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February Meeting

- When:**
Tuesday, February 22, 2011
7:30pm
- Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
Northwest corner,
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured Speaker :**
Capt. Willis Kerridge; "Tips and
Techniques at Grand Haven"
- Other Happenings:**
2011 Boat Trolling update, Ice
Fishing report, Tackle raffles, 75-
25 Drawing & more
- Up-To-Date Information on
the DAS website at:**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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Capt. Willis Kerridge is Featured Speaker for February

Capt. Willis Kerridge is our featured speaker for the February meeting. He has been Charter fishing for 40 years and a Captain for 33 years, the past 17 years fishing the "Thunderduck" out of Grand Haven. He has fished tournaments from Michigan City to Manistee and all ports in between including Wisconsin Ports. In his own words, "I am very proud of having won in almost every Port I have fished. Especially four times in Saugatuck, three of the wins in a row and three times in Ludington. The past three years I have continued fish-



ing the "Thunderduck" for Charter Trips and fish aboard the "Living The Dream" in the Tournament Trail. The "Living the Dream" team has a very talented crew and been

the most successful team on the trail the past three years!"

He also owns and operates Fish On Bait & Tackle in Nunica near Grand Haven. His presentation will be tips and techniques that work in the Grand Haven area. For charters or more information, you can reach him at (616)292-4113.

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Did You Miss the January Meeting?

Well, I have to say we started off the New Year with a bang as far as meetings are concerned. It was a pretty good, though lengthy, meeting that ex-President Mark Williams opened and turned over to new President Bob Jones at 7:40pm. With a good turnout of 50 members and guests in attendance, the first order of new business for Bob was to introduce the new officers. The complete list of BOD Directors and their committee assignments can be found on page 2. Bob then quickly turned the floor over to the evening's first guest speaker, Chris Keil, an MDNR C.O. for a Q&A session about anything involving what he does in the Southeast Michigan District.

Chris shared plenty of good stories about his encounters in the field and judging by the numbers of questions he was bombarded with, he was a great hit with those present. Thanks to Chris for his very enjoyable and informative presentation which lasted a full hour!

Promptly following, the new Pres introduced Jim Fenner, President of the Ludington Area Charter-

Ice Outing 2011

What started out as a cold, snowy, white-out wintery day turned into one of the 'funnest' days on ice for 28 DAS members and friends. The location was St. Luke's Bay on Lake St. Clair. We gathered at 7.30 am. for a day of perching with Bob Paradise and Blaise Pewinski as Ice Masters and Guides. Our destination was 7 miles out to an area called the "240 Hole" by



Gaspere Aragona shows off the Big Perch of a Day — a 13.5 inch Jumbo !

locals. It was tough going on the way out, traveling by GPS with white out conditions. What a

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boat Association. Jim had a slide show presentation on the LACA's Sauble River Net Pen Project, which the DAS has donated to the following 2 years and will continue to do so. Jim also fielded questions from the floor and thanked the DAS for their generosity. Jim also mentioned the new buoy that was being placed off of Ludington, that would provide current water, wind and temperature data. Jim had just found out about the buoy so hopefully there will be more information available in the near future. Thanks to Jim for his fine presentation.

Just before the break, Mr. Jones introduced two new members in attendance; Donald Mikros and Todd Ridley. Todd joined as a Lifetime Member. Welcome to Don and Todd!

Following the break, Bob Paradise and Blaise Pewinski did a how-to presentation with tips

and tricks for the then upcoming St. Luke's, Ont. Ice fishing outing (See article on Pg. 1 & pictures on Pg. 3). Bob & Blaise did an outstanding job sharing their favorite techniques, baits, rods and other helpful hints. Thanks to them both for the great presentation!

Bob Ksionzek then took the floor for announcement of the 2011 Boat Trolling Schedule and discussion of the rules, entry fee increase, and 333 rule changes. The Boat trolling Schedule appears below and the website has been updated with all pertinent info.

The raffles then followed with this month's featuring mostly ice fishing equipment including the Canadian "Tip Downs". In the 75/25 drawings, Paul Gjeldum won the \$70 1st prize while Anthony Lewis took home the \$35 2nd prize. Unfortunately, Tim & Jody Robinson were not present to claim the \$100 cash prize in the EveryMember drawing.

Membership NewsNew Memberships**Donald Mikros****Todd Ridley (Lifetime)****Carl Ventimiglia**Renewed Memberships**Ken Cione****Antonio Cosbey****Tom Gorguze**Memberships Expired in January**Hermann Christoph****David A. Hopcroft****Galen Hull**Memberships Expiring in February**John Angell****Dennis Gignac****Chris Siemen****Bill Bale****Ron Huey****Bruce Turnage****Michael Broughton****Keith Kinyon****Steve Walker****Robert Butkiewicz****Ken Kinyon****Dwayne Welder****Tim Cook****Chris La Rocque****Andy Willetts****Dave Engel****Marilyn Larese****George Frisch****Mike Lehto****Rich Galanek****Thomas Osentoski****Mark Gazda****Greg Pieprzak****Stephen Genoff****Robert Pinskey****2011 DAS Boat Trolling Tournament Schedule**

Date	Port		Port Captain	Phone no.
4/30/2011	St. Joseph		Dan Chisholm	586-530-9171
5/21/2011 & 5/22/2011	Grand Haven	333	Ron Pal	586-598-7239
6/11/2011	Wilson or Olcott, NY	T.B.D	Bob Ksionzek	586-531-9198
7/9/2011	Pentwater		Joe Von Grabe	586-293-7688
8/6/2011	Ludington Ladies Day		Jody Robinson	248-736-1737
8/13/2011	Ludington II	333	Al Wiechert	248-435-4013
8/26/2011	Manistee I	333	Bob Paradise	586-457-4073
9/10/2011	Manistee II		Tom Gorguze	248-343-8397

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Ice Outing *from Pg. 1*

sight to see, when I turned around to see over 20 ATV'S and 4 x 4 with trailers, all in line heading for the spot with visions of Gold (PERCH GOLD). When we arrived 30 minutes later, we weren't the only ones looking for the gold. Several hundred others were already at the Perch grounds before we arrived.

As the morning went on the weather got better but not the fishing, with only a few perch caught by all. At 10.00 am. the ice masters decided to make a move after a good report of Perch being taken by a friend of Al Wiechert, some 5.4 miles away in the area called the "Tic Tac". Off we went looking like a wagon train crossing a white desert in search of Jumbo Perch, it turned out to be a good move with most of us getting 20 or so nice fish as the day wore on. At noon all were called over to the lunch wagon for hot chili, hot dogs and coffee, along with a lot of storytelling and camaraderie about the big perch that got away. Bob told the crew to go back and fish until 2:30pm, then have the Big FISH contest.

Some nice Slab Jumbo's were checked in but in the end as predicted Gaspare Aragona would hail as "ICE HOLER of the YEAR" with a monster 13.5 inch Perch. A lot of fish were caught on many different techniques; from spoons to minnows but to watch 2 youngsters (Steven Williams and his friend Justin Herbert) who have never been ice fishing before, fish minnows on Tip Downs and put 42 nice Perch in the bucket by day's end, was a pleasure to see. They even had a jumbo that was almost as big as Gaspare's. I'm sure we will see them in the future on the ice or in boats, nice job Boys! When 4:00pm. came, it was time to mount up and head for the barn. The day turned out to be quite nice with a lot of fun had by all. With all the good reviews, I'm sure this event will be held for many years to come. Thanks to all those attending and a special thanks to the "ICE MASTER" Bob Paradise for helping put this event on.

Until next time, **FISH ON!**

Blaise Pewinski



Blaise Pewinski, who along with Bob Paradise organized the outing. Great job Guys!



The "Chili Wagon" where everyone refueled and warmed their innards!



Part of the "Wagon Train" on the trailers



Looks Like a Happy Group of Ice-Holers!

Did you know that your mailing label includes the date your membership expires? The month and year your membership expires is above your name. If it's marked yellow, your membership may be close to expiring. Regular memberships are still \$25, Senior \$10 and Lifetime \$150. See Tom Moores at the regular meeting or send your check to:

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. P.O. Box 1255 Sterling Heights, MI 48311-1255

2011 DAS Key Dates

February 22, 2011 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
March 8, 2011 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
March 12, 2011 5:00pm - 10:00pm	Wild Game Dinner American Polish Cultural Center
March 19, 2011 8:00am - 4:00pm	Super Salmon Clinic American Polish Cultural Center
March 29, 2011 7:30pm	Membership Meeting (Swap Tables) American Polish Cultural Center

**The Detroit Area Steelheaders
Present The 12th Annual 2011**

Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner

Saturday March 12, 2011 - Troy, MI
held at the beautiful
American Polish Cultural Center

Fundraiser Dinner to support
the protection and promotion
of fisheries in the Great
Lakes Region.

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

Table Raffles, 50/50 Raffles, Gun Draws. And games. Prizes include: Guns, Great Lakes Fishing Tackle, Mitsubishi 60" 1080p TV, Tools, 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.
Non-smoking and smoking areas.
Dining tables seat ten, and may be reserved with your advance payment**

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.

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2011 DAS Sportsmen's Dinner & Raffle Registration

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