

### 2007 Key Dates

September 25– Member Meeting  
Oct. 30– Member Meeting  
Fall Swap meet  
Nov. 27– Member Meeting  
Dec. 18 Christmas Meeting

### **2007 Frankfort Tournament**

the unofficial results of the 2007 Frankfort Tournament.

10 boats total  
10 boats weighed in fish.  
Total number of fish 76  
65 Kings  
11 Coho

10th Dredge	14.05
9th Happy Bare	37.65
8th Rupe	38.20
7th Bobby's Toy	82.05
6th Pride & Joy	99.45
5th Vicki's Seacret	104.60
4th Sloppy Joe	124.55
3rd TNT	125.40
2nd Thors Hammer	127.60
1st Almost Paradise	137.70

Big Fish 15.35# King, Almost Paradise, also \$50.00 Big Fish Pool winner.

Winner of \$50 gas card - Almost Paradise

### **FALL SWAP MEET**

October will again include the **Fall Swap Meet**. Bring hunting or fishing equipment (except –no guns please). This is a great way to get a stash of cash to spend on a new pair of waders or a new river rod.

### **Check Your Label**

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; P.O. Box 1255, Sterling Heights Mi. 48311-1255.

### **ELECTIONS**

Elections for the Board of Directors will be coming in December. Have you thought about how you can support your club? Think about running for Director and contact one of the current directors. Tell them that you are interested in being on the board.

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MEETING NOTICE – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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# Fishin' Tales



### **September Meeting**

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on Tuesday September 25, 2007 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.

Bill Vandercook will give a short presentation on their organization this month. I have met Bill at BPS on several occasions and went to a few of their meetings. Seems like a good organization with goals much along the same lines as ours.

Bill is a pretty good speaker and has a presentation about preserving hunting land and fishing access, and about getting youth into it.

In addition, the meeting will have upcoming tournament information and recent tournament results, fishing reports, raffles, and short technical presentations where time allows. Hope to see you there.....Jason

### **Future Speakers**

In November, Dan Keifer of the Clinton River Watershed Council Will present an "Update on Fishing the Clinton River system".

Steve Dennis is scheduled for January.

Up to date club information can be also found on the DAS web site at [www.detroitsteelheaders.org](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.org).

### **Fall River Fishing Time**

Our first river tournament/ outing will be held as usual on the first week of November:

**Saturday - November 3rd., 2007.**

**Time:** from when it gets light until it's dark.

**Boundaries:** from where the big Manistee enters into Lake Manistee to the Tippy Dam.

**Weigh-in:** probably 7:00pm at my campsite at Instalaunch.

As with last year, we intend to have a pretty good pot-luck dinner.

With this being two months away, there is plenty of time to let me know how many boats, or shore fishermen will be involved.

See me at the meeting.

Thanks, Dave Stachnik

### **RIVER / Pier Time**

The bad news is that the summer trolling season is over. The good news is that river and pier fishing is approaching one of the best times of the year.

River and pier fishing for salmon, browns and certainly steelhead is great fun and can be very productive. For those of you who had to give up towing the boat because of \$3 gasoline for towing or \$3.50 gasoline in the marina, here is your chance to get back those lost fishing days.

To begin with, you don't need a lot of equipment. You don't need a big boat. You can stand on the pier, stand in waders or just be a "bankie".

You don't need a lot of equipment. No downriggers. No "hootchie mama". No array of 12 rods bent over. In fact, you can modify the technique you use based upon the equipment you already own. Own bass gear or walleye gear? You may have to buy \$5 bucks worth of fresh line, but you could cast spinners or bottom bounce or soak an alewife off a pier. Buy a Luhr Jensen side planer and run a walleye hot-n-tot through a hole in the river. Maybe now is the time to try fly fishing?

If you're not sure how to get started, come to a meeting and start talking to the boys. Or if you really want to learn fast go to a river tournament.

River fishing is fun. Get a bunch of guys together and you'll experience the same camaraderie we all have come to love during boat trolling.

The fall is beautiful. The leaves are changing. The air is crisp. The rivers and piers can be lightly populated. And, the fish may be biting. Get out there.

**Manistee II Tournament**  
Below are the unofficial results of the 2007

**Manistee II Tournament.**

9	boats	total
8	boats	weighed in fish.
Total	number of fish	65
49		Kings
10		Coho
2		Steelhead
4	Lake	Trout

DNW Dredge	7.50
8th Molly Friar	63.25
7th Pride & Joy	84.65
6th Thors Hammer	89.15
5th Bad Dog	123.65
4th Bobby's Toy	131.45
3rd Silver Addiction	134.50
2nd Sloppy Joe	139.15
1st Almost Paradise	

Big Fish 16.65# King, Thors Hammer, also \$45.00 Big Fish Pool winner.

Winner of \$50 gas card – Dredge



"But Dad, I caught it not you!"



6th Thors Hammer 84.65



5th Bad Dog 89.15



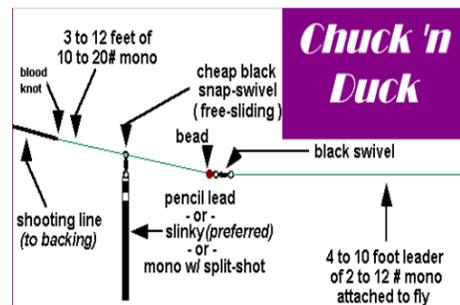
4th Bobby's Toy 123.65



2nd Sloppy Joe 134.50



1st Almost Paradise 139.15



**Egg Loop Knot**

A knot that slides on the hook shank

Ande Monofilament



1. Pull about two inches of line through the hook eye and form a loop near the bend of the hook.



2. Holding the loop between a thumb and forefinger, bring the tag end of the line forward and make about five wraps around the hook, wrapping towards the eye.



3. Bring the tag end back through the loop and tighten the knot with tension on the line in both directions.



4. The final product is a knot that slides on the hook shank so that egg clusters and nylon yarn can be secured between the knot and the eye of the hook.

**Items used on the pier and surf:**

- Long noodle rods (10' to 14')
- Spinning Reel - Spooled with 6 to 10 lb. Line
- Waders (surf only)
- Leader material (smaller than your main line)
- Snap Swivels
- Size 10 to 14 hooks
- Pyramid sinkers
- Small beads
- Rod holders for surf (long 4 to 6 ft.)
- Rod holder for pier (12 to 18 inches)
- Folding Chair
- Warm Clothes, Gloves, Boots, Hat (rain gear)

**Build Your Own Spinners**

Fishing spinners is a popular and effective tactic for taking late fall and winter steelhead. Just ask Jim Bedford who annually takes more steelhead than most of us will catch in a lifetime. One of the keys of successful spinner fishing is being near the bottom and next to if not in river snags. And then, if you aren't occasionally hanging up (and losing spinners) you're not fishing right. Costly!

Building a spinner takes all of two minutes, and the only tool you need is a pair of needle-nose pliers. You can buy kits that include a range of bodies, blades, and beads (cabelas.com) or order parts individually for more customization (800-638-2723; www.jannsnecraft.com). A lot of tackle shops also stock parts. Check out Lakeside, Gander, BassPro or Jay's.



**Winterizing Tip**

When you are readying your boat for storage this year, pick up a box of scented fabric softener sheets from the local grocery store. Toss some in your storage compartments, the cabin, the bilge, etc. The strong scent of the sheets repels pests that like to chew up seats and wiring. I've been doing this for years, and come fall, the boat is critter-free and "Mountain Spring Fresh".

**Legal Ramblings**

The Michigan legislature is still considering raising all hunting and fishing fees. Word is that they intend a 25% increase each of the next four years. That on top of an already 50% increase in camping fees and an anticipated income or sales tax hike makes it hard to understand. Let your Senator and Rep. know what you think.

The Inland hunting and fishing rights of the Tribes is about to be resolved. A final Consent Decree has been prepared and will likely be announced shortly. The species most effected will be walleye, steelhead, salmon and deer. It won't make anyone happy, but could be much worse.