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NOMAD WINS LUDINGTON

Thirty six boats showed up at Ludington for the seventh stop on the 1992 Detroit Area Steelheader's tournament trail. If there is one thing we have come to count on, it is that there is nothing you can count on; every tournament is different.

Ludington in 1992 was very different from past tournaments. Big-kings did not dominate the action. Nor did big lake trout. In 1992, steelhead were the primary catch, but, not 15 miles out (or more) at the scum line.

Cold water kept the thermalcline up high in 1992. Charters were often seen running Yellow Birds on the surface! The white dodgers were on the extra lines, not the primary. Spoons, especially orange or red taped spoons were the primary weapon to do battle.

On day one, little action was to be found at the Point. The most successful skippers fished about straight out. No one weighed in the max of 8 fish, but the catches were impressive non the less. At the end of day one Bob Herman's crew on Nomad was in first place with 82.01 points. Second place was held down by Dick Shirk and the Lil' Scratch crew, who trailed by only 9 points. Three questions were in everyone's mind. First, would weather allow us to fish on Sunday? Second, would the catch rates change? Last, but not least, where was that picnic on the beach?

Saturday night saw a good gathering of people on the beach South of the state park. The wind was blowing so

hard and cold that we almost couldn't light the grills. But there are two things the Steelheaders do well and one of them is eat'n. The grills were fired up the keg was tapped and the stories and speculation started.

Sunday morning arrived along with the weather-question. In-order-to-insure-safety, Tournament Director, Mike Wakulski, delayed the start by a half hour to be able to better assess the situation.

The fishing techniques were very similar to Saturday. Run straight out and run spoons. Steelhead were the primary catch.

At the weigh-in, there was a little anticipation as everyone knew that several boats that did well on Saturday, found the going tough. Conversely, several boats had their programs straightened out. Upon completing the weigh-in, it was found that the top three boats did not change position. Bob Herman and the Nomad crew held off all challengers to capture first place. Congratulations!

Tom Moores on Kare-Free weighed in the best overall catch on Sunday with a 52.03 catch. Dave Even on the new Teacher's Pet had the second best catch with 48 points.

Big fish for the tournament were as follows:

SAT

Don Redmond 22.01 king
Bob Mitchell 20.05 king
Bob Herman 14.06 king

SUN

Tom Moores 22.11 king
Hank Baczinski 10.15 steel
Bob Buero 10.14 steel

OLCOTT NY - AUG 29TH

Once again we'll be trying for the big boys over at Olcott New York. Hopefully, we won't have to travel so far off shore for them. For the past two years we have had to go at least 10 miles off shore for the. Regardless, Olcott and Lake Ontario are your best bets for landing a 30+ pound king; with an outside shot at 35 to 40.

Lures will probably be magnum spoons like Northern Kings, Pirates, Silver Streaks; etc. Colors will be Black/raspberry, Silver/glow green, but bring them all. Don't forget to bring your add-a-lines and dipseys, too.

SEASON WRAP-UP SET FOR FRANKFORT

Our final trolling tournament will take us to the port of Frankfort on Saturday, September 12th. Last year we weighed in some nice fish; including several master angler coho.

The skipper meeting will be held at 5:30 am at the Municipal Marina. Fish calls will be at 9:30 am and 12:30 pm. Pull lines at 2:30pm and you must be in the weigh-in line by 3:30 pm.

We will be fishing against the Benzie Area Steelheaders for the traveling trophy and the beer. (We want to get it back.) More information will be available at the general meeting.

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MISERY 3 WINS MANISTEE

Thirty four boats showed up for our annual Manistee tournament. While everyone was hoping for big kings, lake trout and steelhead saved the day; especially steelhead.

1992 will certainly be known as the year of the steelhead as the fishery has been outstanding without having to go 15 miles off shore for the scum line. Manistee was no exception.

Al Schultz's dream came true (literally) when he awoke from his nap on the Misery 3 to find that his crew had boated five fish. (Several captains were seen later in the day purchasing Somnex for the Sunday team doubles) Regardless, congratulations Al on your second career win. The Misery 3 catch was a combination of lakers and steelhead.

Big fish for the tournament were caught by Kare-Free with a 17.13 king, Sandpiper with a 16.08 steelhead and Happy Bare with a 14.14 lake trout.

The Team Doubles on day two was won by Kare-Free and Pat's Competition followed by the team of Teachers Pet/ Main Squeeze.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

AUGUST 25	TBD
SEPTEMBER 29	TBD
OCTOBER 27	TBD
NOVEMBER 24	TBD
DECEMBER 15	CHRISTMAS

Ron Hartman Wins!

If anyone is short on cash they might want to see Ron Hartman. Ron won the accumulated \$110 attendance award at the July meeting. All he had to do was be present! The pot starts over again AT \$30 in August. Be there.

MANISTEE		
BOAT	SKIPPER	POINTS
1 MISERY 3	AL SCHULTZ	87.07
2 NOMAD	BOB HERMAN	74.02
3 LIL' SCRATCH	DICK SHIRK	71.06
4 HAPPY BARE	DON ANTON	70.02
5 LITTLE BIG JOHN	JOHN CHWALIBOG	48.11
6 MY DREAM	JIMMY HARDRICK	38.02
7 TEACHERS PET	DAVE EVEN	34.14
8 MICKEY MOUSE CLUB	BOB BUERO	32.09
9 SANDPIPER	MILT KNAPP	30.13
10 A DAY LATE	PAUL NOWAK	30.11
11 KARE-FREE	TOM MOORES	22.13
12 KEMO	BOB MITCHELL	22.11
13 FISHIN FINNS	GARY LEINONEN	22.09
14 NET PROFIT	BILL SHACKELTON	21.06
15 REEL STEEL	BOB BOWEN	19.09
16 WET PAINT	MIKE WAKULSKI	17.11
17 AQUARIOUS	CHRIS NYTKO	16.11
18 VOYAGEUR	DICK JACKSON	11.00
19 RACHEL'S MINNOW	BOB EDWARDS	10.08
20 BULLHEAD	LEON VAN EDEN	10.06
21 TRENA DAWN	DON REDMOND	10.06
22 LADIES CHOICE	DENIS HARPER	8.12
23 HALF R's	RAY GLIME	8.11

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LUDINGTON

BOAT	SKIPPER	Day 1	Day 2	TOTAL
		POINTS	POINTS	POINTS
1 NOMAD	BOB HERMAN	82.01	32.04	114.05
2 LIL' SCRATCH	DICK SHIRK	73.01	33.02	106.03
3 KEMO	BOB MITCHELL	72.10	9.08	81.18
4 MY DREAM	JIMMY HARDRICK	44.08	26.13	70.21
5 MICKEY MOUSE CLUB	BOB BUERO	47.10	15.13	62.23
6 KARE-FREE	TOM MOORES	9.13	52.03	61.16
7 BULLHEAD	LEON VAN EDEN	61.13	0.00	61.13
8 RUPE	GARY RUPERT	34.11	26.14	60.25
9 LUCKY FALCON	JOE GULASZEWSKI	56.14	0.00	56.14
10 DOOHDAH	WARREN RENANDO	20.05	33.11	53.16
11 TRENA DAWN	DON REDMOND	50.04	0.00	50.04
12 RETURNER	DARWIN GREGG	24.06	24.10	48.16
13 TEACHERS PET	DAVE EVEN	0.00	48.00	48.00
14 MOLLY FRAIR	RON HARTMAN	47.14	0.00	47.14
15 ALICES ANGLER	LES JUMP	28.15	17.12	45.27
16 A DAY LATE	PAUL NOWAK	24.01	21.02	45.03
17 SINSATION	HANK BACZYNSKI	28.06	15.15	43.21
18 SANDPAULA	TOM MIJAL	13.00	25.13	38.13
19 LITTLE BIG JOHN	JOHN CHWALIBOG	36.08	0.00	36.08
20 FISH BAIT	HAROLD THORTON	14.11	21.11	35.22
21 MY VALENTINE	ROB SAUNDERS	35.13	0.00	35.13
22 LADIES CHOICE	DENIS HARPER	35.04	0.00	35.04
23 NET PROFIT	BILL SHACKELTON	22.11	12.01	34.12
24 HAPPY BARE	DON ANTON	12.06	18.15	30.21
25 CAPT'N HOOK	DOUG KARAKAS	24.09	0.00	24.09

PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget the annual photo contest. We have a number of entries, but can always use more.

Submit a color or black and white photo to Les Jump at the meetings.

The final winner will be picked by the Board of Directors and will win a nice prize. There is also the chance that your picture could grace the cover of the Annual Issue.

HOWARD TANNER

The board of Directors convened a special meeting to talk with Howard Tanner. The subject was opportunities to help Michigan State researchers working on the Great Lakes fishery.

The Board unanimously agree to proceed with the next steps in the process; to review various funding proposals with John Robinson of the DNR.

Lets get prepared to "roll up our sleeves" and make whatever project we select a successful one.

Sterile Lamprey Experiment Starts Second Year

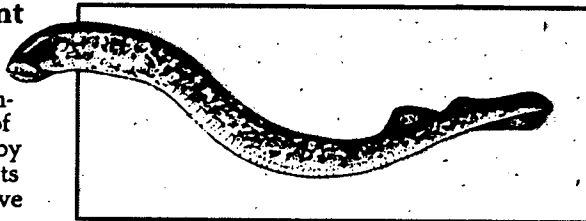
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service scientists are hoping to improve control of the sea lamprey in the Great Lakes by helping the eel-like parasite reduce its own population through unproductive reproduction.

USFWS personnel hope to catch and chemically sterilize up to 35,000 male sea lampreys this spring. These sterile males will then be released in hopes they will mate with fertile spawning females.

USFWS biologist John Heinrich is in charge of the sterilization program. Heinrich and his team will catch male lampreys from streams around Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. The plan is to sterilize up to 1,000 lampreys a day and release them into 27 Lake Superior tributaries. By rendering as many as two billion lamprey eggs infertile, the program could reduce the number of adult parasites returning to the lake by the tens of thousands.

If the technique proves effective, Heinrich said it may be used on the other Great Lakes.

"It has great promise to take [lamprey populations] to a much lower



Sea Lamprey

level," he said, "but it will take time. It will take years to start to see the real impact ... where there are less lampreys in the lake and more fish are surviving."

Each spring, 12- to 18-month-old adult lampreys swim up various Great Lakes tributaries to spawn with a single mate and die. Each spawning female lamprey releases an average of about 60,000 eggs, though usually fewer than 1,000 survive long enough to hatch. After hatching, the larvae burrow into the streambed, where they remain for three to 14 years or more before becoming adults and migrating to the Great Lakes.

Native to the Atlantic Ocean, sea lampreys invaded the four upper Great Lakes early this century. The parasite had killed off most of the lakes large fish by the time a chemical lampricide was found that brought the lamprey infesta-

tion under control in the late 1960s.

Lamprey control is a continuing problem that appears to be growing, however. In Lake Superior, for example, sea lampreys now kill more fish than commercial and sport fishing combined. The lamprey population in northern Lake Huron exceeds that of all four of the other Great Lakes combined, leading to speculation that lampreys are spawning in the St. Marys River, the large connecting channel between Lakes Superior and Huron, where lampricide treatment is prohibitively expensive.

Heinrich noted that sterilizing male lampreys is not a "magic bullet" solution, saying control of this exotic pest also requires some other methods. One principal method involves killing lamprey larvae with chemicals; another involves the use of dams, weirs and traps on streams to prevent the lampreys from reaching suitable spawning grounds.

Scientists will need to wait for about one lamprey generation — roughly 10 years — to know if the sterilization technique works. In the meantime, they will check to see if the sterile lampreys are competing successfully with the normal ones.

— Edie Grossfield

P SKIPPER OF THE YEAR

(AS OF 8-15-92)

	<u>BOAT</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>	<u>R C</u>	<u>JOE</u>	<u>H B</u>	<u>P A</u>	<u>OSC</u>	<u>MAN</u>	<u>LUD</u>	<u>PNTS</u>
1	KEMO	BOB MITCHELL	23	2	1	8	3	12	3	9
2	NOMAD	BOB HERMAN	11	75	4	75	6	2	1	13
3	TEACHERS PET	DAVE EVEN	16	1	50	3	4	7	13	15
4	MICKEY MOUSE CLUB	BOB BUERO	27	10	50	1	19	8	5	24
5	WET PAINT	MIKE WAKULSKI	21	7	2	10	5	16	26	24
6	LIL' SCRATCH	DICK SHIRK	7	19	50	14	13	3	2	25
7	KARE-FREE	TOM MOORES	8	8	50	9	11	11	6	31
8	A DAY LATE	PAUL NOWAK	12	17	75	6	8	10	16	36
9	AQUARIOUS	CHRIS NYTKO	1	11	50	20	10	17	75	39
10	TRENA DAWN	DON REDMOND	34	6	14	17	12	21	11	43
11	MOLLY FRAIR	RON HARTMAN	50	15	8	12	50	50	14	49
12	VOYAGEUR	DICK JACKSON	50	23	3	7	75	18	50	51
13	SINSATION	HANK BACZYNSKI	50	24	10	13	14	75	17	54
14	MY DREAM	JIMMY HARDRICK	75	75	75	19	26	6	4	55
15	MAIN SQUEEZE	WALT POHORILY	18	26	17	5	18	50	50	58
16	LUCKY FALCON	JOE GULASZEWSKI	36	9	50	75	7	50	9	61
17	ALICES ANGLER	LES JUMP	10	21	19	75	75	75	15	65
18	PATS COMPETITION	ED WILCZEK	50	13	18	28	9	50	75	68
19	HAPPY BARE	DON ANTON	75	75	75	11	46	4	24	85
20	MARY K	KEN KUHAR	75	14	50	23	20	50	30	87
21	BULLHEAD	LEON VAN EDEN	75	75	75	34	35	20	7	96
22	LITTLE BIG JOHN	JOHN CHWALIBOG	75	75	75	47	32	5	19	103
23	NET PROFIT	BILL SHACKELTON	75	75	75	51	16	14	23	104
24	HIGH ANXIETY	DEAN PILOT	2	75	50	2	50	75	75	104
25	SANDPIPER	MILT KNAPP	75	75	75	26	47	9	27	109
26	CAPT'N HOOK	DOUG KARAKAS	75	75	75	15	21	50	25	111
27	HALF R's	RAY GLIME	75	75	75	32	33	23	32	120
28	RETURNER	DARWIN GREGG	75	75	75	27	15	75	12	129
29	FLOATING HOLIDAY	DAVE ROEHR	75	75	75	30	22	50	31	133
30	RACHEL'S MINNOW	BOB EDWARDS	75	75	75		50	19	75	144
31	RUPE	GARY RUPERT	75	75	75	75	17	50	8	150
32	LADIES CHOICE	DENIS HARPER	75	75	75	37	75	22	22	156
33	FISHIN FINNS	GARY LEINONEN	75	75	75	75	48	13	28	164
34	MY VALENTINE	ROB SAUNDERS	75	75	75	36	37	75	21	169
35	REEL STEEL	BOB BOWEN	75	75	75	35	49	15	75	174
36	SANDPAULA	TOM MIJAL	75	75	75	42	43	75	18	178
37	MISERY 3	AL SCHULTZ	75	75	75	75	75	1	29	180
38	ANTICIPATION	ROB PINSKY	75	75	75	33	1	75	75	184
39	DOOHDAH	WARREN RENANDO	75	75	75	41	75	75	10	201
40	MARY MARGRET	PAUL NIENALTOWSKI	75	75	75	18	36	75	75	204
41	THE BRAT	RON MASCHKE	75	75	75	21	34	75	75	205
42	LAST DIME II	BOB KSIONZEK	75	75	75	16	40	75	75	206
43	THE BARNACLE	BOB SEAGRAVES	75	75	75	29	31	75	75	210
44	BLUE STAR	STAN BILEK	75	75	75	31	29	75	75	210
45	VALHALLA	STEVE HAMILTON	60 75	75	75	50	38	50	75	213
46	SLAPSHOT	BILL MEINKE	75	75	75	40	25	75	75	215
47	COFFEY BREAK	CHRIS COFFEY	75	75	75	39	51	50	75	215
48	SILHOUETTE	ROD ELNICK	75	75	75	24	41	75	75	215
49	MORE MONEY	MIKE CHIMELAK	75	75	75	45	23	75	75	218
50	WISH-FULL	JERRY ZABEL	75	75	75	22	75	75	50	222

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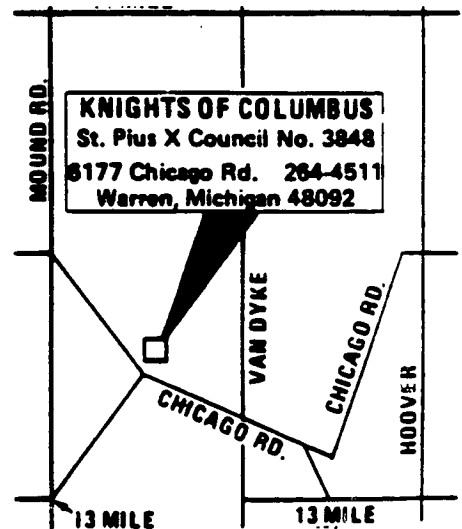


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