



Fishin' Tales

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October Meeting

•When:

Tues. Nov. 30, 2010
7:30pm

•Where:

American Polish Cultural Center
Northwest corner, 15 Mile Rd. &
Dequindre

•Featured :

Jim Fenner from the Ludington
Charter Boat Association with creel
limit updates for Lake Michigan

• Other Happenings:

Manistee River tournament report,
tackle raffles, 75-25 Drawing & more

•Up-To-Date Information on the DAS website at:

www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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DAS 'Boys' bring Home the Travelling Plaque..Again!

On our way up Friday, it looked pretty foreboding weather wise, but Saturday came through with an excellent day for being out fishing!! It was a genuine pleasure to be up at the Big Manistee, fishing for Steelhead against our fellow enthusiasts at Metro-West for the annual Fall

Fish-Off Plaque this past weekend Nov. 6th, 2010. I must say that win or lose, everyone had to appreciate Mother Nature's display of great weather.

We had a total of 21 guys with 12 fish caught, while Metro-West had 11 guys with 4 fish caught, so we kept the Travelling Plaque for another year (Hooray!). The pot-luck dinner was awesome, with everyone talking and socializing for at least a couple of hours. Many thanks to the Metro guys for providing the site



Jerry Zabel accepts the Travelling Plaque from
Mark Platt of the Metro-West Steelheaders

for the weigh-in and the pot-luck dinner!!

A run-down of who was there from the DAS follows: Pier, Bob Paradise (2), Mark Bevans (2), Ron Pal (1), Gaspare Aragona (1), Al Weichert (1), Tom Thieda, Ed Horen; Surf, Dan Chisholm, Mark Stosiak, Bill Stanley;

Lake, Bob Feisel (1), Dave Prudhomme (1), River, Mike Tomlin (1), Jerry Zabel (1), Dan Whitmill (1), Doug Karakas, Dave Even, Bob Mitchell, Denis Harper, Doug Kay (guest), & Joel Garinger. Al Weichert made lunch on the Pier for those guys, and Mark Bevans made it in from Alaska to fish with us!! I wish to thank everyone for their participation and give all of you a huge thumbs up for holding on to our clubs honor!!!

Jerry Zabel
River, Surf & Pier Chairman

Did You Miss the October Meeting?

President Mark Williams called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm with 46 members & guests in attendance.

There were 4 tables full of various items for the October swap meet. Among those items were fishing tackle, rods, reels, outdoor clothing & binoculars as well as other hunting paraphernalia. I saw plenty of people walking out with their goods at the meeting's end, so I would say it was a success.

River, Surf & Pier Chairman, Jerry Zabel, put together a fine panel of speakers for an impromptu Surf & Pier seminar. All Club members, they did an excellent job presenting their particular topics and fielding questions from the membership. Mark Stosiak gave away

some of his surf fishing secrets as well some very useful tips for successful surf fishing. Al Wiechert did a great job showing the set-ups and rigs he uses for pier fishing for Whitefish. This was in junction with the upcoming Club outing Al has organized for Black Friday (See article on page 2). Lastly, Bob Paradise shared his very successful techniques for Steelhead pier fishing which he does most often on the Manistee & Ludington piers. It was a very informative evening and the BOD would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Jerry, Mark, Al & Doug as the audience was very attentive during their presentations.

After the break Dan Chisholm gave a report on the Singing

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Pier Event

Whitefish off Tawas Anyone?

Please feel free to join the he-man shoppers haters club and the Detroit Steelheaders by staging a Black Friday protest. We will protest by fishing off the Tawas Pier for Whitefish. We will be car pooling from the Bass Pro parking lot at 3:00 a.m. on November 26th. We will be heading to Tawas and fishing until 10:00 a.m. or so. "depending on the action" Then we will be heading to Big Boy for a good meal then heading home.

Due to the time of the year the weather could be dicey. We will make the call, the night of Nov 25. If the conditions will allow we will be setting lines around 5:30 in the morning. Fell free to call my cell phone and get a update on the conditions and if we are fishing or not.

Al Wiechert
"Thor's Hammer"

River Event

Lower Huron River

Steelheading on the Lower Huron River, Sat. Dec. 4 from the last dam to the end of the river. We are meeting at the restaurant in Flat Rock next to the railroad tracks at 7:00am. You can start earlier if you prefer, with a weigh-in time of 1:00pm at the River launch, just down from the Telegraph Bridge on the North side of the river.

For more info. contact Jerry Zabel @ 248-495-5914 cell or 248-350-8024. This date is two weeks earlier than last year and maybe it won't be quite so cold!

Oct. Meeting

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Bridge outing (see page 2 for the complete report), Doug Karakas did a mini-seminar on using a boat for river steelheading and Jerry Zabel introduced Mark Platt from the Metro-West Steelheaders. Mark complimented our Club on being good fishermen in reference to the Club's win over them in last year's tourney. But he promised a good challenge at this year's

Membership News

New Members

Mark Bevans Colleen Bevans

Renewals

Rodney Elnick Bill Stanley

Bob Feisel Ty Voigt

John Meade

Memberships Expired or Expiring Soon

Tom Gorguze Dave Stachnik

Bruce Haywood Dan Whitmill

Ed Hill Nancy Wood

Les Jump

event and said his Club was looking forward to the event.

There were great prizes in the tackle raffles as usual and in the 75/25 drawings, Fred Bolton from the Metro-West Club won the \$80 1st prize and probably got a little revenge. DAS member Gaspare Aragona claimed the \$40 2nd prize. Unfortunately, Chris Nytko was not in attendance to take home the \$100 cash in the Every Member drawing.



Singing Bridge Report

Surf fished the Whitney Drain area of Lake Huron last Saturday 10/23 (DAS club outing). Myself, Doug K and Dave R. It was a bluebird day and that did not help at all. I had two spawn sacks out on light line while I cast and retrieved body baits out into the Whitney drain discharge as far as I could. I set up around 0530 and fished until 11:00 AM. In all approx 12 fishermen came and went during that time and only two fish were taken while I was there. One small fish (3# to 4#) was caught before daylight and one nice 6# to 8# Steelhead was brought in around 10:30 AM. None of them by me. Doug or Dave may have caught something after I left but all three of us were skunked when I left.

Dan Chisholm

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The Beautiful Sunrise on Manistee Lake Saturday Morning



Group Photo after Saturday's Weigh-In



Bob Feisel with a dandy Steelhead caught Sunday morning.



Dave Prudhomme with a nice chunky Steelhead and a silver Coho.

One of Two Keys to Success: Keep It Simple

As I put Silver Addiction away for the season, and emptied out all the compartments, I opened my log book and started to see what had worked the best for me. The sad truth of the matter was that with all the tackle I carried on board I used less than a quarter of it! Hopefully, my wife doesn't read this, but fact of the matter is that we are creatures of habit.

We do not like to change, especially if it has been successful. I ran a grand total of 21 baits from mid July to September. The reason behind this was that I had confidence in them and I had success with them. Now, not all of them produced everyday, but enough of them did to warrant keeping them in the water. This theory has been written about by Dan Keating, where he says, "keep you're A Team in the water until you know that all other variables are perfect: Temperature, Current, and Bait. Then make changes from your proven baits." I have seen this first hand, and my best example was in St. Joe this year with Dick Shirk. We had a slow start to the morning and chased a few "Hot Tips". Finally, I asked Dick about changing our spread. His response was, "Let them work, we have the A team down right?" Of course I said yes, and he replied, "Then you just need to drive us over fish." Fifteen minutes later, we started hitting

fish and within an hour we boated 11 fish! Dick then asked if, I thought the spread needed to be changed? Proof was in the spread: We just needed to be over fish!

I did have a few set ups that went down first thing and then got changed out after 8 am, regardless. Reason behind this was because that was how my program was working and producing for me. You may think, why would he change a bait, just because the clock says it is time? Reason was that the success rate was too good not to. For example, I ran a white glow rotator with a glow snowman fly every morning on my wire diver. I started it shallow and then lengthened it, until it took fish. By 8 am I took it out of the water, because past history provided it shut down. Granted, if it took a fish at 7:50, I would leave it in for another 30 minutes, but it usually was done by then. I also had a purple plug that I had to have on a deep core by 9:30. It was always good for 1 to 2 fish.

All of this was based on passed information that I used to formulate a successful program. Therefore, the formula to success is simple: Location + Presentation = Success!

Mark Williams
"Silver Addiction II"

Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Directors Election

DAS By-Laws call for Board of Directors election at the annual meeting. This year's annual meeting will occur on Tuesday, December 21 at our normal meeting location (APCC). Any dues paying member or officer can place a nomination. A nomination must be submitted at least 20 days (December 1) before the election. It should be in writing and signed. If you wish to become involved in the operation of the DAS you are welcome to run for election to the BOD.

This year we are losing some key people who have served the club well but are choosing to step down to committee positions or will leave the BOD entirely. **It is imperative that new people step into these positions or it will be difficult to keep the club running smoothly. Your club needs you. Please consider placing yourself in nomination for a club BOD position.**

To submit a name for this year's ballot:

Mail it - email it - or write it up and give it to me at any monthly membership meeting. Include the person's name and contact information. Have the nominated person sign it so we all know he/she is willing to serve if elected.

Dan Chisholm
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Nomination to DAS BOD ----- December 21, 2010 Election

BIO:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

2010 DAS Key Dates

November 26, 2010	Tawas Pier Outing
November 30, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
December 4, 2010	Lower Huron River Outing
December 14, 2010	BOD Meeting
December 21, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Xmas Party Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
December 25, 2010	Merry Christmas to All!

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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