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FEBRUARY MEETING

The February 25, 2003 Meeting will be held at St. Pius K. of C. (our regular meeting location).

At this meeting we'll be updated on the 2003 Chuck Muer's River Crab Tournament which takes place on April 26th. See our web site tournament schedule for more information on the River Crab.

THIRD ANNUAL SPORTSMEN'S DINNER

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will be hosting our second Sportsmen's Dinner on Saturday, March 8, 2003. The response from this past year's attendees was very positive especially regarding the great food and raffles. We remain at the same location as last year, the Salt River Golf Club Banquet Center. It is conveniently located at 33633 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore, 2.4 miles east of I94 (Exit #243). The hall seats 350 and is finely decorated. The large windows provide a wonderful view of the golf course.

This will be a traditional sportsmen's dinner with a game menu, an impressive display of taxidermy, and raffles.

The same highly praised caterer, as the past year will cook the dinner.

The food will include at least five wild game entrees such as pheasant, caribou, buffalo, etc.

This year's raffles will have more Great Lakes fishing gear, and yet still have some of the popular guns. We expect to have upwards of 90 raffle prizes. This will be one of our major fundraisers for 2003.

This year we again expect to sell out the 325 available seats. **DO NOT BE LEFT OUT!** To insure your spot buy your tickets right away. They are \$35 per person.

Steve Hamilton Dinner Chairman

RIVER CRAB TOURNEY

This year's River Crab Salmon Stakes Tournament takes place on April 26. This will be the first tournament of the 2003 season.

The rules have been changed for 2003 to create more opportunity for Clubs

2003 Rivercrab Salmon Stakes Fishing Tournament Prize Structure

The Blue Water Sportfishing Association is recommending the following changes to the fishing tournament prize structure.

Super Skipper Prizes

The super skipper is the captain of the fishing team that turns in the heaviest combined weight of King Salmon, Coho Salmon, Steelhead Trout and Brown Trout.

Club Prize: \$1000.00 to the club that the super skipper belongs to.

COMING EVENTS

MEMBER MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 25, 7:30 PM
Tuesday, March 25, SWAP NIGHT –bring your stuff!

SPORTSMEN'S DINNER

Saturday March 8, 2003

RIVER TOURNAMENTS

For more information call Doug Karakas at (248) 545-1181

BOAT TOURNAMENTS

River Crab	April 26
St. Joe	May 3
Grand Haven	May 17-18
Oscoda	June 7
Special People	June 14
Harbor Beach	June 28
Port Austin	July 19
Ludington Ladies	August 2
Ludington	August 9
Manistee	August 23
Port Sanilac	September 6

FISHING SHOWS

Outdoorama February 21 thru March 2

Individual Prize: \$500 to the skipper of the boat that turns in the heaviest catch.

Heaviest King Salmon Prizes

Club Prize: \$1000.00 to the club that the angler belongs to who turns in the largest King Salmon.

Individual Prize: \$500 to the angler who turns in the biggest King Salmon.

Heaviest Coho Salmon Prizes

Club Prize: \$1000.00 to the club that the angler belongs to who turns in the largest Coho Salmon.

Individual Prize: \$500 to the angler who turns in the biggest Coho Salmon.

Heaviest Brown Trout Prizes

Club Prize: \$1000.00 to the club that the angler belongs to who turns in the largest Brown Trout.

Heaviest Steelhead Prizes

Club Prize: \$1000.00 to the club that the angler belongs to who turns in the largest Steelhead.

Individual Prize: \$500 to the angler who turns in the biggest Steelhead.

Clubs must be registered with the state of Michigan **AND** approved by the Rivercrab Salmonstakes Tournament Committee **prior** to the start of the tournament.

In the event that the prizes be won by an independent participant (not belonging to a registered club), the club prize portion shall be donated to the Blue Water Clinic. The individual prizes shall remain the same.

This time of year is time to lose the cabin fever and get back to fishing! Bring those body baits, set your trolling speed a bit slower and let's show the other clubs how it's done.

Hope to see everyone in attendance to support this charity and our club! GO D.A.S.!

Entry tickets and dinner tickets will be available at future meetings. For any further

questions regarding the River Crab, contact:
Mark Bevens (586) 779-3189

BOAT US MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget to renew your Boat US membership!!!

The Detroit Area Steelheaders is an affiliated club. As such, you get a significant saving on your Boat US dues.

Let them know you are a member and give them the club's code when you sign up. The number is: **GA 82750B**



Port Austin, D.A.S. Big Fish Quest, July 19th & 20th, 2003.

Tournament Director Mike Vigus. Fisherman's meeting to be held July 18th, 2003 at 7:30p.m. At 8861 Line St., corner of Line St. & State St.

This will be our clubs 1st annual public money tournament. Tournaments are not for everyone but this one is designed to give every individual a fair chance at taking home the grand prize. It is a Big Fish Tournament, which means, heaviest fish weighed will take home the \$\$\$\$\$. It's up for grabs so sign up early and try your hand at putting a big-boy on the scale. For more information contact: Mike Vigus at (248)969-8530 or check us out on the web at: <http://www.detroitsteelheaders.org/bigfish/bigfish.html>

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL
FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FOR 2002

REVENUE

GAME DINNER	25,669
RAFFLES	6,256
TOURNAMENTS	3,954
DUES	3,773
DINNER	2,724
DANCE	
MERCHANDISE	1,268
SALES	
Misc.	137

	43,781

EXPENSE

GAME DINNER	15,227
TOURN/TROPH	3,703
IES	
MEMBERSHIP	4,704
RAFFLES	1,490
MERCHANDISE	1,112
DINNER	2,370
DANCE	
DONATIONS &	2,055
Coalition	
INSURANCE	1,189
DIRECTOR	849
MTGS	
* NEWSLETTER	3,700
OTHER FEES	253

	36,652

CASH FOR	
FLOW	
YEAR WAS	7,129

*Estimated

I am available at all meetings to answer any questions regarding our finances.

Steve Hamilton- DAS Treasure

**WINTER-TIME
TROLLING**

Just because its February doesn't mean that you can't be doing things to get ready for next Spring and Summer's trolling season. A little organizing, sorting and

cleaning will go a long way toward success.

First, now is the time to sort through all of your tackle. Make a list so you know what you have. (You may want to keep this where your wife won't see it!) With a list you won't buy unnecessary tackle at the shows. Also, note those items you need. Do you have an assortment of Bombers for Spring? Do you need more of those "Hot" spoons, dodgers, Dipseys? This list will be a real help at the shows where there are always bargains galore. You will be able to buy just the things you need.

While you are at it, sort out those baits, reels, rods, etc. that you didn't use last year. They are good candidates for the swap table in March and will provide cash to buy the new lures you need.

Other lures should be separated into the "paint" pile. That off-color spoon you bought last year may be a deadly lure if you paint and tape it a different scheme; and that's a lot cheaper than buying all new. Pay attention to hooks. Some will need replacing; all sharpening. Remember that one that the big king straightened out? Take the front hooks off your Bombers and they will hang up less on the bottom next Spring. Put bigger hooks on the tail if they are the small trebles.

Don't forget your rods and reels. Is there a guide on a rod that needs to be fixed. Take your reels apart and clean and oil them. Any reels that need repairing should be taken in now before the Spring rush. Finally, strip the old line off your reels. If you haven't bought new line, put it on your list. Don't wait until the last minute or you may never do it.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE**

The Detroit Area Steelheaders has announced a new membership drive. If your membership has expired prior to December 2001, or you are a brand new member signing up for the first time, your name will be entered into a drawing for a brand new GPS/2 Way Radio Combo handheld unit, called the Rino 110 by Garmin. The drawing will be held at our April meeting, held the last Tuesday of the month, at the K of C hall. DAS decals for your boat and truck, and a DAS patch, for your favorite fishing vest or jacket, will be given to all new members as well. This is with a paid \$25.00 one year membership fee, or a \$150.00 lifetime membership fee.

New members receive regular monthly issues of the "FISHIN' TALES" newsletter, among the finest published anywhere.

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

*Social events such as the Valentines Dinner Dance, and our 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 River Crab Salmon Stakes, to support worthy causes.

into existence as a sport club. *This is our 27th year in existence as a sportfishing club, and we have great guest speakers lined up for upcoming meetings.

SHOWS CONTINUE

We still need help in manning the booth at fishing shows. The DAS will be at Outdoorama. Your help is needed and appreciated. If you can help, please call Bill Nutting at (586) 772-5702

Pres.'s Message The year is getting off to a good start for the Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. I had the pleasure of joining with David Jude and his lovely wife Susan prior to the January meeting for Dinner. Having been joined by Vice President Mark Bevans, Mike Vigus and my wife it made for lively conversation, most of which centered around the topic Mr. Jude spoke on that evening. My thanks once again to David Jude for putting on a great talk on such a short notice. We have a pretty good line up for the next few months with Don Calhoun scheduled in for February, Jeff Braunschidle in

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

MEETING NOTICE – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

March and Willis Kerridge in April. I want to take this opportunity to thank Ray and Linda Banbury for making contact with Salmon Claus back in December. Also, thanks to Chris and Vicky Nytko for helping old Salmon pick out the toys for our little fisherpeople – well done! And again, how about Mr. Legenzoff who brings in that great tasting coffee each month; Thanks Jim! Thanks too go to Bill and Chuck Nutting without whom we would have a very hard time hearing our speakers without their speakers. I'm sure there are many who deserve thanks who I haven't mentioned here. Forgive me, and know you're efforts while anonymous do not go un-noticed. There are a great many people who deserve to be mentioned here and are not.

Pat and I had a great time at the Winter Party (dinner dance) on February 15th. As usual the food



was good (think I'd notice something like that maybe?) but even better was being with our members and guests for the evening and watching everyone have fun. Any time we can put on an event bringing our members together to share good times that's worth as much to me as a cooler full of fish any time. We get another chance to enjoy the camaraderie March 8th at the Sportsmen's Game Dinner. I hear tickets are just about gone. Thanks for the support! And thanks for all the great donations we've received for the event.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge Past President Ray Banbury and Stan Bilek for the time they gave on the Board of Directors. Take a much deserved bow gentlemen. Stan retired from the board at his term end last December and Ray, well; I hope you'll give it another try come December. Unlike Al Gore we hope you'll consider running again. That's it for now!

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