

2009 DAS Key Dates

- Oct. 24 Surf Outing
Singing Bridge, Lake Huron
- Oct. 27 7:30pm Membership Meeting
American Polish Cultural Center
- Nov. 7 River & Pier Tournament
Fish-off against Metro-West &
Mid-Michigan Steelheaders
Manistee River System.
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Al Weichert showing off a nice King caught off Ludington in early August.

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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Fishin' Tales

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October 2009 Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on Tuesday October 27, 2009 at 7:30pm at the **American Polish Cultural Center** on the Northwest Corner of 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre. Our meetings are always open to the public.

This meeting will feature our fall swap meet. So clean out the basement and garage and bring your stuff to sell. Get there early to find the best deals on the things you might be looking for.

There will be updates of the most recent and upcoming River, Surf & Pier tournaments. Of course, there will also be the usual tackle raffles, 75/25 raffle and Every Member drawing. Up to date club information can also be found on the DAS web site at: www.detroitsteelheaders.org



This is the bench the DAS had donated in memory of DAS Deceased members. It is located near D dock at The Municipal Marina in Ludington. The inscripted Plaque is not yet in place.

Membership News

Renewed Memberships

Lynn Martin Bill Stanley

Memberships Expiring This or Last Month

Ken Cione George Vidusic
Ed Hill Ty Voigt
Les Jump George Zaker

Note: As a reminder, for every new member you refer to the Club, your membership will be extended by 6 months.

Did Ya Miss the September Meeting?

President Mark Williams opened the meeting at 7:40pm. He reminded everyone of the upcoming swap meet at the October meeting. He also urged the membership to get any kind of donations for the Wild Game Dinner in March 2010. Mark introduced two guests to the meeting, Mark Hoerauf and Paul Kamulski. Hopefully, they liked what they saw and will join the club. He then turned the floor over to Jerry Zabel, the River, Surf and Pier chairman.

Jerry gave an interesting presentation on his favorite rods, reels, baits and the techniques he uses in the surf and on the rivers. He had numerous rod and reel combinations he showed and allowed the members to examine throughout his talk. Bob Paradise also shared his personal favorite lines, bait and pier fishing locations. They also conducted an extensive question

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and answer session, which was greatly appreciated by those in attendance. Thanks to Jerry and Bob for all the very useful information. Mark then announced there would be a 20 min. break.

After the break, Mark did an interesting "Trolling Season in Review". He shared his thoughts after discussions he had with Charter Captains and DNR personnel about what they experienced during the trolling season and what we can expect for next year. He also accepted questions from the floor.

Mark then called on Bob Ksionzek, co-Tournament chairman for a wrap up on the last Boat trolling tournament at Grand Haven. Bob reported that it was an excellent ending for the season with good weather, good lake conditions and good fishing. Bob also announced there would be invitations sent out for the annual Trolling meeting in January.

The meeting concluded with the usual raffles which featured a surf fishing rod and reel combo and a large mouthed net as well as plenty of tackle packs. Ron Pal won the first place \$76 and Bill Stanley took home \$36 2nd Place in the 75-25 drawing. Unfortunately, Les Jump was not present to claim his \$100 bill in the "Every Member" drawing.

October Surf Tournament Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009

Surf fishing has been very good at the Singing Bridge in the past, and we are looking forward to doing it again. Steelhead, Browns & an occasional King have been the "fish of fare" in this hot spot, located between Au Gres and Tawas at the Singing Bridge (Whitney Drain) on the map, which is the E. branch of the Au Gres River. Excellent access, parking and toilets make this a preferred place to fish from, also up and down the beach and in the Whitney Drain proper. Start by first light, and we will have a weigh-in after noon in the parking lot and draw a gas card for a lucky member!! There are opportunities to continue on to Tawas and/or Oscoda afterwards, and fish there as well!! For more info, contact Jerry Zabel chairman @ 248-495-5914/248-350-8024. See you all there!!

Manistee River & Pier Tournament

Hi guys and girls, I need some river rats to help out against Metro-West and maybe Mid-Michigan Steelhead Chapters on the Big Manistee River system Nov. 7th, and bring back the Fall Fish-off Trophy as we have done so many times in the past against these very fine chapters!! The boundaries are from the Tippy Dam to the pier heads, starting Sat. A.M. to the weigh-in by 5:30 P.M. @ the cabin where Metro-West is hosting us. The facilities are large, and there is a lot of room and cooking facilities for our pot-luck dinner! Last Spring, we had a fish-off that turned out very well, and we won that event in a close finish with our competitors, so we are looking to do that again with (hopefully) the same results, as I am sure the Metro-West guys are REALLY ANXIOUS to win the trophy this time!!! For more info, contact me, Jerry Zabel chairman @ 248-350-8024/248-495-5914

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December Board of Director's Election

Your club needs you!

Article IX of our club by-laws requires a Board of Directors (BOD) election to be held during the annual meeting at the American Polish Century Club (APC) on December 15. At large board members are elected for a three year term and are assigned or volunteer to serve on one of the ten "standing committees":

1. Fund Raising
2. Publicity
3. Speakers and Education
4. Membership
5. Newsletter
6. Boat Tournaments
7. River Tournaments
8. Shows
9. Political Action (Coalition)
10. Special Events

The officers of the club consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These four officer positions are selected from among the at-large members during the first board meeting each year. The board meets at 7:00 PM, two Tuesday's prior to the general membership meeting each month and we are required to meet 11 times during the year. The BOD meets at the APC and food and beverages are provided.

As a new member of the board I found it was a great way to learn the inner workings of the club and provide input where I felt I could help. The meetings are cordial but business like and each member seems committed to offering the general membership the best bang for your buck possible.

This election cycle we have six board positions expiring. Some of these board members will run for another term while others feel they have done their part and it is time for someone else to step up. This is your opportunity to step up and provide

input and do your part to keep the club running smoothly.

I have accepted the responsibility to create the slate for this year's election. I need to hear from you if you are willing to run for one of the open board positions. Ideally I would like to have twice as many names (12) willing to serve as there are openings to fill (6). "Voting members of the club may nominate other candidates for the directorate. Such nominations shall be in writing, shall be signed by the members making them and shall be at least submitted twenty (20) days before the election" (Nov. 25). If you intend to nominate another club member be sure they are willing to serve if they are elected.

Anyone wishing to be placed on the December 15 ballot please contact me or any other BOD member so I can arrange to have your name on the ballot. It's not required but a picture and bio along with why you wish to be elected will help a lot toward getting you elected.

I can be contacted as follows:

***Please let me know at one of the general membership meetings, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, and Nov. 24.**

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