

2008 Key Dates

March 8 - Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner

March 25 - Member Meeting Swap Meet

April 29 - Member Meeting

May 3 - St. Joseph Boat Trolling Tournament

May 17-18 - Grand Haven Boat Trolling Tournament

May 27 - Member Meeting Boat Rigging Display

March Swap Meet

The March regular member meeting will feature the annual swap meet for members. If you have rods, reels, lures, or other tackle or accessories 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.



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

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Fishin' Tales



March Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on Tuesday March 25, 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.

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.

Up to date club information can be also found on the DAS web site at www.detroitsteelheaders.org.



Members News

New Memberships

Lincoln McGhee
Bob Brumer

New Lifetime Memberships

Richard Janis

Renewed Memberships

Stephen Genoff
Michael Lolli
Ken Cione
Jim Zanke
Mark Gazda
Gil Piesczak

Memberships Expiring This Month

Keith Adkins	Jerry Forsberg
Henry Baczynski	Ron Hartwell
Bob Bell	Richard Kittle
Joseph Bezel	Robert Ksionzek
Bill Bollenberg	James Legenzoff
Ken Brusseau	Jack Macfarlane
Daniel Chisholm	Gary Ruprich
Jim Fitch	Keith Stafford

Miss February's Meeting?

President Jason Adam called the meeting to order at 7:49 P.M. He promptly welcomed new members Lincoln McGhee and Bob Brumer. He then announced that there were still Wild Game Dinner tickets available. Jason reported that the Bass Pro Workshop on Salmon and Trout fishing presented by the Detroit Area Steelheaders on Sat, Feb. 8. was a success. He commended those who participated with their various presentations. Plans are already being discussed for next year's event.

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Next, Jason explained the proposed amendments to our by-laws and urged those members present to vote on the ballots that were available at each table.

Jason then introduced February's guest speaker, Pete Butchko, the State Director USDA-Wildlife Services. Pete is responsible for the Cormorant Management program. He had an excellent, fact filled slide presentation on what his agency is doing to control the Cormorant population. While they by no means have these voracious prey birds under complete control, they have made tremendous strides to minimize the populations in the areas they have been working. Their efforts have paid off as fishing in these areas, which had become almost non-existent is showing signs of making a comeback. Thanks to Pete for his very informative presentation. Thanks, also to Pete and his staff for the fantastic job they are doing. You can contact him at: Peter Butchko, State Director USDA - Wildlife Services, 2803 Jolly Rd. Suite 100, Okemos, MI 48864, 517-336-1928 or at peter.h.butchko@aphis.usda.gov

After the break, Jason reminded everyone about the March meeting's Annual Swap Meet. He then reported on the by-law vote results: Proposal 1, a paragraph addition with wording that would allow us to fall under MUCC's charitable gaming guidelines, passed by a vote of 46 in favor to 1 not in favor. Proposal 2, which eliminated the term limit for president also passed: 44 yes votes to 3 no votes.

Doug Karakas then reported on the 9th Annual Early Run Steelheaders tournament held on Saturday, February 23 on the Manistee River. There were 121 anglers entered and 28 fish weighed in. 2 of those were caught from the banks and 26 were

caught from boats. The largest Steelhead weighed in was 11.45 oz. and the best 3 fish catch went just over 22 lbs. Besides Doug, Don Anton, Ed Horen, Jay Hoch and Ralph Bolan participated from our club.

The usual monthly tackle raffle featured 6 nice prizes and winners for all of them. \$103 in the 50-50 raffle was won by Jim Zanke. The Every Member drawing for \$100 was won by our Vice President and Boat Trolling Chairmen, Mark Williams. All members are eligible for this drawing at each month's meeting but you need to be present to win.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The new membership drive is on 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.



Top Ten Reasons To Participate In The 2008 Trolling Tournaments

10. The opportunity to spend the day, or maybe a whole weekend, doing what you love to do.

Trolling around a Great Lakes port catching salmon and trout. You don't have to fish all the tournaments. Pick out one or a few of your favorite ports. Like you needed an excuse to go fishing.

9. Learn a few more tips to help you catch those sometimes elusive fish.

The skippers and crews who fish the tournaments have a lot of combined experience and knowledge of what it takes to catch salmon and trout. And they are not afraid to share that knowledge with anyone who wants to learn.

8. A chance for the family to getaway and enjoy this beautiful State of ours.

This may be the perfect situation to take your wife and kids or your wife and another couple on a weekend trip where they can catch a few fish, have a great time and, more importantly, share that experience. This is true for any tournament weekend but especially Ladies Day where the men do all the work. They set the rods, net the fish and drive the boat. The Ladies have all the fun catching the fish.

In addition, the tournaments are on Saturday, which leaves Friday afternoon and Sunday to see and do what these port towns and the surrounding areas have to offer. The ride to and from any given port can be enjoyable and offer some great sight seeing in itself.

7. It's not necessarily as expensive as you think.

Maybe you can't afford to take the family every weekend. Sure it gets costly, but finding other willing club members to be part of your crew and sharing those costs will certainly help make it more affordable.

6. Compete for Skipper of the Year honors.

Okay, you like a little friendly competition. You put together a crew of reliable, fish-savvy guys and fish 5 or more of the tournaments. Try your best to finish as high as possible in the standings at each tournament and wind up as Skipper of the Year. You get **all** the braggin' rights. This can be a difficult task. Consistency is the name of the game. But you and your crew are up to the challenge.

5. Listen to a charter captain tell you where, what and how to fish.

New this year, on Friday nights before the tournaments, the Club has arranged to have a local charter captain for the particular port speak to the skippers and crews about what's been happening in the area, where the fish are being caught and what's being used. This is a pretty cool idea and should be a tremendous help for all those Club members that will be fishing the tournaments.

4. Win the Big Fish Pool.

The Big Fish pool is a real simple concept. Each skipper throws \$5 into the pool. (Strictly voluntary) The largest fish weighed-in for the tournament earns all the money in the pool for that skipper. (Assuming that skipper was entered.) The more boats entered obviously

the larger the pot. On a 2 day tournament, there is a separate pool each day. Not bad, eh?

3. Enjoy a cheap lunch.

This probably got your attention. Included in the entry fee is lunch for the skipper and crew. Past tournaments have included hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, pizza, cole slaw, potato salad and plenty of cold drinks. Each port captain makes sure there something a little different for each tournament. Ladies' Day usually features a pig roast and a variety of side dishes provided by the participating boats.

2. Free gas (YES!)

At each tournament, every participating skipper's name is thrown in a hat. With up to 15 boats participating, 2 names are drawn. Each of those skippers receives a \$50 gas card. If there are more than 15 boats, 3 names are drawn. With gas at the price it is, this can definitely help make participation a little more affordable.

1. Make new friends and share your love of the sport with them.

Enough can't be said for all the great friends you'll make and the good times that are had at the tournaments. Sharing those fishing tips, fishing stories and a few laughs is what it's all about.



2008 Boat Trolling Tournaments

5/3 St. Joseph
(Al Wiechert)

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

6/7 Port Austin Team
Doubles
(Tim Robinson)

6/21 (Tentative)
Special People Outing -
Lake Erie
(Doug Karakas)

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 Fiesel)