

### 2008 Key Dates

Jan. 29 - Member Meeting

Jan. 10 Ultimate Fishing Show - Novi

February 24 Early Run Steelhead Tournament Wellston, MI

Feb. 26 - Member Meeting

March 8 - Sportsman's Game Dinner

Mar. 25 - Member Meeting

message board so you can get and participate in sharing information.

You need to do this as here is where you will get important last minute, up to date information regarding the club.

*Stay in touch with friends. Get insider information on where the fish are biting (or not). Ask for an opinion on a new tackle or electronics item before you spend the bucks. This is the place where it happens. Sign up*

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 the club post office box (1255 in Sterling Heights Mi. 48311-1255).

### DAS Web Site

The DAS website is up and running.

[www.detroitsteelheaders.org](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.org)

Be sure to sign up for the

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# Fishin' Tales



## January Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on Tuesday January 29, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the hall at 6177 Chicago Rd. (east of Mound Rd., North of 13 Mile Rd.)- Warren, Michigan. Our meetings are always open to the public.

Join us at the next meeting and get information, raffles and more. Up to date club information can be found on the DAS web site at [www.detroitsteelheaders.org](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.org).

### NEW DIRECTORS

Members were elected to the Board of Directors as part of the activities finalized at the Christmas meeting.

Newly appointed to the Board were: Bob Ksionzek and Jerry Zabel. Re-elected were Bob Feisel, Joe Von Grabe, . Congratulations to all.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Directors generally meets two Tuesdays before the general meeting at 7 pm at the K of C.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Detroit Area Steelheaders has announced a new membership drive starting in January, with an incentive for any new member to sign up. If your membership has expired prior to December 2006, or you are a

brand new member signing up for the first time, you will receive a package, FREE, valued at approximately \$30.00. This package will include; Assorted Steelhead and Salmon Fishing Tackle, including Dreamweaver spin doctors and spoons, two DAS decals for your boat or truck, a DAS patch for your jacket or vest, and Michigan maps and brochures. This is with a paid \$25.00 one year membership, or a \$150.00 lifetime membership, paid by the April meeting. Not only is this incentive a great reason to join, but here are some of the other reasons why fishermen all over the state, and beyond are joining the DAS.

\*The Detroit Area Steelheaders Inc. provides you with a means of being heard on issues affecting our fisheries.

\*You receive 12 monthly issues of "FISHIN' TALES" newsletter, as well as access to the DAS website. Both have been praised for the information they contain.

\*Organized events all year long, including boat trolling, river fishing, pier/surf fishing, and ice fishing tournaments, and seminars, held all over the state.

\*Social events such as the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Sportsman Dinner and a special Christmas meeting with Salmon Claus for the kids.

\*Participation in public service events such as the Special People Walleye outing.

\*The DAS annual scholarship to help fund college students that are majoring in conservation, wildlife, fisheries or some other related field of study.

\*Donations to M.S.U. research on fisheries, and donations to various Sport Fishing Organizations to support hatcheries or net pens, as well as lawyer fees to help protect our fishing rights all over the state. In all more than \$40,000 has been

donated since we came into existence as a sport fishing club.

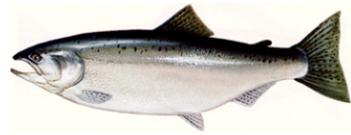
\*This is our 33<sup>rd</sup> year in existence as a sport fishing club, and we have great guest speakers lined up for upcoming meetings. Some would include, representatives of the Michigan DNR, state fisheries biologist, and charter captains, who would all give us timely information, and share their passions, as well as their special areas of expertise. Also, question and answer sessions are held at most of our monthly meetings, with the top skippers of our fishing tournaments.

\*Camaraderie with your fellow members at the Knights of Columbus hall in Warren. The K of C hall is located at 6177 Chicago Rd. between Van Dyke and Mound Rd where Thirteen Mile and Chicago Rd intersect. Our meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 in the evening.

\*You can fill out the application for membership that is in the newsletter, and drop it in the mail, to our PO Box, or better yet bring it to one of our monthly meetings, and join in on the fun of great fishing ahead. We will also have a booth at the major fishing shows. Look forward to meeting you at one of the shows, or better yet at one of our monthly meetings. The members of our club are what make us successful, and without YOU, it will be hard to reach our goals.

See you at the next meeting,

Tom Moores—Membership Director



## Detroit Area Steelheaders Giving Tops \$37,000

For 33 years the Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. has contributed to numerous worthwhile causes which we believe serve our stated organizational goal of promoting and protecting Great Lakes sport fishing. Thanks to our members and contributors who have helped us raise funds to make these donations.

The following list of donations made in recent years may overlook some, but the overall impact is that the Detroit Area Steelheaders give!

- **December, 2007 - \$1,000.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.
- **November, 2007 - \$250.** To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.
- **October, 2007 - \$500.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.
- **September, 2007 - \$250.** To the Sporting Lands Alliance to help with their operations.
- **September, 2007 - \$500.** To fund a college scholarship for a deserving student studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.
- **September, 2007 - \$150.** To Fish Pointe Wildlife Association to help with their operations.
- **June, 2007 - \$698.** To fund our own Special People fishing outing.
- **February, 2007 - \$1,000 Grant.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2007 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.

- **November, 2006 - \$1,000 Grant.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.

- **June, 2006 - \$5,000 Grant.** To "The Coalition to Protect Michigan's Resources" (formerly the Michigan Fisheries Resource Conservation Coalition) to help fund their Indian inland fishing negotiations within the Federal court directives.

- **April, 2006 - \$1,000 Grant.** To Sterling Heights High School to initiate a "Salmon in the Classroom" program.

- **January, 2006 - \$1,000 Grant.** To the Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby for their 2006 derby.

- **November, 2005 - \$1,000 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.

- **November, 2005 - \$500 Grant.** To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.

- **February, 2005 - \$250 Grant.** To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.

- **December, 2004 - \$800 Grant.** To the Grand Rapids Steelheaders Foundation, Inc. for their Willow Tree Trout Farm community fishing project.

- **October, 2004 - \$250 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council Carp Barrier fund for the Chicago River.

- **July, 2004 - \$1,000 Grant.** To Project FISH for their teaching projects.

- **July, 2004 - \$250 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.

- **January, 2004 - \$2,500 Grant.** To the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association for their Orsini Hatchery operations.

- **November, 2003 - \$700 Grant.** To the Southwest Michigan Steelheaders for their St. Joseph River net pen operation.

## GAS CARD Drawing

We will again have a participation prize this year in our trolling tournaments. A gas card will be drawn randomly from skippers at the event. Two will be awarded if participation is over 14 boats.

### 2008 Boat Trolling Tournaments

#### 2008 Tourney's and Port Captains as follows:

5/3 St. Joseph  
(Al Wiechert)

5/17, 5/18 Grand Haven 2 day (Bob Jones)

6/7 Port Austin Team Doubles (Tim Robinson)

7/12 Manistee  
(Bob Paradise)

8/2 Ludington Ladies Day  
(Joe von Grabe)

8/9 Ludington II  
(Mark Williams)

8/23 Manistee II  
(Tom Gorguze)

9/6 Arcadia  
(Bob Feisal)

"Special People Outing" is tentatively scheduled for June 21st.

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## Ninth ANNUAL SPORTSMEN'S DINNER

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will be hosting our ninth annual Sportsmen's Dinner on March 8. Mark your calendar!

The location is the American Polish Cultural Club located at 2975 E Maple Troy MI 48083

This event sells out fast. Tom Moores is the contact person for Wild Game Dinner tickets. His cell phone is 248-866-0663.

## March is Swap Meet

The March regular member meeting will feature the **annual swap meet** for members. If you have rods, reels, lures, or other tackle you don't need, turn it into cash at the meeting. If you need something, check out the tables. Show up early (doors open at 7:00 p.m.) for the best selection or to set up.

## CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

Nearly a year ago the Board started the process of putting together a scholarship award for some lucky high school student choosing to go into the field of conservation. Be it Conservation Officer, Wildlife Biology, Oceanography or any other career benefiting our beloved waters or woods, we now have an avenue to help out a budding conservationist.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders Scholarship allows a high school senior to apply for and earn a \$500 scholarship to the college of their choice.

There are several requirements, but let me take a moment to outline the major factors. First and foremost the candidate must be furthering his or her education in the conservation field. Secondly the applicant must be sponsored or recommended by a member of the Detroit Area Steelheaders. Third the applicant must complete and submit an application to be considered for the scholarship.

As a conservation organization, DAS could not think of a better way to insure that our outdoor heritage remains intact than giving to a

deserving student that plans to make his or her life ambition a career in conservation services. Our club has made many donations to worthwhile causes over the years. In this Director's opinion, helping a young person start down the road to a lifetime of protecting and improving our Woods, Waters, Fields and Streams is as worthy a cause as any organization could ever hope to be a part of. Respectfully,  
Nicholas Amicone

**Bob Jones** (Cont. from Page 5)

Here is our tournament day catch. We ran out of places to hang the fish, so we are only showing 18 of the 24 caught.



It has been a real pleasure sharing my 2007 fishing vacation with you; I hope you all enjoyed it. I can't explain in the words how lucky I am to have the friends I have to fish with, the means to be able to do it and the understanding wife Nancy that doesn't complain too much when I do. My work schedule is a heavy one, I travel world wide regularly, so I try to plan my travel around my fishing. Many times I get back from a business trip on Wednesday and gone fishing Thursday. My boss is good about it, my wife great about it, and my crew is awesome. Lucky man I am.

Bob Jones  
Bobby's Toy Fishing Team



## MY LUDINGTON TRIP

By Bob Jones

I would like to tell you all about my annual trip to Ludington this year. I am a member of the Detroit Area Steelheaders; we have scheduled back to back weekend tournaments for the last couple of years. We fish a powder puff tournament the first Saturday of August and our normal tournament format the second weekend of August. I schedule vacation time around these tournaments and stay and fish the entire week between the tournaments. Many of our regular tournament fishing people does the same thing. My wife usually stays the week as well but this year she decided to head home Monday morning after ladies day and leave me to fishing. I had some great outings with some great friends. I fished morning and evening whenever the chance arrived.

My first full day on my own was Tuesday morning; I had my boat docked at Harbor View and ready to go. The crew of Pride and Joy, a fellow DAS member fishing team went out with me that morning. The crew consists of a husband wife, Tim and Jody and their eldest son Brian. Jody had to leave that afternoon for work but Tim and Brian would be up the entire week to fish with me and our friends from the club. We were on my boat, Bobby's Toy, a 22.5 ft Crestliner Saber 225 well set up for Great Lakes salmon fishing. At 5:15 AM. We cleared the pier heads and headed for a fishing hole that a charter friend told me to try first thing in the morning. We were running in 50 FOW on plane until I started marking fish top to bottom. I brought the boat down off plane and ran at

quick troll speed while we set lines. By the time we set the 4 Walkers, 2 dipsey's and a couple of half cores we started running out of the fish. I turned the boat around and set up on a south troll, the auto pilot engaged waiting for our fish of the morning. About 2 minuets into the South troll one of the dipsey's starting singing that sweet song of a screaming drag. It was the "Even Rig" that told everyone would go first. It worked like that all week. The even rig was my name for the hootchie and fly combo my charter bud Dave Even told me about the previous day. Jody was the first one up and made short work of the 12 king. Next it was rigger 1 going with a favorite spoon, the BJ, in honor of my name; Bob Jones. Get your mind out of the gutter. Rigger 3 popped shortly after with a moonshine spoon, double on! Tim and Brian were up on deck battling the double. I proceeded to work the back of the boat for the next one and half hours netting fish and setting lines. We were all by ourselves in the skinny water and having a ball. I told my crew that I always tell my tournament crew that the captain's buys breakfast if we limit out early enough. Well this day we were sure to be calling the captain on his offer. By 8:00 AM we had 13 fish in the boat, 12 kings and a steelhead. We decided to pull lines and head in for breakfast. Now I need to explain something here; my friend Jody is lady luck and known for incredible luck on dipsey rods. They call her Miss Dipsey on the Pride and Joy boat. Miss Dipsey pulls the rod, gets it half way the boat and fish 14 hits it. Brian and I got the rest of the lines out of the water while Jody fought the fish and Tim netted. We were sitting in Old Hamlin Inn by 9:45 eating the breakfast that the captain bought. I would do it again in a heartbeat for the same results.

Here is the proof:



The next trip was the next night as it started blowing Tuesday night through a good part of Wednesday. We attempted to go out Wednesday morning but were blown off and fishless. Tim, Brian and I went out on my good friend Mark William's Boat; the Silver Addiction, a 268 Penn Yan fisherman Wednesday. Sweet rig, set up with all the toys. We went out that evening to the point. It was still rather rough out but the big Penn Yan just plowed through the 3 to 4's. Fishing was slow the first hour or so until the sun started to go down and we started hitting fish. We baited up with a selection of Moonshine and Silver Streaks on the Scotty riggers and flasher/fly combos on the dipsey's and lead. We found speed and the direction of the troll to be crucial. We were fishing with a pack of charters and other recreational fisherman like ourselves. For the most part we all behaved and managed to fish without incident. The fish were concentrated in a tight area so you had to be efficient and ready to go when the fish hit. The doubles starting coming quick, Brian and Tim were hot on the rods while Mark and I switched off with the driving and netting and managed an occasional fish if we beat Brian and Tim to the rods. We had a blast and scored our 4 man limit in less than 3 hours. All kings, the biggest weighed in on the Ludington Municipal scale at 19.9 pounds. Good host, good friends and great fishing it doesn't get much better than that, or does it?

Here is the picture of our catch from the Silver Addiction



Tim, Brian and I decided to sleep in the next morning as we were worn out.

Jason Adam, our club president called me and invited me fishing Thursday night. I asked Jason if he minded if a brought Tim and Brian along and he said of course! The three of us arrived at Jason's marina around 6:30 and were clearing the pier heads by seven. Jason has a beautiful 26 foot Stripper, a 99, before they messed it up with the integrated swim platform and too long transom. Jason has Outa Line highly customized with more electronic goodies than I could ever name. This is one of the quietness boats that I have ever been on. Jason headed straight out to about 190 FOW and set lines. We were completely by ourselves as most of the pack went north to the point. Tim and I told Jason about our trip on Silver Addiction the night before and how great we did. Jason said it sounded great, but he had not the much success so far that week. He was told to fish the area we were in buy a charted friend of his that said the area would not disappoint. As the evening starting drawing near, the sun set over the water was something to see, it was pure solitude, then all the sudden reels started screaming and it was a double on. Tim and I beat Brian to the rods and starting fighting the first of many doubles that night. The next couple of hours were a repeat of the night before, but then we scored a triple. Brian, Tim and I were all fighting fish at the same time. Jason was ecstatic. I gave Jason my

camera and he got a nice picture of the three of us fighting our fish.



We had to stop and take count of our fish so that we didn't go over our limit. Brian cleared the fish boxes and counted 11 fish twice, so we decided to stay and get our twelfth king. Wouldn't you know it, a double hit again. This time we made sure Jason had the honors of getting fish twelve and Brian was on fish thirteen. Brian's fish came in first and turned out to be a Coho so that left us room for king twelve. Jason's king took three runs and proved to be the biggest of the night. We were all thrilled with the result, especially Jason as he stated, "this has got to be one of the best trips I have ever made", I was thankful to be there and part of the moment. We had a great time and headed back to the Marina for the late night fish cleaning. My tournament team called and was at my campsite waiting for me to get back. By the time we took pictures and cleaned fish and back to Ponchos Pond Campground it was past 11. Here is the catch from Outa Line: I think Jason's expression says it all!



The next morning it was out with my team for pre-fishing. We were on the water by 5:30 AM, the fishing had slowed somewhat, but we had a great time and were able to get our strategy inline for Saturdays tournament. We brought 10 fish in from the morning bite. We spent the rest of the day getting Bobby's Toy ready for the big fishing day.

Saturday morning I went to the 5:00 AM captains meeting while my crew headed to Wesco for coffee and ice. We met at the boat by 5:20 and cleared the pier heads by 5:45 heading for the skinny water that I and Pride and Joy did so well in a couple of day's previous. The bite didn't start until 6:30 and never got to the fever pitch of the days previous. We worked the skinny water until the early bite ended and headed North West towards the point and deeper water. The move proved to be good one. We proceeded to boat over 24 fish between 5 fishermen. We had some steels and Coho to keep us within our twenty king limit. All the clubs boats were reporting fish caught at the 9 and 12 O'clock fish calls. Bobby's Toy was one of three boats calling banner catches. Many of our fish were hitting spoons, the remainder coming on J-Plugs and flasher/fly combos. The hottest spoon was the moonshine Flounder Pounder, hottest J was a number 4 green glow with black ladder back, hottest flasher/fly was the Even Rig, a tuxedo Fishcatcher with a light blue sparkle fly, it has a name but I can never remember it even though I bought every one that Captain Chucks had. Even though our catch was the largest overall, our eight largest fish were only good for a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish. I was rather disappointed with the finish but very pleased with the overall catch. It is always a pleasure fishing with my good friends and sharing these good times. No better way to spend a week in Ludington.

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## Looking ahead to the 2008 boat trolling season.

Another (2007) boat trolling season is behind us and we'll soon be looking forward to the 2008 season. The participation was down again this year for a lot of reasons. The economy, fuel costs and decreasing club membership continue to take their toll. On the bright side, the fishing this year on Lake Michigan was as good if not better than last year and one of the best in recent years. The numbers of fish caught, especially Kings were as good as ever, and many more Lake Trout were part of the catch.

In early November, our top skippers from the previous year met to discuss and vote on boat trolling rule changes and agree on our upcoming tournament schedule. This year, we've reduced the number of tournaments to a total of eight, with the top five finishes counting for Skipper of the Year honors. Our 2008 schedule continues to reflect the downturn in the Lake Huron fishery with only one tournament being held there.

This season's tournament schedule kicks off May 3rd at St. Joseph/Benton Harbor. This has traditionally been a Coho fishery at this time of the year but the king salmon fishing has been fantastic in recent years. Limit catches are typical here, especially at this time of the season. Besides the water around the pier heads; the Cook Nuclear Power Plant, the junk cars, and the chalets to the south; and the clay banks to the north will often hold fish.

Our second stop will be at Grand Haven on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. This is our annual two-day tournament with points from both Saturday

and Sunday combined to determine the final positions. This port often provides fast action with many limit catches. Last year, the fishing was nothing short of fantastic

After our first two tournaments, we leave the southern part of Lake Michigan to fish the always dependable Port Austin on the weekend of June 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be our only tournament on Lake Huron this year but this port has always come through for some very close finishes. Once again, this port will host our annual team doubles tournament on Sunday. The team doubles competition matches the first place boat from the previous day with the last place boat and so on for an always fun event.

Our annual "Special People" outing is tentatively scheduled for June 21st this year and will be held at Toledo Beach Marina on Lake Erie. Any skippers who have volunteered their boat and time for this event will tell you that the reward of seeing the smiles on the faces of the special people is something you won't soon forget.

For the balance of our schedule, we head back to Lake Michigan starting with the port of Manistee on July 12<sup>th</sup>. This marks the mid-point of our season. This port is a favorite with many of our captains as it often will produce some of the best catches and largest fish of the year. Three bears and the bank to the south and the green onion to Onekama to the north are some of the landmarks that you'll hear over the radio. Steelhead should also be in the mix here during this time of the year. This port now has trap nets so keep an eye out. Make sure you get the latest information on their location and load them into your GPS or chart plotter.

Next we head to Ludington for back to back tournament weekends. August 2<sup>nd</sup> is our ever popular annual Ladies Day tournament. We won't be doing a pig roast this year but a main dish will be provided by the club along with the pot luck goodies

brought by the crews. In this tournament, only the ladies are allowed to fight the fish while the men can set lines and perform netting duties. Ludington offers some of the most challenging conditions of any of the ports on our schedule with huge water temperature swings, under water currents and boat congestion to deal with. Again, make sure you get the latest information on the location of the nets in the area, and stay clear. Some of the hot spots include three bears, the point (stick), and the bath house to the north, and the project, and Pentwater to the south. August 9<sup>th</sup> we're right back here again with our Ludington II tournament.

For our eighth and next to last stop it's back to Manistee on the weekend of August 23rd. This time we should be honing in on staging kings.

The 2008 tournament schedule wraps up September 6th out of Arcadia. We've decide to give this port a try because our top skippers wanted to fish this area but there are concerns with availability of slips in Frankfort this time of the year. This is one of the most picturesque areas on our schedule with some fantastic scenery as seen from the water and from land. With the great structure here, you won't have to go more than a few miles from shore to catch fish.

It's not too soon to start make plans for this upcoming season. Start getting your crews lined up and make your marina and motel reservations now. Get all of your tackle maintenance chores out of the way over the winter so you'll be ready to go come spring. Don't miss out on the fun. Fishing our club events is a great way to learn new techniques, become familiar with other ports, and make new friends.

Joe von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe II"

## Skipper's Honor Role

- 1976
  1. John Makela, Sisu
  2. Murrell Blackburn, Fish'n 5
  3. Chuck Cartwright, Tuna Boat
  4. Paul Irvine, Yellow Jacket
  5. Steve Hamilton, Valhalla
- 1977
  1. Chuck Cartwright, Tuna Boat
  2. John Makela, Sisu
  3. Murrell Blackburn, Tuna Boat
  4. Bob Kring, Drifter
  5. Larry Atwell, Cobra
- 1978
  1. Jerry Lee, Sea Screw
- 1979
  1. Jerry Lee, Sea Screw
  2. Howard Mills, Paramour
  3. Larry Atwell, Cobra
  4. Jim Treadaway, Okie Drifter
  5. Bob Kring, Drifter
- 1980
  1. Jerry Lee, Sea Screw
  2. Terry Cholette, Fishin' Fever
  3. Toby Lampi, Jessie III
  4. Randy Cope, Ouzo Too
  5. Ed Yankowski II, Least Likely
- 1981
  1. Bob Kring, Drifter
  2. Toby Lampi, Jessie III
  3. Bob Kanas, Least Likely
  4. Jerry Lee, Sea Screw
  5. Jewell Harris, Cannonball
- 1982
  1. Brian Glaser, Least Likely
  2. Toby Lampi, Jessie III
  3. Mike Curzenski, Nooner
  4. Bob Kring, Drifter
  5. R.J. Branham, Seahawk
- 1983
  1. Gerry Ciurzenski, Jawbuster
  2. Mike Boroniec, Horsefly
  3. R.J. Branham, Seahawk
  4. Bob Kozar, Snowman
  5. Ed Yankowski II, Least Likely
- 1984
  2. Bon Kanas, Least Likely
  3. Ed Choinski, Kneeknocker
  4. Darrin Harris, Cannonball
  5. Bob Ksionzek, Last Dime
  6. Mike Zelkowski, Elvira
- 1985
  1. Darrin Harris, Cannonball
  2. Joel Garinger, Fishbusters
  3. Bruce Choinski, Kneeknocker
  4. Tom Chojnowski, Sea Con
  5. Ed McIntosh, Sweet Lorraine
- 1986
  1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
  2. Greg Clifford, Outlaw

- 3. Chuck Wood, Predator
- 4. Dave Even, Teachers Pet
- 5. Blaise Pewinski, Sea Hag
- 1987
  1. Greg Clifford, Outlaw
  2. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
  3. Don Redmond, Trena Dawn
  4. Steve Banovic, Exaggerator
  5. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
- 1988
  1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
  2. Dave Even, Teachers Pet
  3. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
  4. Don Redmond, Trena Dawn
  5. Steve Banovic, Exaggerator
- 1989
  1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
  2. Steve Banovic, Exaggerator
  3. Ron Huey, Half R's
  4. Ron Hartman, Molly Frair
  5. Don Anton, Happy Bare
- 1990
  1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
  2. Dave Even, Teachers Pet
  3. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
  4. Rob Pinski, Anticipation
  5. Mike Wakulski, Wet Paint
- 1991
  1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
  2. Dave Even, Teachers Pet
  3. Don Redmond, Trena Dawn
  4. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
  5. Joe Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
- 1992
  1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
  2. Dave Even, Teachers Pet
  3. Tom Moores, Karefree
  4. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
  5. Mike Wakulski, Wet Paint
- 1993
  1. Dave Even, Teachers Pet
  2. Don Redmond, Trena Dawn
  3. Joe Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
  4. Leon Van Eden, Bull Head
  5. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
- 1994
  1. Joe Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
  2. Jimmy Hardrick, My Dream
  3. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
  4. Ron Hartman, Molly Frair
  5. Paul Schoenrade, Eagle Two
- 1995
  1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
  2. Don Redmond, Trena Dawn
  3. Daniel Dima, Taz
  4. Rob Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
  5. Dave Roehr, Floating Holiday
- 1996
  1. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
  2. Rob Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
  3. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
  4. Paul Nowak, Nothin' But Fun
  5. Don Redmond Trena Dawn
- 1997
  1. Rob Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
  2. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II

- 3. Paul Colone, The Kidd
- 4. Bob Buero, Mickey Mouse Club
- 5. Jimmy Hardrick, My Dream
- 1998
  1. Don Redmond, Trena Dawn
  2. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
  3. Dick Shirk Lil' Scratch
  4. Rob Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
  5. Paul Schoenrade, Eagle III
- 1999
  1. Mark Stosiak, Tomorrow's Dream
  2. Stan Bilek, Blue Star
  3. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
  4. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
  5. Paul Schoenrade, Eagle III
- 2000
  1. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
  2. Stan Bilek, Blue Star
  3. Mark Stosiak, Tomorrow's Dream
  4. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
  5. Bill Nutting, Just Once
- 2001
  1. Mark Stosiak, Tomorrow's Dream
  2. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
  3. Joe Von Grabe, Sloppy Joe
  4. Mike Vigus, Crusader
  5. Doug Karakas, Capt'n Hook
- 2002
  1. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
  2. Doug Karakas, Capt'n Hook
  3. Joe Von Grabe, Sloppy Joe
  4. Bill Dunk, Free Bird
  5. Mark Bevens, In-Seine
- 2003
  1. Bill Dunk, Free Bird
  2. Mike Vigus, Crusader
  3. Joe Von Grabe, Sloppy Joe
  4. Blaise Pewinski, Sea Hag
  5. Mark Bevens, In-Seine
- 2004
  1. Blaise Pewinski, Sea Hag
  2. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
  3. Joe Von Grabe, Sloppy Joe
  4. Mike Vigus, Crusader
  5. Bob Feisel, Vicki's Seacret
- 2005
  1. Bob Paradise, Almost Paradise
  2. Joe Von Grabe, Sloppy Joe
  3. Tom Gorguze, Bad Dog
  4. Dave Linder, No Limit
  5. Bob Feisel, Vicki's Seacret
- 2006
  1. Joe Von Grabe, Sloppy Joe
  2. Mark Williams, Silver Addiction
  3. Tom Gorguze, Bad Dog
  4. Bob Jones, Bobby's Toy
  5. Dave Linder, No Limit
- 2007
  1. Bob Paradise, Almost Paradise
  2. Joe von Grabe, Sloppy Joe
  3. Mark Williams Silver Addiction
  4. Tim Robinson, Pride & Joy
  5. Bob Feisel, Vicki's Seacret

- More Donations
- **June, 2003 - \$250 Grant** to the Michigan Charterboat Association's scholarship fund.
- **June, 2003 - \$250 Grant.** To the City of Port Sanilac for their fish cleaning station operations.
- **September, 2002 - \$250 Grant.** To the Blue Water Anglers for their Sarnia hatchery operations.
- **July, 2002 - \$250 Grant.** To the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association for their Manistee River net pen operations.
- **June, 2002 - \$250 Grant.** To the Grand Haven Steelheaders for their Grand River net pen operations.
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- **January, 2002 - \$200 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Association to help fund operations
- **September, 2001 - \$250 Grant.** To the Michigan Fisheries Resource Conservation Coalition to help pay their expenses of the netting agreement negotiations.
- **July, 2001 - \$100 Grant.** To the city of Port Austin for operating expenses of their fish cleaning station.
- **March, 2001 - \$100 Grant.** To the Hammond Bay Anglers Association for supporting efforts with the Michigan Fisheries Resource Conservation Coalition and the netting agreement.
- **December, 2000 - \$300 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their 2001 annual meeting expenses.
- **January, 2000 - \$3,000 Grant.** To the City of Port Sanilac for a new fish cleaning station.
- **October, 1999 - \$500 Grant.** To the Michigan Fisheries Resource Conservation Coalition to join in the netting agreement negotiations.
- **September, 1998 - \$200 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.
- **August, 1998 - \$75 Donation.** To the Grand Traverse Area Sportfishing Association to fight gill nets.
- **July, 1998 - \$250 Grant.** To the Ludington Area Charterboat Association for their net pen operations.
- **December, 1997 - \$250 Grant.** To the Grand Traverse Area Sportfishing Association to fight gill nets.
- **December, 1997 - \$200 Grant.** To the Ludington Area Charterboat Association for their net pen operations.
- **April, 1997 - \$300 Grant.** To the Manistee County Sportfishing Association for their Orsini Hatchery operations.
- **October, 1996 - \$250 Grant.** To the Grand Traverse Area Sportfishing Association to fight gill nets.
- **September, 1996 - \$100 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.
- **November, 1995 - \$500 Grant.** To the Grand Traverse Area Sportfishing Association to fight gill nets.
- **September, 1995 - \$500 Grant.** To Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.
- **July, 1995 - \$250 Grant.** To the Blue Water Anglers for their Sarnia hatchery operations.
- **March, 1995 - \$100 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.
- **March, 1994 - \$400 Grant.** To the Michigan State University Betsie River Research Project.
- **June, 1993 - \$500 Grant.** To Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.
- **May, 1993 - \$250 Grant.** To the Benzie County fish hatchery.
- **April, 1992 - \$500 Grant.** To Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.
- **February, 1992 - \$500 Grant.** To the Benzie County fish hatchery.
- **March, 1991 - \$100 Grant.** To the Northeast Michigan Steelheaders to fight Hammond Bay gill nets.
- **December, 1990 - \$155 Grant.** To the Northeast Michigan Steelheaders to fight Hammond Bay gill nets.
- **September, 1990 - Two Riviera Downriggers.** Donated to Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.

- **September, 1990 - \$1,000 Grant.** To the Blue Water Sport Fishing Association for reef construction.
- **September, 1989 - \$500 legal debt.** Paid as a chapter of the Michigan Salmon & Steelhead Fisherman's Association.
- **October, 1988 - \$600 legal debt.** Paid as a chapter of the Michigan Salmon & Steelhead Fisherman's Association.
- **September, 1987 - \$800 Grant.** Proceeds from our Detroit Area Steelheader Cookbook donated to Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.
- **1987 - Backpack Fish Shocker.** Donated to Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.
- **July, 1987 - \$200 legal debt.** Paid as a chapter of the Michigan Salmon & Steelhead Fisherman's Association.
- **April, 1986 - \$250 legal debt.** Paid as a chapter of the Michigan Salmon & Steelhead Fisherman's Association.
- **October, 1985 - \$500 Grant.** To the Sanilac Steelheaders for the Lexington fish cleaning station.

- **1985 - \$250 legal debt.** Paid as a chapter of the Michigan Salmon & Steelhead Fisherman's Association.
- **June, 1985 - \$500 Grant.** To Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.

*NOTE: From 1978 through 1984, the club had no funds left to donate after operations.*

- **1977 - Reworking Fish Ladder on Huron River at Flat Rock.** The Detroit Area Steelheaders paid the costs for the DNR, Fisheries, Southeast Michigan.
- **August, 1977 - Aquascope Depth finder.** Donated to the Michigan DNR, Fisheries, Southeast Michigan.