

2007 Key Dates

Nov. 27- Member Meeting

Dec. 18 Christmas Meeting

Jan .29- Member Meeting

Feb 26- Member Meeting

Mar. 8 - Wild Game Dinner

Mar. 25- Member Meeting

2008 Shows

Right after the first of the year we will be making appearances at local fishing shows. If you can help set up, tear down or man the booths see a Board member. We always need help.

Wild Game Dinner

The 2008 Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner is scheduled for Saturday March 8. The Board has

voted to not raise prices for tickets for the event. That makes this event a tremendous value.

DAS Conservation Scholarship

In September we awarded our first ever DAS Conservation Scholarship to a college student, Andrew Monnich. Congrats Andrew!

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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Fishin' Tales



technical presentations where time allows. Hope to see you there.....Jason

Future Speakers

December is the Christmas party. Put it on your calendar and more importantly put it on your wife's calendar so you can bring the whole family. Of course, Salmon Claus is expected to make his annual visit.

For January, Steve Dennis of Fishbone charters is scheduled. Last year Dennis gave a very informative talk on fishing the Ports of Manistee and Ludington.

In February, Pete Butchko from the US Fish & Wildlife Services will give us an update on cormorant control.

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

Manistee River Tournament

The Detroit Area Steelheaders held a Manistee River fishing tournament on November 3.

Great autumn weather was on tap for the weekend. On tournament day the morning temperature was about 50 degrees near Manistee Lake, while further inland at Rainbow Bend and Tippy Dam the air was frosty and fishermen had ice forming on their rod guides.

November Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on Tuesday November 27, 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.

As a special treat, there will be pizza for members. Tell your wife you're on a diet, skip dinner and have a slice on us instead.

Dan Keifer of the Clinton River Watershed Council will present an "Update on Fishing the Clinton River system".

This is also your chance to brag about that big buck that didn't get away. Bring in your pictures and stories of that big buck.

Another highlight of the evening will be the new and improved "ANY MEMBER" drawing. This drawing will be worth an even \$100 dollars to the lucky winner.

In addition, the meeting will have upcoming tournament information and recent tournament results, fishing reports, raffles, and short

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Water levels in the river were very low. Fishing success was found in the lower river near the M-55 Bridge. Upstream fisherman at Rainbow and Tippy had a difficult day.

The "Wishful II" team (Capt. Jerry Zabel, Ed Horen, and Bob Feisel) brought in the largest catch of the day, closely followed by "Team Stachnik" (Bill and Dave).

Listed below are the weigh-in results:

Bob Feisel	12 lb, 11 oz
Bill Stachnik	9 lb, 5 oz
Jerry Zabel	7 lb, 14 oz
Bill Stachnik	6 lb, 12 oz
Ed Horen	6 lb, 11 oz
Dave Stachnik	5 lb, 4 oz
Dan Chisholm	0
Doug Karakas	0
Mark Stosiak	0



Dan Chisholm was the winner of the \$50 "Gas Card" drawing.

Event organizer Dave Stachnik hosted the weigh-in and pot-luck dinner at his campsite at Insta-Launch. We were joined by the DAS pier fishermen (Bob Paradise, Al Weichert, Jay Labban, Pat Hoey) who reported having an outstanding day up at the Frankfort pier. Tom &

Dianne Gorguze also arrived to share and enjoy the pot-luck dinner and celebrate a great day of fishing.

The following day, the river fishermen had a very busy morning on the lower river. A fresh run of steelhead were moving upstream and there was a lot of action. Doug Karakas and Mark Stosiak finished 2 for 3 on Sunday. Meanwhile Team Stachnik and Wishful II got "whipped" by the fish, finishing 1 for 5 and 1 for 6 respectively. Even though a lot of fish were lost, we all had a great time.

--Bob Feisel

Frankfort Pier Action

Al Weichert, Bob Paradise, Jay Labban, and Pat Hoey fished the Frankfort pier on November third for the Lakeshore Motel tournament and attended the camp fire cookout after the DAS river tournament.

The weekend was great, after a long search for bait on Thursday we decided to try and eliminate some water on Friday. We started out at Ludington, moved to Manistee and ended up at Frankfort (long day). We decided to fish Frankfort on Saturday. The decision was based off of wind speed, direction and a report from some dude who was fishing the pier.

We left the Paradise lodge at 11:15 and started fishing shortly after 12:00 a.m. we all got set up by 1:00 and the first rod went off at 1:30 a.m. which is unusual. From that point we had steady action, every hour or so a rod would go off. We

stopped fishing about 3:00 p.m. The total was 21 for 30 something. The big fish was Bob's at 8+ pounds. Some lessons were learned such as white bags work at night and if you have the wrong equipment, fishing is difficult.

I was proud to say that after 85 hours of pier fishing I finally got my first fish; my total was 7 for 12 with big fish being 7.9.

After getting cleaned up from the day we headed over to Dave's campsite for some great food and fish talk. The food was fabulous. Dave and his brother made squash soup, stuffed cabbage and potatoes. Jerry's Taco soup was freakin' awesome, plus all the other goodies including pastries from Jay. We really had a great time and I say thanks for the invite from Bob and myself. I am already looking forward to next year.



The Guys



Jerry and Doug



Yea Baby! – Wishful II



Ed Horen

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 income tax and a service sales tax hike makes it hard to understand. The Legislature has until January 15 to do something or the DNR will be forced to make even more drastic cuts. Let your Senator and Rep. know what you think.

The Water Resources Development act of 2007 has been approved. It is an important bill in that it funds a number of projects in Michigan the around the Great Lakes. An important aspect was funding for the Asian carp barriers on the Chicago River. Without that funding the electric barriers could not be operated long term.



SLIDE DIVER LITE BITE

Those that missed the October meeting missed a great presentation on fishing with divers. Capt. Randy Even of Sorry Charlie Charters in Sheboygan Wisconsin and from Slide Diver gave a great talk on the use of divers for salmon and steelhead fishing.

As we all know, the clear water of the past decade has resulted in an improvisation of techniques. "Stealth"; getting lures away from the boat has become the "in" thing. Long leads, lead core, copper and divers are becoming the first team vs. down riggers.

Divers have proven effective but have had some limitations. Capt. RANDY EVEN is one of the innovators in the industry and has come up with a solution that is just plain cool.

One of the problems with divers is getting the bait far enough back. The original Slide Diver solved this by allowing the fisherman to set the line as far back from the diver as he wished. Once the fish hit the diver slid down the line to a stopper to ease landing of the fish.

Another problem with divers has been setting the release. False releases come from being too loose. Fighting the diver all the way to the boat comes from the release being too tight.

Sometimes you just can't get it right.

That's where Capt. RANDY EVEN's new Slide Diver Lite Bite comes in. It has two release settings. One is for setting the release for tripping from the rod and another for setting the release from the fish. It accomplishes this via two levers vs. one; each with its own setting. Tighten down the rod release to keep from false releases. Lighten up the fish release so even a shaker will release the diver. Brilliant.

The new divers do cost more...money that is, but the new divers do cost less...lost fish that is. Their web site is www.slidediver.com. You can decide if it's right for you. I know I have.

