

EIGHTH ANNUAL SPORTSMEN'S DINNER

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will be hosting our eighth annual Sportsmen's Dinner on March 10. Mark your calendar!

The location will be changing for 2006. The new location is the Polish American Polish Cultural Club located at 2975 E Maple Troy MI 48083 248.689.3636

This event sells out fast. Tom Moores is the contact person for Wild Game Dinner tickets. His cell phone is 248-866-0663.



2005/06 Key Dates

Dec. 20 - Christmas Meeting & Party

Jan. 30 - Member Meeting

Jan. 12-15 Ultimate Fishing Show - Novi

Feb. 27 - Member Meeting

March 10 - Sportsman's Game Dinner

Match 27 - 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).

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Fishin' Tales



December Meeting

The Christmas meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 19, 2006. This is a very special meeting where all family members (wives and all the little Steelheaders) are encouraged to attend. As always, the meeting takes place at 7:30 P.M. in the hall at 6177 Chicago Rd. (east of Mound Rd., North of 13 Mile Rd.)- Warren, Michigan.



Special Christmas activities will take place focusing on the entire family and acknowledgment of accomplishments of various members during the year.

The highlight of the night is the anticipated appearance of **Salmon Claus**. Mr. Claus always shows up with a special

gift for all the little Steelheaders attending the meeting. (Bring your camera)

Other activities for the night include presentations of the "Member of the Year" and "Director of the Year" and the drawing for the Cooler of Cheer. The lucky winner will receive a 100-quart cooler full of cheer, a big assortment of party snacks.

Late breaking message to our president:

Ho...Ho...Ho Mr. Adam

Of course I will be attending the Detroit Area Steelheaders Christmas meeting. I wouldn't miss it. I plan on leaving the North Pole around 7:40PM, and it's about an 8 minute flight (the reindeer have been working out this summer)... I put a new Garmin chartplotter on the sleigh this year, so this will give me a chance to try it out before "the big night". I have the elves working six 12's right now to get the presents ready for all the good boys and girls. I'll bring a bag of toys for the children on the nice list. I have to stop by and pick up some coal for some of those on "the other list"(Tom Gorguze, Big Nic, just to name a few):')" LOL.... See You Tuesday.. MERRRRRRRY CHRISTMASSSSS!!!!!!

**S. Clause
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DAS Web Site

The DAS website is up and running.
www.detroitsteelheaders.org

Be sure to sign up for the message board so you can get and participate in sharing information.

You need to do this as here is where you will get important last minute, up to date information regarding the club.

Stay in touch with friends. Get insider information on where the fish are biting (or not). Ask for an opinion on a new tackle or electronics item before you spend the bucks. This is the place where it happens. Sign up today.

Ultimate Fishing Show

There is a fishing show planned for January 12-15 (Fri. thru Mon.) at the Rock Financial Expo Center in Novi. Our club will have a booth at the show. Watch for more details.

2007 Boat Trolling Tournaments

2007 Tourney's and Port Captains as follows:

4/28 St. Joseph (Al Wiechert)

5/5 South Haven (Tim Robinson)

5/19, 5/20 Grand Haven 2-day (Bob Jones)

6/9 Port Austin Team Doubles (Dave Linder)

7/14 Manistee (Tom Gorguze)

8/4 Ludington Ladies Day (Mark Williams)

8/11 Ludington II (Ron Pal)

8/25 Manistee II (Bob Paradise)

9/8 Frankfort (Bob Fiesel)



2006 DONATIONS

During 2006 the Detroit Area Steelheaders made a number of donations to worthy causes:

- **November, 2006 - \$1,000 Grant.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.

- **June, 2006 - \$5,000 Grant.** To "The Coalition to Protect Michigan's Resources" (formerly the Michigan Fisheries Resource Conservation Coalition) to help fund their Indian inland fishing negotiations within the Federal court directives.
- **April, 2006 - \$1,000 Grant.** To Sterling Heights High School to initiate a "Salmon in the Classroom" program.
- **January, 2006 - \$1,000 Grant.** To the Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby for their 2006 derby.

Michigan ballast water permits now available

Program will help fight against invasive species

The Department of Environmental Quality announced October 20 that Michigan's new Ballast Water Control General Permit is now available. The permit, the first of its kind in the nation, will require oceangoing vessels to treat their ballast water prior to entering Michigan ports in order to prevent aquatic invasive species from being introduced into the Great Lakes.

The general permit was developed in response to legislation signed into law June 5, 2005 by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. When the St. Lawrence Seaway opens for the 2007 shipping season, all oceangoing vessels must be covered by a DEQ permit to engage in port operations in Michigan. Port operations include loading and unloading cargo and discharging ballast water.

The DEQ has determined the ballast water treatment methods contained in the permit are

environmentally sound, affordable, and effective in preventing the discharge of aquatic invasive species.

The Ballast Water Control General Permit is now on our web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/deq>, click on "Water," "Surface Water," "NPDES Permits," "General Permits," or "Ballast Water Control." ✧



'07 Boat Tournaments

The following is our 2007 schedule: (Port Captains tentative)

4/28 St. Joseph (Al Wiechert)

5/5 South Haven (Tim Robinson)

5/19, 5/20 Grand Haven 2 day (Bob Jones)

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The Special People Outing is tentatively scheduled for June 23rd.

Joe von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"

JIG FISHING FOR STEELHEAD

Until recent years, if you walked into a tackle shop and inquired about how to catch steelhead, you'd have walked out with a spool of pencil lead, some drift bobbers, hooks, yarn, leader, snap swivels and a bucket of eggs or shrimp. In short from, you'd be on your way to becoming a drift fisherman. On that path you'd go through a ton of tackle, endure severe frustration, and if you were lucky, hook a couple of steelhead along the way to allow the spark of steelhead passion to catch fire. It's a tough road, and for decades it was the beaten path. But that's all changed now. Armed with a jig and a bobber, countless new steelheaders are racking up success stories on beautiful fish as the jig takes over steelhead fishing.

Learning to jig fish not only puts an angler on the fast road to catching, it offers a lot of lessons about steelhead along the way. Successful jig fishing is about covering a lot of water. When the presentation is right, the fish will in most instances take the jig on the first or second pass. With confidence in that approach, a day's fishing involves a lot of moving from spot, to spot, to spot, to spot. Instead of camping on one hole, you're seeing, experiencing and learning about the available water and how to approach it. Sprinkle in some success here and there and you're quickly developing trends on where these fish prefer to rest, and bite. More importantly, because the float is directly above the jig, when it goes under, you know exactly where that fish was sitting and then have a pinpoint location you can target with other techniques. The more of these locations you can string together, the more time you'll spend presenting offerings to steelhead, instead of barren gravel.

Bad jig fishermen catch fish. Good jig fishermen catch a lot of fish. Like in all things, the devil's in the details. Luckily though, there are only two rules to keep in mind. The first is to present the jig near the bottom, or where the fish are...simple enough and at times there is enough room for error in this that making it a rule is stretching a bit. Sometimes steelhead will move long distances both vertically and horizontally to take a jig, but in most cases, try to be within one or two feet of the bottom. The second rule is that the jig must be presented at the speed of the current. And for all intensive purposes, this rule is set in stone. Drag, whether downstream, upstream, or sideways will void the presentation. Catching a lot of steelhead on jigs is about learning to manipulate rod and line to make the float drift completely drag free. Fish don't take the first presentation, they take the first good presentation. And in tougher water that can take a dozen casts or so until you know it was right.

Final Thoughts

On behalf of the Board of Directors, let me take this space to say we've had another great year and in fact another great decade as we close our 33rd year with the Detroit Area Steelheaders. Have a great holiday season, spend time with your family and friends. Be safe, respectful and may God Bless you and your family.

