

## Come to a meeting!

Our meetings are in Warren at the St Pius K of C. 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 p.m. in the evening.



President: Jason Adam  
 Vice President: Bob Jones  
 Treasurer: Steve Hamilton  
 Secretary: Bob Feisel



## 2006 Boat Trolling Tournaments

### Date/ Port (Port Captain)

7/22 Frankfort (Bob Fiesel)

8/5 Ludington Ladies Day (Tom Gorguze)

8/12 Ludington (Mark Bevens)

8/26 Manistee (Bob Paradise)

9/9 Grand Haven II (Ron Pal)

### 2006 Key Dates

July 25 Member Meeting

August 29 Member Meeting

Sept. 26 Member Meeting

## 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).

# Fishin' Tales



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## JULY 25 MEETING

As always, the general meeting takes place at 7:30 P.M. at the St Pius K of C the hall at 6177 Chicago Rd. (east of Mound Rd., North of 13 Mile Rd.)- Warren.

## Ludington Tournaments August 5<sup>th</sup> & August 12<sup>th</sup>

The next two tournaments coming up on our schedule will be back to back at Ludington. The first one is our annual Ladies Day Tournament and will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup>. For this tournament, the guys can set lines and net the fish but only the ladies can fight the fish. Once again we will have a Pig Roast as well as each crew bringing a dish to pass during the weigh-in ceremonies. This port has been a favorite of the ladies the past few years because of the opportunity to get into some nice kings. Of course coho and steelhead are also abundant in the area but kings are what'll get you in the top ten in the standings. The following weekend we'll go back to our regular tournament format. There will be hot dogs and pop at the weigh-in.

This port more than probably any other, warrants you checking out the previous week's weather and surface temps. Water temps will dictate where the fish will be located. A north blow for several days prior, will tend to push cold water around Sable Point to the north and make the better fishing

toward the south. Under normal conditions, most boats will be working the drop off that runs from about 8 miles straight out northeast towards Sable Point. The closer you get to Sable Point the more boats you'll find so it'll be difficult to run lead core. Sometimes the fish will be in close to shore off the Bathhouse or even right in front of the pier heads. The Project just south of the pier heads has also traditionally been an area that holds fish.

There are many trap nets in this area so watch for the markers and stay clear. The best way to avoid them completely is to get their positions off of the Ludington Charter Boat Association website and load these positions into your GPS unit. Even with these precautions, keep some wire cutters handy just in case.

The Skipper's meetings will be at 5:00 a.m. both Saturdays at the Municipal Marina. The tournament starts will be at 6:00 a.m. Remember we no longer do shotgun starts. You can run out to your spot after the Captain's meeting but don't begin setting lines until 6:00 a.m. when the tournament start is announced on channel 72. Fish calls will be at 9:00 a.m. and noon for both weekends. For the Ladies Day Tournament we'll pull lines at 1:00 p.m., and you must be in the weigh-in line at 2:30. For the regular tournament the following week pull lines at 2:00 and be at the weigh-in by 3:30 p.m. The weigh-in for the Ladies Day Tournament will be at the Municipal Marina. The following week's weigh-in will either be at Peter Copeyan Park which is just off Washington Street a few miles south of town or the Municipal Marina. It will be announced at the Captains meeting.

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MEETING NOTICE – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

Good luck to everyone and see you there.

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### Manistee Tournament August 26<sup>th</sup>

Although our boat trolling season is winding down, we'll be getting into some of the best fishing of the year. Manistee is a favorite port of many of our Captains as evidenced by the excellent turnout every year. Maybe it's the variety of fish available or the chance to get that trophy of a lifetime. This port routinely produces master angler entries and this is the perfect time of year to catch that one for the wall. Remember the "Monster Coho", caught here a few years back. With over a million fish planted here annually, there's plenty to go around for everyone.

Depending on the weather conditions, one of the favorite areas to work is the shelf or ledge that's about two to three miles out and runs south all the way to Big Sable Point. Some of the landmarks in this direction are Gurney Creek and Three Bears. With the recent change to a 20 mile radius from the harbor, you can fish off of Big Sable point along with the boats out of Ludington. Just watch out for nets south of the harbor down to the point. Sometimes the big kings can be found off the river mouth or just north off the Green Onion. If finding the big kings becomes tuff, you can always find steelhead and three year old kings straight out in deeper water

Spoons will catch their share but if the fish are deep, the Dodgers or Hootchies with flys will tend to get bigger fish.

Don't be afraid to try some J-Plugs even if your not fishing off the pier heads. We landed a 28# plus king a few years ago on a J-Plug off the ledge. More and more Captains each year are finding that using cutbait will help you put fish in the cooler as well.

The Skipper's meeting will be at 5:00 a.m. Saturday morning at the K of C Pavilion just west of the DNR ramp, with a 6:00 a.m. tournament start. Remember we no longer do shotgun starts. You can run out to your spot after the Captain's meeting but don't begin setting lines until 6:00 a.m. Fish calls will be at 9:00 a.m. and noon on channel 72. Pull lines at 2:00 and be at the weigh-in by 3:30 p.m. The weigh-in will also be at the K of C Pavilion. Pop and hot dogs will be available during the weigh-in ceremonies.

Good luck to everyone and see you there.

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### Port Austin Results June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

The last few years, it seems to have gotten tougher to get the your eight fish for the weigh-in. It used to be you could target kings by trolling high and fast and you couldn't keep the Lake Trout off. The skippers that usually did the best targeted slightly larger Lake Trout by trolling slow and running lures deep. Now, it seems you really have to work for them.

Those wanting to pre-fish on Friday were out of luck as there were small craft advisors in the morning and it didn't get much better as the day progressed. I don't believe there were any boats that went out Friday. Several of our Captains were also entered in the Thumb Area Offshore Challenge.

The winds did subside by Saturday morning and promptly at 5:30 a.m., Blaise the Port Captain,

announced the go ahead for the thirteen boats entered to begin setting lines. The 9:00 a.m. fish call found Outta Line and Silver Addiction with six fish in the box, followed by Aquarius II and Sloppy Joe with five each. The noon fish call had Silver Addiction and Sloppy Joe ahead of the pack with nine fish each, and Aquarius II with seven. At 2:00 p.m. it was time to pull lines and proceed to the weigh-in festivities.

Following are the results from Saturday:

13 boats participated.  
12 boats weighed in fish.

<b>12<sup>th</sup> TNT</b>	
Tom Thieda	11.80
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Bobby's Toy</b>	
Bob Jones	25.40
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Temporary Fix</b>	
Mike Nitzh	27.10
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Thors Hammer</b>	
Al Wiechert	37.59
<b>8<sup>th</sup> No Limit</b>	
Dave Linder	41.00
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Tyger</b>	
Ty Voigt	47.40
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Aquarius II</b>	
Chris Nytko	66.10
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Outta Line</b>	
Jasan Adam	72.84
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sea Hag</b>	
Blaise Pewinski	77.45
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vicki's Seacret</b>	
Bob Fiesel	78.05
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Silver Addiction</b>	
Mark Williams	87.25
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sloppy Joe</b>	
Joe von Grabe	96.25

The total number of fish caught was 68. Of those:  
Lake Trout 61  
Kings 4  
Steelhead 2  
Coho 1

The Big Fish pool winners and largest fish was a Lake Trout at 13.70# caught by Outta Line.

### News letter raffle report for June 2006

June's membership meeting was well received by all that attended. Captain Steve Denise of Fish Bone Charters out of Manistee gave a informal presentation on various subjects. Captain Steve discussed the importance of every captain knowing how to apply the Heimlich Technique on choking victims. He has had personal experience twice in his lifetime, once in a restraint and once on his boat during a charter. Food for thought for all of us. Pun Intended.

Congratulations to Bob Wilmoth, the June 50/50 drawing winner became \$80.00 richer. I very own coffee man Jimmy Lee won the 50/50 bonus prize, a rod and line counter reel combo.

Tackle packs, sweatshirt, landing net and ice bags were among the give a ways for the tackle raffle.

Richard Kittle's name was drawn for the \$80.00 membership raffle, but unfortunately for Richard, he was not at the meeting and will not be able to collect. The pot goes to \$90.00 for July, don't miss out on the opportunity to win, all is needed is to be at the meeting.

I like to give a special thank you to our special ticket pullers; Nick and Nolan Snyder, they did a great job!

Big Nic was asked to handle the membership chairman duties as Tom Moores was unable to attend the membership meeting, so a thank you goes out to Paul Gjeldum for stepping up and taking on the tackle raffle ticket sales. Dwayne Welder was there selling the 50/50 raffle tickets. Thanks again.

July will bring in good selection of raffle give a ways. We will have a landing net, sweatshirt, tackle packs comprised of all squids, all

flies and two with flasher and fly combo's. One more hand held radio is to be given away as the 50/50 bonus.

Unfortunately I will miss the July meeting, and Frankfort this year due to work commitments that are 7,800 miles from home, but hope to see you all in Ludington, I will be there from August 3<sup>rd</sup> until the 13<sup>th</sup>, can't wait! Give me a call on 78.

Remember, you can't win if you don't play, and you can't play if you are not present for the meetings.

Keep watching the news letter and making the meetings for future enhancements to the raffles. Any input for improvements from members is always welcome. Please see me at the meetings or drop me a note on our message board.

### TIPS FOR BETTER FISH PICTURES

Many great fish have been caught, but far fewer great pictures of those fish are ever taken. The Detroit Area Steelheaders fine newsletter, "Fishin' Tales", is always seeking photos from our members. Unfortunately, not many good photos are given to our Editor, Bob Mitchell. Here's a few tips for taking better fish pictures.

First, you must always take a camera. It's too late to take pictures back at the car. Fish look much better immediately after the catch. Action pictures on the boat, river, surf or pier are more interesting than snapshots of stringers of dead fish at the parking lot.

Lighting is critical and usually the biggest problem. Always use the flash. It might not seem to make sense to do so on a bright sunny day, but it will make your subject really stand out. It will also eliminate the shadow on faces from the caps we all wear. Try a picture with the

flash and another without to compare. You'll see a big difference. Make sure the sun is striking the subject from behind the photographer or from a slight angle. Never shoot towards the sun. Get the subject to remove their sunglasses.

Avoid background clutter. After positioning the subject for the proper light, look through the viewfinder at the background. Remove any distracting objects, close any boat doors, hatches, etc. Change the angle of the shot if needed to avoid unwanted distractions from the background.

Think about the composition of the shot. This is the way you arrange the subjects within the picture. Do you want a closeup? (Usually it's best to be within six feet.) Or do you want the subject to be just part of the scene? The rule of thirds is a good one to remember. Do not fall into the rut of always centering the subject. Mentally divide the picture into thirds vertically and horizontally. Where the lines intersect are usually the best places to locate your subject in the picture.

Finally, experiment and have fun. Try staging some netting or releasing photos. The action passes, but great photos help us relive those great fish long into the future.

Steve Hamilton



2006 Standings	<b>FINAL</b>	<b>Best 2</b>	<b>St</b>	<b>Grand</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>Port</b>
<b>BOAT</b>	<b>SKIPPER</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>Joseph</b>	<b>Haven</b>	<b>Haven</b>	<b>Austin</b>
1 Sloppy Joe	Joe von Grabe	2	1	9	4	1
2 Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	3	75	3	1	2
3 Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	7	2	8	5	11
4 Thor's Hammer	Al Wiechert	7	8	4	3	9
5 Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	8	11	5	7	3
6 Bad Dog	Tom Gorguza	9	7	2	75	75
7 No Limit	Dave Linder	10	4	6	6	8
8 Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	12	10	50	2	75
9 Billy B	Bill Bollenberg	15	6	75	9	75
10 Pride & Joy	Tim Robinson	17	9	75	8	75
11 Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	51	50	1	75	75
12 Dredge	Ed Hill	53	3	75	50	75
13 Outta Line	Jason Adam	55	75	75	50	5
14 Loki-One	Dave Roehr	57	75	7	75	50
15 Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	79	75	75	75	4
16 Lucky Strike	Jay Hoch	80	5	75	75	75
17 Aquarius II	Chris Nytko	81	75	75	75	6
18 Tyger	Ty Voigt	82	75	75	75	7
19 Reel Allure	Bill Stanley	85	75	10	75	75
20 Temporary Fix	Mike	85	75	75	75	10
21 Mickey Mouse	Bob Buero	86	75	11	75	75
22 TNT	Tom Thieda	87	75	75	75	12
23 E Fish N Sea	Doug Karakas	125	75	50	75	75

Vickies Seacret – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Aquarius - 6<sup>th</sup> Place



Silver Addiction – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Tyger – 7<sup>th</sup> Place



## Editor Note:

Safety on the water is always a concern. While not everyone can afford radar and other high end sophisticated weather equipment on board, new technologies are making these features available to the average fisherman at affordable prices. The following is provided not as a recommendation but an example of the kinds of technologies that a Great Lakes fisherman can get on a cell phone. If you have this service or know someone who has, please leave a report on the club web site's message board so others can benefit from the information.

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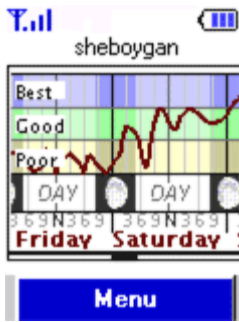
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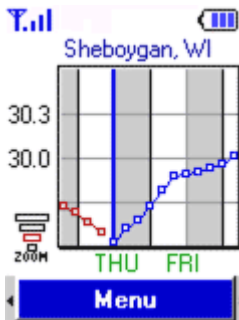
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### Radar Map





**Fish & Game Activity Map**



**Barometric Pressure**



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