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## August Meeting

- **When:**  
Tues. Aug. 31, 2010  
7:30pm
- **Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
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- **Featured :**  
Speaker TBD
- **Other Happenings:**  
Ludington tournaments results,  
Onkama tournament info, tackle  
raffles, 75-25 Drawing & more
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## Manistee ....Nice Day, So-So Catching!

Ten DAS captains and crews participated Saturday, July 10 in our first visit to Manistee. Early reports were good. Stable warm weather the previous week allowed the lake to set up, and some decent catches were being taken.

The weather was near perfect on Saturday. We enjoyed light winds and sunny skies. Waves were a foot or less as boats headed out to the lake. Surface temperatures were in the low 70's and the thermo cline was down around 120 feet on the shelf. A few of the boats found the some fish early while others had to work for them. Pretty typical for one of our tournaments.

For the 9:00 AM fish call Sloppy Joe had an early lead with seven fish in the box while

they were fighting their eighth. E-Fish-N-Sea and Almost Paradise were tied for second with four fish each. Bobby's Toy and Lucky Strike were close behind with three fish. At noon fish call Sloppy Joe had increased his early lead reporting 10 fish. Almost Paradise was closing the gap with nine in the box.

All the boats that participated weighed fish. At the weigh-in most captains reported an early bite with action slowing as the sun came up. Fish were scattered all along Manistee's shelf, but the boats that did best concentrated on areas they found holding active fish. Most fish taken came between 80 to 140 feet down. Sloppy Joe reported finding fish all

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## If You Missed the July meeting ...

President Mark Williams called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. He immediately welcomed two new members in attendance, Mike Kay and John Tones. Congratulations to Mike and John! Mark then informed the membership present that the featured speaker, Capt. C.J. Baker could not make it for the evening and that he himself would be doing a presentation on the current fishing in Ludington.

As he had been running charters the previous week and weekend, he was able to fill us in on what was working and how and where. He had a great deal amount of information about all the particulars and just in

time for the upcoming Ladies Day and Ludington II tournaments (which, of course, are now history but results and photos can be found on pages 5 thru 7 inside). Thanks, Mark, for stepping up at the last minute and doing a great job!

After the break, Mark let Bob Ksionzek have the floor with the results of the Manistee I tournament (See article above and results and photos on Pages 3 & 4) plus Bob had info on the then upcoming Ludington tournaments. The tackle raffles followed and featured an electric

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fillet knife and landing net as well as the usual great packs of tackle. In the 75-25 drawing, long time member Lynn Martin claimed the \$66 first prize and Steve Genoff took home the \$35 second prize. In the Every Member drawing, Ray & Linda Banbury took home \$100 cash as they were present when their names were called. The meeting was concluded and all were able to get home early for a change.

## Lake Michigan Brown Trout New WI State Record

**41.8 lb monster a sign of the great fishery**  
(Reprinted from The Great Lakes Basin Report)

**MADISON, WI** – It's official: the 41 lb., 8 oz. brown trout Roger Hellen of Franksville caught in Lake Michigan on July 16 is now a Wisconsin state record fish. And it may be a world record, too.

The DNR received Hellen's application shortly after he recorded his catch and has confirmed the new state record, which smashes the old record by nearly 5 lbs. The previous record was 36 lbs. 8.9 ounces and 40.5" for a fish caught August 23, 2004, in Lake Michigan.



Hellen's is the ninth state record set this year, and the first for a fish caught by hook and line. The other records have been for fish taken using alternate methods, including a spearing record for lake sturgeon and six bow fishing records. One of those bow fishing records, for smallmouth buffalo, was first established in March and has changed hands twice since, once in April and again on July 1.

Hellen caught the fish in Lake Michigan north of Racine while competing in a fishing tournament. The fish measured 40.6 inches long and weighed 41 pounds 8 ounces on a certified scale at a local meat market, according to Cheryl Peterson, the state fisheries technician who weighed, measured and processed the fish at the tournament. With that certified

## Membership News

### New Membership

Mike Kay

### Expired or Near-Expired Memberships

Jeff Bustos

John Krawczyk

Fred Hynick

Lynn Martin

weight, Hellen's fish would appear to squeak by the 41 lb. 7 oz. world record brown trout caught last year in the Big Manistee River in Michigan.

"It was very exciting – it was certainly the biggest trout or salmon I've ever seen," says Peterson, a fish technician on Lake Michigan since 1997. "We knew as soon as it was on the scale it was going to be a new state record."

The lure was a blue-and-green spoon trolled about 10' below the surface. Hellen's brown

was weighed on a certified scale at Brossman's Meat Market while being witnessed by three butchers (with at least 23 years of experience each), Hellen and a Salmon-A-Rama official. "They [first] went to a meat market down the road," butcher Jeff Luzich said.

"They didn't have a scale big enough."

"I've fished out on Lake Michigan and caught browns of 10-15 pounds, [but nothing like that]," Hellen said. "It was a beautiful fish." "This is great for the lake, great for the club, great for the fishery," said Tom Pietila, president of Salmon Unlimited of Wisconsin.

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along the shelf as long as he stayed in 210 feet of water. Most captains reported that after sunrise, the best action was on the shelf between 200 and 300 feet of water. Jody Robinson in Miss Dipsey decided on Friday to make the trip to Manistee. Her late decision may have cost her as two of her regular crew had already committed to fish on Lucky Strike. Jody struggled most of the day but landed a couple nice fish in the last half hour to secure seventh place.

A total of 46 fish were weighed. Almost Paradise had the biggest box and also weighed the biggest fish, a 17.35 pound King. Bob reported most his fish came on flasher and fly combinations but his big King came on a red and black meat rig. Sloppy Joe ran a 'mostly meat' program and managed a second place finish with that. Bob Jones in Bobby's Toy came in third place. Bob said he had his best luck finding active fish straight out and just a little

North of the pier heads. Fourth place went to Ron Pal on the Lucky Strike who managed a strong Manistee finish. Ron's catch included a nice Brown Trout that tipped the scales at over nine pounds. Doug Karakas on the E-Fish-N-Sea finished in fifth place and was one of only three boats able to weigh eight fish for the day.

**Tom Gorguze**  
**"Bad Dog"**  
**Port Captain**

*(Editor's Note:*

*Tom failed to mention in his report that he provided an excellent lunch for the crews following the tournament. Hamburgers and corn on the cob from the grill, a couple of salads and the required cold pop & water. Nice job, Tom on the report, handling the tournament and of course, the fine lunch!)*

Manistee I Standings													7/10/2010				
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 17.35	K 13.55	K 13.35	K 10.05	K 9.65	K 8.85	K 5.00	K 4.95	82.75	122.75	NONE	0.00	122.75	1
2	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	8	K 17.10	K 11.65	K 11.65	K 10.10	L 7.00	K 6.35	L 5.70	K 5.35	74.90	114.90	NONE	0.00	114.90	2
3	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	6	K 12.75	K 11.95	K 11.90	L 9.50	K 7.95	L 5.30	-----	-----	59.35	89.35	NONE	0.00	89.35	3
4	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	7	K 14.40	B 9.30	K 8.50	S 7.95	K 5.15	B 4.85	K 3.65	-----	53.80	88.80	NONE	0.00	88.80	4
5	E-Fish-N-Sea	Doug Karakas	8	K 5.40	L 4.55	K 4.35	L 4.10	L 3.25	L 2.70	K 2.65	K 2.30	29.30	69.30	NONE	0.00	69.30	5
6	Bad Dog	Tom Gorquze	4	S 6.15	K 4.40	L 3.30	C 3.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	16.85	36.85	NONE	0.00	36.85	6
7	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	2	K 12.15	K 9.95	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	22.10	32.10	NONE	0.00	32.10	7
8	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	1	K 13.65	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	13.65	18.65	NONE	0.00	18.65	8
9	Channing	Dan Chisolm	1	K 10.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	10.00	15.00	NONE	0.00	15.00	9
10	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	1	L 2.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.75	7.75	NONE	0.00	7.75	10

Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Almost Paradise	King	17.35
Largest of Each Species	Almost Paradise	King	31
	Bad Dog	Coho	1
	Bobby's Toy	Lake Trout	10
	Lucky Strike	Steelhead	2
	Lucky Strike	Brown	2
		Atlantic	0
		Pink	0
			46

10	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



1st Place - "Almost Paradise"



2nd Place - "Sloppy Joe"



## More Manistee Pictures



3rd Place - "Bobby's Toy"



5th Place - "E-Fish-N-Sea"



7th Place - "Miss Dipsey"



Big Fish - 17.35# King - "Almost Paradise"

### The Upcoming Manistee II Tournament

August 28, 2010 will be our second tournament in Manistee this year. The fishing should be good, with plenty of big fish available. The skipper's meeting is at 5:00am at the Pavilion near the boat launch. Fishing begins at 6:00am and goes until 2:00pm with fish calls at 9:00am and 12:00pm on Channel 72. The weigh-in will be at 3:00pm, also at the Pavilion.

The Municipal Marina, (231)723-1552, is open but there are no shower and toilets available while under improvement. Riverside Marina, (231)723-3554; Solberg's Marina, (231)723-2611 or Seng's Marina, (231)723-9444 may have slips available.

The fish should be optimal weight for the 333 tournament for this year, possibly some 20 to 25 pounders. This is the last port for the 333 tournament, and we hope to see everyone there for the probably the best chance to catch a large king this year. Any questions, be sure to call me at (586)457-4073 or (586)781-2543

A good luncheon will be had by all!

**Bob Paradise**  
**"Almost Paradise"**  
**Port Captain**

### 1st Time DAS Onekama Tournament

Saturday, September 11 is the date for our first ever tournament out of the beautiful port of Onekama. We have hooked up with Portage Point Marina to be the host for this tournament.

Each captain will make his or her own reservations. DAS slip reservations will receive a 20% discount rate for 2 or more nights in a row. Slips are \$2/ft./night before discount. Lodging reservations can also be made if desired at 20% off published rate. Slip cost with lodging is \$1.50/ft./night before discount. There will also be an area to keep trailers available for no charge if renting a slip. There is a fish cleaning table on the property also. Contact Jeff Sternberger at 1-800-878-7248 Ext. 0. for reservations.

5:00 am Skippers meeting, 6:00 am start with fish calls at 9:00 am and 12 noon. Weigh-in will be at a site TBD on Marina property. Hope to see a good turnout for the final event for the 2010 season.

**Bob Ksionzek**  
**Co-Tournament Director**



## Ladies Day Standings

8/7/2010

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	-	8	K 15.8	K 13.30	K 13.25	K 12.55	K 10.50	K 9.90	K 9.40	K 8.20	92.90	132.90	NONE	0.00	132.90	1
2	Thor's Hammer	-	6	K 14.20	K 13.10	K 10.80	C 8.35	K 8.00	K 4.70	-----	-----	59.15	89.15	NONE	0.00	89.15	2
3	Bobby's Toy	-	2	K 13.05	S 4.10	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	17.15	27.15	NONE	0.00	27.15	3
4	Channing	-	1	K 14.95	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	14.95	19.95	NONE	0.00	19.95	4
5	Vicki's Seacret	-	1	K 7.15	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	7.15	12.15	NONE	0.00	12.15	5
6	Lucky Strike	-	1	K 5.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.75	10.75	NONE	0.00	10.75	6
7	Miss Dipsey	-	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	7

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Almost Paradise	King	15.80	
	Almost Paradise	King	15.80	17
	Thor's Hammer	Coho	8.35	1
		Lake Trout	0.00	0
	Bobby's Toy	Steelhead	4.10	1
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
Largest of Each Species		Pink	0.00	0
				19

7

Total Boats

Note:  
Miss Dipsey did not fish  
because of boat problems.

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1st Place  
"Almost Paradise"



3rd Place  
"Bobby's Toy"



6th Place  
"Lucky Strike"



4th Place  
"Channing"



5th Place  
"Vicki's Seacret"

Ladies Day

## Ludington II — Not Up to Par

Following what seems to be a trend for most of this year's tournaments, just a few of the 8 boats participating managed to find the fish at the DAS Ludington II two-day tournament on Saturday, August 14, 2010 and Sunday, August 15. That was the story on Saturday but Sunday morning everyone struggled to catch fish.

Probably the biggest factor contributing to the tough fishing has been this summer's consistent heat, making water temperatures unusually warm for this time of year. Plus the bite was early; the best fishing was over by around 8:00am. After that, the boats just picked at them.

Saturday morning, "Almost Paradise" and "Sloppy Joe" sat down on the fish at the tournament start and took advantage of that early bite. Best depth of water was between 140' and 165' with the fish coming from 65' to 100' down. Spoons, Plugs, Flasher-Fly combos and meat rigs all took fish, whether it was on downriggers or 300' copper set-ups. Some fish were also taken on dipsey divers set 200'-240' back on a #3 setting.

At the 3:30pm weigh-in at Peter Copeyan Park, "Almost Paradise" brought 14 fish to the scales, "Sloppy Joe" had 8 fish and "Bad Dog" had 5. The rest of the boats had 2 or 3 fish. "Bad Dog" weighed in the big fish for Saturday; a nice king at 18.75 lbs. With all 8 boats entered in both days Big Fish Pool, Tom Gorguze' catch earned him \$40. The 6 boats entered in the "333" contest were strategizing by choosing how many fish to enter on Saturday towards their 3 largest over the two days. "Almost Paradise" entered 2 fish at 15.50 lbs. & 14.95 lbs., "Bad Dog" entered his big fish at 18.75 lbs., "Bobby's Toy" selected a 16.4 lb King, "Lucky Strike" chose his 2 kings at 16.15 lbs & 6.55 lbs., "Sloppy Joe" likewise picked two fish, Kings weighing 15.40 lbs and 14.40 lbs., and "Vicki's Seacret"

elected to weigh-in none. The luncheon afterwards was arranged by Port Captain Jody Robinson, who, unfortunately, had to leave and could not fish the tournament. Thanks, Jody. Ponderosa Steak house provided chicken wings, meatballs, chicken fried steak, baked potatoes with cheese and bacon, potato salad and other fixings. Thanks to Doug Karakas, and Ray and Linda Banbury for getting the extra supplies needed and cleaning up the leftovers. After enjoying the luncheon and camaraderie, everyone's hopes were high that the next day's fishing would be better.

This proved not to be true, as all boats struggled to find the fish on Sunday. Efforts were hampered by increasing winds and building waves, which eventually caused the tournament to be called early at 10:00 am. The boats had until 11:30 am to get to the weigh-in line, again at Peter Copeyan Park. "Almost Paradise" and "Bobby's Toy" had 3 fish, "Sloppy Joe" had 2 and the rest of the boats weighed in 1 or none.

With their excellent catch on Saturday, Bob Paradise and his crew on "Almost Paradise" easily won the two day event with a two day total of 205.75 points. Congratulations, to Bob and the boys! Bob Jones, skipper on "Bobby's Toy" weighed in a 19.00 lb King to claim Sunday's Big Fish pool of \$40. The "333" contest proved to be a very close one as "Almost Paradise" claimed the \$60 pot with a 45.25 lbs. 3 fish total edging out "Bobby's Toy" with 44.55 lbs and Sloppy Joe with 43.95 lbs. Close, Indeed!

Thanks to Ray and Linda Banbury and Doug Karakas once again, the crews finished up the leftovers from Saturday for a nice Sunday afternoon snack. Even though the catching could have been better, everyone enjoyed the fishing and the weather. Thanks to all who participated.

**Bob Ksionzek**  
Co-Tournament Director

Ludington II Day 2 Standings 8/15/2010													
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weighed	Catch by Species & Weight									
				Best 6 Total Wgt.	Best 6 Total Pts.	Deduction Code	Points Deducted	Total Points	2-Day Total Pts.	Place			
1	Almost Paradise	-	Day 1 8	K 15.50 K 14.95 K 14.40 K 13.15 K 12.95 K 12.90 K 12.80 K 11.25	107.90	147.90	NONE	0.00	147.90	205.75	1		
			Day 2 3	K 14.80 K 14.70 K 13.35	42.85	57.85	NONE	0.00	57.85				
2	Sloppy Joe	-	Day 1 8	K 15.40 K 14.40 K 12.55 K 12.05 K 9.65 K 9.65 K 9.35 K 4.80	87.85	127.85	NONE	0.00	127.85	157.35	2		
			Day 2 2	K 14.15 K 5.35	19.50	29.50	NONE	0.00	29.50				
3	Bad Dog	-	Day 1 5	K 18.75 K 11.85 K 8.65 K 7.50 K 5.15	51.90	76.90	NONE	0.00	76.90	102.70	3		
			Day 2 2	K 10.25 K 5.55	15.80	25.80	NONE	0.00	25.80				
4	Bobby's Toy	-	Day 1 2	K 16.40 C 7.90	24.30	34.30	NONE	0.00	34.30	86.35	4		
			Day 2 3	K 19.00 C 9.15 C 8.90	37.05	52.05	NONE	0.00	52.05				
5	Vicki's Seacret	-	Day 1 3	K 8.95 K 5.35 L 4.35	18.65	33.65	NONE	0.00	33.65	65.10	5		
			Day 2 2	K 10.75 K 10.70	21.45	31.45	NONE	0.00	31.45				
6	E-Fish-N-Sea	-	Day 1 2	K 12.10 S 4.65	16.75	26.75	NONE	0.00	26.75	45.80	6		
			Day 2 1	K 14.05	14.05	19.05	NONE	0.00	19.05				
7	Lucky Strike	-	Day 1 2	K 13.15 K 6.55	19.70	29.70	NONE	0.00	29.70	30.70	7		
			Day 2 0		0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00				
8	Thor's Hammer	-	Day 1 1	C 5.80	5.80	10.80	NONE	0.00	10.80	29.10	8		
			Day 2 1	K 13.30	13.30	18.30	NONE	0.00	18.30				

  

Day 1	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Bad Dog	King	18.75	
L A R G E S T	Bad Dog	King	18.75	29
	Bobby's Toy	Coho	7.90	2
	Vicki's Seacret	Lake Trout	4.35	1
	E-Fish-N-Sea	Steelhead	4.65	1
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
		Pink	0.00	0
				33

  

Day 2	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Bobby's Toy	King	19.00	
L A R G E S T	Bobby's Toy	King	19.00	12
	Bobby's Toy	Coho	9.15	2
		Lake Trout	0.00	0
		Steelhead	0.00	0
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
		Pink	0.00	0
				14



## Ludington Photos

(All photos are Saturday's Catches)



1st Place - "Almost Paradise"



2nd Place - "Sloppy Joe"



3rd Place - "Bad Dog"



4th Place - "Bobby's Toy"



5th Place - "Vicki's Seacret"



Sat. Big Fish King 18.75#lbs  
Tom Gorguze - "Bad Dog"

2010 DAS Key Dates

August 28, 2010	Boat Trolling Tournament Manistee II (333)
August 31, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
September 11, 2010	Boat Trolling Tournament Onkama
September 14, 2010 7:00pm	B.O.D. Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
September 28, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

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