



# Fishin' Tales

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**November Meeting**

- When:**  
Tuesday, November 29, 2011  
7:30pm
- Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
Northwest corner,  
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured :**  
Doug Karakas
- Other Happenings:**  
Big Manistee Fish-Out results,  
Fishing reports, Tackle raffles, 75  
-25 Drawing & more
- Up-To-Date Information on  
the DAS website at:**  
[www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com)

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## Big Manistee Club Fish Out!

Well guys, another Fall fish-off has come and gone and it was great! We had beautiful weather, great participation, and a good pot-luck. It was very interesting to see how the members had fared!! There were 16 participants in all, but two didn't show up for the weigh-in.



Judging by their smiles the group had fun on Saturday!

On the pier were Bob Paradise (4.9 lbs.), Gaspare Aragona (7.9 lbs.), Al Weichert, Tom Theida & Adam Plank (2.1 lbs.) followed by the shore (bankees) Mike Tomlan, Denis Harper & Bruce Turnage, next up were

the boat guys, Jerry Zabel, Bob Feisel & Anthony Lewis, Doug Karakas (7.8 lbs.), Dave Even, & Tim Graskewicz (9.2 lbs. & winner)

Afterwards we all had a great time reviewing the days activities along with some welcome refreshments, hazing & good natured teasing!! As usual, the Manistee outing was

a great success. Consider coming to our spring trip. It will be more of the same: great food, fun, and company.

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## Did You Miss the October Meeting?

### Tuesday October 25, 2011

With 44 members in attendance, President Bob Jones opened the meeting at 7:35pm. For those who didn't know, Bob made it known that long time member and current BOD director 82 year-old Ed Horen took a nasty fall into the rocks off of the Manistee pier the Sunday before this meeting. Even though he was wearing a headlight on the dark pier, Ed tripped over another fisherman's rod that was set-up in one of the joints in the middle of the pier. Usually there every meeting, he was obviously very sore and was resting at home. ( Since, then he went into the Detroit Henry Ford I.C.U. with 2 broken ribs, a broken scapula (shoulder blade) and clots on his leg and lungs. He is back home now doing much better but keep Ed in your thoughts and prayers.)

The President then introduced the featured guest speaker Doug Samsal, a long time Steelhead Guide on the Manistee River.

Doug spoke on the evolution of various methods of casting with plugs for Steelhead. As most of our membership have not used this technique, Doug had the audience's attention throughout his 50 minute talk. He presented a wealth of information including types of rods, reels, line, leaders and baits plus techniques that he uses. Thanks very much to Doug for his out-of-the-ordinary and truly informative presentation.

After the break, Mr. Jones called on Anthony Lewis. Anthony will be taking over the River, Surf and Pier Chairmanship from Jerry Zabel. Jerry cited health concerns as a reason for stepping down. The BOD would like to thank Jerry for the great job he has done as River, Surf and Pier Chairman over the past few years. Anthony was presenting info about the then upcoming Nov. 8 outing on the Big Manistee system. Congratulations to Anthony on stepping up!



Have a Very Happy Thanksgiving!

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Meeting from Pg. 1

Bob Jones again expressed his concern how important it was that we all as members do everything we can to promote becoming a member of Detroit Area Steelheaders , as well as current members consider serving on the Board of Directors. We need fresh ideas to keep this the great organization it has always been. (See Election Chairman Dan Chisholm's article on Page 3)

Mark Williams then had a brief update on the Salmon in the Classroom project at the Armada Middle School that the DAS is supporting with a \$1300 donation. Thanks to Mark for heading up this great cause and being the main contact for the program.

The tackle raffles followed and besides the usual great tackle packs, the featured prize was a 12' Bass Pro Rod and MT model spinning reel. In the 75/25 drawings, the 1st prize of \$75 was won by Blaise Pewinski and Dennis Harper took home the \$40 2nd prize. As luck would have it in the Every Member Drawing, Ed Horen's name was drawn. However , Our President decided that under the circumstances and the fact that Ed always attends the meet-

ings , he would waive the "must be present to win" rule and had Treasurer Steve Hamilton mail a \$100 check to Ed. Very nice gesture! With that the meeting concluded at 9:30pm.

**The Editor**



**Next DAS River Event**

Our next River event will be Dec. 10th on the Lower Huron River at Flat Rock. Start at whatever time in the morning you please. We will have our weigh at the boat launch just below the Telegraph rd bridge at noon.

After the weigh in, we will have lunch at the Big Boy in Flat Rock. The Big Boy is just a couple miles up the road from the boat launch. The address is 27050 Telegraph Road, Flat Rock, MI

**Jerry Zabel & Anthony Lewis  
River, Surf & Pier Chairmen**



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**Membership News**

Renewed Memberships

**Rod Elnick**                      **Fred Hynick**  
**Tom Gorguze**                 **Lynn Martin**

Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired

<b>Mark &amp; Colleen Bevans</b>	<b>Michael Kay</b>	<b>Ty Voigt</b>
<b>Bob Feisel</b>	<b>John Meade</b>	<b>Dan Whitmill</b>
<b>Bruce Haywood</b>	<b>Scott Obarzanek</b>	<b>Nancy Wood</b>
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New Member — \$25.00                       Renewal — \$25.00                       Lifetime \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Senior Over 65 — \$10.00                       Address Change

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## Board of Directors Election

The Detroit Area Steelheaders board of directors is made up of people elected at the clubs annual meeting held each December. Directors are elected to three year terms and to provide for continuity the terms of one third of the board members expire each year. In a perfect world this setup not only provides continuity but also brings in new people each year. New people bring with them fresh ideas and enthusiasm ultimately making the club a better organization.

At the January board meeting following the election, the board selects the clubs four principal officers, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. After these four offices are filled annual Committee assignments are decided upon. Committee assignments are as follows: Wild Game Dinner (March 2012), Website, Trophies, Special People, Speakers & Education, Shows, Scholarships, River/Pier/Surf/Ice, Raffles, Publicity, Photography, Newsletter, Membership, Meeting P.A. System, Hats/Shirts/Jackets, Donations & Appropriations, Coalition, and Boat Trolling. Each board member has input into the committee or committees they will be assigned to. People must be satisfied that they can handle the assignment and have an interest in it. Keep in mind "many hands make light the work" so you will find some assignments have multiple members with one person in charge to coordinate things.

I have been a board member for two terms now and I am proud to tell you that the directors I have worked with are good, dedicated people who work hard to promote the interest of the club and its members. I trust each of them and would hate to lose any of them. However, we will be a better club when we start to bring in additional board members and add the enthusiasm and fresh perspective element. That's the reason I have written this newsletter article: to take the mystery out of the clubs election process and urge members to participate more fully in club business by being involved on the board of directors. The board members are all volunteers who meet once a month, two weeks prior to the general membership meeting. The board meetings begin at 7 pm and dinner is provided.

I urge you to become more involved in the operation of the club. If you have any questions contact me. I must know by December 1, so I can place you on this year's ballot. Dan Chisholm, 586-530-9171 or dan.chisholm223@gmail.com

## Pictures From the Big Manistee Fish Out



Tom Theida with a nice Steelie taken off the pier on Sunday.



Guest Adam Plank Had a Nice Steelhead Also.



Tom Gorguze shows off his 13 lb. Steelhead caught on Sunday



The Pier Gang had a great time on Sunday Morning!

**Upcoming 2011 DAS Key Dates**

November 29, 2011 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
December 10, 2011	River Outing Lower Huron River
December 13, 2011 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
December 20, 2011 7:30pm	Christmas Party (W/ Special Guest Salmon Claus) American Polish Cultural Center

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