



Fishin' Tales

PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE GREAT LAKES SPORTFISHERY FOR OVER 35 YEARS

March Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NorthWest corner
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured :**
Capt. Steve Dennis of
"Fishbone" Charters.
- **Other Happenings:**
River, Surf & Pier Tournament
info., WGD report, Tackle
Raffles , 75-25 and Every Mem-
ber drawings.
- **Up-To-Date Information on
the DAS website at:**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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Capt. Steve Dennis Will Be March Featured Speaker

Our guest speaker for the March Membership meeting will be Capt. Steve Dennis of Fishbone Charters out of Ludington, MI. Captain Steve is known throughout the Great lakes as one of the finest fisherman around.

He is a long time member of the Michigan Steelheaders and the Michigan Charter Boat Association. With over 30 years of experience on the Great Lakes, Captain Steve has developed his fishing techniques into an art. He also holds a Masters License with the U.S.C.G. Captain Steve holds numerous master Angler Awards and Big Fish Certificates for the fish he has caught.



His boat, the 'Fishbone', is a 29 ft. Cruisers inc. It is very well equipped with the most up to date equipment, tackle and electronics.

Steve will be doing a very out-of-the-ordinary presentation as far as the Detroit Steelheaders are concerned. It will be about billfishing off Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. It should be a very interesting and entertaining evening you won't want to miss.

For more information about charters, you can reach Capt. Steve at 810-513-3595 or at fishbonefishing@comcast.net or check out his website www.fishbonecharters.net

Did You Miss the February Meeting?

Tuesday February 28, 2012

President Bob Jones opened the meeting at 7:45pm. However, the great turnout of 60 in attendance were disappointed that the featured speaker, Capt. Brian Butz did not make an appearance. A mix up on his part about the date, Capt Brian did apologize and will make it up to us in the future.

Bob turned over the floor to Director Mark Williams for an update on the 'Salmon in the Classroom' project at Armada Middle School. Everything has gone very well and with only minimal fish mortality the kids are going to release the smolts in May in nearby Coon Creek, which is walking distance from the school. This small creek

dumps into the North Branch of the Clinton River which of course empties into Lake St. Clair.

Mark also mentioned that the DAS is seeking out other schools that may be interested in this great project. It gets kids exposed first-hand to what it takes to raise salmon and hopefully make some future fishers who are interested in promoting and protecting our Great Lakes Fishery.



Socializing during the break at the February meeting

Blaise Pewinski then had a report on the DAS Ice Outing on Saturday, February 11 that ended up on Lake Simcoe, Ontario be-

See Meeting on Pg. 2

Membership News

Renewed Memberships

ANTONIO COSBEY
 MARK GAZDA
 STEVE GENOFF
 JOHN GESING

BRUCE HAYWOOD
 TED LEWICKI
 LES JUMP
 GARY RUPRICH

BRUCE TURNAGE
 CARL VENTIMIGLIA

Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired

GASPARE ARAGONA
 JEFF BUSTOS
 DAN CHISHOLM
 JUSTIN HERBERT
 ED HILL
 DENNIS HOLOWAY
 GALEN HULL

BOB JONES
 LES JUMP
 JIM LEGENZOFF
 MICHAEL LOLLI
 DAVID MAYFIELD
 TOM MOORES
 RONALD NIEMASZ

SCOTT OBARZANEK
 RONALD PAL
 GILBERT PIESCZAK
 WALTER ROMANIUK
 ALLAN VAN BROCKLIN
 DWAYNE WELDER

Meeting *Cont'd from Pg. 1*

cause of the lack of ice on Lake St. Clair. Apparently, a good time was had by those who made the trek with some good catches of jumbo perch. Blaise also spoke about some other weekends before and after that he managed to make to Lake Simcoe.

After about a 20 minute break, Pier, River and Surf Chairman, Anthony Lewis reported on the upcoming schedule of tournaments in March and April (see Page 3). Then it was Bob Ksionzek's turn to update the members on the Erieau Boat Trolling Tournament which will feature a fish-off versus the Metro-West Steelheaders. More specific info about the fish-off can be found on the Tournaments

page on our website
www.detroitsteelheaders.com.

Following this, Mr. Jones took fishing reports from the floor, after which he proceeded into the evening's raffles. The tackle raffle featured the usual 7 - 9 bags with great selections of tackle and offered a nice manual ice auger as well. Walt Romaniuk, who hasn't been at a meeting in a few months, got a great welcome back by taking the 1st prize \$135 in the 75/25 drawing while Bob Butkiewicz took home the \$45 2nd prize. In the Every Member drawing, past Director Jerry Zabel's name was drawn and because he was in attendance he claimed the \$100 cash. The meeting ended at 9:20pm.

Tackle Raffle Extra

The March membership meeting will include a tackle raffle table with a little extra value on it. The normal tackle raffle table values anywhere from \$120 to \$180 retail price. I will be placing a Cabelas DM-15a large capacity reel (large enough for 300' of copper) on the table. I bought this reel a year ago at a retail price of \$105. I will still place the normal 7 to 9 prizes on the table so in March the tackle raffle table will be in a range of \$170 to \$230. Bring a few extra dollars with you to the March member meeting and get extra chances at a really good reel.

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Membership Application

New Member - \$25 Yearly Renewal - \$25 Yearly Lifetime - \$150

NAME		DATE	
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BOAT NAME		E-MAIL ADDRESS	



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2012 Boat Trolling Tournaments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Port Captain</u>
May 5 <i>Regular One Day</i>	St. Joseph	Blaise Pewinski
May 19-20 <i>Two Day</i>	Grand Haven	Bob Feisel
June 23 <i>One Day - 333</i>	Olcott, NY	Bob Ksionzek
July 14 <i>One Day plus Fish Off vs. Metro West Steelheaders</i>	Erieau, ONT	Carl Ventimiglia
August 4 <i>Ladies Day</i>	Ludington	Joe Von Grabe
August 11 <i>One Day - 333</i>	Ludington II	Tom Gorguze
August 25 <i>One Day - 333</i>	Manistee	Bob Paradise
September 8 <i>Regular One Day</i>	Frankfort	Jody Robinson

River, Surf, and Pier Tournaments!

It's that time of year again. When we start to think of spring and steelhead! We have an exciting spring schedule planned. Below is the remainder of the schedule. More info will be available at the March meeting and on the message boards.

-March 31st: Manistee River Fish off versus Metro West. Fish anywhere on river, surf, or pier. Weigh in at 4pm at the cabin located. The address is 10490 Yates Road, Copemish, Mi. 49625

-April 14th: Manistee II, focusing on pier fishing for brown trout/late steelhead at the Manistee pier.

For more info, call or e-mail Anthony Lewis at 517-449-3036 or ajlewis6@gmail.com



Save the Date Notice!

DAS 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 will receive:

Free launch

Free dockage for the weekend

Please consider participating in this rewarding event. We will be taking approximately 40 "special" challenged adults and children out fishing for the morning with lunch and awards to follow. The participants are thrilled with this event and many look forward to it all year! Much help is needed and we ask that you consider donating to making it another unforgettable event. Donations of time, help, goodies for bags, food or drinks are very much appreciated. Boats are needed to take the fisherman out. Toledo Beach Marina is a wonderful facility and any captain participating in this event will receive free launch and weekend dockage for donating their time. Help is needed on the ground or as a crew-member to help the captains. No donation is too small be it a case of drinking water, a case of soda, hot dogs, pens, pads, key chains, bandanas or anything to place in a goodie bag for the fisherman to take home. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Mary Karakas at mkarakas@aol.com, Linda Banbury at lbunbury@hotmail.com or DAS board director Dan Chisholm. Thanks so much for your consideration and see you at the next membership meeting!

Upcoming 2012 DAS Key Dates

March 27, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
April 10, 2012 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
April 24, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
May 5, 2012 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament St. Joseph
May 19-20, 2012 6:00am - 2:00pm Sat. 6:00am - 12:00pm Sun	Boat Trolling Tournament Grand Haven

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Membership expires: 412

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