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October Meeting
When:
 Tuesday, October 30, 2014 7:30pm
•Where:
 American Polish Cultural Center
 NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
•Featured Speaker:
 Brian Murphy from The Tackle Box in Frankfort on "Fall River Fishing"
•Other Happenings:
 River/Surf/Pier Tournament info., Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle,
•Every member drawing
•Up-To-Date Information on the DAS website at:
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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Featured Guest Speaker for October: Bob Mitchell

Lifetime DAS member Capt. Bob Mitchell will be our guest speaker at the October membership meeting. For those of you who don't know, and I'm sure that would only be new members, Bob is a former director, past President and Multi-winner of the DAS Skipper of the Year award.

Bob has been a member for over 30 years serving as a director from 1980 until he retired from the Board in 2010. He was Club President for 1985 and 1986. He is a very successful fisherman taking an unprecedented (7) Skipper of Year Awards in 1986, 1988 thru 1992 and again in 1995.

Bob has always been a very strong supporter of the DAS organization and with his background as

an ad executive for Campbell-Ewald, he was very instrumental in promoting the DAS while he was on the Board.

Several years ago, Bob teamed up with another well known and successful Detroit Steelheader Dave Even. They bought a Cherokee boat and formed El-Lin Charters and have been very successful running charters out of Ludington

Bob now resides in Ludington and will be presenting his take on the 2014 Salmon season in review at the October meeting. He is a very insightful fisherman and pays great attention to detail. His presentation is one that you will not want to miss.

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2014 Salmon Season in Review: The Point of View of a Charter Captain

Since Silver Addiction stopped fishing the DAS Tournament trail it has made its home in Ludington. We began fishing the last week in April for Brown Trout and this very well kept secret blessed us with full boxes of delicious Browns. This coupled with a fish of a lifetime, a 30.14 pound Brown, May 5th and our season looked very promising.

As the month of May marched on, the Brown fishery turned to the BEST SPRING KING fishing, that hasn't been seen for years in Ludington. In fact, after looking at our Catch Reports, we caught the biggest and most Kings from May 11th through the end of June. We actually averaged 18 fish a trip for this time frame. The odd thing was that they wanted MEAT and they wanted it down DEEP and fast. Fishing below 95 feet in temperatures of 36 degrees really had us scratching our heads, but it was working. This was hard to believe but the consistency of the bite made it seem like August.

Then, as what usually happens the Kings went away, and we had to venture off shore for Steel-

head and Lakers. The numbers stayed to the good, and the size of the Steelhead and Lakers was good as well. However, our Lake Trout were coming right along with our Steelhead, on 5 colors and up.

We caught an occasional King down deep, but they were few and far between. It was hard to believe that you could take a limit of Lakers and never set a line deeper than a five color!

Do you see a pattern here? The Lake was cold and seemed to be a month and a half behind in temperature. Go North or Go South? This decision ended up being the most important one of the day. If you chose wrong it meant 1 to 3 bites instead of 8 to 12. The sad part was that this occurred during the prime months of July and August. Temp Breaks on the surface were plentiful, but the thermal cline never set up. This meant that the bait fish never schooled up and the fish never set up. The Pier heads never set up with fish as well, and we only fished inside 50 foot of water on one trip all season.

As the season moved into **See REVIEW on Pg. 5**



The Fish of a Lifetime, a 30.14 pound Brown, caught May 5 aboard the Silver Addiction.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Re-Newed Memberships

LOU BACSIKIN	RODNEY ELNICK	JOEL GARINGER	JOHN MEADE	JIM ZANKE
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Memberships Expired

2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:	ED HOREN			
1 Mo. Ago First Reminder:	LYNN MARTIN			
This Month:	DAVID CHRISTENSON	BOB FEISEL	JASON GILLIAM	FRED HYNICK
	CARL VENTIMIGLIA	TY VOIGHT		

2014 DAS River, Surf & Pier Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event / Location</u>
Saturday, Oct. 25 Midnight - 4:00PM	Big Tom Memorial Tournament / Ludington
Saturday, Nov. 1	Metro-West vs DAS / Manistee Watershed
Saturday, Nov. 8 5:30AM - 4:00PM	Lakeshore Motel Tournament / Manistee Watershed

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Membership Application

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

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Press Release

The following is a joint news release issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oct. 7, 2014

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Silver Carp Environmental DNA Detected in Lake Michigan Tributary

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) are collaborating to assess a recent positive environmental DNA (eDNA) result for silver carp . a species of Asian carp -- within the lower Kalamazoo River, Allegan County, Michigan.

Two hundred water samples were taken in July 2014 along the Kalamazoo, from below the Caulkins Dam in Allegan County to the mouth of the river. Laboratory results, which take several months to process, were reviewed by the DNR Oct. 2. One of the of 200 samples tested positive for silver carp eDNA. The positive sample was taken from just below the Caulkins Dam.

An additional 200 eDNA samples were collected in the same vicinity in June and resulted in no positive results. The July sample represents the first time that Michigan has experienced a positive result for silver carp eDNA in Michigan's Great Lakes waters outside of Maumee Bay.

The findings indicate the presence of genetic material of silver carp, such as scales, excrement or mucous. However, there is no evidence that a population of silver carp is established in the Kalamazoo River. In addition to live fish, genetic material can enter water bodies via boats, fishing gear and the droppings of fish-eating birds. The lower Kalamazoo River is popular for recreational activities including fishing and boating. Activities such as these may increase the possibility of eDNA entering the river without the presence of a live silver carp.

Although not conclusive, this finding heightens our vigilance and sets into motion a specific response, said MDNR Director Keith Creagh. We will work with our partner organizations and anglers on next steps to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries against this significant threat.

In response to the finding, the MDNR:

- Requested last Friday additional assistance from the USFWS to implement a third eDNA surveillance effort on the lower Kalamazoo River. The collection of an additional 200 samples begins today. Analysis of the samples will be expedited and results should be available within a month.
- Will increase the presence of MDNR staff along the Kalamazoo River to enlist anglers to report any Asian carp sightings.
- Will place information in local bait shops to broaden public awareness.

"At the state's request, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is providing all the resources and technical expertise we have available," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Deputy Regional Director Charlie Wooley. "The Service is committed to working in a coordinated, landscape-level, approach to prevent the establishment of self-sustaining populations of Asian carp in the Great Lakes."

The results from this third round of sampling will inform and guide any future assessment and response

actions for silver carp in the Kalamazoo River. We appreciate the assistance and technical expertise that the USFWS brings to the table in the development and implementation of a comprehensive eDNA surveillance plan to further evaluate the Kalamazoo River, said Creagh. We have well-established and practiced protocols for addressing eDNA results. Our coordinated efforts represent an important and prudent response to this detection.

MDNR has put significant effort toward assessing the fish populations of the Kalamazoo River with specialized gear that is capable of capturing carp. The MDNR has received no reports from anglers in this area that indicate the presence of live Asian carp.

In preparation for response to findings of bighead, silver or black carp in Michigan's waters of the Great Lakes and tributaries, MDNR has conducted field and tabletop response exercises to prepare for a possible invasion of Asian carp species such as silver carp. Field exercises, funded through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, were conducted in the St. Joseph River in 2013 and the Western Basin of Lake Erie in September 2014. In addition to these exercises, nearly 1,800 eDNA water samples have been collected this year from Great Lakes tributaries in southwest and southeast Michigan.

With implementation of the recently signed Council of Great Lakes Governors' Aquatic Invasive Species Mutual Aid Agreement, the response exercises brought together staff from other Great Lakes state and federal agencies, including Canada and Ontario, to test response scenarios and various equipment and gear used to capture Asian carp species. Michigan has a comprehensive Asian Carps Management Plan to guide prevention, early detection and management responses. In addition, the state has recently launched a comprehensive invasive species effort to address threats to Michigan's waters and land.

Asian carp, including bighead and silver carp, pose a significant threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem, the \$7 billion fishery, and other economic interests dependent on the Great Lakes and its tributaries. Silver and bighead carp are likely to compete with native and recreational fish species and are known to quickly reproduce.

The Kalamazoo River results further point to the urgency of the Great Lakes states to be vigilant in seeking all solutions to keep Asian carp and other invasive species out of the Great Lakes basin, said Creagh. Michigan continues to advocate for hydrological separation between the Mississippi River basin and the Great Lakes basin as the best long-term solution to the threat of Asian carp. By working together as a united front, we can address the imminent threat invasive species pose to our quality of life.

Anglers and boaters are vital stewards to prevent movement of Asian carp and other invasive species that threaten Michigan's waters. Anglers are urged to become familiar with the identification of Asian carp, including both adults and juveniles, as the spread of juvenile Asian carp through the use of live bait buckets has been identified as a potential point of entry into Great Lakes waters. Anglers and boaters are strongly encouraged to drain all water from their boats and to clean boats and gear. Invasive species and eDNA are known to hitchhike within live-wells and attach to boat trailers, anchors and fishing gear.

A video demonstrating how to identify bighead and silver carp can be viewed on the USFWS YouTube channel at <http://youtu.be/B490WrCRs38?source=govdelivery>. A video focused on identification of juvenile Asian carp species can be viewed at <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153--317128--s,00.html>. Identification guides, frequently asked questions, management plans and an online reporting form for Asian carp sightings are available online at michigan.gov/asiancarp.

More information on eDNA is available here: <http://www.asiancarp.us/edna.htm>. Results of eDNA monitoring from the Midwest region are posted here: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/fisheries/eDNA.html>.

The mission of the USFWS is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

REVIEW Cont'd from Pg. 1 August, there is usually a push of fish into PM Lake, aka the Pond. This is usually a fall back ðAce in the Holeö for Silver Addiction as Captain Craig Coleman is one of the best at making the fish bite in the Pond. This did prove to be the same for this year, but the fish were not as plentiful and did not stay long. The bad thing was that they were pretty much gone by the third week in August, and the river fishermen supported this fact.

This pattern of the Lake not setting up caused the Ludington Charter Fleet to have the most GOOSE EGG trips they had ever seen. Fortunately for Silver addiction, we avoided the dreaded Skunk, although we did have a trip where a 3 pound steelhead was cheered with great energy as it was brought aboard.

The good news for next year is that the 2 and 3 year old Kings showed up in Mid and Late September, and the Steelhead are big and healthy. Coho were caught as well as the catch rate on Silver Addiction returned to the 12 to 15 fish per trip. We had the pleasure of taking MSU Sea Grant Biologist Dan O'Keefe out on a trip and caught 10 healthy Kings in the 8 to 10 pound class in three hours. Dan was pleased to see this, although he thinks, as do we that we will be in for a roller coaster ride regarding catching for the next few years. Lake Michigan will offer a great multi species fishery that will require attention to detail and the ability to adapt to the changing conditions more than ever.

So what does this mean for our club fishermen? I think it means that the club and the club resources are more important than ever. The network that is DAS will be a valuable tool in helping to eliminate dead water. The contacts that we have at each Port should be utilized to the max, and above all else DAS needs to communicate and share information, both, before, during and after a tournament or outing. Most of us joined DAS to help us catch fish and learn the most current techniques. This should be the strength now and going forward to next year for all members of DAS.

**Captain Mark Williams,
Silver Addiction Charters and DAS Member**

Yeah, Summer's Over But Let's Not Forget



Bob Paradise and John Meade getting set to weigh a fish at the St Joe Tournament on May 3 this spring. Charlie Denning and Paul Gjeldum look on.

Editor's Note:
Steve Hamilton had gotten this to me much earlier in the year but I had overlooked including it in an earlier issue of Fishin' Tales. I apologize for the oversight. However, I guess better late than never.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2013

REVENUE

GAME DINNER	\$71,100
RAFFLES	2,193
DUES	1,683
TOURNAMENTS	1,620
MERCHANDISE	
SALES	1,687
MISC	303

	\$78,586

EXPENSE

GAME DINNER	\$56,991
DONATIONS & SPEC PEOPLE	3,651
MEMBERSHIP	5,303
NEWSLETTER	6,669
TOURN/ TROPHIES	2,770
RAFFLES	1,468
DIRECTOR MTGS	1,511
MISC	634
MERCHANDISE	1,685
INSURANCE	524
COALI- TION:GLSFC, MUCC	175

	\$81,381

CASH FLOW FOR YEAR WAS (\$2,795)

Note the game dinner funds most of our activities. If we did not have it and made no donations we would have lost \$13,253 and probably have to close the club.

I am available at all meetings to answer any questions regarding our finances.

Steve Hamilton, Treasurer



Upcoming 2014 DAS Key Dates

Sat., Oct. 25, 2014	River, Surf & Pier Tournament Ludington
Tue., Oct. 28, 2014 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., Nov. 1, 2014	River, Surf & Pier vs Metro-West Manistee Watershed
Sat., Nov. 8, 2014	Lakeshore Motel Tournament Manistee Watershed
Tue., Nov. 11, 2014 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Tue., Nov. 25, 2014 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

2014 September Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 49

Featured Speakers: Brian Murphy
From Tackle Box in Frankfort
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50/50 Raffle Winner: \$110 Tom Theida

Every Member Drawing: Mike Lolli
Not Present

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