



FISH TALES



The fishing bounces back 'Big' at Ludington II!

LUDINGTON – Our second Ludington tournament of the year took place on August 9. Weekend activities began with a strong north-east blow on Friday, so very few boats got out for pre-tourney fishing, and there were reports of 42° F water temperatures at the Point.

The theme of this event turned out to be finding answers to a lot of 'Big' questions. The early Big questions were "Will the tournament be able to start?" and "Where do we fish?" once the tournament got under way. Fortunately, Saturday dawn brought light winds and substantially smaller waves for the 6 a.m. start. Boats headed in every direction, looking for the right spot to tie into some early action. Water temps at the Point were still very cold, and a fog bank enveloped that area. To the south, trap nets made the going tricky. So many boats headed to deeper water.

At the 9 a.m. Fish Call, Bill Dunk's "Free Bird" set the pace with an impressive nine-fish start. So there were fish to be found! But the next Big question was, "How big are the fish?" Everyone knew there were some big bruisers roaming the area. So we had to answer, "Where are the lunkers?" and "Do they all have 'lock-jaw'?" The answers came as the day wore on. Fish catchers seemed to work, as did spoons.

At the weigh-in came the last and Biggest question: "Who has the eight largest fish?" With several boats weighing the maximum number, it was obvious it would be a tight finish. When everything was tallied, D.A.S. director Joe Von Grabe's "Sloppy Joe" crew claimed first place honors, closely followed by Tournament Director Mike Vigus and his "Crusader" team. The Big Fish Pool went to Bill Hoffman on "Steele" with a 19.50-pound King Salmon, while Mark Bevans took second with an 18.35-pound King Salmon, and Bob Feisel third with at 18.00-pound King.

The excellent catch by the D.A.S. fleet once again proves that our club members know how to catch fish, even in tough conditions.

Instead of the usual post-tourney hot dogs, we were treated to tasty barbecued pork (make that Lake Trout!) sandwiches from the Ladies Day pig roast a week earlier. Thanks to the "El-Lin" crew for helping with the setup.

– Bob Mitchell, Port Captain

"It was another great Ladies Day" ...



OUR ANNUAL LADIES DAY TOURNAMENT, 2003 Edition, proved to be another in a long line of these fun events where the ladies get to show off their angling prowess!

LUDINGTON – The 2003 edition of the Detroit Area Steelheaders popular Ladies Day tournament took place here on August 2.

Winds had made fishing touch and go going into the weekend, and calm Saturday dawn conditions gave way to a sudden breeze at the Skippers meeting, though it was not enough to delay festivities. Crew members were optimistic, with reports of big Kings in the area, and skippers were determined to get their lady crews into some big fish.

Boats headed in every direction at the start, with that perennial favorite location, the Point, the most popular destination. Many different combinations were working, but the Hootchie Mama setup seemed to be the weapon of choice, and the most productive.

At the weigh-in, two things seemed obvious. First, the fishing was tougher than our ladies deserved. Second, our Detroit Area Steelheader skippers proved they can catch fish in tough conditions. As frequently happened, the final outcome came down to who had the BIG fish.

In the end, the ladies aboard skipper Blaise Pewinski's "Sea Hag" had the largest fish

and the heaviest catch. Blaise commented that the biggest fish came on the 1½-pound wire rig demonstrated by Captain Dave Even at the July member meeting the Tuesday before the tournament! Finishing a close second was another experienced Ladies Day crew aboard skipper Tim Graskiewicz's "Journey". The "Free Bird" team skippered by Bill Dunk took third place.

The Big Fish Pool winners were all King Salmon over 20 pounds. Dean Meyer's "Trip-n-Dipsy" crew took first with a 22.90-pound brute. Second went to "Journey" with a 21.15-pounder, while the "Bobby's Toy" crew took third with a nice 20.65-pound Chinook.

After the weigh-in, there was a fabulous potluck picnic and pig roast. That spread was something to see. The pig was excellent, the salads were excellent, but the desserts were the best! Now I know why there are so few skinny guys in the club!! Thanks to Dave Even for arranging the pig roast, and to all the lady crews who prepared those tasty dishes to share. All in all, it was another great Ladies Day tournament.

– Bob Mitchell

2003 "SKIPPER OF THE YEAR"

(Standings through August 9, 2003 - Best 4)

PLACE/SKIPPER	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	Total
1) BILL DUNK	2	8	2	5	1	3	5			8
2) BLAISE PEWINSKI	5	75	3	11	75	1	6			15
2) MIKE VIGUS	17	1	20	4	16	8	2			15
4) DEAN MEYERS	10	5	1	12	5	6	75			17
5) JOE VON GRABE	50	2	10	7	8	12	1			18
6) DOUG KARAKAS	18	15	4	3	10	5	75			22
7) MARK BEVANS	75	3	8	2	12	16	12			25
8) BOB JONES	50	12	5	75	9	4	16			30
9) CHRIS NYTKO	75	7	75	1	17	13	11			32
10) DICK SHIRK	4	75	12	75	11	7	75			34
11) RON MASCHKE	14	13	11	75	3	50	9			36
12) BOB PARADISE	11	10	17	75	75	9	8			38
13) DAVE ROEHR	1	11	15	15	75	75	75			42
14) BOB FEISEL	50	75	14	14	14	50	10			52
15) KEN KUCHAR	50	9	19	75	75	15	17			60
16) CHRIS MILLER	75	75	75	10	18	50	7			85
17) ED HILL	75	75	18	9	13	75	50			90
18) BILL NUTTING	50	14	9	75	20	75	75			93
19) CHRIS BRONNER	75	75	75	13	21	50	18			102
20) ROBERT PARKER	75	75	21	75	4	75	13			113
21) TY VOIGT	75	75	16	8	15	75	75			114
22) PAUL GJELDUM	75	75	7	75	19	75	50			151
23) SKIP BERRY	75	75	6	75	2	75	75			158
24) BILL STANLEY	75	75	75	75	75	10	3			163
25) MARK STOSIAK	6	75	13	75	75	75	75			169
26) BOB MENDICKI	75	75	75	75	6	75	19			175
27) JOE GOLASZEWSKI	8	75	75	75	75	50	75			208
28) DWAYNE WELDER	75	75	75	75	50	11	75			211
29) BILL HOFFMAN	50	75	75	75	75	75	14			214
30) MARK WILLIAMS	50	50	75	75	75	75	50			225
30) GREG ZACCARDELLI	50	75	75	75	75	50	50			225
32) TIM GRASKIEWICZ	75	75	75	75	75	2	75			227
33) TOM GORGUZA	3	75	75	75	75	75	75			228
34) MICHAEL KEATING	75	4	75	75	75	75	75			229
34) SCOTT McFARREN	75	75	75	75	75	75	4			229
36) DOUG BATTY	75	75	75	6	75	75	75			231
36) JOHN MILBORNE	75	6	75	75	75	75	75			231
38) BILL MACOMB	7	75	75	75	75	75	75			232
38) FRED McINTYRE	75	75	75	75	7	75	75			232
40) DANNY COLOMBE	9	75	75	75	75	75	75			234
41) LOU BACSIKIN	13	75	75	75	75	75	75			238
42) WALT POHORILY	75	75	75	75	75	14	75			239
43) MIKE LEHTO	75	75	75	75	75	75	15			240
44) ROB GOLASZEWSKI	16	75	75	75	75	75	75			241
45) DON ANTON	75	75	75	75	75	75	20			245
46) JIM FITCH	50	75	75	75	50	75	75			250
47) BOB BUERO	50	75	75	75	75	75	75			275
47) DARWIN GREGG	75	75	75	75	75	75	50			275
47) RON KOSCIELSKI	50	75	75	75	75	75	75			275
47) LYNN MARTIN	50	75	75	75	75	75	75			275
47) RON NIEMASZ	50	75	75	75	75	75	75			275
47) TIMOTHY WADELICH	50	75	75	75	75	75	75			275

50 = See Rule IV-E

75 = See Rule IV-F

A = River Crab B = St. Joseph C = Grand Haven D = Oscoda E = Harbor Beach
 F = Ludington (Ladies Day) G = Ludington H = Manistee J = Port Sanilac

LADIES DAY TOURNAMENT

(August 2, 2003)

BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
1) SEA HAG (Blaise Pewinski)	109.65
2) JOURNEY (Tim Graskiewicz)	105.60
3) FREE BIRD (Bill Dunk)	93.65
4) BOBBY'S TOY (Bob Jones)	86.20
5) CAPT'N HOOK II (Doug Karakas)	76.80
6) TRIP 'N DIPSY (Dean Meyers)	74.60
7) LIL' SCRATCH (Dick Shirk)	74.10
8) CRUSADER (Mike Vigus)	73.65
9) ALMOST PARADISE (Bob Paradise)	60.05
10) REEL ALLURE (Bill Stanley)	50.60
11) S.S. GUPPY (Dwayne Welder)	42.45
12) SLOPPY JOE (Joe Von Grabe)	36.80
13) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)	26.45
14) MAIN SQUEEZE (Walt Pohorily)	23.65
15) MARY K (Ken Kuhar)	14.05
16) IN-SEINE (Mark Bevans)	8.20
17) HAPPY HOOKER II (Chris Bronner)	0.00
17) VICKI'S SEACRET (Bob Feisel)	0.00
17) MY TREASURE (Joe Golaszewski)	0.00
17) THE BRAT (Ron Maschke)	0.00
17) TIGHT LINES (Chris Miller)	0.00
17) NAUTI-BUOY (Greg Zaccardelli)	0.00

BIG FISH POOL WINNERS

PLACE/SKIPPER/BOAT, SPECIES/WEIGHT

- Dean Meyers, "Trip-n-Dipsy" King Salmon, 22.90 pounds
- Tim Graskiewicz, "Journey" King Salmon, 21.15 pounds
- Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy" King Salmon, 20.65 pounds

TOTAL CATCH: 64 FISH

• 1 Coho • 38 King Salmon • 11 Lake Trout • 14 Steelhead

LUDINGTON II TOURNAMENT

(August 9, 2003)

PLACE/BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
1) SLOPPY JOE (Joe Von Grabe)	117.85
2) CRUSADER (Mike Vigus)	107.95
3) REEL ALLURE (Bill Stanley)	99.30
4) REEL LOVE (Scott McFarren)	94.40
5) FREE BIRD (Bill Dunk)	91.05
6) SEA HAG (Blaise Pewinski)	89.10
7) TIGHT LINES (Chris Miller)	86.40
8) ALMOST PARADISE (Bob Paradise)	81.00
9) THE BRAT (Ron Maschke)	79.90
10) VICKI'S SEACRET (Bob Feisel)	77.65
11) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)	76.05
12) IN-SEINE (Mark Bevans)	69.95
13) EMPTY BOX (Robert Parker)	61.40
14) STEELIE (Bill Hoffman)	50.35
15) CAPIAS (Mike Lehto)	45.75
16) BOBBY'S TOY (Bob Jones)	44.80
17) MARY K (Ken Kuhar)	38.70
18) HAPPY HOOKER II (Chris Bronner)	28.65
19) PISCES (Bob Mendicki)	19.75
20) HAPPY BARE (Don Anton)	17.75
21) BLUE HORIZON (Paul Gjeldum)	0.00
21) DESTINY (Mark Williams)	0.00
21) DREDGE (Ed Hill)	0.00
21) NAUTI-BUOY (Greg Zaccardelli)	0.00
21) RETURNER (Darwin Gregg)	0.00

BIG FISH POOL WINNERS

PLACE/SKIPPER/BOAT, SPECIES/WEIGHT

- Bill Hoffman, "Steelie" King Salmon, 19.50 pounds
- Mark Bevans, "In-Seine" King Salmon, 18.35 pounds
- Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret" King Salmon, 18.00 pounds

TOTAL CATCH: 129 FISH

• 1 Coho • 81 King Salmon • 15 Lake Trout • 20 Steelhead

The DEADLINE for the
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Top Ladies Day Tournament Finishers



1st Place: "SEA HAG" with Blaise Pewinski and crew.



2nd Place: "JOURNEY" with Tim Graskiewicz and crew.



4th Place: "BOBBY'S TOY" with Bob Jones and crew.



SOME PEOPLE can resist anything but temptation, as this 'sneak thief' captured in a 'surveillance' photo clearly demonstrates!



OUR 'CHIEF' CHEF labored long and hard to satisfy our crews' overwhelming demand for roast pig. . . Mmm good!!



EVERYONE WANTS TO KNOW exactly how their boat fared in this hotly contested event.

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A COOLER FULL OF BIG FISH will always command attention and draw a crowd of interested onlookers.

Top Ludington II Tournament Finishers



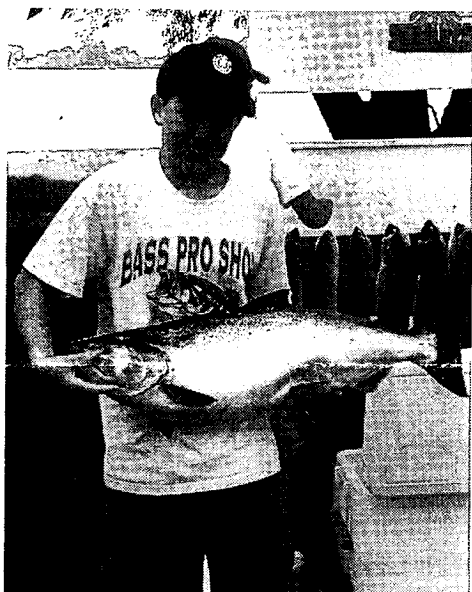
1st Place: "SLOPPY JOE" with Joe Von Grabe and crew.



2nd Place: "CRUSADER" with Mike Vignus and crew.



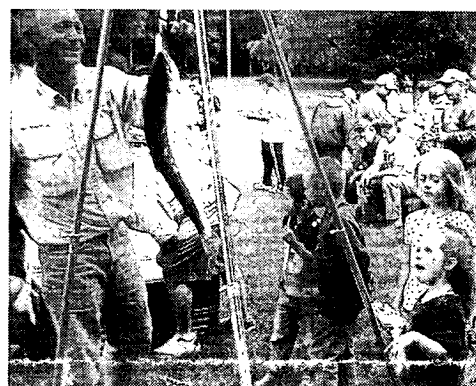
3rd Place: "REEL ALLURE" with Bill Stanley and crew.



THIS BEAUTIFUL KING SALMON tipped the scales at nearly 20 pounds, good enough to win the Big Fish Pool.



A D.A.S. TOURNAMENT WEIGH-IN always attracts a lot of interest, but especially at a 'prime' port such as Ludington!



YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE will usually see something at the weigh-in to open their eyes and drop their jaws!

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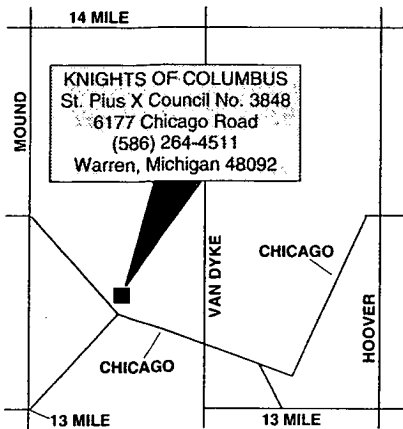
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