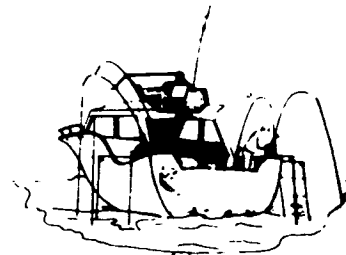




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Club to host Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council meeting

The Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc., with its historic intense interest and concern about the continuing well-being and perpetuation of sport fishing in general and salmon and trout fishing in particular, will host a quarterly meeting of the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council on January 29-30, 1993. In a spirit of camaraderie, the club will be extending invitations to attend and participate in the meeting to virtually every fishing club and organization in the state of Michigan, and surrounding states.

Dan Thomas, president of the Elmhurst, Illinois-based organization, has pointed out that fishing in general has become a political issue, and we in the Detroit Area Steelheaders thank Dan for the dedication and energy he has devoted to the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes salmon/trout fishery. He has demonstrated enormous understanding of the positive and negative governmental influences on the sport of fishing, as well as its effects on socio-economic conditions.

Looking five years down the road, Dan has noted that "there is a growing pressure being applied by the Great Lakes Fishery

Commission, the International Joint Commission, and the Environmental Protection Agency to re-establish lake trout as *THE* open water predator of the Great Lakes," even at the expense of state-managed salmon/trout stocking programs.

He also points out that such major non-governmental environmental organizations as Great Lakes United, the Lake Michigan Federation, the Sierra Club, and the National Wildlife Federation, and all tribal agencies are now on record as opposing the continued plantings of hatchery-reared salmonids.

Dan's concerns on this question are not directed just toward the question of whether or not to plant salmonids, but also to the broader issue of plantings in general. Such sport fishing species as walleyes, perch, bass, muskellunge and others are, to one degree or another, planted in the Great Lakes watershed. Given that objections to plantings now seem to center on their 'artificiality', it would seem that *every fish planting program is now threatened!*

Given that fishing licenses numbering in the millions are sold each year in Michigan

and other Great Lakes states, and that other taxes and fees relating to fishing amounting to tens of millions of dollars are collected annually, it would seem that sport fishermen should have some voice in the decision-making process now under way which may so adversely affect their sport.

One could make the case that governmental agencies, environmental groups, commercial and tribal fishermen are, either consciously or unconsciously, working together to "pick off" each type of sport fishing one by one, sacrificing the interests of the particular affected sportfishing public to some 'larger good'. And one has to ask whether direct attacks on organized sport fishing groups will be forthcoming as the push to eliminate 'artificially introduced and/or sustained' species accelerates?

We've all read about attempts by environmental extremists to disrupt the recent bow hunting deer season. We also know that outdoor sports such as trapping, small game/waterfowl hunting, etc. are coming under increasing criticism, with some opponents of those sports arguing that the animals involved have rights! In the light of all this, it doesn't take much imagination to see sport fishing, and sport fishermen, becoming the next targets for environmental terrorists!

We urge ALL interested club members and other sport fishermen and sport fishing clubs, groups, etc. to plan now to attend and participate in the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council quarterly meeting next January. Specific details about the meeting will be printed in a future issue of *Fishin' Tales*.

— Joel Garinger, Editor

Raffles, raffles, raffles!

Raffles are the most necessary evil an organization like ours has going for it. We are presently in the midst of the year's greatest fund raiser, our annual "Cooler Full of Cheer" raffle.

A lot of organizations have no trouble keeping their coffers full due to being funded by your tax dollars and mine. Our organization has only membership dues and fund raisers going for it.

I know all of you members are tired of hearing about another raffle planned by our board, necessitated by the need to replenish our treasury. But if we are to continue the work of promoting and helping to safeguard the interests of sportfishing in our great state of Michigan, we need these necessary evils. It takes a lot of finances just to support the cost of running our organization, from producing *Fishin' Tales* all the way to paying the rent on the hall in

which we hold our monthly meetings. Remember, members are always encouraged to see Treasurer Steve Hamilton for a written treasurer's report at any time.

You people have always responded with tremendous efforts on all of our club fund raisers, which have made possible, among other things, the donation of \$500 to Dr. Howard Tanner's fisheries research project at Michigan State University, and the gift of another \$500 to the Benzie Steelheaders for their steelhead rearing facility, plus money for our Special People Outings, and many other worthwhile projects. I'm sure you all will once again rise to the occasion of supporting this year's needed fund raiser.

As in past years, there are incentives to reward efforts to sell just a few more tickets that you might not otherwise sell. For ev-

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CHRISTMAS MEETING IS SET FOR DECEMBER 15

The December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15, and features Board of Director elections, awards presentations for "Skipper of the Year," "Big Fish" contest, and the "Top 15," and, of course, the annual visit of everyone's favorite, "Salmon" Claus! Plan to bring your entire family and friends!!

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ADS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 1993 FISHIN' TALES ANNUAL ISSUE

We are urgently seeking advertisements for the 1993 Fishin' Tales Annual Issue. As you know, we rely on this greatly expanded issue of our newsletter to promote our club and sport at all the boat, outdoor and fishing shows, with several thousand copies of the Annual Issue distributed each year.

Chris Coffey, Advertising Chairman, is calling upon ALL Detroit Area Steelheaders to sell at least business card-sized ads to their employers, all the business establishments which they patronize, and any other businesses they can think of. Business card ads cost only \$20 (larger sizes are also available), and enough of them can go a long way to offset the costs of producing the Annual Issue. Please contact Chris (422-7351) for more information.

DINNER DANCE TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Tickets for the 1993 Steelheaders Dinner Dance (February 13, 1993) remain on sale at \$40 per couple until January 1, 1993. After that, the price is \$50 per couple. Call Doug Karakas (545-1181) for your tickets.

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ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM DRAWING

Richard Wong won the Attendance Incentive prize drawing at the October meeting, walking away with a cool \$50! The November meeting Attendance Incentive prize reverts to \$30. You must be present to win!

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STEELHEADER'S SON WINS FOOTBALL AWARD

Joe Golaszewski, Jr., son of Detroit Area Steelheader member Joe Golaszewski, was named Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week after helping Wayne State University to a 21-0 victory over Northwood October 17. Joe racked up a record of 5 sacks, 9 tackles, 1 pass broken up, and 1 fumble recovery!

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MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS

These memberships expire this month: Robert Buero, John Chwalibog, Denny Davis, Milton Knapp and Fred Williams.

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every \$15 worth of tickets you sell, your name will go into a prize drawing. We awarded a hand-held radio to a lucky salesperson, Chris Nytko, at the October meeting. All the names in that drawing will also be included in the November drawing for an electric hook honer, along with all new entries that are turned by the meeting.

In addition, all the people who really go all out and sell 300 or more raffle tickets will get their choice of either a Life Membership in the Detroit Area Steelheaders or a paid-up annual entry fee for our 1993 boat trolling tournaments. This would be a good way for you crews and skippers to keep your tournament costs down for 1993.

The grand prize in this year's raffle is a 96-quart Thermos cooler filled to the brim with over \$300 of 'cheer' and goodies, along with \$100 in cash.

I encourage every club member to really go all out and support this important fund raiser with an effort that will make all of us proud that our club can provide the needed funds to enable us to help support worthy projects throughout the year.

Anyone needing extra tickets to sell should call either Dick Shirk (749-9493 - residence, 777-8900 - work), or Don Redmond (469-8344 - residence).

- Dick Shirk "Lil Scratch II"

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Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m. • K. of C. Hall, 6177 Chicago Rd., Warren
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November: D.N.R.'s Paul Seelbach will speak on early stages of Chinook

December: CHRISTMAS PARTY/ANNUAL MEETING

January: To be announced

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SPECIAL STEELHEADER EVENTS

Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council (quarterly meeting)	January 29-30
Detroit Boat & Fishing Show (Cobo Center)	January 30-February 7
Steelheader Dinner Dance (K. of C. Hall, Warren)	February 13
Pontiac Boat Show (Silverdome)	February 17-21
Outdoorama (Novi Expo Center)	February 26-March 7
Professional Fishing Show (The Palace)	March 4-7
Detroit Area Steelheader Spring Fishing Show (Waterford Community Center)	March 13-14

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RIVER/LAKE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
December 5	Au Sable River - River	Doug Karakas, 545-1181
January 12	River (Site to be announced)	To Be Announced
February 6	Higgins Lake - Ice Fishing	To Be Announced
March 6	Manistee River (W.A.T.A.) - River	To Be Announced

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

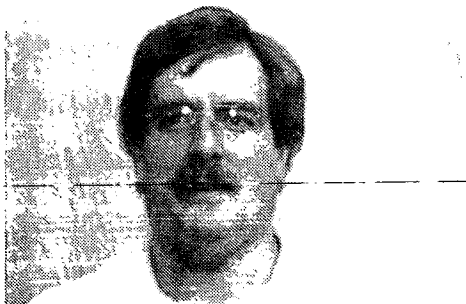
As in past years, ballots will be available *ONLY* to Detroit Area Steelheader members present at the Annual Meeting/Christmas Party, on Tuesday, December 15. There are six openings on our Board of Directors at this time, with a total of eight Steelheaders running for the seats. Ballots will be collected and counted during the meeting, and results announced near the end of the evening. We have a good field of candidates (see below) willing to stand up and help our club, so thanks to those who have chosen to run and good luck to all!

If you hadn't planned on attending this meeting, please think again. *ALL* members should plan to attend. Besides offering you a really fun evening with annual awards, "Salmon" Claus, etc., it's your chance to have real input into the future of your club. The seven outstanding fellow Detroit Area Steelheaders listed below are offering their time and talents to help better our club. How about doing your part by voting??? Please take the time to look them over, pick out your favorite candidates and show up on December 15 ready to cast an informed ballot for up to six candidates. We hope to see you all there!!

Election Candidates



GENE BURBARY — Member for many years, current board member and former Vice President, avid boat troller, has worked shows, and supports all trout/salmon sportfishing, assists club wherever he can.



BOB GILBERT — Member for 8 years, 3 years on board, Vice President and Spring Show chairman last two years, would like to "continue serving the club and promote the fishery." Willing to serve in any capacity.



TIM GRASKEWICZ — Member for many years, current board member and President, has co-chaired Special People Outing, very active in boat tourneys, wants to continue on board to "help advance club's goals."



LES JUMP — Member for 10 years, current board member, Cooler Raffle chairman last year, ran photo contest last few years, participates in boat tournaments, would "like to continue current responsibilities on board."



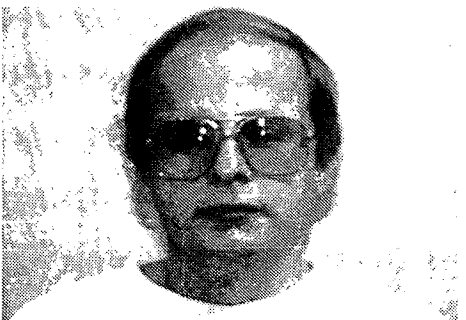
MARY KARAKAS — Member for 8 years, very active with club boat trolling tournaments, and helps out with many club functions. She is eager to help the club in any way that she can.



MIKE LEHTO — Member for many years, longtime board member, currently serving as Secretary and club legal advisor, active in boat, river and pier fishing, writes for *Fishin' Tales*, wants "to continue to help our club."



TOM MOORES — Member for 5 years, fishes all boat and some river tournaments, wants to help "make the Spring Show a success in 1993 and help the club in any way."



CHRIS NYTKO — Member for 5 years, participates in boat tournaments, ice fishing, Dinner Dance, shows, etc., wants to apply his "experience working with people to help our club in any way possible."

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LaMP programs under way — be wary!

The E.P.A.'s Region V office has mailed out the Lake Michigan Lakewide Management Plan (LaMP) draft of January 1, 1992. It has been toned down from the October, 1991 version, but it should still be reviewed in detail. Included in the draft are references to:

- Ecosystem objectives with an emphasis on reproducing *self-sustaining* native species (emphasis added)
- Outdated studies (Walter & Johnson, 1977; Frank, 1981; Meier, 1981; etc.)
- "High" concentrations of toxic compounds
- Questionable validity of "environmental toxicology studies of the 1950's when reproductive failure of lake trout . . . was noted"
- Distorted references to a small number of abnormal cormorants (90 of 30,000) which had been studied over 16 years on two rookeries in the Green Bay area
- A highly controversial and scientifically challenged study allegedly showing children born to women who routinely ate Lake Michigan fish displaying poorer short memory functions (Jacobson, Jacobson & Humphrey, 1990)

The draft goes on to cite numerous similar points.

Much of the preliminary draft parallels yellow journalism, gross distortions, and scare tactics. Disclaimers and more current information is printed later on, yet the first impression is already made on the reader. Also many studies cited to support the proposed management plan are outdated or unacceptable to the general scientific community as being flawed, incomplete or biased.

To get involved, help protect our salmonid fishery from lies and innuendos, receive copies of LaMP documents, and obtain workshop schedules, contact: Karen Vigmostad, Michigan Sea Grant College Program, 10B Agricultural Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48824, telephone (517) 336-1628.

Native representatives claim all fisheries in Ontario

A committee representing Ontario natives has told the province that all public fisheries should be turned over to native ownership and control. The Native People's Circle on Environment and Development has presented a draft report to the province of Ontario containing numerous recommendations for the future.

One of the recommendations made to the Ontario Round Table on Environment and Economy states: "For the public good, the Native Circle believes (the fishery) cannot continue to be common property." The committee, which includes Mark Krasnick, Ontario's top Native Affairs civil servant, then states that "the government of Ontario enter into a co-management of the agreement with the Aboriginal people as a transitional state in granting them full management of the provincial fish stocks."

Rich Morgan, executive vice president of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, expressed shock at the native report. Morgan stated, "Native people demands go much too far. They want much more than equality — they want control. We have been warning all Ontarians to become directly involved in negotiations between the current provincial government and Ontario's natives. But still, too many people are trusting the future of their resources to a handful of native leaders, politicians, and civil servants."

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