorized states, tribes and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to conduct cormorant management, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service overseeing the process. Under this authority, the DNR developed management goals at several cormorant breeding colonies across the state to determine what, if any, impacts cormorants were having on the state's fishery resources. On-the-ground work to meet these goals is conducted by USDA's Wildlife Services, which began oiling eggs and culling cormorants in the Les Cheneaux Islands in 2004.

Since that time, Wildlife Services has expanded its operations to include efforts at Thunder Bay (Alpena), Beaver Island, Ludington and Bays de Noc (EsCANABA), with the culling of up to 10,000 birds per year for the past several years. Subsequently, cormorant nesting populations have been reduced anywhere from 54 percent to 94 percent at peak nesting counts at these locations. In colonies where management efforts have been conducted, the estimated cormorant nest count in Michigan waters has gone from more than 23,000 in 2007 to less than 10,000 in 2013.

In addition to these efforts, Wildlife Services has directed volunteer groups in harassment programs at many inland lakes and Great Lakes bays during spring migration periods. Volunteer groups also assisted in cormorant harassment programs during stocking events at many Great Lakes ports. Each year, management locations are mutually agreed-upon by a coordination committee composed of representatives of several federal, state and tribal agencies.

It's difficult to evaluate the effects of cormorant management and its relationship to sport-fish populations due to constantly changing food-web dynamics, including the establishment of invasive species throughout the Great Lakes, said Steve Scott, Michigan DNR fisheries biologist. Fisheries surveys have shown an increase in sport-fish populations during the same period cormorant populations were declining in areas where activities have been conducted. We are seeing some very encouraging results in fisheries at several locations, and anglers are reporting improvements. We are very pleased with the progress we are making through our partnership with Wildlife Services."

Visit the USDA's website for more information on cormorants: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/aquaculture/aquaculture_cormorant.shtml.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders
Present The 15th Annual 2014

Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner

Saturday March 8, 2014 - Troy, MI



American Polish Cultural Center
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Fundraiser Dinner to support
the protection and promotion
of fisheries in the
Great Lakes Region.



AGENDA

Reception, Doors Open 5:00 PM
Dinner Begins Promptly 6:00 PM
Sportsmen's Raffle Program follows

MENU

Last year's highly praised caterer
returns with at least five hot, wild
game entrees such as pheasant,
caribou, emu, elk, venison, etc.

Impressive Display of Taxidermy includes Deer, Caribou,
Bobcat, Waterfowl, and MUCH MORE!

Table Raffles, 50/50 Raffles,
Gun Draws, Premium Meat Draws.
Prizes include: Guns, Great Lakes Fishing Tackle, Tools,
(4) 1080p HDTVs - 32", 42", 42" & 50", Framed Prints,
Outdoor Items, Sporting Tickets, and much more.

Tickets are \$50 per person for dinner including pop and
beer.
A cash bar will be provided for other cocktails.

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2014 DAS Sportsmen's Dinner & Raffle Registration

For Tickets, Send this form with your
check by Feb. 27, 2014 to:
Detroit Area Steelheaders
c/o Bob Jones
315 Eagle Way
South Lyon, MI 48178

Name: _____
Address _____
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Number of Tickets _____ X \$50 = \$ _____ Total Paid

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Upcoming 2014 DAS Key Dates

Sat. Feb. 15, 2014 8:00am - 3:00pm	Ice Fishing Outing St. Lukes (Tom & Duck Club) Lake St. Clair
Tues. Feb. 25, 2014 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Tues. Mar. 4, 2014 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Sat. Mar. 8, 2014 5:00pm - 10:00pm	DAS Wild Game Dinner American Polish Cultural Center
Sat. Mar. 15, 2014	Manistee Fish Off with Metro West Manistee Watershed

2014 January Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 50

Featured Speakers: Mark Williams on Cabin Fever+
Bob Paradise on Ice Fishing Tips

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$77 Doug Karakas

Every Member Drawing : Gil Piesczak
Not Present

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