



# FISHIN' TALES

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## River Tournament Action

### Manistee 3-Way

Yes! The Detroit Area Steelheaders won the Manistee 3-Way Tournament for 2002. The DAS catch bested those of Metro west and Flint to clinch this year's tourney.

In all, about 13 DAS members participated including several rarely seen on the river. The biggest steelhead was weighed in by Don Anton with a nice 6 lb. 11oz steelhead. Earning first place in the newly instituted "Release Division" was Doug Karakas with a nice fish estimated at 8+ pounds.

Overall, the fishing was somewhat slow with most of the fish downstream from the M-55 Bridge limit. Several anglers had good action after the tournament nearer the lake. "Pulling plugs" seemed to be the most productive technique. As always the early run steelies were providing exciting action once you got them on. This action should continue hot through Christmas break.

### November Meeting

Have a rod that needs fixin' or want to learn how to build a custom rod? Can't wait for ice

fishing season? Be at the next meeting. Maybe you just want a chance at a raffle turkey. This is also your last chance to turn in photos for the annual photo contest. See Ray Banbury.

Our meetings start at 7:30 P.M. at the St. Pius Knights of Columbus Hall in Warren. The hall is located at Chicago Road and 13 Mile Road (1/4 mile east of Mound Road off 13 Mile) across from the GM Tech Center.

### COOLER OF CHEER!

It is time for the most popular fundraiser of the year. The Annual Christmas Cooler of Cheer. The support of all of our members and friends has really made this a fun event. The lucky winning ticket will be drawn at the annual Christmas meeting on Dec. 17.

The lucky winner will receive a **100-quart cooler full of cheer, a big assortment of party snacks and \$100 in cash;** a prize well worth the one buck investment.

As in the past, an incentive plan has been developed to encourage you to sell tickets for this raffle.

Try to turn in tickets and or money during the November meeting and you will have a shot at winning a gift certificate to Bass Pro or Lakeside Tackle.

Finally, the overall top ticket seller will win a \$150 gift certificate from Cabela's. (This is a great boat opportunity, so you may want to talk to your crew and pool your results.) I have plenty of extra tickers for everyone who needs extra tickets. Please feel free to call me or see me at the meetings.

From our Board of Directors and myself, we say thank you for your support.

Ray Banbury (586) 598-0310

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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING  
DECEMBER 17 at our MEETING  
PLACE - 13 Mile K of C in  
Warren.....**

Mark this date on your calendar. It's the night we all find out who's been naughty and who's been nice....or something like that. Bring the entire family. Skipper of the Year trophies will be awarded.

Elections will also take place. Other activities including Salmon Claus's annual appearance.

Board of Director Candidates



Steve Hamilton



Bob Mitchell



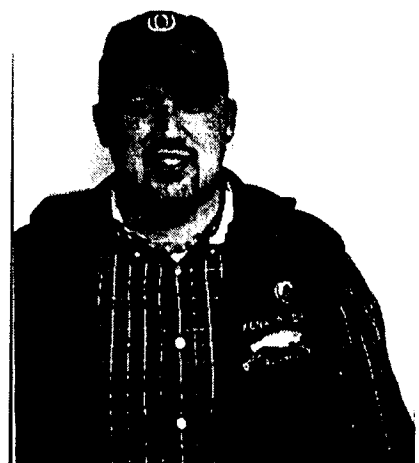
Bill Nutting



Mike Vigas



Doug Karakas



Bill Dunk

Now as far as fishing goes, all is not lost. Even though my own plans to participate in some of the river, surf and pier tournaments have also been thwarted so far this year I still plan on getting out and taking advantage of the fishing opportunities that are available to us all season long. We still have a good schedule of River, Surf and Pier Tournaments yet to come through winter and spring. I'm glad to see the participation in these tournaments is way up this year. My thanks to all of you who make the trips to attend these outings. And while they may not measure up to the class of say a Betsie, Manistee or AuSable, don't forget that we have in our own back yards the Clinton and Huron rivers which have, through the efforts of many groups and clubs such as ours, begun to sustain a healthy number of Steelhead. There is indeed fishing to be had in these dead of winter months ahead.

This past year I had the good fortune to spend a day with my good friend and fellow Detroit Area Steelheaders member Captain Mark Stosiak doing a type of fishing I hadn't done in

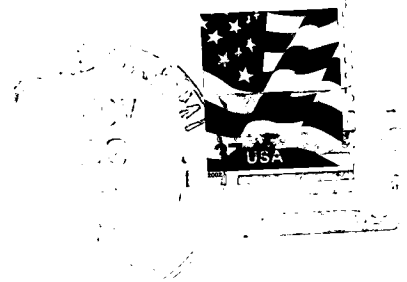
too many years - bank (or shore) fishing. On a cold early spring day we drove up to Port Huron and set up on the bank of the St. Clair River. While we didn't hook up with any Trout, Salmon or Walleye that day it felt good just to be out wetting a line. Catching a fish would have been a heck of a bonus but none the less it was a good time spent doing something I will always enjoy doing as long as the good Lord will let me; spending a day fishing in the company of good friends. I'm certainly going to go back and do that again soon. Maybe this time I'll dress warmer and spend more time watching the rods instead of the inside of my eyelids. Mark, I may have to get you to give me a little refresher course on gear and tactics. Get the gear ready!

We're fortunate to live in an area where fishing opportunities abound with many inland lakes and streams within driving distance. Lake St. Clair is a very short drive for most of us and offers some of the best ice fishing opportunities anywhere. When the ice is safe the opportunity to have a chance at some peace and quiet with only the sound of the wind whipping the snow across the lake is reason enough to gather up the ice rods and the sled and head out on to the ice.

Spring will be here soon enough. Tempus Fugit...



**Don Anton -Manistee 3-Way Winner**



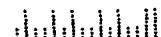
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### **ATTENTION RIVER RATS**

Winter tournament  
Schedules for 2002-03 River  
Rats. For information call  
River tournament chair

#### **Dec. 7 Frankfort Pier/Surf**

Mark Stosiak (586) 777-9833

#### **Jan. 4 Ausable Boat & Bank**

Doug Karakas (248) 545-1181

#### **Jan. 5 Platte Bay Surf**

Doug Karakas (248) 545-1181

#### **Feb. 1 Grand River**

Mark Bevens (586) 779-3189

#### **Mar. 1 Manistee River**

Mark Stosiak (586) 777-9833

### **DIRECTOR ELECTIONS COMING DECEMBER**

The annual election for the DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS Board of Directors will take place at the Christmas meeting. There are multiple openings for directors this year.

Running for board positions are:

Mike Vigas

Bill Dunk

Ray Banbury

Doug Karakas

Bob Mitchell

Bill Nutting

Steve Hamilton

If you can't make the meeting but want an absentee ballot, contact Mark Bevens at the November meeting or at least ten days prior to the Christmas meeting.

### **DINNER DANCE**

Tickets to the Annual Dinner Dance can be purchased at the Christmas meeting. The dance will take place on February 15 at the K of C hall.

The tickets are a real bargain when you consider they include food, open bar, dancing and a chance at the door prize. Be sure to see Mary Karakas for tickets or call (248) 545-1181.

This has been a fun filled event. If you haven't decided if you want to go, ask someone who was there in the past. I guarantee they will tell you that it's a great time. We will have a sit down dinner followed by dancing.

As in the past, there will be raffles for the guys and for the gals. (although many gals win in the guys raffle, too.) We are still in need of donations for prizes. If you can contribute, please see Doug or Bob Mitchell. These prizes do not have to be fishing oriented. We have had people donate crafts, services and other things that make terrific raffle prizes. (Some wives just don't want to win a fishin' rod.) Don't miss this chance to show your spouse a good time. It could go a long way toward making it easier to go fishing next summer.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I find it hard to believe, as I do just about every year now, that summer is history and that Thanksgiving is upon us. Usually around this time I look back and dwell on the fishing that I didn't do over the past year that I wanted to. For instance, I wanted to spend more time out on Lake Erie chasing Walleye. I didn't even make it to Toledo Beach this year for the Special People tournament. It's always something, so it seems.

I also realize that I didn't uphold what I wanted to do in

submitting an article for this newsletter every month this year. I can't really say why the last article I wrote was back in April or May. Perhaps my lack of personal fishing stories worth publishing had something to do with it. And, truth be told, with some of the personal things that have happened this year my heart just wasn't in to it. Still, that's no excuse.

So now here we are in November. My boat has been winterized and is resting in its space at the storage yard. And as always I can't wait for the first warm days of spring next year. But for now the holiday season is upon us. There's the anticipation of perhaps getting that special piece of fishing equipment from Salmon Claus this year (hint, hint!). And speaking of that jolly old' fisherman with the red fishing vest, I have heard a rumor that he'll be making his annual stop at our meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>. For some of our newer members who have yet to attend an annual meeting Salmon Claus always seems to bring some special things for the little fisherboys and fishergirls at this meeting. Bring the kids and a camera to take a photo to remember. We won't forget the big kids either as someone is going to take home the coveted Skipper of the Year award, top ten and big fish trophies will be awarded, photo contest winners will be announced and someone will win the cooler of cheer. There will be all that and more along with the opportunity to do some holiday mingling with many of the friends and acquaintances we've made here in the D.A.S.