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FEBRUARY MEETING

The February 26, 2002 Meeting will be held at St. Pius K. of C. (our regular meeting location).

At this meeting we'll be updated on the 2002 Chuck Muer's River Crab Tournament which takes place on April 27th. See our web site tournament schedule for more information on the River Crab.

SECOND ANNUAL SPORTSMEN'S DINNER

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will be hosting our second Sportsmen's Dinner on Saturday, March 9, 2002. The response from this past year's attendees was very positive especially regarding the great food. This year we have moved to a new, larger location, 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 2002.

This year we 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 and will be available at the Feb. meeting. Invite your friends and relatives.

Steve Hamilton Dinner Chairman

RIVER CRAB TOURNEY

This year's River Crab Salmon Stakes Tournament takes place on April 27. This will be the first tournament of the 2002 season.

Representatives of the Bluewater Sportfishing Assoc. will attend our Feb. meeting to talk about this year's tournament. The Bluewater Mental Health and Child Guidance Clinic of Port Huron and seven other Michigan agencies benefited from the tournament last year.

Again this year, there is a \$5,000 prize for the club with the heaviest catch. The Board of Directors would like to see all of our club members try to participate in this tournament.

Entry tickets and dinner tickets will be available at future meetings. For any further questions regarding the River Crab, contact:

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COMING EVENTS

MEMBER MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 26. 7:30 PM
Tuesday, March 26, SWAP
NIGHT -bring your stuff!

SPORTSMEN'S DINNER

Saturday March 9, 2000

RIVER TOURNAMENTS

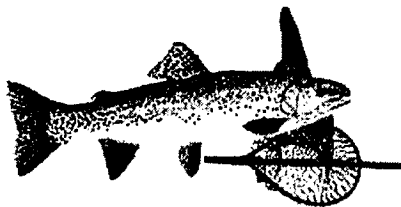
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Karakas at (248) 545-1181

BOAT TOURNAMENTS

River Crab	April 27
St. Joe	May 4
Grand Haven	May 18-19
Port Austin	June 1-2
Special People	June 15
Harbor Beach	June 29
Erieau outing	July 13
Ludington Ladies	July 27
Ludington	August 10
Manistee	August 24
Frankfort	September 7

FISHING SHOWS

Outdoorama February 22 thru
March 3



DAS Presidents' Message

Here we are with 2002 well underway and thankfully, as of this writing, it's been a quiet year. Thankfully the Administration in Washington is doing a pretty good job in its war on terror. God Bless our Men and Women serving in our Armed Forces who are making the sacrifices that keep us safe and free.

I wanted to take this time to say thanks to a few people who have been working on the various programs and functions we've had recently. First I'd like to say thanks to our past President Doug Karakas on a job well done through 2001. Thanks again Doug and thanks to my fellow Board members who gave me their vote of confidence in appointing me President for 2002. I'm proud to be associated with this club and it's members.

Thanks also go to Ray and Linda Banbury for getting in touch with our old friend Salmon Claus for the Christmas meeting and to Chris and Vickie Nytko for their work as Salmon's Little Helpers. Thanks also to Jim Legenzoff for the little extras he provides not only for the Christmas meeting but also for

all the meetings. I also want to publicly thank Mr. Tom Watts of the **Macomb Daily** for his continued support of our club, as well as many others, by publishing our club information on meetings and activities. I also need to thank the Macomb Daily as well as the **Daily Tribune, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers** for allowing us to list the Valentine's Dinner Dance through their web sites. There are many others who deserve mention here. I'm sure we'll be hearing more about them in the upcoming months.

I'd like to welcome all of our new members who've joined either at the shows, from the web site or at the meetings. I hope you all have the same great times and good experiences that I've been so fortunate to have in my 15 years in the D.A.S. If I start telling stories our editor will have to put out a second edition so I'll spare you - for now! There are a lot of good fishermen and women in the club who will share their experience with you. I hope we'll see you at the meetings, on the docks and on the water. Welcome aboard!

We'll have a lot of great information at this months meeting including the kick off of the annual Muer's River Crab Salmon Stakes Tournament and Joe Von Grabe's how-to presentation to name a few. We've had better luck this year making contacts with potential speakers. February's meeting also has the staff from the Marine Weather division of the White Lake NOAA Weather office coming in to talk about Marine Weather Safety. Having once been the victim of a bad weather mishap myself (I said I'd spare the

BOAT US MEMBERSHIP

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

The Detroit Area Stee.headers 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**

details earlier) I know the value of the information we'll receive here. We've got talks scheduled from a couple of well know Charter Captains coming up soon and other great speakers scheduled later in the year. We're always open to ideas so if you have something or someone you'd like to see or a how-to demonstration idea tell one of the Directors or send us a note.

Don't forget on March 9th we'll be holding our annual Game Dinner in New Baltimore. See the article in this issue for details. The March 26th meeting is our Swap Meet meeting. If you've got gear you no longer use or need bring it down and see if someone else needs what you have. You might find something you've been looking for as well. Hey guys, how often do you get to shop till you drop? Arrive a little early for the March meeting and we'll hold the meeting start a bit to give everyone some time to browse. I'll make the break a bit longer as well. See you there!

Well gang, from here it's about 70 days to launch. You know how fast time flies so it won't be long. Ice fishing was disappointing at best this year. The only upside to that was that it made for some great River, Pier and Surf fishing. Don't discount a late winter / early spring trip to the Rivers. There's some great fishing to be had right now. See you out there!

Ed Wilczek, President
 Detroit Area Steelheaders,
 Inc.

**SUMMARY OF ANNUAL
 FINANCIAL INFORMATION
 FOR 2001**

REVENUE

GAME DINNER	14,625
RAFFLES	7,308
TOURNAMENTS	4,533
DUES	3,660
DINNER	2,185
DANCE	
MERCHANDISE	1,148
SALES	
ADVERTISING	75

	33,534

EXPENSE

GAME DINNER	10,532
TOURN/TROPH	5,680
IES	
MEMBERSHIP	3,549
RAFFLES	3,021
MERCHANDISE	2,693
DINNER	2,396
DANCE	
DONATIONS &	1,119
MISC	
INSURANCE	1,013
DIRECTOR	937
MTGS	
* NEWSLETTER	411

	31,351

CASH FOR	
FLOW	
YEAR WAS	2,182

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.

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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 Mark Bevins at (586) 779-318

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