



FISHING TALES



Manistee, Harbor Beach tourneys were great!!

The Detroit Area Steelheaders wrapped up another outstanding boat trolling tournament season in 1999 with good fishing at both Manistee on August 28 (no surprise there) and Harbor Beach on September 11 (a rather pleasant surprise!). Port Captain reports from each event are printed below.

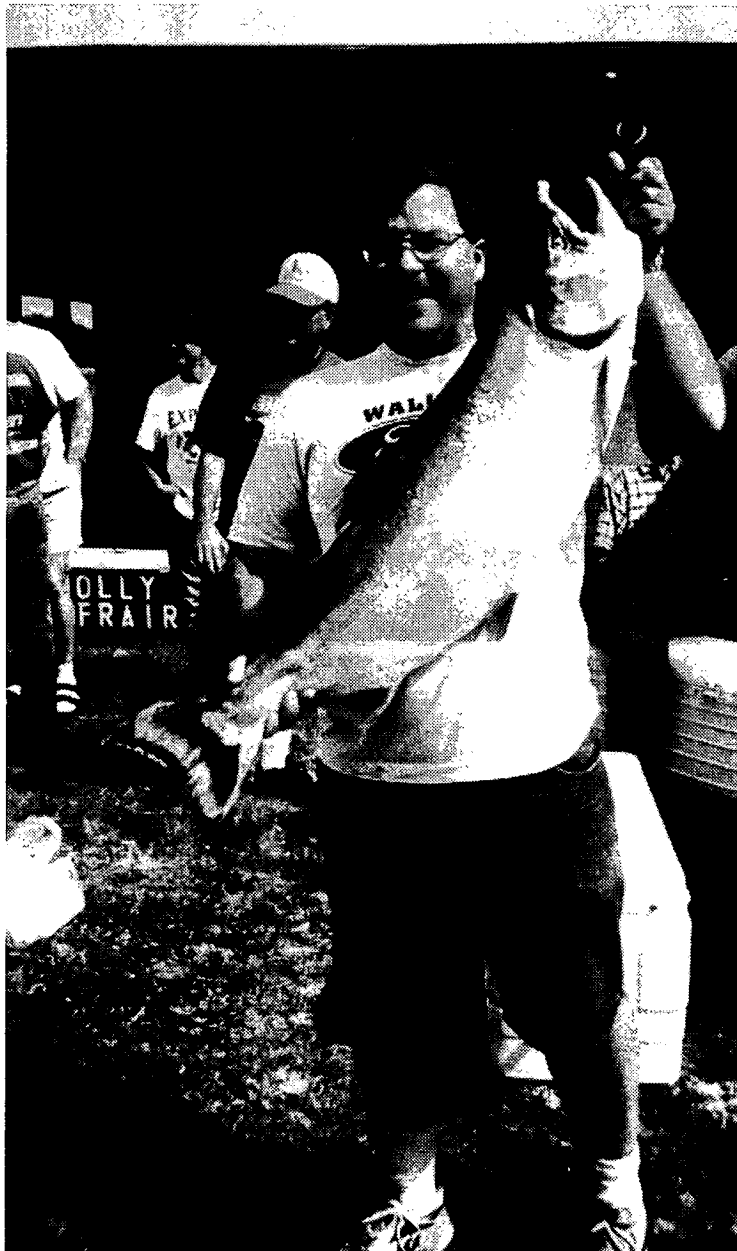
MANISTEE – Manistee found 23 boats joining in the fun, with 17 ultimately bringing fish to the weigh-in. At the Saturday morning Skippers meeting, the discussion centered on where to find the big ones – north or south of the pier heads. The weather was clear as we started off, with about a 2-foot chop on the lake, which slowly decreased as the sun came up. We ended up with another perfect fishing day.

At the early Fish Call, “Kare Free” and “Lil’ Scratch” each were reporting six fish in the box, with “Taz” and “The Kidd” close behind at five fish each. By noon, the early co-leaders had each added one more, but “Taz” had eight fish in its cooler, and “The Kidd” had managed to up its count to nine!

We pulled lines at 2 o’clock and headed back to port for the weigh-in and cook-out. The final tally showed “Taz” on top, followed by “Capt’n Hook” in second place, and “Eagle III” finishing third. There were some outstanding individual fish taken, including a 29-pound, 1-ounce Coho Salmon from “Eagle III,” a 27-pound, 6-ounce King Salmon taken on “Capt’n Hook,” and a 21-pound, 3-ounce King landed by “Mary K.”

As we ended another great Manistee tournament, many shared “fish stories,” some about the one that got away, while others headed off to the cleaning station to fillet the ones that didn’t get away!

– Ty Voigt, “Tyger” & Paul Schoenrade, “Eagle III”



THIS NEAR-MICHIGAN RECORD COHO SALMON (29 pounds, 1 ounce) was caught by Dave Staniczewski fishing aboard Skipper Paul Schoenrade’s “Eagle III” at Manistee. Well done, fellows!!

See Harbor Beach pictures & standings on Page 3, more Manistee pictures on Page 4.

HARBOR BEACH – The Detroit Area Steelheaders closed out another year of fine tournament fishing, wrapping up the 1999 season at Harbor Beach.

I’m happy to report that we found some very good King Salmon action at a port that has been notoriously unpredictable, with some rods just a-ripping.

If you happen to be the sort of Steelheader who is able to handle a strong offshore wind and a lot of tangle-ups, then this day turned out to be a good one for you. Most of the action was out in about 90’-130’ of water about 90’-125’ down. The surface temperature of the lake was 73° F.

Magnum spoons, dodgers and squids, and J-Plugs were the hot lures of the day. Very nice Kings and Lake Trout made up the bulk of the catch, but, of course, all the Lake Trout taken were released since they were out of season.

In addition to the Kings and Lakers, some Steelheads were also found in the area, up high.

Two boats tied for big fish of the day honors. “Aquarius II” and “Capt’n Hook II,” each came to the weigh-in with a 17-pound, 4-ounce King, while “Spoda-B” weighed in the next largest fish, another King.

Overall, “My Treasure” finished third and “Tomorrow’s Dream” took second place. “Capt’n Hook II” claimed the Grand Prize – First Place! Great job, Doug, Mary and Jay.

Thank you all for a great year of fishing!

– Robert Golaszewski, “Lucky Falcon”

Nets deadlock tribal negotiations

Public disclosure last month of developments in lengthy confidential negotiations over tribal netting rights reveals little progress, according to **North Woods Call** sources. Tribes continue to insist on adding more gill netting areas and more fish, say sources, while the state is willing to expand netting areas but not concede a higher percentage of fish to the tribes.

To accommodate two new tribes (Little River and Little Traverse), the Department of Natural Resource (D.N.R.) has offered to open netting areas off Manistee and Petoskey. But it is holding firm that the total allocation of fish to the nets not be enlarged.

Brian Schrouder of Michigan United Conservation Clubs (M.U.C.C.) says tribes are already taking far more than their 50% share. M.U.C.C., which is part of the negotiations, holds to its demand that the sport and commercial catch be divided 50-50.

According to D.N.R. AND tribal biologists, tribes are now taking at least 60% of the fish harvested in netting areas, including 65% of Lake Trout. In Lake Huron, they are taking 75%-plus of Lakers. This, stated one biologist, "means there should be a rollback in the tribal catch, not an expansion. Their Lake Trout catch dwarfs the sport catch. Yet they (tribes) are committed to Lake Trout rehabilitation."

M.U.C.C. also opposes opening any new areas to gill nets. If netting areas are to be expanded, Schrouder says, it must be with trap nets. The tribes want netting areas expanded to reach from Manistee through the Straits of Mackinac down to Alpena, including Walleye-rich Bay de Noc.

Under the 1985 agreement (which expires in 2000), tribal netting is limited to areas north of Leland and Hammond Bay, and in eastern Lake Superior. "The tribes oppose that zonal approach. M.U.C.C. contends we should build on the 1985 zonal foundation," Schrouder says.

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For Your Information . . .

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADER WEB SITE GROWING

The Detroit Area Steelheaders' presence on the World Wide Web is expanding. Club Webmaster Ed Wilczek recently added new pages which should give web site visitors a reason to keep returning. It also shows that, contrary to the massive media reports of late, the Internet isn't just a place to view smut and learn how to rain terror on the world.

A new photo gallery highlighting photographs taken by club members (see below) is now linked to our main page. This gallery gives us the opportunity to showcase the photographs taken at the various club fishing tournaments. With some of the Master Angler fish taken recently, our photo gallery should be one web site no fishing enthusiast would want to miss.

On September 8, a guest book/message board was added. This gives our members, guests and interested members of the public a place to post the latest fishing reports, make comments, ask questions, or send greetings to club members.

The Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council (G.L.S.F.C.) hosts our web site. Ed has been working with the Council as staff Webmaster for nearly two years. "I've worked out a deal with Dan Thomas, G.L.S.F.C. president, which has allowed us to use extra server space to expand our web site," Ed noted. There is a cost involved to have a club web page. The extra server space is considered 'compensation' of sorts for Ed's service as G.L.S.F.C. staff webmaster.

Plans are in the works to add a page of recipes on how to prepare fish. Recipes for inclusion on this new page can now be submitted to Ed. "I'd like to get from our membership some of the favorite ways they use to prepare their fish. This time of year, particularly, if someone has a really good smoker recipe, that would be great."

More important, there is a need to replace the 'how to rig' page that until recently could be linked from many of the G.L.S.F.C. web

pages. "I need information on every aspect of rigging you can think of - boat rigging, how to set up and use downriggers, planer boards, etc. - and the various river fishing techniques. If we can put together a first-rate page that clearly and concisely conveys this information, it will then be linked from a large number of different pages, giving our club a good deal more exposure on the Internet," Ed pointed out.

You can find the Detroit Area Steelheaders web page at:

<http://www.great-lakes.org/mi/detroitsteelheaders/index.html>

You'll be able to find links to the new pages from there. In addition, be sure to visit the G.L.S.F.C. web pages. There's also a great deal of information about fishing and general outdoor concerns to be found there. Remember, when you can't get outdoors, you can still fish and hunt via your computer, and that sure beats many of the alternatives!

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YEAR 2000 DINNER DANCE PLANS ARE SET

Tickets will go on sale for the 2000 Dinner Dance (Saturday, February 12, 2000) starting at the October membership meeting. Tickets purchased and paid for by December 30, 1999 are priced at \$30 per person; after that, the price is \$35. This Dinner Dance will feature a Fifties/Sixties theme with several celebrity guests on hand, a repeat by popular demand. Get your dancing shoes and theme outfits ready for a great, energetic evening. The last time we featured this theme, we had a sell-out crowd, so don't be shut out - plan to get your tickets early! If you have, or know someone who has a talent to share for this fun evening, or have any questions, please contact us at (248) 545-1181, or e-mail us at dasdinnerdance@aol.com.

—Doug & Mary Karakas
("Capt'n Hook II")
Dinner Dance Chairpersons

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BOARD ESTABLISHES MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST

There's still time for Detroit Area Steelheaders to enter the 1999 Photo Contest. We hope to get a lot of great photos for use in the **Fishin' Tales** Annual Issue, and in our web site Photo Gallery. The best photos will be selected by the Board of Directors at the December Board meeting, and prizes (\$50 - 1st, \$25 - 2nd, \$10 - 3rd) will be awarded at the Christmas meeting. Please submit your photo contest entries to **Fishin' Tales** Editor Bob Mitchell or President Ray Banbury. Pack your camera and film for that fall fishing trip, take your shots, and get your entries in!

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

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

OCTOBER 26, 1999 • NOVEMBER 30, 1999 • DECEMBER 21, 1999

RIVER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Nov. 6	MANISTEE 3-WAY	Doug Karakas, (248) 545-1181
Dec. 11	PERE MARQUETTE	Doug Karakas, (248) 545-1181

Top Harbor Beach Tournament Finishers



1st Place: "CAPT'N HOOK II" with Doug Karakas, Mary Karakas, and Jay Hoch.



2nd Place: "TOMORROW'S DREAM" with Mark Stosiak, John Sullivan, and Dennis Posyzwak.



3rd Place: "MY TREASURE" with Joe Golaszewski, Jeff Golaszewski, and Lou Bacsik.



4th Place: "BLUE STAR" with Stan Bilek, and Jan Piwowski.



5th Place: "HAWKEYE" with Larry Walter, Angus McIntyre, Mike Vigus and Tracy Blacker.



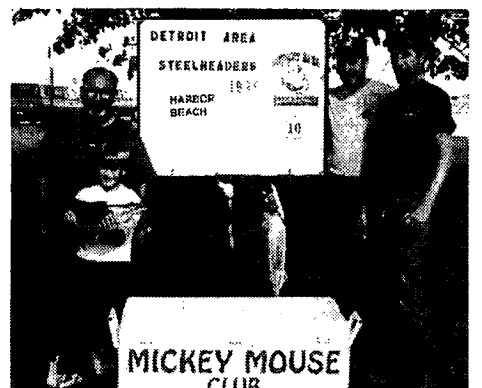
6th Place: "AQUARIUS II" with Chris Nytko, Augustyn Nytko, Jan Mikolajewski, Ted Przybyl, and Warren Wright.



7th Place: "EAGLE III" with Paul Schoenrade, Ed Morris, Fred Hynic, and Jim Bell.



9th Place: "RETURNER" with Darwin Gregg and Dick Turner.



10th Place: "MICKEY MOUSE CLUB" with Bob and Nicholas Buero, and Scott and Alan.

The DEADLINE
for the
November issue
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OCTOBER 26, 1999

HARBOR BEACH TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.	BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
1) CAPT'N HOOK II (Doug Karakas)	115.13	11) MOLLY FRAIR (Ron Hartman)	34.08
2) TOMORROW'S DREAM (M. Stosiak) ..	74.02	12) GOLDEN OLDIE (Howard York)	30.05
3) MY TREASURE (J. Golaszewski)	69.12	13) NAUTI-BUOY (Greg Zaccardelli)	28.10
4) BLUE STAR (Stanley Bilek)	64.03	14) JUST ONCE (Chuck Nutting)	26.09
5) HAWKEYE (Larry Walter)	60.06	15) THE BRAT (Ron Maschke)	23.08
6) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)	53.15	16) DREDGE (Edward Hill)	21.07
7) EAGLE III (Paul Schoenrade)	42.08	17) LUCKY FALCON (R. Golaszewski)	20.00
8) SLOPPY JOE (Joe Von Grabe)	41.10	18) MARY K (Kenneth Kuhar)	16.08
9) RETURNER (Darwin Gregg)	40.05	19) SPODA B (Rick Kittle)	11.14
10) MICKEY MOUSE CLUB (Bob Buero) ..	36.08	20) LADY'S CHOICE (Denis Harper)	0.00

Tribal net talks hit snag

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Documents filed in federal judge Dick Enslin's court reveal growing rifts among the tribes. The Grand Traverse band wants to reduce northern Lake Michigan fishing rights for Bay Mills and Soo tribes, and is said to be seeking authorization to sue sport fishermen for catching "their" fish! In an unrelated development, the Soo and Bay Mills tribes obtained a federal court order shutting down a Little Traverse band gambling casino.

Though not on the negotiating table thus far, inland hunting, fishing and gathering rights are a growing issue. The Grand and Little Traverse bands are said to have issued inland hunting and fishing regulations and licenses for their members, while the Little River (Manistee) band is issuing its members waterfowl hunting licenses.

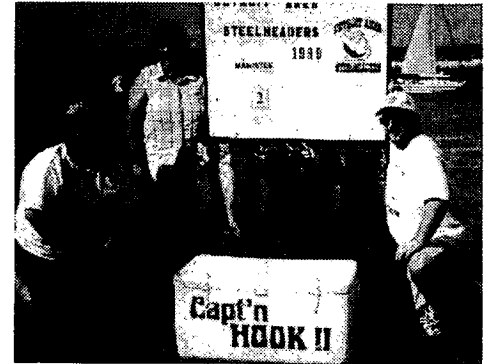
D.N.R. field wildlife boss John Hendrickson reports the department and tribes plan negotiations on game and non-game species. Judge Enslin has appointed Washington attorney John Bickerman as mediator to facilitate the negotiations, in a bid to avoid a full court legal confrontation over the fishing rights issue.

Attorney Steve Schultz, who has represented the Grand Traverse Area Sport Fishing Association since the 1980's and also represents a coalition that includes anglers groups from Trout Unlimited to Hammond Bay and the state Chamber of Commerce, says he is optimistic Bickerman can bring the parties together in a resource-based settlement. Enslin, he notes, has consistently ruled in favor of the resource (fish), and Bickerman has experience and credibility in dealing with such issues. Reprinted from *The North Woods Call*, Sept. 8, 1999.

Top Manistee Tourney Finishers



1st Place: "TAZ" with Daniel Dima, Bob Burns, and unidentified crew members.



2nd Place: "CAPT'N HOOK II" with Doug and Mary Karakas, Jay Hoch, and Jeff Lawless.



3rd Place: "EAGLE III" with Paul Schoenrade, Ed Morris, Dave Staniczewski, and Jim Bell.



4th Place: "KARE FREE" with Tom Moores, John Schulte, and Larry Hale.

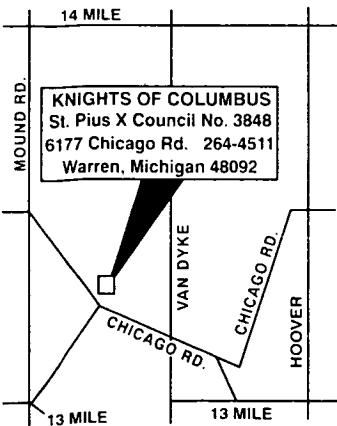


5th Place: "THE KIDD" with Paul Colone, Chris Valente, Jeff Johnson, and Mr. Rollie.



8th Place: "HAPPY BARE" with Don Anton, Ron Clewett, Danny Davis, and Ed Horn.

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



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