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Member Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on Tuesday January 25, 2005 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.

Join us at the next meeting and get information, raffles and more. Up to date club information can be found on the DAS web site at www.detroitsteelheaders.org.

NEW DIRECTORS

Seven members were elected to the Board of Directors as part of the activities finalized at the Christmas meeting.

Newly elected to the Board were Bob Fiesel, Steve Klein, Nick Amicone and Bob Jones. Re-elected to the Board were Mark Bevens, Tom Moores and Bill Stanley. Congratulations to all.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Directors generally meets two Tuesdays before the general meeting at 7 pm at the K of C.

NEW MEMBERS

The Detroit Area Steelheaders has announced a new membership drive starting in January, with an incentive for any new member to sign up. If your membership has expired prior to December 2003, or you are a brand new member signing up for the first time, you will receive a package valued at approximately \$25.00. This package will include; two Michigan Squids or Flies, a DAS fishing towel, two DAS decals for your boat or truck, a DAS patch for your jacket or vest, and Michigan maps and brochures. This is with a paid \$25.00 one year membership fee, or a \$150.00 lifetime membership fee, paid by the April membership meeting. Not only is this incentive a great reason to join, but here are some of the other reasons why fishermen all over the state, and beyond are joining the DAS.

*The Detroit Area Steelheaders Inc. provides you with a means of being heard on issues affecting our fisheries.

*You receive 12 monthly issues of "FISHIN' TALES" newsletter, as well as access to the DAS website. Both have been praised for the information they contain.

*Organized events all year long, including boat trolling, river fishing, pier/surf fishing, and ice fishing tournaments, and seminars, held all over the state.

*Social events such as the annual Dinner Dance, the 6th annual Wild Game Sportsman Dinner, as well as a special Christmas meeting with Salmon Claus for the kids.

*Participation in public service events such as the Special People Walleye outing, and the Salmon Stakes, to support worthy causes.

*Donations to M.S.U. research on fisheries, and donations to various Sport Fishing Organizations to support hatcheries or net pens, as well as lawyer fees to help protect our fishing rights all over the state. In all more than \$25,000 has been donated since we came into existence as a sport fishing club.

*This is our 31st year in existence as a sport fishing club, and we have great guest speakers lined up for upcoming meetings. Some would include, representatives of the Michigan DNR, state fisheries biologist, and charter captains, who would all give us timely information, and share their passions, as well as their special areas of expertise. Also, question and answer sessions are held at most of our monthly meetings, with the top skippers of our fishing tournaments.

*Camaraderie with your fellow members at the Knights of Columbus hall in Warren. 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 in the evening.

*You can fill out the application for membership that is in the newsletter, and drop it in the mail, to our PO box, or better yet bring it to one of our monthly meetings, and join in on the fun of great fishing ahead. We will also have a booth at the major fishing shows. Look forward to meeting you at one of the shows, or better yet at one of our monthly meetings. The members of our club are what make us successful, and without YOU, it will be hard to reach our goals.

See you at the next meeting,
Tom Moores
—Membership Director

March is Swap Meet

The March regular member meeting will feature the **annual swap meet** for members. If you

have rods, reels, lures, or other tackle you don't need, turn it into cash at the meeting. If you need something, check out the tables. Show up early (doors open at 7:00 p.m.) for the best selection or to set up.

Dinner Dance January 29

Mary Karakas has announced that the Annual Dinner Dance will take place at the K of C Hall on January 29. The theme for this year's extravaganza is "Music of the 60's/70's/80's."

See Mary at the Christmas meeting for more details and tickets. This is a wonderful event and a lot of fun. In addition to DJ music, there will be a wonderful dinner and the usual raffle with a wide variety of prizes.

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 are 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 close-up? (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

<p align="center"><u>2005 Boat Trolling Tournaments</u></p> <p>April 23 - St. Joe April 30 - Salmon Stakes May 21 - Grand Haven 2 Day June 4th - Pt. Austin Team Doubles June 18 - Special People June 25 - Frankfort July 16 - BFQ August 6 - Ludington Ladies Day August 13 - Ludington August 27 - Manistee September 10 - Grand Haven</p>

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



Sportsmen's Dinner

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will be hosting our sixth Sportsmen's Dinner on Saturday, March 5, 2005. We will be at the same location as last year's highly acclaimed dinner, at Salt River Golf Club Banquette Center at 33633, 23-Mile Road, New Baltimore; 2.4 miles east of I-94 (Exit #243). The doors will open at 5 PM and the dinner begins promptly at 6PM.

At press time we understand that the dinner is once again close to sold out. We do, however, still have time to accept donations from businesses and others interested in supporting our efforts.

For more information, contact Tom Moores at (248) 634-5789

Detroit Area Steelheaders Giving Tops \$23,000

During our first 30 years of operation, our club, the Detroit Area Steelheaders, has contributed to numerous worthwhile causes which we believe serve our stated organizational goal of promoting and protecting Great Lakes sport fishing.

The following list of donations made by us through the years may overlook some, but the overall impact is that the Detroit Area Steelheaders give!

- **December, 2004 - \$800 Grant.** To the Grand Rapids Steelheaders Foundation, Inc. for their Willow Tree Trout Farm community fishing project.
- **October, 2004 - \$250 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council Carp Barrier fund for the Chicago River.
- **July, 2004 - \$1,000 Grant** to Project FISH for their teaching projects.
- **July, 2004 - \$250 Grant** to the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.
- **January, 2004 - \$2,500 Grant.** To the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association for their Orsini Hatchery operations.
- **November, 2003 - \$700 Grant.** To the Southwest Michigan Steelheaders for their St. Joseph River net pen operation.
- **June, 2003 - \$250 Grant** to the Michigan Charter boat Association's scholarship fund.
- **June, 2003 - \$250 Grant.** To the City of Port Sanilac for their fish cleaning station operations.
- **September, 2002 - \$250 Grant.** To the Blue Water Anglers for their Sarnia hatchery operations.
- **July, 2002 - \$250 Grant.** To the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association for their Manistee River net pen operations.
- **June, 2002 - \$250 Grant.** To the Grand Haven Steelheaders for their Grand River net pen operations.
- **January, 2002 - \$200 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Association to help fund operations.
- **September, 2001 - \$250 Grant.** To the Michigan Fisheries Resource Conservation Coalition to help pay their expenses of the netting agreement negotiations.
- **July, 2001 - \$100 Grant.** To the city of Port Austin for operating expenses of their fish cleaning station.
- **March, 2001 - \$100 Grant.** To the Hammond Bay Anglers Association for supporting efforts with the Michigan Fisheries Resource Conservation Coalition and the netting agreement.
- **December, 2000 - \$300 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their 2001 annual meeting expenses.
- **January, 2000 - \$3,000 Grant.** To the City of Port Sanilac for a new fish cleaning station.
- **October, 1999 - \$500 Grant.** To the Michigan Fisheries Resource Conservation Coalition to join in the netting agreement negotiations.
- **September, 1998 - \$200 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.
- **August, 1998 - \$75 Donation.** To the Grand Traverse Area Sport fishing Association to fight gill nets.
- **July, 1998 - \$250 Grant.** To the Ludington Area Charter boat Association for their net pen operations.
- **December, 1997 - \$250 Grant.** To the Grand Traverse Area Sport fishing Association to fight gill nets.
- **December, 1997 - \$200 Grant.** To the Ludington Area Charter boat Association for their net pen operations.
- **April, 1997 - \$300 Grant.** To the Manistee County Sport fishing Association for their Orsini Hatchery operations.
- **October, 1996 - \$250 Grant.** To the Grand Traverse Area Sport fishing Association to fight gill nets.
- **September, 1996 - \$100 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.
- **November, 1995 - \$500 Grant.** To the Grand Traverse Area Sport fishing Association to fight gill nets.
- **September, 1995 - \$500 Grant.** To Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.
- **July, 1995 - \$250 Grant.** To the Blue Water Anglers for their Sarnia hatchery operations.
- **March, 1995 - \$100 Grant.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.

- **March, 1994 - \$400 Grant.** To the Michigan State University Betsie River Research Project.
- **June, 1993 - \$500 Grant.** To Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.
- **May, 1993 - \$250 Grant.** To the Benzie County fish hatchery.
- **April, 1992 - \$500 Grant.** To Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.
- **February, 1992 - \$500 Grant.** To the Benzie County fish hatchery.
- **March, 1991 - \$100 Grant.** To the Northeast Michigan Steelheaders to fight Hammond Bay gill nets.
- **December, 1990 - \$155 Grant.** To the Northeast Michigan Steelheaders to fight Hammond Bay gill nets.
- **September, 1990 - Two Riviera Downriggers.** Donated to Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.
- **September, 1990 - \$1,000 Grant.** To the Blue Water Sport Fishing Association for reef construction.
- **September, 1989 - \$500 legal debt.** Paid as a chapter of the Michigan Salmon & Steelhead Fisherman's Association.
- **October, 1988 - \$600 legal debt.** Paid as a chapter of the Michigan Salmon & Steelhead Fisherman's Association.
- **September, 1987 - \$800 Grant.** Proceeds from our Detroit Area Steelheader Cookbook donated to Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.
- **1987 - Backpack Fish Shocker.** Donated to Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.
- **July, 1987 - \$200 legal debt.** Paid as a chapter of the Michigan Salmon & Steelhead Fisherman's Association.
- **April, 1986 - \$250 legal debt.** Paid as a chapter of the Michigan Salmon & Steelhead Fisherman's Association.

- **October, 1985 - \$500 Grant.** To the Sanilac Steelheaders for the Lexington fish cleaning station.
- **1985 - \$250 legal debt.** Paid as a chapter of the Michigan Salmon & Steelhead Fisherman's Association.
- **June, 1985 - \$500 Grant.** To Michigan State University Great Lakes Fisheries Research.

NOTE: From 1978 through 1984, the club had no funds left to donate after operations.

- **1977 - Reworking Fish Ladder on Huron River at Flat Rock.** The Detroit Area Steelheaders paid the costs for the DNR, Fisheries, Southeast Michigan.
- **August, 1977 - Aquascope Depthfinder.** Donated to the Michigan DNR, Fisheries, Southeast Michigan.

Skipper of the Year Honor Role

- 1976
1. John Makela, Sisu
 2. Murrell Blackburn, Fish'n 5
 3. Chuck Cartwright, Tuna Boat
 4. Paul Irvine, Yellow Jacket
 5. Steve Hamilton, Valhalla
- 1977
1. Chuck Cartwright, Tuna Boat
 2. John Makela, Sisu
 3. Murrell Blackburn, Tuna Boat
 4. Bob Kring, Drifter
 5. Larry Atwell, Cobra
- 1978
1. Jerry Lee, Sea Screw
- Complete Standing for 1978 are unavailable
- 1979
2. Jerry Lee, Sea Screw
 3. Howard Mills, Paramour
 4. Larry Atwell, Cobra
 5. Jim Treadaway, Okie Drifter
 6. Bob Kring, Drifter
- 1980
1. Jerry Lee, Sea Screw

2. Terry Cholette, Fishin' Fever
 3. Toby Lampi, Jessie III
 4. Randy Cope, Ouzo Too
 5. Ed Yankowski II, Least Likely
- 1981
1. Bob Kring, Drifter
 2. Toby Lampi, Jessie III
 3. Bob Kanas, Least Likely
 4. Jerry Lee, Sea Screw
 5. Jewell Harris, Cannonball
- 1982
1. Brian Glaser, Least Likely
 2. Toby Lampi, Jessie III
 3. Mike Curzenski, Noonon
 4. Bob Kring, Drifter
 5. R.J. Branham, Seahawk
- 1983
1. Gerry Ciurzenski, Jawbuster
 2. Mike Boroniec, Horsefly
 3. R.J. Branham, Seahawk
 4. Bob Kozar, Snowman
 5. Ed Yankowski II, Least Likely
- 1984
2. Bon Kanas, Least Likely
 3. Ed Choinski, Kneeknocker
 4. Darrin Harris, Cannonball
 5. Bob Ksionzek, Last Dime
 6. Mike Zelkowski, Elvira
- 1985
1. Darrin Harris, Cannonball
 2. Joel Garinger, Fishbusters
 3. Bruce Choinski, Kneeknocker
 4. Tom Chojnowski, Sea Con
 5. Ed McIntosh, Sweet Lorraine
- 1986
1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
 2. Greg Clifford, Outlaw
 3. Chuck Wood, Predator
 4. Dave Even, Teachers Pet
 5. Blaise Pewinski, Sea Hag
- 1987
1. Greg Clifford, Outlaw
 2. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
 3. Don Redmond, Trena Dawn
 4. Steve Banovic, Exaggerator
 5. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
- 1988
1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
 2. Dave Even, Teachers Pet
 3. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
 4. Don Redmond, Trena Dawn
 5. Steve Banovic, Exaggerator

- 1989
 - 1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
 - 2. Steve Banovic, Exaggerator
 - 3. Ron Huey, Half R's
 - 4. Ron Hartman, Molly Frair
 - 5. Don Anton, Happy Bare
- 1990
 - 1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
 - 2. Dave Even, Teachers Pet
 - 3. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
 - 4. Rob Pinski, Anticipation
 - 5. Mike Wakulski, Wet Paint
- 1991
 - 1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
 - 2. Dave Even, Teachers Pet
 - 3. Don Redmond, Trena Dawn
 - 4. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
 - 5. Joe Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
- 1992
 - 1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
 - 2. Dave Even, Teachers Pet
 - 3. Tom Moores, Karefree
 - 4. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
 - 5. Mike Wakulski, Wet Paint
- 1993
 - 1. Dave Even, Teachers Pet
 - 2. Don Redmond, Trena Dawn
 - 3. Joe Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
 - 4. Leon Van Eden, Bull Head
 - 5. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
- 1994
 - 1. Joe Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
 - 2. Jimmy Hardrick, My Dream
 - 3. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
 - 4. Ron Hartman, Molly Frair
 - 5. Paul Schoenrade, Eagle Two
- 1995
 - 1. Bob Mitchell, Kemo
 - 2. Don Redmond, Trena Dawn
 - 3. Daniel Dima, Taz
 - 4. Rob Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
 - 5. Dave Roehr, Floating Holiday
- 1996
 - 1. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
 - 2. Rob Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
 - 3. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
 - 4. Paul Nowak, Nothin' But Fun
 - 5. Don Redmond Trena Dawn
- 1997
 - 1. Rob Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
 - 2. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
 - 3. Paul Colone, The Kidd
 - 4. Bob Buero, Mickey Mouse Club
 - 5. Jimmy Hardrick, My Dream
- 1998
 - 1. Don Redmond, Trena Dawn
 - 2. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
 - 3. Dick Shirk Lil' Scratch
 - 4. Rob Golaszewski, Lucky Falcon
 - 5. Paul Schoenrade, Eagle III
- 1999
 - 1. Mark Stosiak, Tomorrow's Dream
 - 2. Stan Bilek, Blue Star
 - 3. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
 - 4. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
 - 5. Paul Schoenrade, Eagle III
- 2000
 - 1. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
 - 2. Stan Bilek, Blue Star
 - 3. Mark Stosiak, Tomorrow's Dream
 - 4. Dick Shirk, Lil' Scratch
 - 5. Bill Nutting, Just Once
- 2001
 - 1. Mark Stosiak, Tomorrow's Dream
 - 2. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
 - 3. Joe Von Grabe, Sloppy Joe
 - 4. Mike Vigus, Crusader
 - 5. Doug Karakas, Capt'n Hook
- 2002
 - 1. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
 - 2. Doug Karakas, Capt'n Hook
 - 3. Joe Von Grabe, Sloppy Joe
 - 4. Bill Dunk, Free Bird
 - 5. Mark Bevens, In-Seine
- 2003
 - 1. Bill Dunk, Free Bird
 - 2. Mike Vigus, Crusader
 - 3. Joe Von Grabe, Sloppy Joe
 - 4. Blaise Pewinski, Sea Hag
 - 5. Mark Bevens, In-Seine
- 2004
 - 1. Blaise Pewinski, Sea Hag
 - 2. Chris Nytko, Aquarius II
 - 3. Joe Von Grabe, Sloppy Joe
 - 4. Mike Vigus, Crusader
 - 5. Bob Feisel, Vicki's Seacret

FISH ON!

When you hit a nice fish, mark the spot and go back. Often times the action takes place in a relatively small area. Don't keep going and miss the bite.

When you have a release, your second action should be to try to get another similar lure to the same depth. A hooked fish will excite others with him often triggering a double if there is a second lure. One crewmember grabs the rod and another resets another downrigger to the depth.

Troll in an "S" pattern – you'll be going faster on the outside rods and slower inside. Watch to see which the fish prefer and adjust your speed.

Speed – In general fish as fast as you can and still catch fish. At 2.6 mph you will put your lures in front of 30% more fish than at 2mph. After 6 hours a boat going 2.5 will have fished 3 additional miles of water (15 Vs 12). The tougher the fishing, the faster you should go to present your lures to more fish.

A key to consistency is to be able to repeat success – If you don't have a line counter, half hitch a rubber band to your dipsey/ lead line so you can repeat the line out after landing a fish.



CHEAP IS FOR CHUMPS

Line – Use a good, brand name line. Strip off 10-20 feet to start the day with fresh line. Run the last 3-5 feet between your fingers to feel for nicks every time before resetting after catching a fish. Use a Trilene knot for strength. If you feel ‘anything’, cut it off & change it. The biggest king of the day will always hit the rod you thought was “good enough”.

Use good terminal tackle – Use Sampo swivels. Don’t lose a \$12 hootchie combo because you had a 25-cent swivel.

Sharpen your hooks. It’s the single easiest way to improve your percent landed and the most ignored. See Mark’s article for how to sharpen. Go 8 for 10 not 5 for 10.

Lures – Use quality lures that you have confidence in. Run the same brand at the best (tested) speed. Mix and match and some won’t be running right.

Be versatile – learn to use Dipseys/ Lead Dropper weights, wire line, cow bells, dodgers, and hootchies. Anyone, who says, “I never run...” will also have times when they don’t catch.

Fish tournaments – It’s the single best way to learn to fish. Go out & do your thing. Then have a ‘dog and talk to the skippers who were more successful. Don’t just ask what they did. Ask “WHY” they did that.

EFFICIENCY

A pole out of the water will not catch fish. Pick out the lure you want and then pull the rod.

It’s better to run fewer lines right than more wrong. If the wind is blowing hard, fish with the wind,

Then pick up and run back rather than trying to troll into the wind.

Try to net behind the downrigger wires. Every time you bring a fish in-between the wires you risk him making a last gasp dash & cutting you off.

Short leads give more maneuverability. Long leads and lead lines limit your ability to go where you need to go. The more traffic the more important. And if you start catching fish traffic will show up.

Add-a-lines –use no more than 3 footers. The bow in the line will get it back from the boat. Big Swivel at one end and small at the other. The really big swivel will be easier to undo when there is a big fish on and everyone is pumped. Hold in place with a rubber band half hitched to the main line.

Keep a log - Don’t trust your memory. Two hours ago, Yesterday, Last year.

Test lures by running a lure 4 feet back and 2 feet down so you can see how it runs at different speeds. Record the speeds in your log.

Test Dipseys– Know what depth Dipseys or lead balls run at Vs various speeds and leads. Move into a shallow sandy area 50 to 75 feet deep. Let line out until they start bumping the bottom. Enter the speed and depth in your logbook.

FIND THE FISH

Find a break – A “break” of some kind will concentrate fish. A break can be a temperature change – thermocline or thermal bar – (offshore temp break) drop off, wreck, current, color line (river water), etc. Look for a slick, a sea gull, a reflection, anything that might indicate a break.

Bird feeder – If you watch a bird feeder there are times when there are no birds there, but they always come back.

Find fish and there will likely be others there. When it slacks off – leave but come back from time to time; especially after the other boats leave. Running and gunning rarely pays off.

You will sometimes find baitfish where you won’t find salmon. You will almost never find salmon where you don’t find baitfish.

WATER SCIENCE

Temperature – 54 degrees is a magic number for water. There are actually three magic numbers where the physical properties of water change- 32 degrees (ice) 212 degrees (steam) and 54 degrees (density). The physical change at 54 degrees leads to thermoclines and also to the Fall turnover in a lake. Find the thermocline and you have a break that is often a clue to baitfish and salmon. They may be above or below it.

Color

- Spectrum of light – Red/ Orange/ Yellow/ Green/ Blue. Red is visible as red to only about 15 –20 feet deep, then any deeper it looks black. Blue is visible as blue to the greatest depths; maybe 80 feet. The order follows the rainbow spectrum listed above. White (all colors)/ Black (absence of color) work about anywhere.

Real silver plated spoons or dodgers are better at greater depths than chrome because silver reflects more blue light than chrome or nickel.

Glow tape or paint doesn’t care about depth. Often, a little glow out-performs a lot of glow.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL "COOLER OF CHEER" RAFFLE COMPLETED



The 2004 version of our annual "Cooler of Cheer" was another success. Dennis Davis of Shelby Township, DAS member, won the highly prized cooler with all its goodies and \$100 in cash after purchasing the lucky ticket. Our top ticket seller for this year, also from



Shelby Township, was Steven Klein, who won \$150.00 Gift Certificate from Bass Pro Shop for his effort in selling many tickets. Congratulations to the winners! As you know, proceeds from this raffle help fund various club activities and support our Michigan fisheries. So thank you to all who supported one of our big annual fundraisers.

Chris Nytko
Cooler Raffle Chairman

Recognition in 2004

At the annual meeting several special awards were presented.

Charles Nutting was given special recognition and a commemorative plaque as "The DAS Member of the Year".



Figure 1 Charles Nutting

Jason Adam was presented a plaque as "DAS Director of the Year". Just one of his accomplishments in 2004 was re-designing the club's web site.



Figure 2 Jason Adam

Mr. Jim "Lee" (Legenzoff) was given a special award for his dedication and service over the years as the Detroit Area Steelheaders celebrated our 30th year as a club.



Figure 3 Jim "Lee"

Congratulations to all of these men.

2004 Tackle Raffle Report

The tackle raffle is a fundraiser for Detroit Area Steelheaders. We have six tackle packs at each

membership meeting, totaling between \$100 and \$125

We have had a wide variety of items in our tackle packs. Some of the things in this year's raffles were downrigger rods, line counter reels, large fish nets, smokers, heaters and club windbreaker jackets.

A tackle pack consists of three spoons, fly's or squids, hotshots, fish catchers, dipsey divers, bombers and J-plugs, depending on the time of year.

For pier, surf and river tackle packs we have had rod and reel combos and river nets.

A starter river pack consist of spawn cure, netting and floats, hooks, line, swivels, pyramid sinkers, casting spoons and hot-n-tots plugs.

For boat safety items we have had first aid kits, flares, fire extinguishers, dock lines, spotlights and boat winterizing kits.

The 50/50 drawing is another fundraiser. One half of all money received goes to DAS the other half goes to the lucky winner.

In addition, at the meeting closest to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays we add 6 turkeys to each of the raffles.

This year the club has spent over \$1,000 for Tackle Raffle prizes with an additional \$300-\$400 in donations. The 50/50 Raffle has also given out over \$1000. The Membership Drawing has also handed out \$250 and last of all the Tackle Raffle received \$2,776.

The total profit to the club for the year was \$3,817.00

Thank You for your support.
Your Tackle Raffle Chairman
Ty Voigt (Tyger)

Check Your Label

Did you know that your mailing label includes the date your membership expires? If it's marked yellow, you are expired (no; just your membership!) Don't be disqualified from a tournament because you forgot to re-up. See Tom Moores at the

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regular meeting or send your check to the club post office box 1255 listed below. Regular memberships are still \$25, Senior \$10 and Lifetime \$150.

Ultimate Fishing Show



There is a new fishing show planned for January 13-16 at the Novi Expo Center.

Anyone who can help out manning the display should contact Bill Nutting at 586-772-5702 or see any Director at the meeting.

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Detroit Area Steelheaders

River, Surf, Peir, Stream, and Big Water Salmon and Trout Fishing

2004 Standings	FINAL	Top 6		St	Grand	Port	Frank-	Lud. I	Lud2	Manis-	Harbor	
BOAT	SKIPPER	PNTS	Crab	Joe	Haven	Aust.	fort	Ladies		tee	Beach	
1	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	22	50	75	8	1	2	2	4	5	12
2	Aquarius II	Chris Nytko	24	1	50	6	4	9	8	2	6	5
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	33	50	50	5	7	7	9	5	11	3
4	Crusader	Mike Vigus	42	6	50	4	10	75	7	11	13	4
5	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	59	50	75	13	17	13	4	12	7	10
6	In-Seine	Mark Bevans	90	7	50	2	75	75	14	3	14	75
7	Reel Screamer	Fred McIntyre	109	75	75	75	6	75	11	13	4	1
8	Reel Alure	Bill Stanley	120	8	75	10	75	75	12	6	75	9
9	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	138	3	50	1	75	75	75	8	1	75
10	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	145	50	50	9	14	75	75	75	8	14
11	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	154	50	50	14	9	50	13	75	18	75
12	Blue Star II	Stan Bilek	162	75	75	75	8	75	1	1	2	75
13	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	173	75	50	7	75	75	75	16	12	13
14	The Office	Duane Dean	183	50	75	15	12	75	75	15	75	16
15	Uh-Oh	Al Wiechert	198	4	75	75	75	8	75	19	17	50
16	No Limit	Dave Linder	205	50	50	75	18	4	75	75	75	8
17	Capt'n Hook	Doug Karakas	228	75	50	3	75	10	15	75	75	75
18	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	246	75	75	75	5	75	75	7	9	75
19	Steelie Too	Bill Hoffman	257	75	75	75	75	5	75	17	10	75
20	Happy Hooker II	Chris Bronner	262	75	75	75	11	75	6	20	75	75
21	Mary K	Ken Kuhar	265	75	75	75	19	12	75	9	75	75
22	Dredge	Ed Hill	288	50	50	75	75	75	75	22	16	75
23	MickeyMouse Club	Bob Buero	292	50	75	75	75	3	75	14	75	75
24	Brat -The Brat	Ron Maschke	296	50	75	75	75	11	75	10	75	75
25	Steelie Ed	Ed Wilczek	297	11	75	11	75	50	75	75	75	75
26	Slapshot	Doug Batty	306	5	75	75	75	1	75	75	75	75
27	Outta Line	Jason Adam	316	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	7
28	Tip-n-Dipsey	Dean Meyers	316	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	6
29	Tyger	Ty Voigt	323	75	75	12	75	75	75	75	75	11
30	Just Once	Bill Nutting	326	75	75	75	20	6	75	75	75	15
31	My Dream	Jimmy Hardrick	338	75	75	75	21	75	75	17	75	75
32	Last Dime II	Bob Ksionzek	352	50	75	75	2	75	75	75	75	75
33	Free Bird	Bill Dunk	352	2	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
34	Ladies Choice	Denis Harper	377	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	2
35	Cowabunga	Chris Schwark	378	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	75	75
36	Lil' Scratch	Dick Shirk	378	75	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	75
37	Capius	Mike Lehto	378	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	3	75
38	My Treasure	J. Golaszewski	380	75	75	75	75	75	5	75	75	75
39	No Limit	Dave Linder	385	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
40	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguza	385	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
41	Journey	T. Graskewicz	385	75	75	75	75	75	10	75	75	75
42	Sinsation	Hnk Baczynski	388	75	75	75	13	75	75	75	75	75