

TOURNAMENTS IN FULL SWING

LADIES DAY A BIG SUCCESS

The sun shined upon us and the water held the waves down to a minimum for the annual ladies day Oscoda tournament. It was our day to show the men our tricks and we did our best, considering we didn't use our traditional Oscoda techniques. The fish normally caught on the bottom were taken in the top forty feet off spoons.

At the weigh-in, we all waited for the results to be tallied with great **ANTICIPATION**. ANTICIPATION? For the second year in a row, the Pinskey crew on Anticipation took first place in our annual ladies day event.

The food afterwards was plentiful and delicious as usual. Great job guys? Thanks to Mike and Fran for the wonderful cake. And, as always a VERY BIG THANKS to Doug and Jan at Fellows.

So ended a perfect day with friends. See you next year in Oscoda. Cindy-Wet Paint

LUDINGTON TOURNAMENT AUG. 1 & 2

The first tournament of August will see us at the port of Ludington for a two day tournament. The start times will include a skipper's meeting at 5am at the Municipal Marina. The send off will be at 6am at the pier heads. The weigh-in is scheduled for 3:30 PM on Saturday at Peter Copian Park; the same as in prior year's. We will not have hotdogs at 3:30 as we have instead opted for a beach party to start at 6:30. No need to bring a dish, just an appetite. Details at the weigh-in.

Sunday's tournament will also start at 6am at the pier heads but there will not be a prior skipper's meeting. Maps and details will be available at

the July meeting or the skippers meeting.
Bob Mitchell (558-6547) Port Capt.

FISHING LUDINGTON

Ludington is one of the great salmon fishing ports of the state, maybe even the country. There is a wide variety of structure to hold fish under different conditions.

Where the fish are from year to year can vary and those who only fish the Point will be disappointed sooner or later. In the past, hot spots have included, South off the Pump Storage Facility, straight out near the 100' foot break, North off Sergeant Sands, off the Bath House, of course the Point (Big Sable Point) and even Northwest of the point in 600'.

The first test of Ludington is knowing where to go. A quick check of the tackle store, charters or just the "guys" already there will give you some clues.

Where the fish are will give you a clue as to the baits to use. Be prepared to use spoons if the fish are 30-70 feet deep. Dodgers will be the ticket if they are deeper than 70'. Spoons and stick baits could be hot if steelhead are near shore.

The #1 spoon over the years at Ludington is an M&M; a green & chartreuse taped Northport Nailer or the equivalent. Be sure to try some along with your favorite combinations. The top dodgers have been white or chrome trailing glow squids. Steelhead like red or chrome spoons behind Yellow Birds.

Another trick to Ludington is currents. Watch your downrigger cables for signs of deep currents.

If you troll North the cables may be straight down at 2.0 knots. Then you troll South at the same speed and they are at a steep angle. You have found a current headed North! Speed up going North and slow down going South to keep your baits working effectively. The Point is probably the place where you will find strong currents..maybe North, maybe South.

The final key to Ludington is to fish closer to shore in the AM and then move off shore as the day progresses.

Follow these basic tips and you will catch fish at this port.

PRESQUE ISLE '93 JULY 31/AUG. 1

The weekend of July 31 and August 1 will take our fleet to the port of Presque Isle. This is a first time port for a DAS tournament. This port is located between Alpena and Rogers City. The marina is brand new, but in a somewhat secluded area. There is a store and a restaurant at the marina.

Many of our club members have fished this port before with excellent results; especially for kings. This is a **two day tournament**. The skippers meeting Saturday will be held near the Marina Office at 5 a.m. with a tournament start at 6 a.m. at the pier heads. We will pull lines at 2 p.m. and Saturdays weigh-in will be at 3 p.m. There will be NO skippers meeting on Sunday. (cont.)

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Presque Isle (cont.)

We will leave the pier heads at 6 a.m., pull lines at 12 noon and weigh-in at 1 p.m. Additional information will be available at the July meeting. Hope to see you there—Mike Wakulski

SPRING SHOW CANCELED

Club President Bob Gilbert announced the demise of the Spring Show at the June membership meeting. Months of deliberation by the board of directors led to the vote to cancel the past popular event. Steadily dropping attendance and club profit the past few years just did not justify the amount of effort that such an event takes.

Historically, the Detroit Area Steelheaders pioneered the spring show when Detroit director Bruce Gibson came up with the idea that coordinated the March membership meeting with experts and equipment manufacturers. That famous first show was held at the Troy-Hilton back in 1975. Over 2000 people attended that super spring meeting.

After that the show was held at various other places before landing at the Dearborn Civic Center for 12 years. Last year, the event was held at the Waterford Community Center as a last effort to make the show profitable.

It is generally conceded that the demise of the Spring Show was the increase in competition from a number of new shows, including Cobo Hall, Pontiac Silverdome and of course the Palace Show.

Moving forward, the board of directors need your ideas and suggestions for possible other ventures. If you have any ideas, please let a board member know.

JULY MEETING

Les Jump will bring his boat Alices Angler to the July membership meeting. He will discuss great lakes trolling and demonstrate rigging your boat for this sport. If you want to learn more or just review, don't miss this meeting. The tackle raffle for July will feature a smoker and a

salmon net. Buy a ticket.

SPECIAL PEOPLE OUTING

The Special People Outing was another success. Tim Graskiewicz did an outstanding job in pulling together this event. In all, 30 boats participated and good catches of walleye were had by all. After the picnic, several Steelheaders demonstrated how to fillet walleyes in a hurricane. It was very informative! Those that participated will tell you the highlight of the event is the smiles on the kids faces. Sometimes we all take for granted what we have.

We are just glad we can give a little back. Thanks to Tim and all of the Detroit Steelheaders who participated. We look forward to seeing you there again next year.

STEELHEADERS DONATE TO MSU

Howard Tanner, father of the salmon program was at the June meeting along with Professor Tom Coon. After the informative talk, President Bob Gilbert handed Dr. Tanner a check for \$500 for use in fisheries research at MSU. Money well spent.

CORRECTION

A previous issue erroneously reported the amount of the Detroit Area Steelheaders donation to the Benzie Coalition. The correct amount of the donation was \$250.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING WINNER!

Dick Shirk won \$40 dollars at the June meeting; just for being there! (Dick was seen the next day leaving Lakeside with a stuffed paper bag.) The attendance award goes back to \$30 dollars for the July meeting. Be there!

PRACTICING CATCH AND RELEASE

Why release fish? A fish is far too valuable a resource to be caught only once. and besides, a personal commitment to conservation will certainly go a long way toward preserving the future of our sport fishery. Size, season and bag regulations make release mandatory and stressed fish populations need our help to

recover. The future of sport fishing is in our hands. Pass it on!

How do we begin? Make up your mind that you are going to release a percentage of your day's catch, concentrating on our club's minimum 18" size limit. If you are going to release a fish, land it as quickly as possible, don't play it to exhaustion. If you should catch a fish in deep water work it slowly to the surface so it can adjust to pressure changes. Leave the fish in the water and try to not handle it if you can. Use a tool to remove the hook. Use a net only if there is no other way to control the fish. If you must handle a fish use a wet hand, glove or wet rag to hold it. Never put your hand into the gills of a fish you plan to release. This is a quick way to kill a fish.

Avoid removing the protective mucus that fish have on their bodies. Always try to get the fish back into the water as fast as possible. Protect yourself against personal injury by handling it carefully and correctly. In removing the hook always try to back it out the opposite way with as little tissue damage as possible.

Use a needle nose pliers, hemostat, or hookout to remove the hooks and to protect yourself. In the final moments, place your fish in the water gently, supporting its midsection and tail until it swims away.

Resuscitate an exhausted fish by moving it back and forth or towing it alongside the boat to force water through its gills. Watch your fish to make sure it swims away. If it doesn't, recover it and try again.

Remember, a released fish has an excellent chance of recovery if it is handled carefully and correctly.

As I've said many time, a successful day on the water is not necessarily measured by the number of fish in the cooler. So lets all help our fish stocks increase through catch and release. The future of our sport depends upon it. Pass it on! Dick Shirk--Lil Scratch

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Skipper	ST. J	CRAB	HB	PA	OSC	Total
Rob Pinsky	75	1	75	2	1	4
Don Redmond	50	8	4	8	2	14
Dave Even	50	5	50	7	3	15
Joe Golazewski	7	20	8	15	4	19
Ed Wilczek	50	28	1	12	9	22
Don Anton	4	9	50	9	75	22
Walt Pohorily	8	2	75	50	16	26
Jimmy Hardrick	15	32	5	6	75	26
Dick Shirk	75	16	7	4	50	27
Mark Lubowski	6	10	75	14	75	30
Chris Nytko	10	22	50	16	10	36
Ron Hartman	50	17	50	10	17	44
Les Jump	12	30	3	75	50	45
Milt Knapp	50	33	11	75	6	50
Dave Roehr	9	38	6	50	50	53
Mike Wakulski	50	50	50	3	8	61
Leon Van Eden	75	43	50	5	13	61
Doug Karakas	2	75	50	50	14	66
Tim Graskiewicz	75	6	10	75	50	66
Bob Mitchell	50	19	75	1	50	70
Hank Baczynski	50	50	50	13	11	74
Ken Kuhar	50	21	50	50	7	78
Bob Bessler	13	75	50	50	15	78
Tom Moores	50	25	9	75	75	84
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