



Fishin' Tales

PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE GREAT LAKES SPORTFISHERY FOR OVER 35 YEARS

March Meeting

- When:**
Tuesday, March 30, 2010 7:30pm
- Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
Northwest corner,
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured Speaker :**
Capt. Jerry Lee
" Spring Tactics
for Salmon & Trout "
- Other Happenings:**
Swap Meet, Lexington boat tour-
nament update, River tourna-
ment news, Tackle raffles, 75-25
Drawing & more
- Up-To-Date Information on
the DAS website at:**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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43 Days until the first trolling
tournament at Lexington! Get
that boat and your crew ready!

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Cormorant Update from Pete Butchko in April

Pete Butchko, the State Director USDA-Wildlife Services will be our featured guest speaker in April. Pete is responsible for the Cormorant Management program. He will have an excellent, fact filled slide presentation on what his agency is doing to control the Cormorant population. While they by no means have these voracious prey birds under complete control, they have made tremendous strides to minimize the populations in the areas they have been working. Their efforts have paid off as fish-

ing in these areas, which had become almost non-existent is showing signs of making a comeback. Don't miss the updates he will be presenting. For more info in the mean time you can contact him at:

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If you missed the February meeting

The February meeting featured a great presentation from Richard Laaksonen of Finnpower Charters.

Richard has been fishing salmon since he was a young boy. He interned on his father's famous boat, the Finnlander. Capt. Al dominated tournaments at that time.



Now Richard has made a name for himself as one of the top fisherman on Lake Michigan. Some of the tips Richard shared are to use Brads Thin Fins in red during the early spring for coho. he said to troll down wind to keep lines straight. For

big kings in the spring he said to run a summer program of bigger spoons and rotators. He suggested that because lake trout don't move much you should stay in the same spot you caught fish rather than running a long troll. He likes spin-n-gloves behind a dodger or glo-green spoons for lakere.

Richard also fishes walleyes in Lake Erie in June. He uses mini spoons off Big Jon mini divers. In the am he runs painted back spoons in pink, purple and yellow. When the sun comes up he changes to copper or gold spoons. There were lots of questions from the members and Richard answered them all.

President Mark Williams previewed upcoming club events and asked everyone to renew their effort to obtain

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WGD donations because we are very low at this time. Anthony Lewis reviewed the upcoming river fishing tournaments with dates, locations, and handouts.

Bruce Tufford spoke about Special People Day and encouraged people to volunteer as ground crew or boat captains for the day. We have 6 boats committed as of this moment.

As usual there were a great selection of prizes in the tackle raffles. The \$70 winner of the 50/50 was Dennis Holoway. Dan Chisholm won the \$100 All Member drawing. 53 members attended.

Annual March Swap Meet

The March regular member meeting will feature the **Annual Swap Meet** for members. If you have rods, reels, lures, or other tackle you don't need, turn it into cash at the meeting. If you need something, check out the tables. Show up early (doors open at 7:00 p.m.) for the best selection or to set up.

2010 Boat Trolling Schedule

Port	Date	Port Captain
Lexington	April 24	Blaise Pewinski
St. Joseph	May 1	Dan Chisholm
Grand Haven 2-Day (333)	May 22-23	Bob Feisel
Pentwater	June 26	Al Weichert
Manistee I	July 10	Tom Gorguze
Ludington Ladies Day	August 7	Mark Williams
Ludington II 2-Day (333) Team Doubles Day 1	August 14-15	Ron Pal
Manistee II (333)	August 28	Bob Paradise
Onkama	September 11	Jody Robinson

Membership News

New Memberships

John Angell	Ken Kinyon
Michael Broughton	Chris La Rocque
Robert Butkiewicz	Marilyn Larese
Tim Cook	Thomas Osentoski
George Frisch	Greg Pieprzak
Rich Galanek	Rob Pinskey
Dennis Gignac	Chris Siemen
Keith Kinyon	Steve Walker

Renewed Memberships

Antonio Cosbey	Dwayne Welder
Mark Gazda	Andy Willetts
Stephen Genoff	George Zaker

Expired or Near Expired Memberships

Gaspere Aragona	Dennis Holoway
Bob Brumer	Bob Ksionzek
Merv Champine	Jay Labban
Daniel Chisholm	George Leonard
Robert Ewart	Anthony Lewis
Jim Fitch	Michael Lolli
Jack Herron	Timothy Waidelich

2010 Spring River, Surf & Pier Tournament Schedule

With the Huron River tournament behind us, the remainder of the spring river schedule is below. Please see the message board or attend the next meeting for more information.

- ♦ March 20 Clinton River
- ♦ March 27 Manistee River
- ♦ April 10 Grand River

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Super Salmon Clinic

As experienced by Dan Chisholm

The Detroit Area Steelheaders inaugural Super Salmon Clinic was held on February 20 at the American Polish Cultural Center. Thirty two attendees came in from the cold and spent the day learning salmon trolling techniques from four experienced Charter Captains. Captain Willis Kerridge, Captain Jerry Lee, Captain Brian Butts, and Captain George Freeman were on hand describing their typical trolling program and how to adjust for time of day, weather/water conditions, seasonal adjustments, and a whole lot of just plain old common sense when all of the old stand-by techniques are not working. Networking and cooperation between fishing crews was a typical theme throughout the day. It's a big lake out there and no one boat captain has all the answers so helping each other out was often encouraged.

In the morning each captain got the opportunity to explain his way of doing things and why he uses that method. That was followed up with panel discussions where attendees questions were asked and answered. After a good hot lunch and a 50/50 drawing* there were demonstrations on the use of cooper, wire, flashers, dodgers, dipsey's, and proper use of terminal tackle. The clinic ended with another panel discussion where we discussed what we learned and a final round of questions from attendees.

From my point of view it was a day well spent and I am confident I learned enough to be willing to do this again next winter. I spent \$65 to attend the clinic and in return I got a tackle pack worth at least \$30, a great hot lunch, and the opportunity to listen to how the experts find and catch salmon. Now my challenge is to put what I learned to use and improve my catch from last year (regretably, that won't be real difficult). I'll end my report with this great tid-bit learned from Ed Horen, we were discussing those difficult times when none of the presentations are working and the fish are just plain shut down and what to do about it. Ed believes that's when you come into port and have a nice lunch and a couple of beers.



Capt. George Freeman, Jerry Lee, Brian Butts and Willis Kerridge



The 13 New members who enjoyed the Super Salmon Clinic

The Detroit Area Steelheaders
Present The 11th Annual 2010

Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner

Saturday March 13, 2010 - 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, Tools, 60" Big Screen TV, 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.

More Super Salmon Clinic Photos



Detroit Area Steelheaders “Special People Day” Outing

June 12, 2010

Toledo Beach Marina
11840 Toledo Beach Rd. LaSalle, MI. 48145

Each year our Detroit Area Steelheaders organization hosts a group of “Special People” for a day of fun and fishing. What is this group of special people? It’s a group of people young and not so young who face a physical or emotional challenge. They are men and women, children and adults who come together one day each year to spend a day with us having fun. “Special People Day” is a social outing with their friends where they spend the morning on Lake Erie catching fish. After fishing, lunch is provided under the big tent where our “Special People” socialize and show off their ‘days catch’. The remainder of the event is filled with pictures, prizes, and fun.

DAS sponsors this event as a way to give back to our community but its success comes from the experience of our members. Each person who helps out knows they are part of a worthwhile cause and the event is sustained because our members keep coming back. Special mention also goes out to Toledo Beach Marina. They donate the use of the marina each year and provide free launch and boat slips to help make this event a success.

This event has continued for over 29 years now and your help is needed to keep it going. The DAS needs captains, boats, ground crew helpers, and donations. If you can help in any way please call DAS “Special People” chair Bruce Tufford 248-821-2036 or Dan Chisholm 586-530-9171.



2010 DAS Key Dates

March 13, 2010 5:00pm - 10:00pm	Wild Game Dinner American Polish Cultural Center
March 30, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
March 31, 2010	2009 Fishing Licenses Expire Be sure to get your new one!
April 13, 2010 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
April 24, 2010 6:00am - 2:00pm	1st Boat Trolling Tournament Lexington, MI
April 27, 2010 7:00pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

CHECK YOUR LABEL

Did you know that your mailing label includes the date your membership expires? The month and year your membership expires is below your name. If it's marked yellow, your membership may be close to expiring. Don't be disqualified from a tournament because you forgot to re-up. Regular memberships are still \$25, Senior \$10 and Lifetime \$150. See Tom Moores at the regular meeting or send your check to:

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