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July Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, July 27, 2010
7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
Northwest corner, 15 Mile Rd. &
Dequindre
- **Featured :**
Captain C. J. Baker from "Puddle
Jumper" Charters on Ludington
Salmon fishing.
- **Other Happenings:**
Manistee I tournament results,
upcoming tournament info, tackle
raffles, 75-25 Drawing & more
- **Up-To-Date Information on the
DAS website at:**
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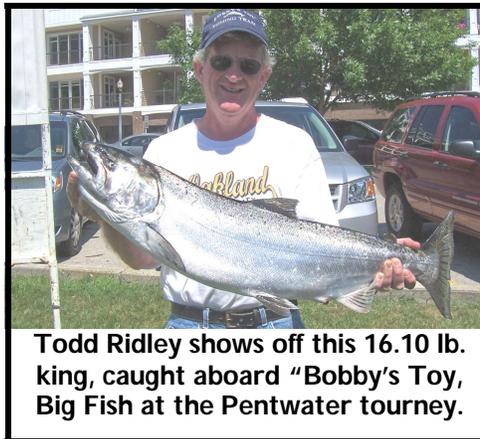
Picnic was Koegel hot dogs/w/buns- Potato
salad - baked beans - Better Made potato
chips - brownies and other pastries - ice
cream

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If You Missed the June meeting ...

Filling in for President Mark Williams, Vice-President Bob Mitchell brought the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. First off, Bob reminded everyone to see Tom Moores about membership and related issues and also that Tom Gorguze still had the annual T-shirts available.

Bob then immediately introduced the evening's featured speaker, none other than Capt. Steve Jones, premier Muskie guide on Lake St. Clair. Steve has been doing his guiding for 37 years and had a wealth of information to share on Muskie tactics, presentation, equipment, et al. He covered the bases on Muskie and truly had



Todd Ridley shows off this 16.10 lb. king, caught aboard "Bobby's Toy, Big Fish at the Pentwater tourney.

the salmon and trout audience's interest throughout his entire presentation. He even talked a little bit about Lake St. Clair's well-known walleye fishing. He obviously peaked some interest by the number of questions that followed his discussion. Many thanks to Steve for his very interest-

ing and informative talk!

After a short break, Mr. Mitchell introduced Bruce Tufford, who had a report on the Special People outing (See article above.)

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stated it was a very successful day on Lake Erie and thanked all those who offered their time and effort to make it such.

Bob then presented this year's DAS Scholarship winner's Brian Robinson, son of Tim and Jody Robinson, and Stephanie Herbert. Brian was there to accept his scholarship however Stephanie could not be in attendance. Both are receiving \$500 scholarships. Congratulations to Brian and Stephanie and good luck in their educational pursuits.

Bob Ksionzek then took the floor with his report on the Pentwater trolling tournament. (See article on Page 4). Bob presented the Top Five skippers their name plates and also had an update on the current Skipper of the Year standings.

The VP then took fishing reports from the floor. The meeting ended with the crowd favorite tackle and 75-25 raffles. The tackle raffle feature a nice rod & reel combo as well as several complete dipsey set-up packages. The 1st place winner in the 75-25 was Jim Zanke, who took \$45 cash home. 2nd place winner, Ray Banbury claimed his \$23 prize. Unfortunately, just recently renewed member Clement Foston Jr. was not in attendance to receive his \$100 cash in the Every Member drawing.

Indiana Officials: Carp on the move in Wabash River.

Members of Congress were briefed late Wednesday (June 30) by officials in Indiana on a finding that Asian carp have been moving upstream in the Wabash River in Indiana, far from any locks or the electric barriers in Illinois built to deter carp. Flooding could send the fish into the nearby Maumee River in Ohio, which leads into Lake Erie.

This "is yet another alarm calling us to address this clear threat," said Sen. Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat.

Scientists and anglers already know there are Asian carp in the Wabash. The threat is the nearness of the Maumee. The headwaters of the two rivers are three-quarters of a mile apart, and the carp are now 20 miles from the headwaters of the Wabash.

Membership News

New Membership

Capt. Steve Jones

Renewed Memberships

Denny Davis Jerry Zabel

Jack T. MacFarlane Jim Zanke

George Vidusic

Expired or Near-Expired Memberships

Jason Adam Cliff Hill

Jeff Bustos Fred Hynick

Rodney Elnick John Meade

Steve Hamilton James Mitchell

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GLSFC Special Bulletin

New Bill on Asian Carp Control introduced in Congress

Would require Corps of Engineers to accelerate study/findings on hydrological separation.

Senators Stabenow (D-MI) and Durbin (D-IL), and Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI), on June 30 introduced a bill in the U.S. House and Senate that would greatly accelerate the move toward separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins.

The bill - "**Permanent Prevention of Asian Carp Act of 2010**" - requires the U.S. Army Corps to accelerate a study that determines the feasibility AND the best means of achieving hydrological separation. The companion bills, introduced in both U.S. Chambers, have the same name - "Permanent Prevention of Asian Carp Act of 2010".

Contact members of Congress and urge them to expedite passage of these bills.

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Awards under the tent - each SP participant received a trophy, picture of themselves with fish and crew, and a goody bag.

Group picture under the DAS banner.

Jay Hoch, Jim Zanke and crew took the fish to the fish cleaning station and cleaned all 31 Walleye for the participants to take home with them.

Special People participants:

29 Special Person participants out on 13 boats.

We fed about 70 people at the picnic.

DAS Participants:

Special People Coordinators:

Mary Karakas/Linda Banbury

Boat and captain solicitors:

Dan Chisholm/Bruce Tufford

Captains and Boats:

Dan Chisholm - Channing

Ron Clewett - Lucky Strike II

Bob Feisel - Vicki's Seacret

Paul Gjeldum - Blue Horizon

Tom Gorguze - Bad Dog

Ron Hartman - Molly Friar

Doug Karakas - Capt'n Hook

Fred Tebbets - Rough Neck

Bruce Tufford - Reel Happy

Joe von Grabe - Sloppy Joe

Ed Wilczek - Steelie Ed

Jim Zanke - Hard Top n Tails

Club Member Ground Crew:

Denis Harper

Dwayne Welder

Ed Horen

Jerry Zabel

Food Set-up and serving help:

Pat Borton-Wilczek

Dennis Harper

Glenda Hartman

Dwayne Welder

A special Thank You to our donors:

Bob Mitchell for donating Trophies.

[Disappointing Turn Out, Disappointing Fishing at Pentwater](#)

Only 6 boats managed to show up for the DAS Pentwater tournament on Saturday, June 26. Disappointing to say the least but probably even more disappointing was the fishing. Except for Joe Von Grabe and his "Sloppy Joe" crew and Doug Karakas and his crew on board "E-Fish-N-Sea", the other boats struggled to find any fish.

The fish seemed to be in about 85 to 110 feet of water and relatively close to port but most boats wandered everywhere in search of fish. Some wasted a lot of time in deep water on misleading reports that the fish were there (maybe true, but in other ports such as Ludington and Manistee). The "Sloppy Joe" boat brought a nice catch of 8 fish to the weigh-in to easily capture 1st place. Congratulations to Joe and his crew! Todd Ridley fishing on Bob Jones' "Bobby's Toy" weighed-in a very nice 16.10 lb King to capture Big Fish honors.

Despite the not-so-great fishing, a great meal was provided by Port Captain Al Weichert and a good time was

Pentwater Standings 6/26/2010																	
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	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	8	K 15.25	K 9.95	K 9.25	K 8.95	K 7.75	L 5.85	K 5.35	C 2.35	64.70	104.70	NONE	0.00	104.70	1
2	E-Fish-N-Sea	Doug Karakas	5	K 10.75	K 7.10	S 5.95	L 5.00	S 3.65	-----	-----	-----	32.45	57.45	NONE	0.00	57.45	2
3	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	3	K 9.65	K 6.85	L 3.35	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	19.85	34.85	NONE	0.00	34.85	3
4	Thor's Hammer	Al Weichert	2	S 6.40	L 6.25	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	12.65	22.65	NONE	0.00	22.65	4
5	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	1	K 16.10	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	16.10	21.10	NONE	0.00	21.10	5
6	Vick's Seacret	Bob Feisel	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	6

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Bobby's Toy	King	16.10	
Largest of Each Species	Bobby's Toy	King	16.10	11
	Sloppy Joe	Coho	2.35	1
	Thor's Hammer	Lake Trout	6.25	4
	Thor's Hammer	Steelhead	6.40	3
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
	Pink	0.00	0	
				19

6 Total Boats

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

Pentwater Photos



1st Place - "Sloppy Joe"



2nd Place - "E-Fish-N-Sea"



3rd Place - "Bad Dog"



4th Place - "Thor's Hammer"

UPCOMING LUDINGTON TOURNAMENTS

The next two tournaments coming up on our schedule will be back to back at Ludington. The first one is our annual Ladies Day Tournament and will be held on Saturday, August 7th. For this tournament, the guys can set lines and net the fish but only the ladies can fight the fish. Once again we will have a KFC chicken and fixings as well as each crew bringing a dish to pass during the weigh-in ceremonies. This port has been a favorite of the ladies the past few years because of the opportunity to get into some nice kings. Of course coho and steelhead are also abundant in the area but kings are what'll get you in to the top of the standings. The following weekend, August 14 and 15, we'll go back to our regular tournament format, however, this year Ludington will also be a two day tournament. There will be Team Doubles on Day 1 only, paired off based on current Skipper of the Year Standings. In addition, this is a 333 event. For a \$20 entry fee, at the weigh-in, the Skipper will designate which 3 fish he would like to enter in the 333 before the fish are weighed. That will be 3 fish total over the 2 days. Food and pop will be provided at the weigh-in as usual.

This port more than probably any other, warrants you checking out the previous week's weather and surface temps. Water temps will dictate where the fish will be located. A north blow for several days prior will tend to push cold water around Sable Point to the north and make the better fishing toward the south. Under normal conditions, most boats will be working the drop off that runs from about 8 miles straight out northeast towards Sable Point.

The closer you get to Sable Point the more boats you'll find so it'll be difficult to run lead core. Sometimes the fish will be in close to shore off the Bathhouse or even right in front of the pier heads. The Project just south of the pier heads has also traditionally been an area that holds fish.

There are many trap nets in this area so watch for the markers and stay clear. The best way to avoid them completely is to get their positions off of the Ludington Charter Boat Association website and load these positions into your GPS unit. Even with these precautions, we've become tangled in one and lost several cannon balls along with other equipment. Keep some wire cutters handy.

The Skipper's meetings will be at 5:00 a.m. both Saturdays at the Municipal Marina. The tournament starts will be at 6:00 a.m. You can run out to your spot after the Captain's meeting but don't begin setting lines until 6:00 a.m. when the tournament start is announced on channel 72. Fish calls will be at 9:00 a.m. and noon for both weekends. For the Ladies Day Tournament we'll pull lines at 1:00 p.m., and you must be in the weigh-in line at 2:30. For the regular tournament the following week pull lines at 2:00 and be at the weigh-in by 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and pull lines at noon and be in the weigh-in line by 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. The weigh-in for both weeks will be at Peter Copeyan Park which is just off Washington Street a few miles south of town.

The Port Captain for Ladies Day is Jody Robinson and the Port Captain the following weekend is Ron Pal.

Good luck to everyone and see you there.

Skipper of the Year Standings 2010

7/12/10

Best 3

Boat Name	Skipper Name	Lexington	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Pentwater	Manistee I	Ladies Day	Ludington II	Manistee II	Onekama	Total Points	Best 6	Best 7	Best 8	Best 9
1 E-Fish-N-Sea	Doug Karakas	75	4	2	2	75	75	75	75	75	8	233	308	383	458
2 Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	2	1	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	9	234	309	384	459
3 Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	3	2	9	5	75	75	75	75	75	10	169	244	319	394
4 Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	1	6	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	10	235	310	385	460
5 Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	4	5	13	75	75	75	75	75	75	22	247	322	397	472
6 Channing	Dan Chisolm	50	7	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	69	294	369	444	519
7 Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	75	3	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	82	307	382	457	532
8 Thor's Hammer	Al Weichert	75	75	3	4	75	75	75	75	75	82	307	382	457	532
9 Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	75	75	7	1	75	75	75	75	75	83	308	383	458	533
10 Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	75	8	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	94	319	394	469	544
11 Vick's Seacret	Bob Fessel	50	75	10	50	75	75	75	75	75	110	335	410	485	560
12 Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	75	75	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	151	376	451	526	601
13 Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	75	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	155	380	455	530	605
14 Lucky Strike 2	Jay Hoch	75	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	158	383	458	533	608

	Weight	Species	Boat Name
Big Fish	16.10	King	Bobby's Toy
Largest Of Each Species	16.10	King	Bobby's Toy
	4.30	Coho	Bad Dog
	9.25	Lake Trout	Almost Paradise
	6.40	Steelhead	Thor's Hammer
	0.00	Brown	
	0.00	Atlantic	
	0.00	Pink	

	Lexington	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Pentwater	Manistee I	Ladies Day	Ludington II	Manistee II	Onekama	Year
Number of Boats	6	8	13	6	0	0	0	0	0	33
Number Caught	Kings	0	75	117	11	0	0	0	0	203
	Cohos	0	12	3	1	0	0	0	0	16
	Lake Trout	8	3	14	4	0	0	0	0	29
	Steelhead	1	0	9	3	0	0	0	0	13
	Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Atlantics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	9	90	143	19	0	0	0	0	0

2010 DAS Key Dates

July 27, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
August 7, 2010	Boat Trolling Tournament Ladies Day—Ludington
August 14-15, 2010	Boat Trolling Tournament (2-Day)(333) Ludington II (Team Doubles on Day 1)
NO BOD Meeting in August	
August 31, 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 the address label. If it's highlighted 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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