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May Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, May 25, 2010 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
Northwest corner,
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured :**
Boat rigging demo in the APCC
parking lot.
- **Other Happenings:**
St. Joe and Grand Haven trolling
tournament results, tackle raffles,
75-25 Drawing & more
- **Up-To-Date Information on
the DAS website at:**
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Upcoming 2-Day at Grand Haven

Sat. May 22 – Sun. May 23, 2010

The third trolling tournament for the 2010 season will be a two-day event at the beautiful port of Grand Haven. The tournament will start on Saturday, May 22, with the 5:00 AM captains meeting. We will start fishing at 6:00 AM and pull lines at 2:00 PM. There will be fish calls at 9:00 am and 12:00 noon. The weigh-in (and FOOD!) will be at the Municipal Marina. You must be in line for the weigh-in by 3:00. On Sunday we will fish from 6:00 AM until 12 noon and have another weigh-in at 1:00 PM. The combined scores for the two days of fishing will determine the winners.

This tournament is also the first of three ports (Grand Haven, Ludington, and Manis-

tee) included in the optional '333' competition. Rules for the '333' can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

Boat slip reservations at the Grand Haven Municipal Marina can be made through the Michigan DNR system: 1-800-44-PARKS, or visit the DNR website at: www.midnrreservations.com. The marina office can be contacted by calling 616-847-3478 or 616-842-2550.

The Harbor Island launch ramps are west of US-31 on the south side of the Grand River. There is a fee for using the ramps. Make

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If you missed the April meeting

The meeting began at 7:35, called to order by President Mark Williams with a good crowd of 55 members and guests on hand.

Mark immediately introduced Pete Butchko of the USDA—Wildlife Services for his update presentation on the Cormorant Control program. Pete has spoken a couple of times before at our meetings but always brings a fresh, informative slide show with plenty of statistics and pictures and Pete's great sense of humor always makes for an entertaining evening. In a nutshell, the program is definitely working by reducing the number of nesting cormorants in various locations throughout Michigan and expanding into the Ludington area this year. Thanks to Pete for the great presentation and along with his co-workers for the great

job they are doing against the fishery threatening cormorants.

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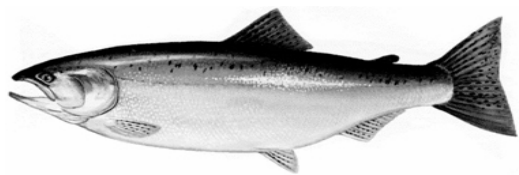
After the break, Bruce Tufford, who is chairman for the Special People Outing, made a plea for more club boats to participate in the event as his goal is to make this the best one ever. Help Bruce out by calling him at 248-821-2036. Mark then turned the floor over to Bob Mitchell, who put together a great slide presentation including movie footage on

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sure you pay the launch fee and get a receipt. The launch is patrolled regularly and you will get ticketed if you have not paid the fee. When heading out from the launch, pay attention to the marker buoys in the river so that you will avoid the shallow areas that are on both sides of the ramps.

A mixed catch of Coho and King salmon, along with some steelhead and lake trout, is typical at Grand Haven. Spring fishing success can often be found in the muddy plume of warm water coming from the Grand River. As you clear the pier heads, look for charter boats in the area. They can be a good indication that the fish are in the shallow water. Lures pulled behind in-line planers or shallow divers should do well there. There is very little bottom structure at Grand Haven. The fish can be anywhere so



look for temperature breaks.

Be aware that there are fishing nets to the north of Grand Haven. Net locations can change without notice. An updated listing can be found on-line at www.fishdock.net/netlisting.

Fishing tackle / supplies can be purchased at Lakeview Marine & Tackle (616-842-2770) in Grand Haven, or at Fish On Bait & Tackle (616-935-6985) on M-104 between I-96 and Spring Lake.

There is much to see and do at Grand Haven. There are many excellent motels, bed & breakfasts, campgrounds, and restaurants. Family members and friends that stay ashore will enjoy watching the Annual Kite Festival on the beach at the State Park.

Reminder: Captains that want to take advantage of the Annual Trolling Fee discount (\$125 for season) must pay in full on or before the Grand Haven tournament.

Port Captain: Bob Feisel
248-765-2504 (cell)

Membership News

New Membership

David Prudhomme

Renewed Memberships

Dennis Holoway

Dick Shirk

Richard Kittle

Bruce Tufford

Tom Moores

Al Wiechert

Ron Pal

Expired or Near Expired Memberships

Lou Bacsikin

Gary Rowoldt

Bob Jones

Keith Stafford

Jim Legenzoff

Fred Tebbets

Walter Romaniuk

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the Asian carp situation with up-to-date information. Very informative, Thanks for the excellent job, Bob!

Bob Ksionzek then presented the Lexington trolling tournament results (see article and standings on page 3) as well as information on the St. Joe and upcoming Grand Haven tournaments (see articles on page 1 and 2)

The meeting wrapped up with the usual fine packs of tackle and other fishing related items in the raffle. In the 75/25 drawings, Mike Tomlin claimed the \$80 1st prize and Director Tom Gorguze took home the 2nd prize of \$40. Congratulations, guys! Unfortunately, long time member Brian Glaser was not present to claim the \$100 bucks in the Every Member drawing.



A beautiful 54 inch, 30+ pound muskie taken by Jim Balzer the evening of May 3, 2010 on the Detroit River with his favorite ultra light walleye jigging rod with 10 lb. test Fireline and 10 lb. test mono leader. The fish was released unharmed after photos were taken.

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The DAS had their first tournament of the year at Lexington, Saturday, April 24. The fishing was great, catching not so much. We pre-fished Friday, just two of us on board, we set up north of the harbor in 15 FOW and trolled north starting around 7:00 AM. We trolled for five hours without a hit. I zig-zagged from 15 to 45 FOW until we reached Port Sanilac. We were in 45 FOW just north of the PS port entrance when a rigger set 25 down with a 100 foot stretch went off with a Double Orange Crush Super Slim spoon at 12:07 PM. We landed a nice Laker that weighed 6 pounds on my digital hand held scale. Shortly after landing that fish another rigger went off with a Green Dolphin Super Slim that was set 17 down with a 100 + foot stretch in 35 FOW on a NW troll at 12:20 PM, we netted a little bit bigger Laker that weighed in at 8.2 pounds. In 25 FOW on the same NW troll a board took off with a Perch color jointed J-11 on a two color core rod. This fish weighed in at 8.8 pounds, again another Laker. All three fish were released unharmed. We decided at that point we had our Laker spot for the tournament and pulled the four riggers and two boards to make the ten mile ride back to Lexington. Seas were relatively calm at one foot or less.

up for the tow. We had about a 1.5 mile trip back to port where we got the disabled boat into the boat launch dock and headed back out for our tournament.

We decided to run to Sanilac and set up there. At the 9:00 AM fish call two boats reported one fish each, Hard Top & Tails and Almost Paradise, the remainder of the fleet reported no fish in the box.

I received a phone call from a pal that had been fishing the week before and he suggested we put down a Trash Can Dodger and Metallic Green Spin & Glow. We did just that, 2 foot off the bottom with a 114 ft stretch, it was down less that 2 minutes when it went off with a nice 8 pound Laker. Our one and only fish for the day.

All boats pulled lines at 2 and were in the weigh in line by 3:00 PM. 4 boats weighed fish, the first place boat, Bad Dog (Puppy) had 4 Lakers caught in 76 FOW banging bottom with a Dodger and Spin & Glow, the second place. Almost Paradise, boat had one Laker and a small Coho, the third place boat, Bobby's Toy and fourth place boat, Hard Top & Tails, had one fish, ours was a half pound bigger, thus giving us a third place finish. The remainder of the boats had no fish.

Tight Lines, Bob Jones "Bobby's Toy"

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day. - Author Unknown

Lexington Standings																	4/24/2010		
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	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	4	L 8.50	L 7.75	L 6.90	5.45	-----	-----	-----	-----	28.60	48.60	NONE	0.00	48.60	1		
2	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	3	L 9.25	L 7.75	S 2.90	-----	-----	-----	-----	19.90	34.90	NONE	0.00	34.90	2			
3	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	1	L 7.55	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	7.55	12.55	NONE	0.00	12.55	3			
4	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	1	L 6.55	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	6.55	11.55	NONE	0.00	11.55	4			
5	Channing	Dan Chisolm	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	5			
6	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	6			

BIG FISH L A R G E S T	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.		Number Caught
	Almost Paradise	Lake Trout	9.25		
		King	0.00		0
		Coho	0.00		0
	Almost Paradise	Lake Trout	9.25		8
	Almost Paradise	Steelhead	2.90		1
		Brown	0.00		0
		Atlantic	0.00		0
		Pink	0.00	0	
					9

6	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 - That's More Like It!

The fishing reports coming out of St. Joe prior to the tournament weren't very exciting nor were the weather reports with rain, windy conditions and rough seas in the forecast. Fortunately, for the eight boats that made the tournament, neither were true.

1' to 2' seas greeted the club fleet as it was more dark than light for the 6:00am start. The boats scattered from right out in front, to down by the Cook plant and half way in between but most started their fishing in at least 60 FOW with baits set in the top 35'. Regular sized Silver Streaks seemed to be the baits of choice with Blue/Green Dolphins, Michael Jackson, Double Orange Crush, Snowman and Hot Lobster being the more popular colors.

A few boats also found success with various combinations of flashers and flies and even cut bait. Some boats were into the fish right away but the fishing seemed to get better as the morning progressed. As the fishing got better so did the weather and the lake calmed to near flat conditions. "Bobby's Toy" was even fighting a fish as the tournament end was announced.

Some pretty nice catches were brought to the scales at the 3:00 weigh-in. "Bobby's Toy" had 16 fish, "Almost Paradise" - 15, "E-Fish-N-Sea" - 14, "Bad Dog" - 13, "Hardtop & Tails" had 12 and "Silver Addiction" - 11. Of course, we only count the best 8 but it just shows how good the fishing was. After the final tally, Almost Paradise had a nice 8 fish total worth 141.25 points beating out Bobby's Toy 134.60 points. Silver Addiction finished 3rd with an 104.45 total. Congratulations to Bob Paradise and his crew on "Almost Paradise"! All in

all, it was a pretty good day on the water. We wrapped it up with a great luncheon of Jet's pizza's and salads. Thanks to Port Captain, Mark Williams for providing the eats. Thanks to all who attended. We hope to have an even better attendance and event for Grand Haven, May 22 & 23. (See article on Page 1 & 2)

Bob Ksionzek Tournament Co-Chairman

2010 Official '333' Rules

1. Selected Ports: Grand Haven - Sat., May 22, 2010 & Sun., May 23, 2010
Ludington II - Sat., August 14, 2010 & Sun., August 15, 2010
Manistee II - Sat., August 28, 2010

Skippers may enter any/all of above.

2. Entry fee: \$20 per boat per port.

3. Scoring:

A. Each boat's skipper will designate the (3) fish to be entered prior to being weighed officially at each port weigh-in.

B. For the Ludington & Grand Haven 2-day tournaments, each boat's skipper will designate from 0 - 3 fish to be entered prior to being weighed officially for each day's weigh-in. The 2-day total of (3) fish will determine results.

C. For overall scoring, skipper will designate from (3) fish designated at individual tournament, from 0 - 3 fish desired to be applied toward maximum total number of (3) fish from all (3) selected ports

D. Points: 1 point per pound plus 1/100 point per 100th of a pound.
e.g. Fish weighing 10.55 lbs. will receive 10.55 points.

4. Prizes:

A. Individual tournament

1st place. Boat with best total at any above tournament will receive 50% of individual tournament '333' entry monies.

e.g. if 5 boats enter '333' at Grand Haven, '333' 1st Place winner at Grand Haven will receive
\$20 x 5 = \$100 x .5 = \$50.

B. Boat with overall best total of (3) fish selected from (3) tournaments will receive total of remaining 50% from each individual tournament plus trophy as "333 Triple Crown" winner.

e.g. If there are a total of 15 boats entered over the course of the (3) selected port tournaments, overall winner will receive \$20 x 15 = \$300 x .50 = \$150

5. Decision of tournament director will be final for all '333' winners.

St. Joe Standings

5/1/2010

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	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	8	K 15.15	K 14.75	K 14.50	14.25	K 12.00	K 10.50	K 10.15	K 9.95	101.25	141.25	NONE	0.00	141.25	1
2	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	8	K 15.20	K 15.05	K 14.60	13.20	K 10.80	K 9.55	K 8.25	L 7.95	94.60	134.60	NONE	0.00	134.60	2
3	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	8	K 14.15	K 10.75	K 10.10	7.75	K 6.40	K 5.55	K 5.00	K 4.75	64.45	104.45	NONE	0.00	104.45	3
4	E-Fish-N-Sea	Doug Karakas	8	K 13.85	K 9.30	K 8.75	8.10	K 6.90	K 6.85	K 4.65	K 4.00	62.40	102.40	NONE	0.00	102.40	4
5	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	8	K 10.75	K 9.85	K 9.30	7.50	K 7.25	K 6.60	K 5.80	K 4.40	61.45	101.45	NONE	0.00	101.45	5
6	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	8	K 9.70	K 6.70	K 6.50	5.90	K 5.45	K 4.75	C 4.30	K 3.65	46.95	86.95	NONE	0.00	86.95	6
7	Channing	Dan Chisolm	6	K 11.15	K 7.60	K 4.05	3.70	K 3.35	K 1.80	-----	-----	31.65	61.65	NONE	0.00	61.65	7
8	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	3	K 3.55	C 3.20	K 2.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	9.50	24.50	NONE	0.00	24.50	8

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Bobby's Toy	King	15.20	
	Bobby's Toy	King	15.20	75
	Bad Dog	Coho	4.30	12
	Bobby's Toy	Lake Trout	7.95	3
		Steelhead	0.00	0
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
		Pink	0.00	0
				90

8 Total Boats

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1st Place — "Almost Paradise"



2nd Place — "Bobby's Toy"



4th Place — "E-Fish-N-Sea"



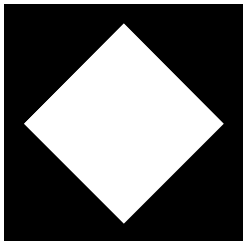
5th Place — "Hardtop & Tails"



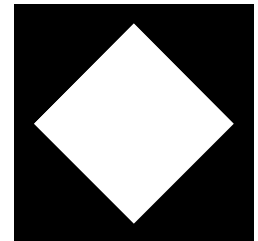
6th Place — "Bad Dog"



7th Place — "Channing"



Big Fish -15.2# King "Bobby's Toy" - Todd Ridley



2010 DAS Key Dates

May 22-23, 2010	Boat Trolling Tournament Grand Haven (Two-Day) (333)
May 25, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
June 12, 2010	Special People Outing Toledo Beach Marina, Lake Erie
June 15, 2010 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
June 26, 2010	Boat Trolling Tournament Pentwater
June 29, 2010 7:30pm	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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