

## IT'S SHOW TIME!

### SHOWS CONTINUE

We still need help in manning the booth at fishing shows. The DAS will be at the Palace, Outdoorama and the Silverdome shows. If you can help, please call Mark Luff at 585-4491

Your help is needed and appreciated.

### RIVER CRAB TOURNEY

This year's River Crab Salmon Stakes Tournament takes place on April 27. Again this year, the River Crab is the first tournament on our club schedule.

Mr. Rob Helzer and Andy Remeselnik, of the Blue Water Sportfishing Association; co-sponsor of the event; will be at our Feb. 27th meeting. Randy will discuss the rules and prizes at this meeting.

The Bluewater Mental Health and Child Guidance Clinic of Port Huron and seven other Michigan agencies benefitted 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 (\$10) and dinner tickets (\$12) should be available at this meeting. If you have any further questions regarding the River Crab, contact Don Redmond at 23655 E. Scott, Clinton Twp., Mi. 48036 or call (313) 469-8344.

### 1996 BOAT DIRECTORY

Don Redmond will be collecting information for the 1996 Detroit Area Steelheaders Boat Directory. See Don at the February meeting to complete a form or call him at (810) 469-8344, if you won't be attending. The directory will be laminated for easy on-board storage

### 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 TIPS

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 resharpening. 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.

### LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Be sure to mark **March 30** on your calendar. This is the date for the 1996 Detroit Area Steelheaders Vegas party. Look for more details in upcoming issues or at the meetings.

## LITE LINER TIP

Have you tried a slinky? It's a piece of hollow cord that holds your split shot. West Coast steelheaders found that putting their shot inside these cords significantly reduced hangups. The first slinkys were made from parachute cord.

You can now buy them commercially or make your own. If you can't find parachute cord, basketball hoop netting is another source for the hollow cord. Cut off a 4-6" length of cord. Seal off one end by using a flame. Fill with different numbers or sizes of shot. Seal off the other end and you're ready to go.

Use a snap swivel to hook through one end of the cord. Put your main line through the eye of the snap and attach the line to a barrel swivel so the slinky will slide free above the barrel swivel. Tie your leader to the other end of the barrel swivel and you're ready to fish nearly snag free.

## WATA SHAME!

This year's WATA tournament has been canceled. Unfortunately, the former tournament director retired and no one stepped forward to take on the responsibility. DAS President, Doug Karakas has said that the Detroit Steelheaders will conduct a chapter tournament on the Big Manistee on March 9. See Doug for details.

## DINNER DANCE

The 1996 Detroit Steelheaders Dinner Dance was a tremendous success. In addition to the great meal and raffle prizes, the highlight of the evening was when former DAS member, Elvis took time off his job at the Burger King in Kalamazoo to show up for the party.

The attendees were even more surprised when he showed up in a Dick Jackson costume. President Karakas quickly got things back on track by telling Elvis the Dick Jackson look alike contest had been canceled.

In all seriousness, anyone who missed this year's party simply missed the best. Don't make the same mistake next year.

A well deserved "Thank You" and "Ata Girl" goes out to Mary Karakas who chaired this year's event.

### SPECIAL DATES

Palace Feb. 29-Mar. 3

Outdoorama Feb. 23-Mar. 3

Member Meeting Feb 27

Member Meeting Mar 26

Vegas Party Mar 30

### BOAT TOURNAMENTS

River Crab April 27

St Joe May 4

Harbor Beach May 18

Pt Austin June 1

Special People June 15

Ladies Day June 29

Erieau Walleye July 20

Ludington August 3

Manistee August 24

Harbor Beach Sept. 7

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