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## **SPORTSMEN'S DINNER - MARCH 18**

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will be hosting a Sportsmen's Dinner at the Bishop Wm. F. Murphy Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, March 18, 2000.

This will be a traditional sportsmen's dinner with raffles and a game menu. An impressive array of taxidermy will be on display in the hall.

The raffles will include numerous prizes including the popular gun raffles. For an attendance of 300 people, we expect to have upwards of 90 raffle prizes and up to 9 guns being raffled.

Dinner will include a large selection of dishes such as pheasant, venison, elk, etc.

This will be one of the major fundraisers for the club in 2000. (With the growth of casinos we have elected to terminate the Las Vegas party)

To make this a success, we need members to invite their friends and buy tickets in advance. While a few tickets may be available at the door, we need your commitment to effectively plan for meals and prizes. Tickets are \$30 per person and are available from any DAS director.

They will be available at the February meeting. Please see a director at the February meeting and get your tickets. These tickets have been priced at \$30 per person; very reasonable if you have been to one of these dinners before. You can also obtain tickets by calling Tom Moores at (248) 634-5789, Mary Karakas at (248) 545-1181 or Linda Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

## **NEW OFFICERS for '00**

At the January Board of Directors Meeting, new officers were elected for 2000. Ray Banbury was elected President. Congratulations Ray!

The Board also elected Rob Golaszewski as Vice President, Steve Hamilton as Treasure and Ed Wilczek as Secretary. Congratulations guys. We all need to offer our help and support to these guys!

## **SHOWS CONTINUE**

We still need help in manning the booth at fishing shows. The DAS will be at the Palace and Outdoorama. Your help is needed and appreciated.

If you can help, please call Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365.s

## **RIVER CRAB TOURNEY**

This year's River Crab Salmon Stakes Tournament takes place on April 29. This will be the first tournament of the 2000 season.

Rob Helzer of the Bluewater Sportfishing Assoc. will attend our Feb. 29 meeting to talk about this year's tournament.

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# COMING EVENTS

## MEMBER MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 29, 7:30 PM  
Tuesday, March 28, SWAP NIGHT

St. Pius K of C, Warren

## SPORTSMEN'S DINNER

Saturday March 18, 2000

## RIVER TOURNAMENTS

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

## BOAT TOURNAMENTS

River Crab	April 29
St. Joe	May 6
Grand Haven	May 20
Port Austin	June 3
Special People	June 17
Harrisville	July 24
Rogers City	July 29
Ludington	August 12
Manistee	August 26
Harbor Beach	September 9

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.

Let's make this tournament the number one tournament on your schedule and help the club win the \$5,000.

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

Don Redmond (810) 469-8344.

## 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**

## 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.

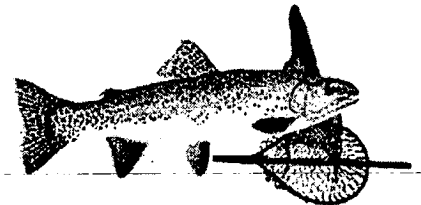
First, now is the time to sort through all of your tackle. Make a list so you know what you have. (You may want to keep this where your wife won't see it!) With a list you won't buy unnecessary tackle at the shows. Also, note those items you need. Do you have an assortment of Bombers for Spring? Do you 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.



## DINNER DANCE

Those of you who missed the Dinner Dance missed the best one yet. In addition to great food and fabulous raffle prizes, we had by far the best entertainment ever. Who would have thought that Elvis (Dick Jackson), Sonny and Cher (Ray and Linda Banbury) the Blues Brothers (Doug Karakas and Mark Stosiak), Eric Burden ( Dave Rorhs) would show up! However, even this group of talent was not able to top the first ever appearance of "The Fish Fairy." Honestly.

Yes liquor was served, but I swear he was there...or she or it or whatever; complete with green tutu, fish scepter, donated pennies, dimes and nickels, green beard and squid things. We know it was the real fairy because she knew intimate details about everyone's fishing. Things that only the fish fairy could know. If you missed the dinner you missed your opportunity to leverage your luck. Don't make another mistake and miss next year!

## THE DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC. 2000 SPORTSMEN'S GAME DINNER



Saturday March 18th, 2000  
Bishop Wm. F. Murphy Knights of Columbus Hall  
22040 Ryan Road  
Warren, Michigan  
(1/2 mile north of 8 Mile Rd. on east side  
across from the Ryan Express Party Store.)

**TICKETS \$30.00 PER PERSON**  
Includes dinner, pop and beer

**Doors open at 5:00 P.M.**  
**Dinner served at 6:00 P.M.**

**Traditional Oudoorsmen's  
raffles to take place immediately  
after dinner.**



**Traditional game menu may consist  
of items such as Pheasant, Venison,  
Elk, Buffalo (meatballs) and other  
game items as entrees.**

**TO OBTAIN TICKETS CALL TOM MOORES (248) 634-5789,  
MARY KARAKAS (248) 545-1181, OR LINDA BANBURY  
(810) 598-0310.**

**Tickets also will be available at the February 29th membership meeting.  
See the club web site [Detroit Area Steelheaders](http://www.great-lakes.org/mi/detroitsteelheaders) for more information.**

# GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION ATTACKS LAMPREY

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission has declared an all out war on sea lamprey in the Great Lakes. The focus of the war has been on the St Marys River which until recently was the major source of sea lampreys in the Great Lakes and was deemed as too expensive to treat with traditional lampricide methods. It has been estimated that 54% of lake trout in Lake Huron are killed by sea lampreys. This compares with only 19% taken by sport, tribal and commercial fishing.

The Commission has attacked the lampreys with a complete assessment and then a three pronged battle plan.

First, Scientists did an assessment of the river.

A deepwater electrofishing device with a vacuum unit sucks sea lamprey larvae from the bottom of the St Marys River and allows scientists to determine density and distribution of the larvae. With the help of global positioning and mapping technology, larvae "hot spots" are recorded and targeted for control.

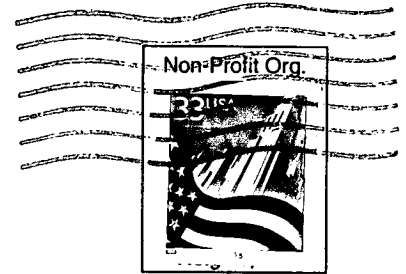
### Control Methods

1. Granular Bayluscide: Controlling Sea Lampreys Using helicopters and global positioning (GPS) technology, granular Bayluscide – a lampricide particularly suited for the St Marys River – is applied to specific "hot spots" to kill sea lamprey larvae on the bottom of the river.

2. Trapping: Removing Spawners. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission entered into partnerships with Great Lakes Power and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to construct sea lamprey traps on the St. Marys River. Traps from around the Great Lakes remove spawning sea lampreys and supply males for the sterilization program.

3. Sterile-Male-Release Technique: Suppressing Long-Term Spawning Success. Male sea lampreys are trapped, sterilized, and released into the St. Marys River. The sterilized males compete as aggressively as normal males wasting the spawning potential of female sea lampreys. The sterile-male-release-technique reduces sea lamprey spawning success over the long-term.

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