



FISHING TALES



Detroit Area Steelheaders earn recognition

The Monroe County Intermediate School District has selected the Detroit Area Steelheaders as recipient of their "Organization of the Year" award, recognizing the time and support given every year through the club's Special People fishing outing on Lake Erie.

Steelheader President Ray Banbury, Director Dick Shirk, and club supporter Robert Boyer accepted the award at the annual Monroe Council for Exceptional Children banquet.

Our club's annual Lake Erie outing is particularly gratifying to club members and supporters who participate and support it each year, knowing it is likely that these physically challenged people could not otherwise experience the enjoyment and excitement of being on the water, and the thrill of catching a fish.

As an educational organization seeking to promote the Great Lakes fishery, we believe our Special People Outing significantly helps fulfill our educational responsibilities. We will continue to offer this event in the future, so that special people have a special day, and lasting memories, to which they can look forward.



PRESIDENT RAY BANBURY (l.), club supporter Bob Boyer and Director Dick Shirk proudly display the award presented April 28 to the Detroit Area Steelheaders by the Monroe County Intermediate School District as their "Organization of the Year."

DAS 1999 Tourney Results

RIVER CRAB — 4/24/99

1) Gaspar Randazzo	27.90
2) Louis Bascikin	25.95
3) Bob Buero	15.10
4) Ken Kuhar	11.30
5) Tom Moores	7.14
6) Warren Renando	6.80
7) Stanley Bilek	6.40
8) Don Redmond	5.95
9) Mark Stosiak	5.65
10) Dave Even	4.95
11) Paul Colone	4.60
12) Ed Wilczek	4.20
13) Dick Shirk	4.15
14) Rob Pinskey	4.10
15) Mike Lehto	3.35
16) Doug Karakas	3.25
17) Dave Roehr	2.85
18) Mark Bradley	2.35
19) Edward Hill	2.15

GRAND HAVEN — 5/15/99

1) Mark Stosiak	79.01
2) Bob Jones	67.12
3) Edward Hill	62.15
4) Dick Shirk	56.14
5) Rob Golaszewski	55.02
6) Chris Nytko	54.00
7) Howard York	38.13
8) Bob Buero	37.02
9) Chuck Nutting	37.00
10) Stanley Bilek	23.04
11) Ron Hartman	22.06
12) Paul Schoenrade	19.03
13) Doug Karakas	16.07
14) Rick V. Melden	11.07
15) Dave Roehr	0.00
16) Ken Kuhar	0.00
17) H. Christoph	0.00
18) Darwin Gregg	0.00
19) Joe Von Grabe	0.00
20) Ron Maschke	0.00
21) Ty Voigt	0.00

CREWS Hot Line

NEED A CREW?

Looking for crew members to fish with you in Detroit Area Steelheader Boat Trolling Tournaments?

WANT TO CREW?

Want to fish in Detroit Area Steelheader Boat Trolling Tournaments but don't have a boat?

Call the Crews Hot Line to match up with a Skipper looking for crew members, or to get crew members for your boat during the 1999 season. Contact:

- LARRY BOYER: (313) 495-1342**
- DOUG KARAKAS: (248) 545-1181**
- LEON VAN EDEN: (810) 293-1261**

For Your Information . . .

FELLOWS MARINA TO HOST LADIES DAY AT OSCODA

On Saturday, June 26, Detroit Area Steelheaders will travel to Oscoda for the annual Ladies Day tournament. The past few years, salmon have dominated the interest of Steelheaders, but skippers should remember that Lake Trout and Steelhead can be plentiful there at this time of year.

The tournament headquarters is again at Fellows Marina, and you can reserve a slip there by calling (517) 739-2525.

Ladies Day rules are simple: men can set lines, net fish, and drive the boat, but only women can handle the pole after hook-up.

As in years past, we ask that each crew bring a dish to pass at the potluck picnic which follows the weigh-in. A reminder: keep the perishables such as potato salad on ice while out on the lake. I don't want any of it to spoil, because I really love potato salad! Meat, pop and beer will be furnished.

The Saturday schedule begins with the Skippers' meeting at 5:00 a.m. at the Fellows Marina office. The tournament will get under way at 6:00 a.m. outside the mouth of the Au Sable River. There will be Fish Calls at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and we will all pull our lines at noon, to accommodate the 1:00 p.m. weigh-in. The potluck will start when the weigh-in is completed, or at 3:00 p.m. if fishing is cancelled.

- Doug Karakas, Port Captain
(248) 545-1181

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADER SILVER ANNIVERSARY SPOONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Detroit Area Steelheaders is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary in 1999. To help commemorate this milestone, we have

produced a special limited edition Silver Anniversary Spoon.

The spoons are Silver Streaks offered in your choice of five color combinations: Black/Glow, Purple/Glow, Chartreuse/Fish Scale, Pearl/Fish Scale, and Orange Crush.

Several top skippers were seen loading up on these lures once President Ray guaranteed success using them! The spoons can be purchased at the meetings from Steve Hamilton. The price is three spoons for \$10.

BOARD ESTABLISHES MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST

The Board of Directors has announced a Photo Contest for 1999 for Detroit Area Steelheaders. One goal is to get a lot of great photos for the *Fishin' Tales* Annual Issue. The best photo will be picked by the Board of Directors at the December Board meeting, and a prize will be presented to the winner at the Christmas meeting. Please submit your photo contest entries to *Fishin' Tales* Editor Bob Mitchell or President Ray Banbury. Be sure to pack your camera and plenty of film for future fishing trips and start shooting!

MITCHELL CO-AUTHORS ARTICLE IN UPCOMING NORTH AMERICAN FISHERMAN MAGAZINE

Watch for the July issue of *North American Fisherman*, which will feature an article on Salmon fishing co-authored by Mark Romanack and *Fishin' Tales* Editor and seven-time Detroit Area Steelheader Skipper of the Year Bob Mitchell.

SPRING STEELHEADER RAFFLE HAS A WINNER

Suzie Koch of Clinton Township was the

winner of the grand prize in our Spring Raffle. Suzie, who works for St. John Health System and bought her lucky ticket from Raffle Chairman Paul Colone, won a Weber Spirit 500LX Gas Barbecue, barbecue apron, hot mitten, cooking utensils, and \$100 worth of steaks.

WILCZEK SHINES AS GLSFC WEB SITE WEBMASTER

Check out the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council's web site at www.great-lakes.org. The webmaster for this outstanding web site is none other than Detroit Area Steelheader Ed Wilczek, who is doing a fabulous job. The Fish Michigan pages and the Surface Temperature pages are particularly outstanding. You can also get directly to the Detroit Area Steelheaders web page from the GLSFC site.

WISCONSIN OFFERS FISHING LICENSES BY TELEPHONE

For those Detroit Area Steelheaders who travel to Wisconsin or Wisconsin waters to fish, you can now obtain your Wisconsin fishing license over the telephone. The toll-free number to call is (877) 945-4236; there is a \$3 fee for the telephone service.

1999 RIVER CRAB TOURNEY WRAP-UP

No sense crying over spilled milk, but our club finished second in the River Crab inter-club tournament. Neither the fish nor the weather co-operated this year. Mike Lehto enjoyed a good year, as he won the \$100 drawing for skippers who weighed in at least one fish, and Tom Moores won \$30 in the member attendance drawing. If you're short of cash and need a loan, see these guys!

WANT ADS

FOR SALE - 1978 Sea Ray 24-foot with trailer, LORAN, fish finder, radio, 4 Big Jon electric downriggers, charter-ready, \$5600.00.

Call Ron Huey: (248) 626-4480

FISHING EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL SALE -

1) Lowrance ST-T speed and temperature sensors, two units, new in the box. Transom mount speed/temperature sensor fits all Lowrance, Eagle or Sea Electronics sonar units with speed/temperature displays, new cost \$60-\$70, sell both for best offers.

2) Magellan GPS Meridian XL (hand-held), one unit in the box, with power and data cables, mounting bracket, never installed, new cost \$250-\$270, sell for best offer.

I have many other items of fishing gear to sell (graph, radio, rods, reels, tons of lures, etc.). Call me with your needs — I've probably got it to sell!

Call Keith Kempainen: (248) 548-1166

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

(Last Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m.)

K. of C. Hall, 6177 Chicago Road, Warren)

JUNE 29, 1999

JULY 27, 1999

AUGUST 31, 1999

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	PORT CAPTAIN
June 26	OSCODA (Ladies Day)	Doug Karakas, (248) 545-1181
July 17	LAKE ERIE (Walleye Outing)	Chris Nytko, (810) 786-0288
July 31	PRESQUE ISLE	Mark Stosiak, (810) 777-9833
Aug. 14	LUDINGTON	Bob Mitchell, (248) 828-8034
Aug. 28	MANISTEE	Paul Schoenrade & Ty Voigt, (810) 773-6477
Sept. 12	HARBOR BEACH	Stan Bilek, (248) 828-4159

FISHING WAS FINE AT PORT AUSTIN

The Port Austin tourney started on time, with a chance of showers. Most everyone headed northeast once past the light into Laker territory. Reports had Lakers on the bottom, with some Kings and Lakers mixed and suspended on 80'-120' of water. The first Fish Call had several boats with 3-5 fish, and a few shut out.

The rain never showed, but the flies sure did. If you ever see a brown cloud on the water, don't let your curiosity get the best of you - don't investigate! That cloud probably is gnats ... they cover everything. Several boats had to quit fishing after passing through the cloud.

The second Fish Call showed most boats with fish and catching up, but 3 boats still didn't have any. At the weigh-in, 23 of 26 boats had a catch, with "My Treasure" first, "Last Dime III" second, and "Sloppy Joe" third.

Sunday saw the Team Doubles competition under way on time at 6:00 a.m. Again, most boats targeted Lake Trout, which were being caught bouncing bottom in 90'-120'. 'The Brat' finally broke out of his slump and caught tournament-specific fish, while the team of "Blue Star" and "Mary K" took first place to wrap up another great weekend at Port Austin!

— Ron Hartman

PORT AUSTIN TOURNAMENT (June 5, 1999 — 26 boats entered)

BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
1) MY TREASURE (J. Golaszewski) ...	114.25
2) LAST DIME II (Bob Ksionzek)	113.06
3) SLOPPY JOE (Joe Von Grabe)	105.05
4) ANTICIPATION (Rob Pinskey)	103.10
5) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)	101.02
6) BLUE STAR (Stanley Bilek)	101.01
7) RETURNER (Darwin Gregg)	100.13
8) LADY'S CHOICE (Denis Harper) ...	97.03
9) SINSATION (Hank Baczynski)	90.04
10) LIL' SCRATCH (Dick Shirk)	83.10
11) MOLLY FRAIR (Ron Hartman)	83.08
11) CAPT' HOOK II (Doug Karakas)	83.08
13) LUCKY FALCON (R. Golaszewski) ..	82.06
14) EAGLE III (Paul Schoenrade)	71.12
15) LOKI ONE (D. Roehr)	82.06
16) ROLLING 'N TROLLING (D. Schatzberg)	64.09
17) TYGER (Ty Voigt)	61.06
18) JUST ONCE (Chuck Nutting)	82.06
19) TOMORROW'S DREAM (M. Stosiak) ..	31.03
20) MICKEY MOUSE CLUB (B. Buero) ..	49.14
21) GOLDEN OLDIE (Howard York)	48.13
22) MARY K (Kenneth Kuhar)	31.03
23) DREDGE (Edward Hill)	22.02
THE BRAT (Ron Maschke)	0.00
STEELIE ED (Ed Wilczek)	0.00
NOTHING BUT TROUBLE (G. Randazzo)	0.00

BIG FISH WINNERS

1) BOB JONES ("Rolling 'N Trolling") Lake Trout	18 lbs., 0 oz.
2) DARWIN GREGG ("Returner") Lake Trout	15 lbs., 8 oz.
3) RON HARTMAN ("Molly Frair") Lake Trout	14 lbs., 14 oz.



1st Place: "MY TREASURE" with Joe Golaszewski and crew.



2nd Place: "LAST DIME II" with Bob Ksionzek and crew.



3rd Place: "SLOPPY JOE" with Joe Von Grabe and crew.



4th Place: "ANTICIPATION" with Rob Pinskey and crew.



5th Place: "AQUARIUS II" with Chris Nytko and crew.



9th Place: "SINSATION" with Hank Baczynski and 'crew'.

PORT AUSTIN TEAM DOUBLES TOURNAMENT (June 6, 1999)

BOATS	PTS.
1) BLUE STAR/MARY K	146.00
2) ANTICIPATION/STEELIE	141.01
3) CAPT'N HOOK/LOKI ONE	134.12
4) SINSATION/ TOMORROW'S DREAM	112.13
5) EAGLE III/LOKI ONE	112.07
6) AQUARIUS II/ MICKEY MOUSE CLUB	112.03
7) RETURNER/GOLDEN OLDIE	100.06
8) LIL' SCRATCH/TYGER	95.00
9) MY TREASURE/ NOTHING BUT TROUBLE	86.04
10) SLOPPY JOE/THE BRAT	77.08
11) LUCKY FALCON ROLLIN' 'N TROLLIN'	70.15
12) MOLLY FRAIR/JUST ONE	45.00



1st Place (Team Doubles): "BLUE STAR" and "MARY K" crews.

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL TIME AT GRAND HAVEN

What a beautiful weekend for fishing! The weather co-operated with us to make for a very enjoyable experience. On Friday before the tourney, the boats that went out caught some nice fish, with a few real big ones, but the fish did not seem to there in huge numbers.

The next morning we all went out for the tournament/outing. I fished with another skipper because my boat was getting a new motor. I always find it interesting and enjoy crewing on another guy's boat, since you can always learn something new. It's also a challenge to fish in an environment different from the one you are used to. Bob Buero and his grandson on "Mickey Mouse Club" are great partners, and I thank them for the opportunity to fish with them. It certainly beats sitting on the pier!

We did not hit any fish for about the first two hours, and then we hooked a big King on a Dr. Death spoon from Silver Streak. After that first fish, we thought "Wow, now we're going to really get into this!" Well, another long drought set in, and our only other fish came a few hours later. The Fish Calls indicated that everyone was in the same boat, except for a few boats reporting a decent number of fish. On the other hand, the lake was smooth and fishing was very pleasant.

As we pulled lines, I was very excited to go to the weigh-in and picnic because a couple of boats which had not yet won a tournament had reported some good numbers of fish and I was eager to see who would come out on top.

As I cooked hot dogs and Polish sausages, Doug Karakas weighed in the catches, announcing the results in his loud voice: "Lake Trout, 5.06 pounds, King Salmon, 10.6 pounds

TOP GRAND HAVEN FINISHERS



1st Place: "TOMORROW'S DREAM" with Mark Stosiak, John Sullivan and John Holmes.



2nd Place: "DREDGE" with Ed Hill, Art Menard and Charles Webb.



3rd Place: "BOBBY'S TOY" with Bob Jones and Joe Jones.



4th Place: "LIL' SCRATCH" with Dick Shirk, Ed Pabisz and Walt Romanack.

... " When the smoke cleared, a skipper who works very hard every tourney, Mark Stosiak and his "Tomorrow's Dream" crew came out on top, with another real trouper, Ed Hill and "Dredge" finishing a close second.

After a shore lunch of 'dogs and brats, our fiesta was over and the group dispersed. Later on, some folks went fishing, while others walked the Boardwalk in downtown Grand Haven out to the pier. I ended up fishing with a local friend out of Port Sheldon. We didn't catch any fish, but we had a good time shooting

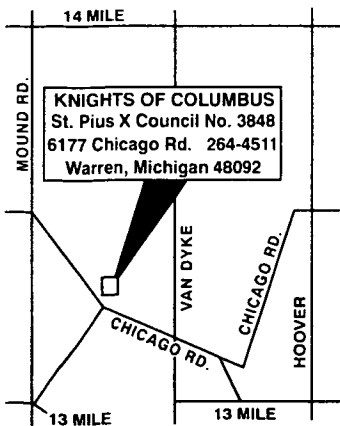
the bull and enjoying a nice spring sunset.

Unfortunately, I had to get home early the next morning due to a family emergency, or I would have been out on the lake again on Sunday. After the tournament, guys told me how enjoyable their entire stay in Grand Haven had been, with the nice shops, restaurants, sights, and activities in which they took part.

I look forward to our next trip to Grand Haven and the next time that I can go fishing out on the big water! Keep your rod tip up!

- Paul Colone, "The Kidd"

Here's how to get to DETROIT AREA STEELHEADER Monthly Membership Meetings



The **DEADLINE** for the July issue of **FISHIN' TALES** is **June 29, 1999**

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Address Correction Requested



MEETING NOTICE — PLEASE DO NOT DELAY!