

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
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Treasurer: Steve Hamilton
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2006 River/ Surf Dates

Manistee Pier October 21

Manistee River November 4

2006 Key Dates

October 24 Member Meeting
(Note: one week early)
Swap Meet

Nov. 7 Election Day

Nov. 28 Member Meeting

December 19 Christmas 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).

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Fishin' Tales



By Ed Gilbert - Woods and Waters

So much has been said and even published concerning dove hunting and the forthcoming Nov. 7 vote that I fear almost anything I say may be anticlimactic.

Almost anything, that is, except for a few remarks.

First and foremost, Proposal G was passed back in 1996 by more than a two-thirds margin. It proved that the people wanted wildlife decisions in Michigan to remain with our wildlife experts.

Now would you consider the people of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) to be Michigan wildlife experts? Well, whether they believe they are or not, they are the most powerful anti-hunting organization in America, and here they are.

Last year HSUS merged with the Fund for Animals. The combination now boasts nearly \$100 million in its coffers — not to just bring down possible dove hunting in Michigan but to do away with all hunting rights throughout the United States. That's their iceberg. Dove hunting in our state is merely the tip of it.

Let's quote from a Citizens for Wildlife Conservation release on that subject.

"Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO (chief executive officer) of HSUS, explained that he was out to stop all hunting starting with the easiest sell. His right-hand man, Mike Markarian, went further, explaining that 'ultimately we're out to stop all hunting. Dove hunting is particularly vulnerable.'

October 24 MEETING *One week Early* Swap Meet

The October general membership meeting will take place one week earlier than normal. This is to allow fathers to pass out candy or escort little trick or treaters on Halloween Night. 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.

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. 2007

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.

A few words on dove hunting, just the tip of the iceberg

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MEETING NOTICE – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

"Michigan sportsmen need not look any further to understand what the dove hunting issue means to the future of hunting itself. The leaders of the most powerful animal rights organization clearly admit that their full agenda is to stop all hunting. They're the ones bankrolling the anti-hunting issue in Michigan."

"HSUS spent \$125,000 to pay a California company to gather signatures to place the issue before the voters. National anti-hunters account for the majority of money raised and spent so far to stop hunting in Michigan."

That's fairly targeted stuff. And they've made dove hunting in Michigan a target because the HSUS believes it to be a weak link since Michigan has never had a lot of dove hunters and they believe folks won't care enough to fight them.

I know that many additional details are forthcoming from both sides of this issue. Fact is, I regularly receive e-mails from those either for or against dove hunting, many with details of their own.

So this writing is merely my way of getting the picture to you. And whether in favor or not, the reality of this picture is that stopping a dove hunt in this state isn't the HSUS' goal at all.

It's no hunting. Period.

Again I quote from the Citizens for Wildlife Conservation.

"If they succeed here, they will be back for more. They will be back to finish off a wounded hunting community. The most effective way to stop the antis

from attacking bowhunting, turkey hunting, deer hunting, all hunting, is to stop them now."

Please allow me a personal word. I've never hunted mourning doves and perhaps never will. The fact is that I enjoy hearing and watching them. But as stated, this isn't just about dove hunting.

I'm a lifelong hunter and would like to see Michigan's hunting heritage and tradition continue without interruption from outside sources or influence. I know many others share my feelings and concerns because they've told me so.

Most of all, none of us likes the idea of outsiders pitting one Michigan hunter against another. And that's exactly what the antis are trying to do.

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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".

PIER CLINIC

I will be holding a Pier Clinic again this year. If you would like to try or learn how to catch Steelhead and Brown Trout from Lake Michigan's piers join me in October for fun and camaraderie on the pier. The Clinic will be held on October 21st in Manistee.

I have several rods and reels set up for pier fishing, but I do have a limited supply. So sign up early if you need me to provide equipment.

I will supply all bait and tackle. If you call me I will tell you what you need to bring.

If you are interested in attending the clinic call me at (586) 779-3189 or email me at inseine@wowway.com

Mark Bevans
Detroit Area Steelheaders
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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.jannsnetcraft.com). A lot of tackle shops also stock parts. Check out Lakeside or Jan's.



Grand Haven II

Grand Haven was the final trolling tournament for the Detroit Area Steelheaders for the 2006 Salmon/Steelhead season. It had all the makings of a great tournament, drama on the high seas, poor weather conditions, a good turnout with almost double the amount of boats from last year, a fairytale ending and plenty of fun and excitement.

Friday, September 8th saw the boats arrive in port only to be greeted by Lake Michigan with some rough water with waves approaching the four to five foot range. It wasn't too bad near shore but if you ventured a mile or two off shore you managed to find out what your boat and crew were made of. Only several of the boats stayed out on the water more than a couple of hours trying their hand at finding the lucky spot but the fishing was tough and not many boats came in with favorable reports. About 8 pm a tremendous thunderstorm came through the Grand Haven area and that dampened the spirits of many of our fishermen, but in true D.A. S. style we overcame it to have a good time and enjoy each others company.

Saturday, the big tournament started at 5:30 am with our Captain's meeting being attended by captain's and crew of 13 boats, by far the best turnout at Grand Haven by the D.A.S. in several years. After the meeting all of the boats headed for open water and the 6:30 am start. Most of the captain's opted to work the stained water at the river mouth with only a few starting out in deeper water. The high waves seemed to have given way to 2 to 3 footers during the morning and it wasn't very difficult to work your way around in the muddy water with most of the fishermen being considerate of each other. As the day wore on though some of the guys tried the deeper water but found that the waves were just a bit too much for their boats to handle so back in they came.

The 9 am fish call revealed a surprise to each and every D.A.S. captain with "Pride and Joy" just beating the pants off of everyone in the tournament.

They reported that they had caught a total of 8 fish that morning and that was more than double what any of us so called experienced captain's were bringing in. The 12 noon fish call showed the same information, that we were being beaten badly by a girl and her crew, go figure that one. During the late morning/early afternoon there was a bit of drama as "Sloppy Joe" could not continue the tournament but had to be towed into port. Joe Von Grabe called on the port captain to lend assistance and all worked out well; hopefully Joe has already repaired his craft and is ready to go once again. This incident should show all of us that we need to be prepared for emergencies by not only having on hand what the Coast Guard recommends but friends that can help out in a time of need.

Grand Haven was a good tournament, I'm especially happy with the turnout but I'm looking forward to an even larger one next year. Special thanks to my wife and daughter/son in law for the nice lunch even if the weather didn't co-operate fully, cold and damp.

Unofficial results Grand Haven II

A total of 13 boats fished the tournament. Eleven boats weighed in at least one fish. The total number of fish caught was 49. Of these 46 were Kings and 3 were Coho. The Big Fish was a 17.95# King caught by Pride & Joy. They were also the \$65.00 Big Fish Pool winner.

11th Lucky Strike (Ron)	11.05
10th Dredge	16.75
9th TNT	24.10
8th Silver Addiction	38.75
7th Sloppy Joe	53.15
6th Thors Hammer	56.10
5th Vicki's Seacret	62.10
4th E Fish N Sea	71.15
3rd No Limit	101.15
2nd Bobby's Toy	109.85
1st Pride & Joy	151.70



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2nd -Bobby's Toy



3rd -No Limit



4th -E Fish N Sea



5th -Vicki's Seacret



Unusal Catch??????????