



## January Meeting

- When:**  
Tuesday, January 31, 2012  
7:30pm
- Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
NorthWest corner  
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured :**  
Dan O'Keefe from Michigan Sea Grant
- Other Happenings:**  
Ice fishing seminar, Boat trolling schedule, WGD News, Tackle Raffles, 75-25 and Every Member drawings.
- Up-To-Date Information on the DAS website at:**  
[www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com)

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# Fishin' Tales

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## 2012 DAS Ice Outing (Ice Pending?)

Lake St. Clair should be froze over by February 11 with a little help of Mother Nature by then and once again the Detroit Steelheaders winter NOMADS will be out in the Mitchells Bay.

Last year we had a blast when 28 club members ventured out in blizzard like conditions in search of Jumbo Perch. It was a site to see, cutting across the lake with 23 ATVS following behind searching for the Striped Bandits of winter. As the day progressed all the Nomads scored on a nice meal or 2 of tasty perch, caught on a couple tried and true methods proven by the Ice Masters of Bob Paradise and myself.

This year the Ice Masters will make this event a hands on event with a couple of the best DAS

Gaspere Aragona seen at last year's Ice Outing with his JUMBO Perch



ice fisherman going to any and all members with a little instruction on different techniques used to ice some real Jumbo's. Bob is one of the best spoon fisherman I have ever got the

pleasure to chase perch with, I'm sure Gasper will chime in with his ability to always catch some of the biggest slabs in the lake. I will be on hand to show the minnow fisherman a few tricks that I have learned over the years with my TIP DOWNS a different style of tip up used a lot on the Canadian side of the lake, a few DAS members really caught some big catches on these last year!

See Ice Outing on Pg. 10



## Did You Miss the December Meeting?

### Tuesday December 20, 2011

With about 90 in attendance, President Bob Jones opened the meeting at 7:40pm. The meeting hall was a buzz as all the children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc. were eagerly awaiting the arrival of "Salmon Claus" and as if he knew, right on cue, the Jolly man in the Red suit entered the hall.

"Salmon", as his fishing buddies call him, immediately sat down and began handing out presents from his sack to all the good boys and girls. Each child received a gift from Mr. Claus and after all the excitement and picture taking, he wished all a Merry Christmas and disappeared into the night.

As we awaited Paul Gjeldum, who had all the awards and plaques and was attending his daughter's Christmas concert, the Prez talked about the BOD Elections, the Wild Game dinner and took fishing reports from the floor.

With the arrival of Mr. Gjeldum and after a very short break, Bob turned the floor over to Bob Ksionzek, Co-Tournament director for the presentation of the 'Skipper of the Year' awards as well as Big Fish of each species plaques. (See table on Pg. 8) As there was no official 'Joe Bizotski' award presentation, there was some humorous discussions of possible 'Honorable Mentions' for the highly coveted award.

See Meeting on Pg. 2

**Membership News**Renewed Memberships**MARK & COLLEEN BEVANS BILL STANLEY**Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired**ROBERT BUTKIEWICZ****BRUCE HAYWOOD****SCOTT OBARZANEK****KEN CIONE****ED HILL****TOM OSENTOSKI****ANTONIO COSBEY****LES JUMP****CARL VENTIMIGLIA****MARK GAZDA****TED LEWICKI****CARL VENTIMIGLIA****STEPHEN GENOFF****DON MIKROS****DWAYNE WELDER**Meeting Cont'd from Pg. 1

Mr. Jones then did his presentations for 'Director of the Year' and 'Member of the Year' awards. Though Bob admitted the decision was very difficult, the much-deserved 'Director of the Year' Award went to Mark Williams. Mark coordinated the 'Salmon in the Classroom' project with the Michigan DNR and the Armada Middle School. As Director of Speakers and Education, he is also responsible for the great speakers and guests we have at each Membership meeting. Congratulations to Mark!

The 'Member of the Year' honor went to none other than Paul Gjeldum. As a former Director, Paul is responsible for all the tournament plaques and awards as well as the above mentioned awards. He also coordinates our attendance at all the fishing shows along with Director Ed Horen. Paul is always available when something needs to get done for the club. A well-deserved Congratulations to Paul!

Then followed the evening's raffles and as always the Christmas meeting raffles were a little special. Besides the better than usual tackle raffles, every

adult attending received one door prize ticket and there were plenty of great door prizes. Five holiday turkeys and five smoked hams from Country Smokehouse in Almont, 20 bottles of premium liquors as well as numerous Ladies Day and Annual Tournament T-shirts. Just above all adults in attendance won something as I believe there were only 3 tickets were left in the raffle jar. As luck would have it, this writer's was one of them.

In the 75/25 drawings, Director Jason Adam took home the \$130 1st prize and long time member Bruce Turnage claimed the \$70 2nd place prize.

Our president, Bob Jones decided, as opposed to just drawing one name as is customary in the Every Member drawing, in honor of the holiday season, he would draw until a \$100 winner was found. First name out of the jar was Vladimir Pohorily, a Lifetime member who was not in attendance. The second name and winner was Co-Tournament Director Bob Feisel. Congrats to all the winners!

It was a very festive evening and a great way to end the 2011 calendar year!

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## Save the Date Notice!



Detroit Area Steelheaders Special People Outing is back in 2012.

What: Special People Outing  
When: Saturday June 9, 2012  
Where: Toledo Beach Marina

Boat solicitations will begin in March.

Captains who donate their time and boat on June 9 receive:

Free launch

Free dockage for the weekend

## 11 REASONS TO JOIN DAS INCLUDING NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2012

The Detroit Area Steelheaders has announced a new membership drive starting in January, with an incentive for any new member to sign up. If your membership has expired in 2011, or you are a brand new member signing up for the first time, **you will receive a package, FREE, valued at approximately \$30.00. This package will include; Assorted Steelhead and Salmon Fishing Tackle, including Divers, Dodgers or Silver Streak Spoons, two DAS decals for your boat or truck, a DAS patch for your jacket or vest, and Michigan maps and brochures.** This is with a paid \$25.00 one year membership, or a \$150.00 lifetime membership, paid by the April meeting. Not only is this incentive a great reason to join, but here are some of the other reasons why fishermen all over the state, and beyond are joining the DAS.

\*The Detroit Area Steelheaders Inc. provides you with a means of being heard on issues affecting our fisheries.

\*You receive 12 monthly issues of "FISHIN' TALES" newsletter, as well as access to the DAS website. Both have been praised for the information they contain.

\*Organized events all year long, including boat trolling, river fishing, pier/surf fishing, and ice fishing tournaments, and seminars, held all over the state.

\*Social events such as the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Sportsman Dinner and a special Christmas meeting with Salmon Claus for the kids.

\*Participation in public service events such as the Special People Walleye outing.

\*The DAS annual scholarship to help fund college students that are majoring in conservation, wildlife, fisheries or some other related field of study.

\*Donations to M.S.U. research on fisheries, and donations to various Sport Fishing Organizations to support hatcheries or net pens, as well as lawyer fees to help protect our fishing rights all over the state. In all more than \$50,000 has been donated since we came into existence as a sport fishing club.

\*This is our 36<sup>th</sup> year in existence as a sport fishing club, and we have great guest speakers lined up for upcoming meetings. Some would include, representatives of the Michigan DNR, state fisheries biologist, and charter captains, who would all give us timely information, and share their passions, as well as their special areas of expertise. Also, question and answer sessions are held at most of our monthly meetings, with the top skippers of our fishing tournaments.

\*Camaraderie with your fellow members at our monthly meetings. They are held at the Polish American Hall at 15 Mile and Dequindre in Sterling Hts. The meetings will still be on the last Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 in the evening.

\*DAS Membership also includes discounts at retailers like Dunhams, Boat US/West Marine and Sherwin Williams Paints.

\*You can fill out the application for membership that is at the bottom of the page, and drop it in the mail, to our PO Box, or better yet bring it to one of our monthly meetings, and join in on the fun of great fishing ahead. We will also have a booth at the major fishing shows. Look forward to meeting you at one of the shows, or better yet at one of our monthly meetings. The members of our club are what make us successful, and without YOU, it will be hard to reach our goals.

See you at the next meeting,  
**Tom Moores**  
**Membership Director**

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#### Membership Application

☐ New Member - \$25 Yearly

☐ Renewal - \$25 Yearly

☐ Lifetime - \$150

☐ Senior (65 & over)- \$10 Yearly

☐ Address Change only

Amt. paid \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Fishing for a living in Detroit (Part 1 of 2)

In the 19th century, fish were abundant in the Great Lakes and fisheries thrived - until they killed their own livelihood

By Bill Loomis (Reprinted from the Detroit News, November 6, 2011)

People still cast a rod into the Detroit River today and might pull out a walleye, muskie or bass. But the fish population is a small fraction of what it was in the 19th century, when fisheries flourished all along the river and were considered among the most lucrative in the Great Lakes.

Perch, pike, pickerel, sturgeon, whitefish, lake herring, muskie, walleye, trout — all were at one time abundant in the Detroit River and Detroiters went to great lengths to bring them in.

In 1687 French explorer Lom d'Arce, Baron de La Hontan, wrote that he encountered trout "as big as my thigh" in the Great Lakes. The vast quantities of fish were noticed early in Detroit's history during the British control of the city. The newspaper the Commercial Advertiser reported on December 10, 1824:

*White-fish, as we have been told by an old inhabitant, were first taken with nets in the Detroit River about fifty years ago. It is said that a British lieutenant, who was stationed at that time at this post, first discovered the movements of the white-fish, and suggested the idea of taking them with nets. ... he had heard at times a rushing noise in the water. The lieutenant waited a few minutes, and had the pleasure of hearing the rushing, which, as he was somewhat acquainted with fishing, he knew to be caused by an immense number of fish rising to the surface of the water. A small net was immediately got in readiness, and such was the number caught, that, from four dollars, the price soon fell to four shillings a hundred.*

Twelve hundred barrels were taken off Belle Isle and sold for five dollars a barrel in 1822. A barrel held 250 cleaned and salted whitefish, so 300,000 fish were harvested.

At that time Belle Isle was called Isle de Couchon (Hog Island) and was privately owned by Monsier Barnebe Campau, brother of Joseph Campau, a merchant and real estate broker whose name still can be found on Detroit street signs.

Barnabe Campau bought the island from Alexander Macomb. He had worked on the East Coast and saw how they salted codfish and put them in barrels. He decided to try it with Great Lakes fresh water fish and sent 10 barrels to Buffalo for \$10 a barrel. That fish fed workers digging the Erie Canal and an industry was born.



A fisherman hauls in a pound net, circa 1930. (Detroit News archives)

try

## Whitefish was king

In 1824 on Grosse Ile, 30,000 whitefish were caught from the Detroit River in a single day. Other fisheries were downriver on Grassy Island and another at Ecorse, owned by the Clark brothers.

Much of the fresh fish marketed in Detroit was taken from the spawning runs of whitefish and herring that ascended the river each fall. Whitefish was by far the most popular catch. The whitefish fishing season was in spring and late fall, mid-October to December. The fish spawned swimming from Lake Erie up the river to Lake St. Clair. Whitefish reach maturity in three to four years and a fish lays between 10,000 and 75,000 eggs in its lifetime depending on its size.

Whitefish were bigger then, typically reaching 10 pounds, and sometimes 15 pounds. In the 1860s, they were sold for a nickel a dozen at the Central Market in Detroit, but if you cared to venture to one of the fisheries where they were hauled in with nets, you could take all you wanted for free.

The fish was so highly thought of by 19th century Indian agent, naturalist, and writer Henry Schoolcraft that he wrote a poem to the whitefish.

*All friends of good living by tureen and dish  
Concur in exalting this prince of a fish,  
So fine in a platter, so tempting a fry,  
So rich on a gridiron, so sweet in a pie,*

*That even before it the salmon must fail,  
 And that mighty bonne-bouce the land beaver's tail.  
 Its beauty and flavor no person can doubt,  
 When seen in the water or tasted without.  
 And all the dispute that opinion ere makes  
 Of this king of lake-fishes, this deer of the lake,  
 Regards not its choiceness to ponder or sup  
 But its best mode of dressing and serving it up.*

In 1872, Detroit ranked second only to Chicago, hauling in more than 3.4 million pounds of Great Lakes fresh fish — mostly whitefish and herring.

## Early commercial fishing

The earliest commercial fishing was "seine" or large net fishing. On the Detroit River, families of French Detroiters and Canadians, brothers and cousins, fished together. From 1819 to 1879 everyone fishing on Belle Isle had the same name - Campau. Some crews had three generations of family who worked side by side. They were divided into crews so someone was fishing while the other crew rested.

The large seine was 30 feet wide and 36 fathoms (216 feet) long. It had a bottom line weighted with lead, which would sink it, and a top line of cork or cedar floats painted red and spaced out every 25 feet. Empty kegs were used here and there to add buoyancy to two 1,200 foot ropes attached to the seine.

The seine was piled into a giant canoe manned by three young men wearing oil skins, boots and heavy jersey coats. The crew launched the canoe from a small platform at night, paddling to a buoy marker in the river. These were tough men to endure the choppy, icy November river, the bitter wind, and rain or snow at night. Many were former fur trappers or Canadian voyagers who took up fishing as the fur industry faded.

As two men paddled heading north from the Canadian side of Belle Isle, one man stood at the "table" that held the net in the boat's stern and carefully paid out the seine, making sure it didn't tangle. On Belle Isle the ropes tied to the seine were threaded through two posts — a 10 foot high post called a "land brail" and a second, higher "sea brail" which kept them apart.

When the boat crew reached the line's end, they would signal to the shore. Then in a small shed on the platform, two horses began slow circular walks around capstans that wound up the rope lines. The net would balloon out like a giant bag and then gradually close as it was pulled back to shore. After paddling for more than a mile, the boat crew would return and with others on the shore begin hauling in the net and scores of wriggling fish.

In good seasons the fish ran as high as a thousand to a net, and they ran incessantly for 10 days around the clear waters of Belle Isle's "North Point." In the month of July 1857, at one haul, 45,700 whitefish were brought to the beach, and for nine consecutive days the smallest haul was 18,000 fish.

## All in the family

The fisheries were operated on a cooperative basis, as were many family businesses. The first 10,000 fish paid expenses, then after that the owner took half the catch and the crew split the other half. Each crew member was also given 250 fish for his own use. They were a colorful lot, sitting beside their bunk house shanties in the autumn evenings, smoking clay pipes and watching the farmers across the river on the Canadian shore harvest crops. A camp fire was always kept burning on the beach.

Detroiters talked about hearing the fishermen sing their old chansons on the boats as they paddled and worked the nets to the song's rhythm:

*"Dans le prison de Nantes,  
 Il y a un prisonnier  
 Il y a tem prisonnier  
 Que perssonne ne va vois,  
 Que la fille du geolier."  
 "In the prison of Nantes  
 There is a prisoner  
 There is a prisoner  
 Whom nobody goes to see  
 But the daughter of the jailer."*

Some fisheries, such as Clark's near Ecorse, built giant holding pens using planks and nets in the river. They would dump their catch into the holding pens to keep live whitefish or lake herring to sell at the ready when needed throughout the year.



## 2011 Top Five Skipper of the Year & Big Fish



Skipper of the Year - Tom Gorguze - "Bad Dog"



2nd Place - Bob Paradise - "Almost Paradise"



3rd Place - Blaise Pewinski - "Sea Hag"



4th Place - Bob Feisel - "Vicki's Seacret"



5th Place - Bob Jones - "Bobby's Toy"



Big Fish - 26.35 lb. King - "Bobby's Toy"



# DAS Skipper's Honor Roll

1976	1. John Makela 2. Murrell Blackburn 3. Chuck Cartwright 4. Paul Irvine 5. Steve Hamilton	Sisu Fish'n 5 Tuna Boat Yellow Jacket Valhalla
1977	1. Chuck Cartwright 2. John Makela 3. Murrell Blackburn 4. Bob Kring 5. Larry Atwell	Tuna Boat Sisu Tuna Boat Drifter Cobra
1978	1. Jerry Lee Complete Standings For 1978 are unavailable	Sea Screw
1979	1. Jerry Lee 2. Howard Mills 3. Larry Atwell 4. Jim Treadaway 5. Bob Kring	Sea Screw Paramour Cobra Okie Drifter Drifter
1980	1. Jerry Lee 2. Terry Cholette 3. Toby Lampi 4. Randy Cope 5. Ed Yankowski II	Sea Screw Fishin' Fever Jessie III Ouzo Too Least Likely
1981	1. Bob Kring 2. Toby Lampi 3. Bob Kanas 4. Jerry Lee 5. Jewell Harris	Drifter Jessie III Least Likely Sea Screw Cannonball
1982	1. Brian Glaser 2. Toby Lampi 3. Mike Curzenski 4. Bob Kring 5. R.J. Branham	Least Likely Jessie III Nooner Drifter Seahawk
1983	1. Gerry Ciurzenski 2. Mike Boroniec 3. R.J. Branham 4. Bob Kozar 5. Ed Yankowski II	Jawbuster Horsefly Seahawk Snowman Least Likely
1984	1. Bob Kanas 2. Ed Choinski 3. Darrin Harris 3. Bob Ksionzek 3. Mike Zelkowski	Least Likely Kneeknocker Cannonball Last Dime Elvira
1985	1. Darrin Harris 2. Joel Garinger 3. Bruce Choinski 4. Tom Chojnowski 5. Ed McIntosh	Cannonball Fishbusters Kneeknocker Sea Con Sweet Lorraine
1986	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Greg Clifford 3. Chuck Wood 4. Dave Even 5. Blaise Pewinski	Kemo Outlaw Predator Teachers Pet Sea Hag
1987	1. Greg Clifford 2. Bob Mitchell 3. Don Redmond 4. Steve Banovic 5. Dick Shirk, Lil	Outlaw Kemo Trena Dawn Exaggerator Scratch
1988	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Dave Even 3. Dick Shirk 4. Don Redmond 5. Steve Banovic	Kemo Teachers Pet Lil' Scratch Trena Dawn Exaggerator
1989	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Steve Banovic 3. Ron Huey 4. Ron Hartman 5. Don Anton	Kemo Exaggerator Half R's Molly Frair Happy Bare
1990	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Dave Even 3. Dick Shirk 4. Rob Pinski 5. Mike Wakulski	Kemo Teachers Pet Lil' Scratch Anticipation Wet Paint
1991	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Dave Even 3. Don Redmond 4. Dick Shirk 5. Joe Golaszewski	Kemo Teachers Pet Trena Dawn Lil' Scratch Lucky Falcon
1992	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Dave Even 3. Tom Moores 4. Dick Shirk 5. Mike Wakulski	Kemo Teacher's Pet Karefree Lil' Scratch Wet Paint
1993	1. Dave Even 2. Don Redmond 3. Joe Golaszewski 4. Leon Van Eden 5. Chris Nytko	Teachers Pet Trena Dawn Lucky Falcon Bull Head Aquarius II
1994	1. Joe Golaszewski 2. Jimmy Hardrick 3. Chris Nytko 4. Ron Hartman 5. Paul Schoenrade	Lucky Falcon My Dream Aquarius II Molly Frair Eagle Two
1995	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Don Redmond 3. Daniel Dima 4. Rob Golaszewski 5. Dave Roehr	Kemo Trena Dawn Taz Lucky Falcon Floating Holiday
1996	1. Dick Shirk 2. Rob Golaszewski 3. Chris Nytko 4. Paul Nowak 5. Don Redmond	Lil' Scratch Lucky Falcon Aquarius II Nothin' But Fun Trena Dawn
1997	1. Rob Golaszewski 2. Chris Nytko 3. Paul Colone 4. Bob Buero 5. Jimmy Hardrick	Lucky Falcon Aquarius II The Kidd Mickey Mouse Club My Dream
1998	1. Don Redmond 2. Chris Nytko 3. Dick Shirk 4. Rob Golaszewski 5. Paul Schoenrade	Trena Dawn Aquarius II Lil' Scratch Lucky Falcon Eagle III
1999	1. Mark Stosiak 2. Stan Bilek 3. Chris Nytko 4. Dick Shirk 5. Paul Schoenrade	Tomorrow's Dream Blue Star Aquarius II Lil' Scratch Eagle III
2000	1. Chris Nytko 2. Stan Bilek 3. Mark Stosiak 4. Dick Shirk 5. Bill Nutting	Aquarius II Blue Star Tomorrow's Dream Lil' Scratch Just Once
2001	1. Mark Stosiak 2. Chris Nytko 3. Joe Von Grabe 4. Mike Vigus 5. Doug Karakas	Tomorrow's Dream Aquarius II Sloppy Joe Crusader Capt'n Hook
2002	1. Chris Nytko 2. Doug Karakas 3. Joe Von Grabe 4. Bill Dunk 5. Mark Bevans	Aquarius II Capt'n Hook Sloppy Joe Free Bird In-Seine
2003	1. Bill Dunk 2. Mike Vigus 3. Joe Von Grabe 4. Blaise Pewinski 5. Mark Bevans	Free Bird Crusader Sloppy Joe Sea Hag In-Seine
2004	1. Blaise Pewinski 2. Chris Nytko 3. Joe Von Grabe 4. Mike Vigus 5. Bob Feisel	Sea Hag Aquarius II Sloppy Joe Crusader Vicki's Secret
2005	1. Bob Paradise 2. Joe Von Grabe 3. Tom Gorguze 4. Dave Linder 5. Bob Feisel	Almost Paradise Sloppy Joe Bad Dog No Limit Vicki's Secret
2006	1. Joe Von Grabe 2. Mark Williams 3. Tom Gorguze 4. Bob Jones 5. Dave Linder	Sloppy Joe Silver Addiction Bad Dog Bobby's Toy No Limit
2007	1. Bob Paradise 2. Joe Von Grabe 3. Mark Williams 4. Tim Robinson 5. Bob Feisel	Almost Paradise Sloppy Joe Silver Addiction Pride N Joy Vicki's Secret
2008	1. Mark Williams 2. Tom Gorguze 3. Bob Feisel 4. Dave Linder 5. Bob Jones	Silver Addiction Bad Dog Vicki's Secret No Limit Bobby's Toy
2009	1. Mark Williams 2. Blaise Pewinski 3. Bob Jones 4. Bob Paradise 5. Bob Feisel	Silver Addiction Sea Hag Bobby's Toy Almost Paradise Vicki's Secret
2010	1. Bob Paradise 2. Tom Gorguze 3. Bob Jones 4. Joe Von Grabe 5. E-Fish-N-Sea	Almost Paradise Bad Dog Bobby's Toy Sloppy Joe Doug Karakas
2011	1. Tom Gorguze 2. Bob Paradise 3. Blaise Pewinski 4. Bob Feisel 5. Bob Jones	Bad Dog Almost Paradise Sea Hag Vicki's Secret Bobby's Toy

## Skipper of the Year Standings 2011

## FINAL

## Best 5

	Boat Name	Skipper Name	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Olcott NY	Pentwater	Ladies Day	Ludington II	Manistee I	Manistee II	Total Points	Best 6	Best 7	Best 8	Best 9
1	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	3	75	2	1	2	1	5	7	9	14	21	96	96
2	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	7	1	75	75	3	3	1	1	9	16	91	166	166
3	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	2	3	75	3	1	5	3	2	11	14	19	94	94
4	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Fiesel	1	6	75	6	50	8	2	4	19	27	77	152	152
5	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	4	7	4	75	75	6	4	8	25	33	108	183	183
6	Channing	Dan Chisolm	8	10	6	7	75	75	50	3	34	84	159	234	234
7	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	6	2	1	75	75	75	7	75	91	166	241	316	316
8	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	75	50	3	5	50	4	75	75	112	187	262	337	337
9	Thor's Hammer	Al Wiechert	50	75	75	75	4	7	6	75	142	217	292	367	367
10	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	50	9	75	4	75	75	75	6	144	219	294	369	369
11	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	5	8	7	75	75	75	75	75	170	245	320	395	395
12	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	50	4	75	75	75	2	75	75	206	281	356	431	431
13	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	75	75	5	75	75	75	50	9	214	289	364	439	439
14	Mickey Mouse Club	Bob Buero	75	50	75	2	75	75	75	75	277	352	427	502	502
15	Big Ma Ma	Don Mikros	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	5	305	380	455	530	530
16	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	305	380	455	530	530

	Weight	Species	Boat Name
<b>Big Fish</b>	26.35	King	Bobby's Toy
<b>Largest Of Each Species</b>	26.35	King	Bobby's Toy
	10.40	Coho	Big Ma Ma
	13.55	Lake Trout	Sea Hag
	16.20	Steelhead	Almost Paradise
	0.00	Brown	
	3.30	Atlantic	Bad Dog
	0.00	Pink	

	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Olcott NY	Pentwater	Ladies Day	Ludington II	Manistee I	Manistee II	Year
<b>Number of Boats</b>	11	12	7	7	6	8	9	9	69
<b>Number Caught</b>	Kings	10	41	28	10	18	38	38	225
	Cohos	0	0	3	3	3	12	11	34
	Lake Trout	3	1	0	7	1	5	0	21
	Steelhead	0	8	1	2	1	1	0	23
	Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Atlantics	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	13	50	33	22	23	56	49	304

## DAS BIG FISH OF THE YEAR 1978-2011

Year	Species	Wgt. In Lbs.	Boat Name	Caught By	Tournament
2011	King	26.35	Bobby's Toy	Bob Ksionzek	Ludington II
2010	King	19.00	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	Ludington II
2009	King	20.45	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	Manistee
2008	King	18.60	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	Manistee II
2007	King	17.15	Thor's Hammer	Al Weichert	Manistee I
2006	King	22.10	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	Ludington Ladies Day
2005	King	19.45	Hawkeye	Larry Walter	Ludington Ladies Day
2004	King	22.05	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	Ludington I
2003	King	26.30	The Office	Duane Dean	Manistee
2002	King	23.63	Gary Ruprich	Rupe	Manistee
2001	King	28.07	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	Manistee
2000	King	27.44	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	Manistee
1999	Coho	29.06	Eagle III	Dave Staniczewski	Manistee
1998	King	28.69	Molly Frair	Ron Hartman	Manistee
1997	King	24.44	My Dream	Jim Hardrick	Manistee
1996	King	26.44	Trena Dawn	Joel Garinger	Ludington
1995	King	27.06	Fish-N-Tails	Doug Fellows	Manistee
1994	King	26.12	Main Squeeze	Walt Pohorily	Rogers City
1993	King	27.25	Karefree	Tom Moores	Presque Isle
1992	King	25.50	Eagle II	Paul Schoenrade	Lexington
1991	King	25.50	Kemo	Bob Mitchell	Ludington
1990	King	26.14	Misery III	Al Schultz	Rogers City
1989	King	28.50	Molly Frair	Ron Hartman	Rogers City
1988	King	25.00	Trena Dawn	Don Redmond	Rogers City
1987	King	22.19	Cap't Hook	Doug Karakas	Rogers City
1986	King	22.11	Nuf-4-Me	Art Dennis	Ludington
1985	King	23.50	More-N-Likely	Bob Kanas	Harbor Beach
1984	King	25.50	Kneeknocker	Ed Choinski	Ludington
1983	King	26.38	Sea Esta	Bill Achtenburg	Ludington
1982	King	25.69	Sea Esta	Bill Achtenburg	Ludington
1981	King	28.00	Valhalla	Steve Hamilton	Ludington
1980	King	30.12	Fishing Fever	Terry Cholette	Ludington
1979	King	26.13	Drifter	Bob Kring	Unknown
1978	King	25.80	Valhalla	Steve Hamilton	Unknown



## DAS Member wins BIG at 37th Annual Michigan Brown Trout Festival



Robert Butkiewicz had a very successful couple of days while fishing in the 37th Annual Michigan Brown Trout Festival in Alpena in 2011. A DAS member who joined the club in 2010, Bob lives in Troy less than 1 /2 mile from our meeting place at the American Polish Cultural Center. He has a cabin in the Alpena area and has fished this event for the past 21 years and until last year, his highest finish was 2nd place.

He was fishing with his neighbor and fishing partner, Carl Maurer, and in Bob's own words ..... "On opening day of the festival, Saturday, August 16, my neighbor and I loaded up my 22 ft. Starcraft and went to Alpena's Thunder Bay. We were long lining back about 170 ft. in 30 to 40 FOW with and without downriggers using small Silver Streaks when about 8:20 AM,



*I get a real nice hit. FISH ON! I fought it for about 20 minutes because I didn't want to horse it in. My buddy netted the fish ... a big beautiful Brown Trout caught on a blue and white Mini Streak. We fished a couple of more hours with no other hits and then went in and had the fish weighed, it was 10 lbs even. It was in 1st place for 9 days in the Brown Trout division."*

The fish earned Bob \$3000 dollars and a Clock Trophy. But that was not the end of the story. "On the 3rd day, August 18 we went out of Rockport and fished deeper water, 300 ft. with downriggers 60 ft. down using magnum Silver Streaks. We managed to catch 5 fish—3 Steelhead and 2 Lake Trout. One fish stood out.... When the fish hit, it was a nice steelhead with a gorgeous pinkish color. This fish hit a Bloody Nose Silver Streak. We took it in and had it weighed it was 8.85 lbs. The official said it was a 'Rainbow Steelhead'. It went into 1st place in the Steelhead division on the leader board."

"Sunday the 24th is the last day of the festival. Judy & her Suchey brothers Band play polkas, you eat hamburgers and drink beer. The results are tallied and they hand out the checks and awards. The Steelhead held on for 1st place in that division." This fish won Bob \$1000 and a plaque. He shared the prize money with his buddy. "He was very happy and so was I"



LEADERBOARD	
<b>BROWN TROUT</b>	
1. Robert Butkiewicz	10.00
2. Don Harrison	6.85
3. Carlo Ida	6.60
4. Tim Wieszorkowski	4.65
<b>WALLEYE</b>	
1. Ed Colson	9.25
2. Bert Herriman	8.40
3. Keith Miskak	7.45
4. Jere Johnson	7.10
5. Don Harrison	6.15
<b>STEEL HEAD</b>	
1. Robert Butkiewicz	8.85
2. Jim Lee	7.80
3. Steve Spink	7.45
4. Carl D. Maurer	7.10
5. Bert Herriman	7.05
<b>SALMON</b>	
1. John Campbell	18.15
2. Dennis Hall	16.90
3. Steve Rea	15.95
4. Rod Lewandowski	15.85
<b>LAKE TROUT</b>	
1. Craig O'Brien	20.65
2. Robert Wase	15.30
3. Robert Wilson	15.30
4. Dennis Hall	15.25
5. Dawn Martin	15.05

### Today's schedule of events

5-9 p.m. Bobbing for Piranhas in the small tent  
5-11 p.m. Texas Hold 'Em Tournament in the big tent. Hosted by the Poker Palace and the Brown Trout Festival Committee.  
8 p.m.-12 a.m. 107.7 The Bay Bash, Sierra Square in the big tent. Admission \$5, 21 and over. Valid photo ID required for admission. No exceptions. Budweiser Swim Suit Contest.

Pretty decent week for Bob and his neighbor. \$4000 dollars total for doing something you love to do. Not Bad. Congratulations to Mr. Butkiewicz! Nice job!

Ice Outing *Cont'd from Pg. 1*

The day should start at 7am. where we will meet at Tom's Duck Camp at the end of Rivard Line Rd. Hopefully all Nomads will be ready to roll by then. we will head out to an area the Ice Masters have pre-fished the day before.

If anybody needs help getting set up, just ask; plenty of help will be on hand. About noon we will have lunch on the lake. Last year we had chili, hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate. This was a great time where we all got to talk about the big Jumbos that were caught or got away. This also was the time when the Ice Masters got to talk and help explain other techniques used to be successful on the ice. At 2 pm, we will have the Big Fish contest. Last year Gasper showed up with a monster 14.5 incher to take the prize while fishing with a hard bead spoon. A few others came close with nice 14 inchers caught on a Tip DOWN. At 3 pm., we all packed up and headed back to the duck camp and helped each other load up.

At the January DAS meeting, Bob and I will give a short seminar on the art of icing Jumbo Perch on Lake St. Clair. Hope to see you there! Until then, get your hooks sharp!

JUMBOS are waiting for Our arrival,  
**Blaise Pewinski**  
 Ice Master

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### 2011 Detroit Steelheaders Raffle Report

One of my jobs with the Steelheaders is to conduct the tackle raffle and 75:25 raffles at each member meeting. The raffles are not intended to be a fund raiser but rather a member benefit that is something everyone can have fun with. I've got a free hand with the tackle raffle as long as I break even or don't lose a lot of money doing it. The tricky part of breaking even on the raffles is the \$100 member drawing that is awarded to one member if your name is drawn and you are in attendance. That \$100 comes out of the raffle money and I never know each month if that will be paid out or not. With that in mind I think things worked out pretty well in 2011. As you can see in the chart below the member drawing was paid out 7 out of 12 times in 2011. It pays to attend. The combined

2011	Membership		Tackle Raffle			75:25 Raffle			Bottom Line		
Month	Name	Payout	Collect	Prize Cost	Net Profit	Collect	Pay Out	Net Profit	Total In	To DAS	Net Profit
Jan	J. Robinson*		159	160.76	-1.76	145	105	40	304	199	38.24
Feb	Bob Paradise	100	103	167.68	-64.68	129	96	33	232	36	-131.68
Mar	J. Adam *		143	164.96	-21.96	153	112	41	296	184	19.04
Apr	B. Mitchell	100	140	154.63	-14.63	160	120	40	300	80	-74.63
May	C. Ventimiglia	100	155	130.46	24.54	125	90	35	280	90	-40.46
June	B. Stanley	0	138	118.34	19.66	122	92	30	260	168	49.66
July	Don Mikros	100	151	116.72	34.28	171	126	45	322	96	-20.72
Aug	Les Jump	0	149	146.32	2.68	156	118	38	305	187	40.68
Sept	D. Roehr	0	170	167.18	2.82	152	114	38	322	208	40.82
Oct	Ed Horen	100	155	162.73	-7.73	150	115	35	305	90	-72.73
Nov	Bob Paradise	100	137	154.96	-17.96	135	102	33	272	70	-84.96
Dec	Bob Feisel	100	260	132.57	127.43	270	200	70	530	230	97.43
Totals		700	1860	1777.31	82.69	1868	1390	478	3728	1638	-139.31

totals of the tackle raffle, 75:25, and \$700 in member payouts arrive at a minus \$139.31 for the 2011 calendar year. I want to thank everyone for being a good sport and supporting the raffles. Obviously without member support we won't have them. Please let me know if there are items you would like to see on the raffle table but keep in mind if I put too many high cost items in the raffle I will not be able to sell enough tickets to break even for that month. We average 47 members per meeting.

Dan Chisholm



2011 Michigan DNR Master Angler Entries(Sorted by Weight)									
Species	County	Waterbody	Date / Time	Wgt.	Lngh.	Angler	Angler's City	Method	Bait
CHINOOK	Mason	Lake Michigan	8/23/2011 17:30	37.06	43.00	RICHARD GEORGE SCHULTE	ROYAL OAK	Trolling	Meat Rig
CHINOOK		Lake Michigan	6/27/2011 22:00	32.12	41.00	JOHN ROBERT HAYDEN	ADRIAN	Trolling	Spoon
CHINOOK	Manistee	Manistee River	10/5/2011 9:30	32.10	41.00	MICHAEL PATRICK YAMBRICK	AUBURN	Driftfishing	Yarn Fly
CHINOOK	Mason	Lake Michigan	8/12/2011 11:00	29.94	42.00	PHILIP LLOYD MCINTIRE	SALINE	Trolling	Spin Doctor/Fly
CHINOOK	Mason	Lake Michigan	8/16/2011 7:20	29.88	40.25	JANE MARIE PRIMEAU	BAY CITY	Trolling	Spin Doctor
CHINOOK		Lake Michigan	8/7/2011 7:30	29.69	42.50	RONALD WILLIAM CONNORS	FILION	Trolling	Silver Streak
CHINOOK	Mason	Lake Michigan	8/14/2011 9:30	29.50	41.00	PETER JAMES PRINISKI	LUDINGTON	Trolling	Silver Streak
CHINOOK	Manistee	Lake Michigan	9/10/2011 18:56	28.63		KENNETH HENRY SCARPACE	MANISTEE	Trolling	Plug
CHINOOK	Grand Traverse	Grand Traverse Bay-West Arm	8/23/2011 20:00	28.38	43.00	MICKY DEAN PFEIFFER	TRAVERSE CITY	Trolling	J-Plug
CHINOOK	Benzie	Lake Michigan	7/31/2011 8:30	28.19	41.25	KATHLEEN LOVETTE HALL	NEWPORT	Trolling	Spoon
CHINOOK	Benzie	Lake Michigan	8/6/2011 21:30	28.01	41.50	BRENT I LALAS	CHARLOTTE	Trolling	Spoon
CHINOOK	Manistee	Lake Michigan	8/20/2011 9:00	28.00		MATTHEW KOSCIELNIAK	BIG RAPIDS	Trolling	J-Plug
CHINOOK	Manistee	Lake Michigan	8/19/2011 6:15	27.63	41.00	MICHAEL JAMES COE	HARRISON	Trolling	Spin Doctor/Fly
CHINOOK	Oceana	Lake Michigan	8/29/2011 7:30	27.63	42.00	MICHAEL JAMES MCCULLY	JACKSON	Trolling	Flasher/Fly Combo
CHINOOK	Mason	Pere Marquette Lake	9/10/2011 8:00	27.50	39.50	THOMAS EUGENE BIVINS	CADMUS	Trolling	J-Plug
CHINOOK	Mason	Lake Michigan	8/5/2011 6:45	27.50	40.50	JOEL WILLIAM BORST	ZEELAND	Trolling	Dream Caster
CHINOOK	Mason	Lake Michigan	8/26/2011 20:00	27.44	38.00	ALEX WENTZLOF	FRUITPORT	Trolling	Meat Rig
CHINOOK	Manistee	Lake Michigan	8/22/2011 17:20	27.25	40.00	JONAS L HERSCHBERGER	CLARE	Trolling	Meat Rig
CHINOOK		Lake Michigan	8/20/2011 10:00	27.12	39.00	KENNETH P NELSON JR	BOYD	Trolling	Glow Fly
CHINOOK	Ottawa	Lake Michigan	7/31/2011 11:00	27.00	38.00	PETER VANDERKOLK	LOWELL	Trolling	Stinger Spoon
CHINOOK		Lake Michigan	8/6/2011 13:00	27.00	40.25	JAMES CARYL VANBROCKLIN	HOLLAND	Trolling	Artificial Lure
CHINOOK	Manistee	Manistee River	9/29/2011 18:00	27.00	42.00	CHARLES C HOLBROOK	LEWIS CENTER	Flycasting	Fly
CHINOOK	Newaygo	Muskegon River	10/23/2011 12:00		41.00	DOUGLAS GRISSOM	CHICAGO	Flycasting	Fly
CHINOOK	Lake	Pere Marquette River	10/1/2011 11:15		41.63	ROBERT RAY BROCK	CANTON	Flycasting	Egg Fly
CHINOOK	Manistee	Manistee River	10/1/2011 9:30		43.00	DAVID LEE HINDS	BIRCH RUN	Driftfishing	Fly
CHINOOK	Manistee	Manistee River	9/30/2011 19:35		43.13	CRAIG A MORTON	WESTLAKE	Driftfishing	Fly

## MI DNR to reduce Lake Huron Chinook salmon stocking

(Reprinted from December 2011 GREAT LAKES BASIN REPORT® )

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources plans to reduce Chinook salmon stocking in Lake Huron by more than half in 2012, compared to 2011 levels. The DNR plans to stock 693,000 spring Chinook fingerlings in 2012, down from almost 1.5 million in 2011, because of poor return and harvest of stocked Chinooks.

Recreational harvest of Chinook salmon has virtually vanished in the southern two-thirds of Lake Huron, said acting DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. It's obvious the forage base is no longer available to support large numbers of Chinooks in Lake Huron.



Analysis of recreational catch data shows only the northern portion of Lake Huron, where there is significant Canadian natural reproduction of Chinook salmon, continues to produce a viable recreational fishery. Michigan will continue to stock Chinook

salmon at Nunn's Creek, Cheboygan River and Swan River in the northern Lake Huron watershed. All three stocking sites are within the boundaries of the 2000 Consent Decree with Tribes in the 1836 Treaty area. The DNR consulted with the Chippewa-Ottawa Resource Authority, the Lake Huron Citizen Fishery Advisory Committee, Ontario fisheries officials, and held three public meetings in the Lake Huron Basin before reaching this decision.

Reduced Chinook salmon stocking is likely to continue for the immediate future. Angler harvest of stocked Chinook has been at record low levels for the past few years. Poor returns of stocked fish and a collapse of prey fish populations throughout Lake Huron were key factors in the decision to suspend Chinook salmon plants in the southern two-thirds of Lake Huron, said Todd Grischke, the DNR's Lake Huron Basin coordinator. We will continue to monitor biological data for the next six years and will make interim stocking adjustments as necessary.

The DNR has committed to mass marking all Chinooks stocked in Lake Huron during the next three years to help biologists better understand the contributions of natural reproduction to the fishery.

For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/fishing](http://www.michigan.gov/fishing). □



**Upcoming 2012 DAS Key Dates**

January 12-15, 2012	Ultimate Fishing Boat Show Suburban Collection Showplace Novi, MI
January 17, 2012 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
January 31, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
February 11, 2012	Ice Outing Lk. St. Clair - St. Lukes Bay, Ont.
February 14, 2012 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
February 28, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

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