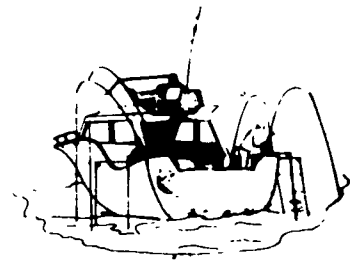




# FISH TALES



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## Big kings show up at Ludington!

Twenty-five boats made the tow to Ludington for the 1993 edition of our annual tournament stop there. Ludington was a two-day event, and is considered by many to be THE tourney of the year.

The enthusiasm level was high, as a number of Steelheaders had a chance to fish the port before the tournament, and reported good fishing. Dave Roehr and crew fished aboard Captain Bob Kring's "Drifter" and reported good action on spoons straight out from port in deep water. Dave Even's "Teacher's Pet" had put a 30-pounder in the box on the Thursday before tourney weekend! Most of the charter boats were doing well fishing south, off the Project.

But, alas, Mother Nature decided to take the advantage away from those early-fishing boats with a strong blow on Friday that kept everyone in port. In addition, She turned the water over in the Big Lake.

As the tournament got underway on Saturday morning, the big question facing all the skippers was where to go. A number of boats headed south off the Project, several headed straight out to 'Kring Country', and still others head for the Point. Those which ran up to the Point were in for a shock – the surface water temperature was down to 44° F! A couple of boats stayed in that area,

fishing the temperature break near the cold water; most headed for deeper water.

Saturday's first fish call verified that fishing had slowed down, but most boats reported some fish caught. There didn't seem to be one particular hot spot, as three boats seemed to be on fish: one off the Project, one straight out, and one to the north.

The Saturday weigh-in identified three boats as the leaders. Dave Even's "Teacher's Pet" led the way with eight fish taken in deep water, straight out. Second at the half-way mark was Leon Van Eden in "Bullhead," whose catch included a monster 27-pound king taken at about 12:30 p.m. north off the temp break. Third was "My Treasure," which weighed in a nice catch taken south off the project. The common denominator was that everyone was having luck using spoons.

On Saturday night, the club had a picnic on the beach near the state park. Thanks go to everyone who helped out to make it a real success! There was lots of beer and brats, and talk of which tactics to use on Sunday's tournament finale. Given that the three leading boats had each fished different areas, the rest of the fleet had to decide whose lead to follow, and where to go.

Sunday dawned with another surprise from Mother Nature. The fishing turned out

to be worse than on Saturday, not better as everyone was expecting. Most of the charter boats were reporting only three or four fish, and the first fish call revealed that it was still a race among the three top boats from the first day. The fishing did seem to be a little better in the deep water straight out. Most of the tourney fleet migrated there.

At the scales, the major surprise turned out to be not the three Saturday leaders but rather a boat that wasn't a factor on the first day. Gene Burbary came to the scales with the top catch of the day. Gene had gone straight out to deep water, but he went deeper than anyone else, and found the fish there! Great job, Gene (or was it really Kathy?!).

When the weigh-in was complete, Leon Van Eden and "Bullhead" had edged out Dave Even and "Teacher's Pet" to take top honors. Congratulations to Leon and the "Bullhead" crew!

A few final thoughts on the tournament. We have seen a lot of big 20-pounds-plus kings taken over the past several tournaments. It appears that the 'big boys' are back, albeit not in great numbers. It's really encouraging, and let's hope it keeps getting better. If you're not fishing these days, you could be missing the chance to take a real monster king (like the 43-pound, 15-ounce brute taken off Muskegon recently!).

Good fishing to all!!

– Bob Mitchell, "Kemo"



"ANTICIPATION," crewed by Brenda and Darlene Pinskey, claimed first place at the Ladies Day tournament earlier this summer. More pictures of Ladies Day tourney leaders are on Page Three.

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## Weir-taken salmon may have a better use

Surplus salmon taken at weirs, for which the state now receives a pittance, might be valuable in bartering Indian netting rights. Grand Traverse Area Sports Fishing Association spokesman Bill Hicks says the DNR should consider trading weir-harvested salmon for tribal netting rights. "I'm not endorsing the idea. I may not understand all the implications. But it sure looks like something that should be seriously considered," Hicks says.

Tempo Tech has been harvesting surplus salmon and eggs for more than a decade. The company pays almost nothing for the fish and eggs. The DNR considers the money it saves from not having to operate the weirs and dispose of the salmon primary payment for the fish and eggs. In 1992, Tempo Tech paid the DNR \$1,092.68 for 1,235,562 pounds of salmon, and in 1991, \$449.11 for 1,018,495 pounds!

Sources state that the eggs and salmon have become highly profitable, one source claiming that Tempo Tech has made a "fortune" on its weir operations. The fish and eggs may have had minimal value in the 1970's, but now there are highly profitable markets for them. In fact, some critics of the present arrangement suggest the fish and eggs are now worth "millions."

Tribal netters are also making big bucks on the more than 500,000 pounds of salmon they net to. In 1993, they began using floating gill nets extending 120 feet below the surface!

It was previously suggested the DNR offer tribes the opportunity to operate the weirs and market those fish, but the idea failed due to lack of profit potential. Now that the fish are valuable, the DNR should study turning over the weir operations to the tribes when existing contracts expire next winter.

The DNR likes the idea, but questions its workability. Since netting rights belong to tribes and not individuals, DNR officials doubt that the tribes would be willing to be responsible for manning the weirs. Says the M.U.C.C.'s Tom Washington: "It is a good idea. There certainly is a lot of value in it for them (the tribes)." Perhaps something can be worked out.

From the *Northwoods Call*, August 4, 1993.

## "Skipper of the Year" Standings

(Through August 22, 1993)

PLACE/SKIPPER	BOAT	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Tot.
1) DAVE EVEN	"Teacher's Pet"	50	5	50	7	3	5	2	2	17
2) JOE GOLASZEWSKI	"My Treasure"	7	20	8	15	4	1	15	3	23
3) DON REDMOND	"Trena Dawn"	50	8	4	8	2	7	5	10	26
4) LEON VAN EDEN	"Bullhead"	75	43	50	5	13	2	10	1	31
5) WALT POHORILY	"Main Squeeze"	8	2	75	50	16	3	7	75	36
6) DON ANTON	"Happy Bare"	4	9	50	9	75	12	17	7	41
7) JIM HARDRICK	"My Dream"	15	32	5	6	75	9	19	14	49
8) CHRIS NYTKO	"Aquarius II"	10	22	50	16	10	75	6	11	53
9) DICK SHIRK	"Lil' Scratch"	75	16	7	4	50	18	75	8	53
10) RON HARTMAN	"Molly Frair"	50	17	50	10	17	4	18	13	61
11) LES JUMP	"Alice's Angler"	12	30	3	75	50	8	12	75	65
12) ED WILCZEK	"Pat's Competition"	50	28	1	12	9	75	75	21	71
13) KEN KUJAR	"Mary K"	50	21	50	50	7	11	13	20	72
14) BOB MITCHELL	"Kemo"	50	19	75	1	50	75	1	4	75
15) RON HUEY	"Half R's"	3	7	75	75	75	13	3	50	76
16) DAVE ROEHR	"Floating Holiday"	9	38	6	50	50	16	75	19	88
17) MIKE WAKULSKI	"Wet Paint"	50	50	50	3	8	75	16	12	89
18) TOM MOORES	"Kare-Free"	50	25	9	75	75	75	9	6	99
19) MARK LUBOWSKI	"Big Intentions"	6	10	75	14	75	75	11	75	106
20) BOB BESSLER	"Wendy Ann"	13	75	50	50	15	17	75	24	119

Best 5 of 8 scores

A = St. Joseph  
E = Oscoda

B = River Crab  
F = Manistee

C = Harbor Beach  
G = Presque Isle

D = Port Austin  
H = Ludington

## Coming Events

### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m.

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

SEPTEMBER 28, 1993 • OCTOBER 26, 1993 • NOVEMBER 30, 1993

### PIERISURF & RIVER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
October 9	AU SABLE (Pier/Surf)	Doug Karakas, 545-1181
October 23	MANISTEE (Pier/Surf)	Doug Karakas, 545-1181
November 6	MANISTEE RIVER (Three-way)	Doug Karakas, 545-1181
December 4	AU SABLE RIVER	Doug Karakas, 545-1181
January 15	CLINTON RIVER	Doug Karakas, 545-1181
February 5	HIGGINS LAKE	Doug Karakas, 545-1181
March 5	W.A.T.A. (Tentative date)	Doug Karakas, 545-1181

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

#### ATTENDANCE PRIZE GOES UNCLAIMED

Member Edward Horen's name was drawn at the August membership meeting for the Attendance prize. Unfortunately, Ed was not on hand to claim the \$30 prize. Therefore, the September prize is \$40! Be there - you can't win if you're not at the meeting!

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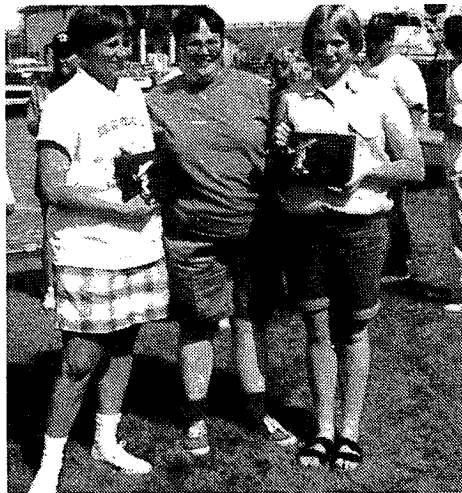
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# LADIES DAY TOURNAMENT LEADERS



2nd - "TRENA DAWN": Don Redmond, Gene Burbary, Kathy Burbary, Joel Garinger and Donna Garinger.



3rd - "TEACHER'S PET": Ellen, Judy and Christy.



5th - "MORE MONEY": Mike Chimelak, Fran, Nancy, Cheryl, and Irv.



7th - "MARY K": Ken Kuhar, Adele, Mary, and Rayann.



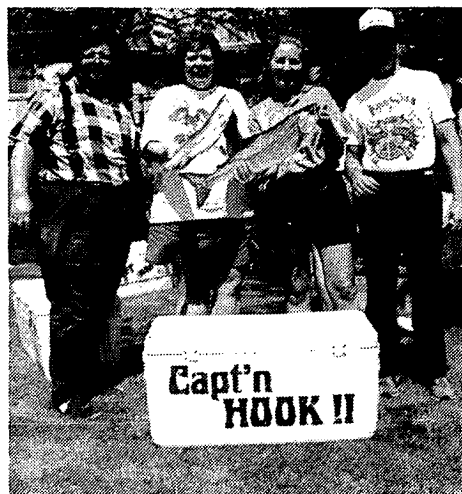
8th - "WET PAINT": Mike Wakulski, Cindy Wakulski, and Pat Wakulski.



12th - "VOYAGEUR": Dick Jackson, Marie Jackson, and Denny Petty.



13th - "BULLHEAD": Leon Van Eden and April Van Eden.



14th - "CAPT'N HOOK II": Doug Karakas, Mary Karakas, Becky Thompson, Mark Thompson, Kathy Carman, and Nathan Carman.

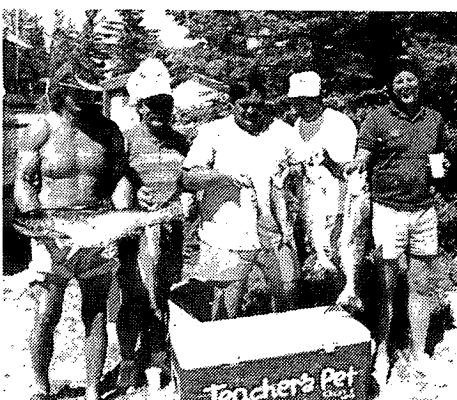


16th - "MAIN SQUEEZE": Walt Pohorily, Chris Pohorily, Carmen Pohorily, and Sarah.

## PRESQUE ISLE TOURNAMENT LEADERS



1st — "KEMO": Bob Mitchell, Leslie Gilbert, Bob Gilbert and Rob Gilbert.



2nd — "TEACHER'S PET": Dave Even, Ray, Kull, Tim and Rod.



6th — "AQUARIUS II": Chris Nytko, Ted, Darrell and Michael.



7th — "MAIN SQUEEZE": Walt Pohorily, Kris, Dan, Sarah and Carmen.



11th — "BIG INTENTIONS": Mark Lubowski, Mary Lubowski, John and Todd.

## LUDINGTON TOURNAMENT RESULTS

(August 21-22)

Skipper & Boat	Catch
1) Leon Van Eden (Bullhead) .....	145.08
2) Dave Even (Teacher's Pet) .....	141.11
*3) Joe Golaszewski (My Treasure) .....	133.03
4) Bob Mitchell (Kemo) .....	123.15
5) Paul Schoenrade (Eagle Two) ...	101.14
6) Tom Moores (Kare-Free) .....	98.12
7) Don Anton (Happy Bare) .....	87.11
8) Dick Shirk (Lil' Scratch) .....	81.00
9) Gene Burbary (Diamond Girl) .	80.15
10) Don Redmond (Trena Dawn) ...	72.11
11) Chris Nytko (Aquarius II) .....	68.03
12) Mike Wakulski (Wet Paint) .....	64.07
13) Ron Hartman (Molly Frail) .....	63.15
14) Jim Hardrick (My Dream) .....	59.00
15) Bob Edwards (Ruff Rider) .....	48.09
16) Howard York (Golden Oldie) ...	47.14
17) Ron Girling (Fish On II) .....	42.03
18) Gary Leinonen (Fishin Finns)...	40.07
19) Dave Roehr (Floating Holiday) .	38.03
20) Ken Kuhar (Mary K) .....	35.03
21) Ed Wilczek (Pat's Competition) .	24.15
22) Robert Betts (Intrepid I) .....	24.03
23) Ty Voigt (Snooze-N-Loose) .....	8.06
24) Bob Bessler (Wendy Ann) .....	8.04
50) Ron Huey (Half R's) .....	- 0 -

\* Caught Grand Slam on Sunday

## BIG FISH WINNERS

Saturday

- 1) "BULLHEAD" — 26.00 King
- 2) "HAPPY BARE" — 23.14 King
- 3) "TRENA DAWN" — 23.11 King

Sunday

- 1) "TEACHER'S PET" — 14.12 King
- 2) "KEMO" — 12.02 Steelhead
- 3) "HAPPY BARE" — 12.00 Steelhead

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