



# Fishin' Tales

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## May Meeting

- When:**  
Tuesday, May 29, 2012 7:30pm
- Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
NorthWest corner  
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured :**  
Boat Rigging Demo, Swap Tables  
& Bunco Night
- Other Happenings:**  
Brief Tournament Reports,  
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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## May Meeting .... Boat Demo, Swap Tables & 'Bunko Night'

Come one come all, to the first ever Bunko night at the Detroit Area Steelheaders.

Immediately following the Boat Rigging Demo & some brief Tournament Reports, the game will start. Don Mikros will be the game master for the evening. The club will supply snacks and sodas for this fun event.

Bunko is a simple dice game of luck and chance (sounds a



lot like fishing, eh?).

While rolling 3 die, players try to accumulate as many points as possible before the lead table reaches 21.

Points are accumulated between you and a partner. The person that accumulates the most points after 10 rounds will win the grand prize.

In addition, swap tables will be set up for members to buy & sell their used fishing, hunting and outdoor items. We're hoping that this will become an annual "social" event so be sure not to miss this fun filled evening.

## St. Joe In One Word .....Fantastic!

What a great way to start out the 2012 DAS Boat Trolling season, St. Joe produced a spring fishery that you only read about. The pre-fishing day before the tourney really paid off for a lot of club boats. Bobby's Toy II made her maiden voyage and shake down, it really showed with a nice box of 17 salmon and trout. Great way to break in a new rig. The Sea Hag crew made it out at 10:30am and boxed out in 4 hours with a nice mix of fish, all in 120 FOW. Looked like a great place to start in the morning.



Todd Ridley shows off the Big Fish at St. Joe, a 14.50# King he caught aboard "Bobby's Toy II"

Friday evening a fog bank moved in and made a few of the club captains nervous thinking we wouldn't get a good morning start, but Mother Nature had a different plan for us. At 5:00 am. we all met for the skippers meeting and we all welcomed a new comer to our tournaments..... SALUKI with Captain

John Meade. After all the questions were answered the tournament was ready to start at 6:00 am. with much anticipation and much better weather than we expected.

The lake was a nice 1 to 2 foot chop which made it great for trolling, then the fog showed up about 7:30 with a bit of rain and my lap top showed a lot of rain covering most of the lake and it looked a little iffy with the weather for a while. Fish call at 9:00 am showed all 11 boats had some degree of success ranging from 1 to 15 fish, top 3 boats were

Nite Moves with 11, Saluki with 12 and Sea Hag with 15. Needless to say the big lake was very nice to us. The fishing only got better as the day went on with half the fleet making it back to port with limit catches well before the noon fish call. At 2:00pm, the

See St. JOE on Pg. 2

**Membership News***Welcome! New Memberships***MARK CARLSON****GARY GROSS****KURT NOTZ***Renewed Memberships***GASPARE ARAGONA****GALEN HULL****WALT ROMANIUK****DAN CHISHOLM****BOB JONES****DICK SHIRK****DENNIS HOLOWAY****TOM MOORES***Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired***HERMANN CHRISTOPH****CLIFF HILL****RONALD NIEMASZ****CLEMENT FOSTON JR.****NICK KARPOWITSCH****AL WIECHERT****STEVE HAMILTON****BOB KSIONZEK****JERRY ZABEL****JUSTIN HERBERT****MICHAEL LOLLI***St. Joe Cont'd from Pg. 1*

tournament was called and all made it back with all kinds of funny stories of catching fish..... to losing a rod over board, to losing a rod then bringing up a downrigger and finding the rod wrapped around the cable. What a save (Sea Hag).

Lunch was served before weigh in by team Sea Hag. *(Editor's Note : Knowing it would be a long weigh-in and with crews already crying.... 'We're starved', Co-tournament director Bob Ksionzek made the decision to have the luncheon first. This was a very good decision as Port Captain Blaise Pewinski had prepared a tremendous feast of deep fried salmon chunks, pulled pork, tuna noodle salad, cole slaw, rolls as well as plenty of cold drinks. Blaise received nothing but well-deserved compliments. Nice job on the great meal, 'Sea Hag'!)*

Now it was time for the weigh in and first up was Sea Hag with a box of 20, then Blue Ho-

rizon with 15, then Channing with 11, and Saluki with 15. Nice job, Guys! All the club boats had nice fish..... most the same sized 4 to 6 pounders with a few larger mixed in. At the end, Blue Horizon walked away with 1st place by a margin of 10 points over team Sea Hag followed by Bobby's Toy in the 3rd spot. Great finish for the new boat! Blue Horizon skipper Paul Gjeldum credited his catch to fishing a small pocket of water 75 to 85 FOW, 4 miles west of port, fishing close to bottom where the bigger fish were laying, using downriggers and wire divers set deep. Way to start out the season Paul!

I'm hoping all the tournaments turn out with great stories like this one and we all have great success on the DAS tournament trail. See you at the next big one !

**Blaise Pewinski**  
**"Sea Hag"**  
**Port Captain**

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St. Joe Standings													5/5/2012				
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weighed	Catch by Species & Weight								Best 8 Total Wgt	Best 8 Total Pts	Deduction Code	Points Deducted	Total Points	Place
1	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	8	K 14.05	K 13.45	K 12.85	12.00	K 10.30	K 9.20	K 7.90	K 6.50	86.25	126.25	NONE	0.00	126.25	1
2	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	8	K 12.50	K 11.95	K 10.85	7.95	K 7.80	K 7.50	K 6.65	L 6.25	71.45	111.45	NONE	0.00	111.45	2
3	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	8	K 14.50	L 9.80	K 6.95	5.85	K 5.80	K 5.25	K 5.15	K 4.45	57.75	97.75	NONE	0.00	97.75	3
4	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	8	K 13.35	K 10.80	L 6.20	6.00	K 4.75	K 4.65	K 4.55	K 4.55	54.85	94.85	NONE	0.00	94.85	4
5	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	8	K 9.95	K 9.15	K 6.80	6.40	L 5.60	L 5.60	K 5.40	K 4.25	53.15	93.15	NONE	0.00	93.15	5
6	Saluki	John Meade	8	K 8.10	L 8.00	K 7.10	6.65	K 6.25	K 6.15	K 5.70	K 5.10	53.05	93.05	NONE	0.00	93.05	6
7	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	8	K 9.55	K 7.25	K 6.60	6.55	L 6.00	K 5.85	K 5.45	K 5.05	52.30	92.30	NONE	0.00	92.30	7
8	Mickey Mouse Club	Bob Buero	8	K 11.05	K 7.85	K 7.00	5.40	K 5.25	K 4.70	K 4.55	K 4.15	49.95	89.95	NONE	0.00	89.95	8
9	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	8	K 6.70	K 6.60	K 6.30	5.95	K 5.70	K 5.55	K 5.45	K 4.00	46.25	86.25	NONE	0.00	86.25	9
10	Channing	Dan Chisolm	8	K 7.55	K 7.30	K 6.10	5.40	K 5.35	K 5.15	K 4.75	K 4.25	45.85	85.85	NONE	0.00	85.85	10
11	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	8	K 12.35	K 4.75	K 2.85	2.55	C 2.50	C 2.35	C 2.20	C 1.85	31.40	71.40	NONE	0.00	71.40	11
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BIG FISH  L A R G E S T	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
	Bobby's Toy	King	14.50	
	Bobby's Toy	King	14.50	116
	Bad Dog	Coho	3.30	15
	Bobby's Toy	Lake Trout	9.80	10
		Steelhead	0.00	0
		Brown	0.00	0
	Atlantic	0.00	0	
	Pink	0.00	0	
				141

11	Total Boats
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Deduction Code LEGEND	
LTSM	= Late To Skipper's Mtg.
LTWI	= Late To Weigh-in
1NFC	= No Answer 1 Fish Call
2NFC	= No Answer 2 Fish Calls
UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
DQ	= Disqualified

## St. Joe Pix



1st Place—"Blue Horizon"



2nd Place—"Sea Hag"



3rd Place - "Bobby's Toy II"



4th Place - "Nite Moves"



More St. Joe Pix



5th Place - "Bad Dog"



7th Place - "Lucky Strike"



8th Place—"Mickey Mouse Club"



12th Place—"Loki One"



Tournament director Bob Ksionzek and scoring assistant Tom Gorguze ironing out an issue with the "Gorguze Measurement System"



The crews getting set for the great meal and weigh-in to follow



And More St. Joe Pix....

All photos courtesy of Bob Ksionzek & Don Mikros



**Port Captain & Master Chef Blaise Pewinski preparing the fantastic feast that included Deep fried Salmon Chunks. Delicious! Great job, Blaise!**



**Director Bob Paradise handled weighing each fish. Nice job, Bob!**



**"Mickey Mouse Club" Skipper Bob Buero and son Nick waiting for their fish to be weighed.**

## Grand Haven Two-Day Tournament

Our second boat trolling tournament will be at the popular port of Grand Haven, and this will be a two-day tournament. The pre-tournament meeting will be at 5:00 am Saturday morning at the Municipal Marina. We will start fishing at 6:00 am on both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday we will fish till 2:00 pm, and you must be in line for the weigh-in at Municipal Marina by 3:00. On Sunday we will fish till 12 noon, and you must be in line for the weigh-in by 1:00.

The scoring for the two-day tournament is as follows: At Saturday's weigh-in your best 8 fish will be counted for your Day 1 score. At Sunday's weigh-in we score your best 8 fish for your Day 2 score. Your two scores will be combined to determine your standing in the tournament.

The fishing at Grand Haven can be outstanding, although last year it was a struggle. Despite the difficult conditions, including thick fog, our fleet of Captains still managed to bring numerous Kings in the 10-15 lb range to the weigh-ins. I'm hoping that this year we manage to find more and bigger fish!

Accommodations: There are numerous good quality Motels / Hotels in Grand Haven. For campers, there is the very popular State Park campground on the beach at Lake Michigan. Note that this weekend Grand Haven is also having their annual kite festival at the state park beach. Check out our website on the Tournaments page for more info on places to stay & eat.

At the boat launch, don't forget to pay for use of the launch and get a receipt to display inside your car windshield. Boat trailers should be parked / stored at the overflow parking area.

Reminder: Lake Trout size limit is minimum 20", with creel limit of 3 / person.

**Port Captain: Bob Feisel**

**Upcoming 2012 DAS Key Dates**

May 19-20, 2012 6:00am - 2:00pm Sat. 6:00am - 12:00pm Sun.	Boat Trolling Tournament Grand Haven
May 29, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center Boat Rig Demo - Bunco Night Swap Tables
June 12, 2012 7:00pm - 10:00pm	BOD Meeting
June 23, 2012 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Olcott, NY
May 29, 2012	Membership Meeting

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