



# FISHIN' TALES



VOL IIIX \* NO. 8 PUBLISHED BY THE DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC. AUGUST 1991

## MANISTEE 1991 IS SUPER!!

Finally, finally we got a good weekend of weather that was super and finally we got a weekend of fishing that was super.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders headed to Manistee July 20 for our sixth stop on the 1991 tournament trail with at least some apprehension based on weather and fishing results so far this year. For the early birds, Friday morning gave us a little scare with 4-7 foot waves that sent boats back to shore. However, quite a few fish were caught and by Friday evening the winds had calmed down and the forecast for the balance of the weekend was good.

As our fleet of 26 boats left the harbor, most boats headed for the shelf beginning at the 70 foot depth, 3-4 miles off shore. Radio chatter was light until the 9 am fish call when all but one boat reported having fish, with a total of 96 fish being reported.

The spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie then emerged as the skippers began sharing all kinds of good information and soon there were 10-12 boats in a tight circle at the "hot" waypoint. By the noon fish call 155 fish had been boated and there was little doubt that there was going to be an exciting weigh-in.

The most productive lures all day were spoons--all colors from silver/red to lime green/greento black/purple--fished 20' to 30' back over 45' to 90'. The weigh-in was a fantastic display of big fish, number and variety of fish. For

example, consider the following:

\*The top ten boats all weighed in 8 fish.

\*Many boats had 10-15 fish

\*All boats weighed in fish

\*In 1989 we weighed 44 fish; 1990 78 fish and 1991 152 fish

\*Over 200 fish were caught in total

Hopefully, this is an indication of the state of our fishery in Lake Michigan and is a beginning of a resurgence of the fish population.

When the final results were posted, it was only fitting that Don Redmond was announced as the winner. His unselfishness in sharing of information made this a special first "First Place" for Trena Dawn. Congratulations Don!

We had a team doubles tournament on Sunday with 9 teams weighing fish. Although fishing was off slightly, a lot of fish were still weighed in. The winning team was Lil Scratch and Lucky Falcon. Congratulations guys!

Elsewhere, in this newsletter, you will find the results and totals for both days.

Thanks to all that helped make this a most successful outing including Mike and Cindy Wakulski and Bob Herman at the

grills, Don Redmond and Bob Mitchell at the weigh-ins, Les Jump for the photography and Dick Shirk for his overall tournament responsibility. Special thanks to all who attended. Bill Shackleton--Net Profit

1. TRENA DAWN	146.01
2. "LIL" SCRATCH	142.03
3. KEMO	123.09
4. NET PROFIT	123.04
5. LITTLE BIG JOHN	112.11
6. FISH FLY	105.15
7. CARMEN ASHLEY	104.04
8. LUCKEY FALCON	95.10
9. MISS SUNSHINE	93.12
10. KARE FREE	92.12
11. HAPPY BARE	87.01
12. PATS COMPETIT'N	84.15
13. AQUARIUS	82.03
14. MOLLY FRAIR	79.13
15. WET PAINT	79.05
16. POLE BENDER	79.01
17. DOODAH	63.07
18. TEACHERS PET	61.13
19. COFFEY BREAK	58.08
20. RETURNER	47.12
21. MY VALENTINE	36.10
22. SANDPIPER	19.10
23. CAPT HOOK	17.10
24. SINSATION	9.11
25. HALF R'S	9.10

### BIG FISH POOL

1. DON REDMOND	24.02 KING
2. BOB MITCHELL	22.04 KING
3. BILL SHACKLETON	19.14 KING

35 KINGS	85 FISHERMEN
47 STEELHEAD	
53 LAKE TROUT	
17 BROWN TROUT	

# FINAL TOURNEY OF THE YEAR ON SCHEDULE FOR FRANKFORT

Well, its soon going to be that time of year that we make our annual trek to the upper Northwest corner of the state and visit the port of Frankfort. Coho City, if you would because coho has been the predominant prize catch of this tournament. Out of 64 fish caught in 1990, 47 of them were coho. All of our ports so far this year have seen an increase in our catch, so hopefully Frankfort will follow suit and do the same.

As far as honey holes are concerned, you can take your pick. Lucky Falcon and crew won the tournament last year and never left the shadows of the pier heads. Don Anton and crew on Happy Bear took 2nd place and went South to the Herring Hole. Little Big John went North to Betsie Point and caught enough to secure 3rd place. If that doesn't confuse you I don't know what will!

I would say that the top bait will be a dodger with a squid or fly trailing behind. Dodger colors could be either chrome or chartreuse/lime. Start running your baits down 40-60 feet and then start making your adjustments accordingly.

We are again going to be battling the Benzie area chapter boys for bragging rights and the keg of beer, so what do you say gang? Don't let me down and lets be at our very best come Sept. 7 and show the people up there that we do know how to catch fish.

Good luck and drive carefully, and we'll be seeing you at the docks.

Dick Shirk

## BIG FISH STANDINGS AS OF AUGUST 4, 1991

### KING

1. Bob Mitchell	Kemo	25.05	Ludington
2. Dick Shirk	Lil Scratch	24.10	Manistee
3. Don Redmond	Trena Dawn	24.02	Manistee

### COHO

1. Bob Mitchell	Kemo	8.01	Ludington
2. Warren Renando	Doodah	6.14	St Joe
3. Mark Lubowski	Big Intentions	5.10	Ludington

### STEELHEAD

1. Bob Mitchell	Kemo	15.08	Manistee
2. Ron Hartman	Molly Frair	14.01	Manistee
3. Robert Sanders	My Valentine	13.07	Manistee

### LAKE TROUT

1. Bob Mitchell	Kemo	15.08	Port Austin
2. Bob Herman	Nomad	15.01	Port Austin
3. Jim Beelby	Fish Fly	14.07	Manistee

### BROWN TROUT

1. Ron Hartman	Molly Frair	8.12	Manistee
2. Dick Shirk	Lil Scratch	8.10	Manistee
3. Ed Wilczek	Pat's Competition	8.08	Manistee

**FISHIN' TALES** is published by the DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC. Views expressed in it are those of the authors, and the Editor. Its purpose is to inform members of events which affect sport fishermen, and to teach and guide the public to respect and appreciate our Great Lakes, rivers and land.

Material published in **FISHIN' TALES** may be reprinted. Give credit to the author, and to **FISHIN' TALES** as source of the material. Send one complete copy of the publication including the reprint to the Editor upon publication.

#### FISHIN' TALES STAFF

Editor ..... JOEL GARINGER  
 Field Editor ..... DAVE EVEN  
 Photographer ..... LES JUMP  
 Advertising ..... STEVE HAMILTON

#### OFFICERS

President ..... TIM GRASKEWICZ  
 Vice President ..... BOB GILBERT  
 Secretary ..... MIKE LEHTO  
 Treasurer ..... BOB KRING

#### DIRECTORS

Gene Burbary ..... 725-5935  
 Kathy Burbary ..... 725-5935  
 Chris Coffey ..... 422-7351  
 Dave Even ..... 981-2236  
 Joel Garinger ..... 773-9846  
 Steve Hamilton ..... 881-3871  
 Les Jump ..... 756-4196  
 Doug Karakas ..... 545-1181  
 Bob Mitchell ..... 828-8034  
 Bill Shackleton ..... 422-3386  
 Dick Shirk ..... 749-9493  
 Mike Wakulski ..... 585-6307  
 Ed Wilczek ..... 757-7365



## SKIPPER OF THE YEAR Standings as of 8-12-91 (TOP TEN)

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	
1	DON REDMOND	TRENA DAWN	10	4	3	6	1	1	9
2	BOB MITCHELL	KEMO	4	7	6	1	3	2	0
3	DAVE EVEN	TEACHER'S PET	5	3	2	3	18	6	4
4	DICK SHIRK	LIL SCRATCH	3	5	10	50	2	7	7
5	JOE GOLASZEWSKI	LUCKLY FALCON	9	75	18	4	8	11	2
6	MIKE WAKULSKI	WET PAINT	6	11	50	7	15	9	3
7	WARREN RENANDO	DOODAH	1	14	5	15	17	16	3
8	KARE FREE	TOM MOORES	17	75	11	10	10	5	6
9	MOLLY FRAIR	RON HARTMAN	7	16	50	16	14	4	4
10	CARMEN ASHLEY	WALT POHORILY	8	75	13	50	7	14	2

A = ST. JOE. B = WILSON N.Y. C = PT. AUSTIN D = PT AUSTIN II E = MANISTEE F= LUDINGTON  
OMIT TWO HIGHEST SCORES

### COMING EVENTS

#### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

AUGUST 26

SEPTEMBER 24

OCTOBER 29

NOVEMBER 26

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

#### BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENTS

##### DATE

##### EVENT

##### PORT CAPTAIN

August 17

ROGERS CITY

Dick Shirk

August 24

Olcott, NY (Not a Tournament)

Dick Shirk

September 7

FRANKFORT

Tim Graskewicz

### FUN & RESEARCH TRIP SCHEDULED FOR OLCOTT, N.Y. AUGUST 24

The Club's 2nd annual research trip to Olcott New York is on tap for August 24th. Eleven boats made the trip last year and received quite an experience in some fine catching. There were a couple of 30 pounders landed along with numerous ones in the 25-28 pound range. Although we had to run 10-15 miles off shore to get to them, it was still worth the trip. This year, they might just be in close like they were in 1989; no more than 1 or 2 miles off shore.

Baits should be both magnum spoons and regular size Northern Kings, Diamond Kings and Silver Streaks. Colors should be black and raspberry combos and green with silver combos. Don't hesitate to put down a dodger and squid on drop weight lines and of course, good ole reliable dipsey divers

out to the sides.

Tackle stores are usually open late at night and early in the morning to get licenses. You skippers may want to enter your crew and yourself in the ESLO derby for some big prize money for the largest fish.

I'm sure that you have the information packages that I handed out so refer to that for anything you need to know.

Call for any other questions at 777-8900 between 8 & 5:00. Check those wheel bearings, drive carefully and we'll be seeing you at the docks.

-- Dick Shirk

#### MANISTEE TEAM DOUBLES

1. LIL SCRATCH 81.04  
LUCKY FALCON 37.04  
TOTAL 118.08

2. MISS SUNSHINE 50.14  
TEACHERS PET 36.09  
TOTAL 87.07

3. KEMO 78.08  
CAPT HOOK 8.10  
TOTAL 87.02

#### LATE FLASH

Don Redmond and the Trena Dawn crew made it two in a row by winning the Ludington two day tournament August 3 & 4. Complete details will be in the next issue of Fishin' Tales.

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC.  
 P.O. Box 840  
 Clarkston, Michigan 48347  
 Address Correction Requested

Non-Profit  
 Organization  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
 PAID  
 Permit No. 37  
 Pontiac, Mich



3296

**EGER**  
 Be Original  
 Patent Number 4,471,887  
 Canadian Patent No. 1191022

PROVEN EFFECTIVE ON: **when you fish**  
 Catfish, Chinook, Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Steelhead,  
 Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye

**RAGE PRODUCTS COMPANY**  
 27110 Clairview Drive • Dearborn Hts., Mich. 48127 • (313) 566-8465



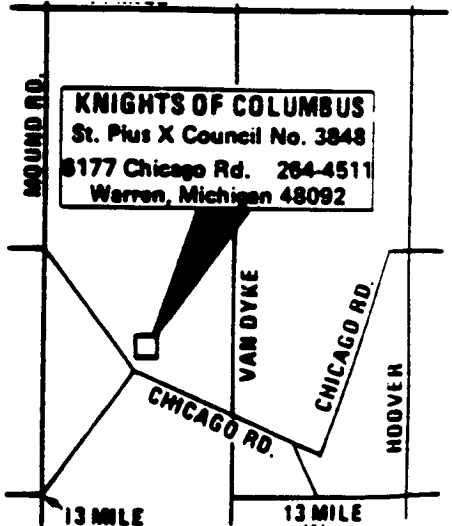
**Little Bill's Trophies**  
 Custom Engraving

"LITTLE BILL"  
 Owner

"BIGGIE"

THE STEELHEADER'S CHOICE  
 FOR CUSTOM TROPHIES

25886 W. 6 Mile Road  
 Redford, MI 48240  
 533-9070



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 St. Plus X Council No. 3848  
 8177 Chicago Rd. 264-4511  
 Warren, Michigan 48092

**CHARTER FISHING**  
 SALMON & TROUT  
 LAKE MICHIGAN  
 LAKESHORE RESORT

WITH CAPT. BOB KRING  
 LICENSED

**"DRIFTER"**  
 FULLY EQUIPPED  
 28 FT. CHEROKEE

R-K SPORTFISHING CHARTERS  
 P.O. Box 840 • Clarkston, MI 48347  
 (313) 625-8387 (313) 625-4280