



# FISHIN' TALES

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## JIM BEDFORD TO SPEAK

### OCTOBER MEETING

Jim Bedford is the scheduled speaker for the upcoming October general member meeting. Anyone who has seen Jim present will tell you its one you won't want to miss.

Jim is the father of spinner bait fishing having refined many of the concepts used here in Michigan. He'll make you a believer in fishing spinners for steelhead and salmon in rivers and show you how to make your own spinners.

### CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE

The Clean Michigan Initiative is a 675 million-dollar bond proposal put forth by the Engler Administration that covers a variety of environmental needs. It is a proposal that is enthusiastically supported by Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and one that needs your vote to become a reality.

While the Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) is by no means an answer to all of Michigan's environmental problems, MUCC believes it is a step in the right direction and a step that has been long in coming. The greatest portion of the money, 335 million dollars, will be

devoted to brownfield redevelopment and environmental cleanup. Environmental cleanup and brownfield redevelopment enhance local environments and economies, and also promote effective land use by reducing urban sprawl and development pressure on open green spaces and farmland. State-funded cleanups help local governments and potential developers to safely restore contaminated property and return it to productive use.

Because of the alarming rate at which we are losing natural and farmland in this State, it is both wise and prudent to do all that we can to encourage the cleanup of previously used sites so that they can be revitalized and used again.

Apart from brownfield redevelopment, the remaining 340 million dollars is dedicated to a variety of tasks. The next largest portion, 90 million dollars, is dedicated to the Clean Water Fund to protect and improve water quality; 50 million dollars will be directed to non-point source pollution control grants. Another \$50

million will be given to local parks and recreation, with an additional \$50 million be given to State Park revitalization. \$50 million more will be given to waterfront reclamation and revitalization, \$20 million will be used for pollution prevention, \$5 million for lead hazard control and, finally, \$25 million will be used for the clean up of contaminated sediments.

It is also important to note that no bond money may be used for gambling facility projects or professional sports teams, or stadium or arena projects or for commercial or municipal marina development.

No more than 3% of the bond amounts specified may be used by the implementing department for the purpose of administration either. The MDEQ and MDNR must also submit annual reports on the status of the projects that are being funded to the Governor and the Legislature. To summary, a "yes" vote on Proposal C will help us to provide cleaner lakes, rivers and streams to people in the State of Michigan. It will help reduce urban sprawl and enhance Michigan's reputation

as an outstanding travel destination.

It's going to enhance local recreation opportunities, provide for better roads and electrical, water and sewer systems in our State Parks. It shows responsible stewardship on the part of state agencies and will help protect the public's health and safety. For all of these reasons, MUCC joins with the bipartisan support that was generated in the passage of the motion to place this bill on the ballot for the November election.

*MUCC believes that a "yes" vote on Proposal C will do just what is advertised. VOTE 'YES' ON 'C' FOR A CLEANER MICHIGAN.*

**For further information, please contact Holly Madill at [mucc@mucc.org](mailto:mucc@mucc.org) or Phone 517-371-1041**

### **COOLER OF CHEER!**

The Detroit Area Steelheaders annual cooler of cheer raffle will again take place this Fall. The lucky winning ticket will be drawn at the annual Christmas meeting on Dec. 15. The lucky winner will receive **a 128-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.

For the October membership meeting, for every \$15 of cooler ticket sales turned in by a member, you will receive one chance at a **Winner's Choice Prize Package**. There are four

prizes to choose from; a quartz halogen spotlight, an AC electric fillet knife, a Normark 50# digital scale or a set of 8X compact rubber binoculars. You will have your name put in the drawing two times if you sell \$30 in tickets, 3 times for \$45.

Names will remain in the

### **ATTENTION RIVER RATS**

Winter tournament Schedules for 1998-99 River Rats. For information call River tournament chairman Doug Karakas at (248) 545-1181

**Oct. 31 Manistee River- 3 way**

**Dec. 5 Ausable River & Surf**

**Dec. 15 Xmas Party - K of C**

**Feb. 13 Dinner dance**

drawing for the November monthly meeting where a lucky member will win choice of one of the three remaining prizes. Finally, the overall top ticket seller will win a **Shakespeare Portable hand-held marine radio**. (This is a great boat tool, so you may want to talk to your crew and pool your results.) Contact

Ray Banbury - (248) 542-8007 or Rob Golaszewski (810) 778-0927 for additional tickets.

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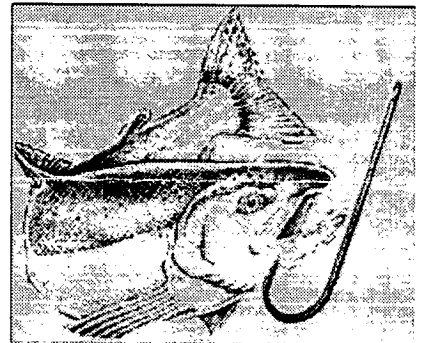
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 15 at our MEETING**  
**PLACE - 13 Mile K of C in**  
**Warren.....**

**DIRECTOR ELECTIONS COMING**  
**DECEMBER**

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

This is a chance to help direct our club and to give back some of what you have gained by being a member.

Interested parties should contact Paul Colone or Steve Hamilton, or any other board member at the October meeting. All you have to do is to fill out a short form stating your interests and how you can help. The candidate's info. will appear in the November issue of Fishin' Tales.



### **BIG "M" 3-WAY FISHOFF**

The annual fish-off with Metro-West and Saginaw STEELHEADERS is set for October 31 on the Big Manistee and Little Manistee rivers.

The 1998 Edition of the Inter-club rivalry is the twelfth annual tournament pitting the skills of each club against the other two. The coveted prize is a traveling trophy and bragging rights for the coming year.

Doug Karakas will again head the tournament for the DAS. The winner will be decided on the basis of total weight of fish

caught (with a limit of three fish per man) divided by the number of each club's fishermen.

The tentative fishing hours are from 6am until 4 p.m. with a weigh-in from 4:30 p.m. until 5pm at Fisherman's Headquarters. Check with Doug to confirm.

All Detroit Area STEELHEADERS are encouraged to participate. You can sign up at the October meeting or at Fisherman's Headquarters in Wellston before the tourney. If you need more information call Doug at (248) 545-1181 or see him at the October meeting. This is a fabulous event; one that you won't want to miss. Beginners are especially welcome; and we are hoping for a large turnout. .... Doug

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**RUN FOR A DIRECTOR  
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**

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**DINNER DANCE**

Tickets to the Annual Dinner Dance can be purchased at the Christmas meeting. The dance will take place on February 13 at the K of C hall. Tickets are regularly \$60 per couple. However, if you purchase a table of 8 before the end of the year you will also receive a special prize worth at least \$20.

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.

**BOMBING for CHINOOKS**

Many Chinook fishermen in the St. Mary's River have taken a lesson from nighttime walleye fishermen and now go after kings when most people are home sleeping.

These late night anglers use a stealthy approach called "bombing" to boat their kings.

Most use an electric trolling motor, making their approach all the quieter. They troll slowly, and most of the use Bombers for lures, which is how this nighttime technique got its name.

From what I've seen, the results make it worth the late hours.

But it does take a bit of commitment. The best fishing is often found between the hours of 11pm and 4am.

When the fish are turned on, bombing enthusiasts seem to get their fish whenever they head out, and in short order. The setup is not elaborate.

Rather than using downriggers, bombing enthusiasts use a 3-way swivel rig with a short dropper to a sinker and a leader, which is anywhere from 18 inches to three feet or more to the lure. Put the lure all the way to the bottom, and troll slowly against the current. One guy I fish with can just about announce when a strike is about to occur. He'll pick up fish on his depth finder, and seconds later a Chinook is on the line.

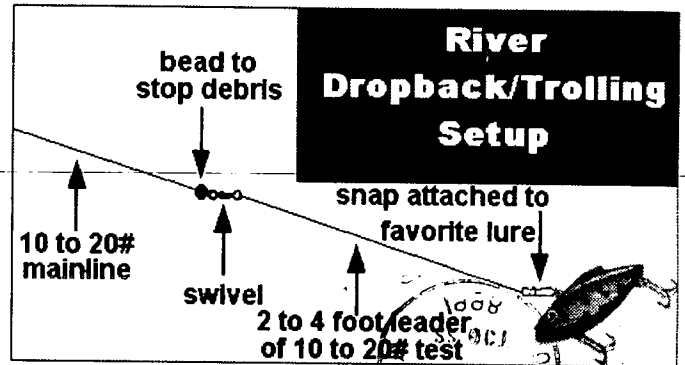
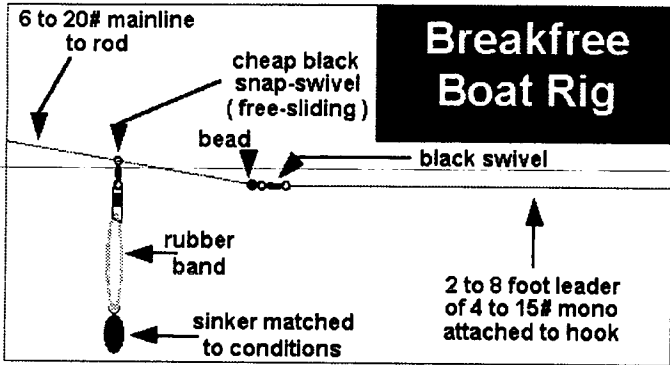
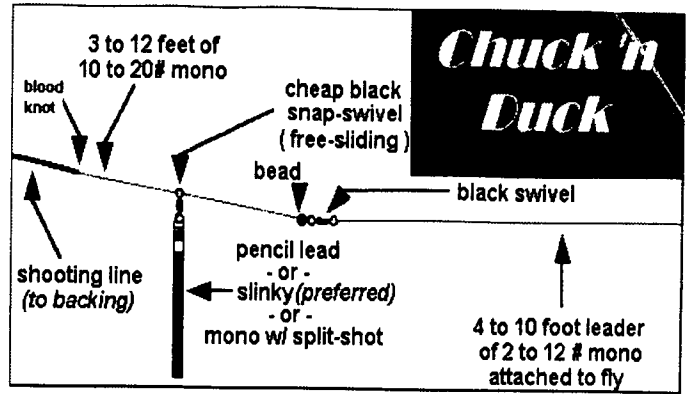
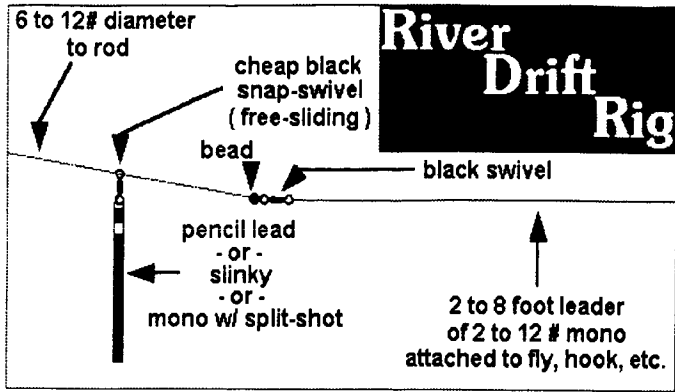
The best spots to try this technique include the foot of the St. Mary's rapids, where the bulk of the river's Chinooks gather to spawn, and a stretch of river between the Edison Sault Electric Company powerhouse and farther downstream to Sugar Island ferry dock.

A growing number of anglers head over to where the Garden River meets the St Mary's on the north side of Sugar Island. This is a narrow section of water where you will be in Ontario water one minute and Michigan water the next.

Make sure you have proper licenses, or else be careful about where you fish. The same goes for the rapids and the water just below them, which are split by the international boundary.

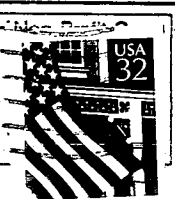
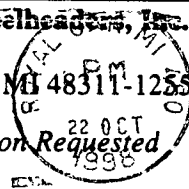
You can launch your boat at the Aune Osborn ramp down the street from Woody's One Stop on Portage Avenue, where you can also get a current salmon report. For information call Woody's at (906) 632-7361.

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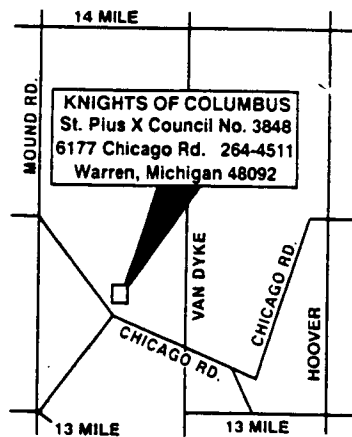
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**Monthly Membership Meetings**



**Nighttime Bobber Drifting**

