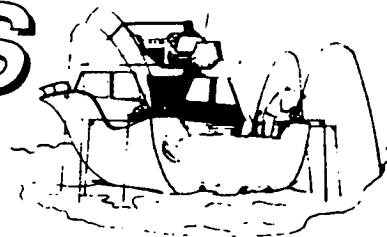




# **FISH'N TALES**

## **DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS**



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### **Detroit Board Members Win Rogers City Money Tournament**

Three members of the Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Directors teamed up to win the Rogers City money tournament August 17-19. Last year's Skipper of the Year, Bob Mitchell, President Dave Even, Tournament Director Dick Shirk and Dave's brother Ray Even weighed in the biggest salmon of the tournament; a 28.5 pound King. The four also won the Saturday boat division with three fish that weighed a combined 75.9 lbs. It was truly a team effort as Dick picked the bait, Dave netted the fish, Ray drove over him and Bob reeled him in. The big fish came on a Richies squid behind a chrome fluted dodger. Ray Even land a 24.65 king about an hour later to take 26th place in the tournament. Other Detroit Area Steelheaders placing were Jim Beelby in Fish Fly who placed third in the boat division on Saturday. A total of 350 boats participated in the tournament.

### **New Format For FISH'N TALES**

In case you didn't notice, we are trying a new format for this issue of the FISH'N TALES. In an effort to contain costs the Board decided to experiment. We remain committed to producing the best club newsletter in the state, but we also want to hold down dues and to try to funnel money to other worthwhile projects. Let your

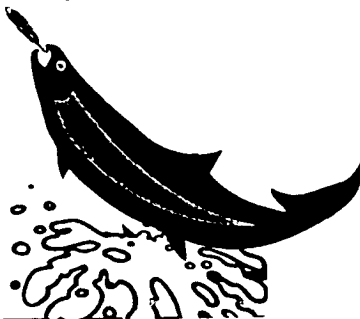
Board know how you feel about the issue and tell them of any ideas you have about improvements to the newsletter.

### **One Tournament Left For Skipper of the Year!**

With one tournament left, the Skipper of the Year is still up for grabs. Right now Teachers Pet and Kemo are tied but several other boats have a shot at the title. You might want to go to the final tournament at Frankfort to get in on the good fishing and to see who wins the shootout. Hope to see you there.

### **Dinner Dance Date Set**

The date for the Annual Dinner Dance has been set for February 16. Mark it on your calendar. An even bigger agenda is planned for this year. We will be selling tickets at the meetings very soon and there will be a limited number available. See Jimmy "Lee" for details.



### **LAKE ONTARIO TRIP PLANNED!**

The weekend of August 25 & 26 will find the Detroit Area Steelheaders Fishing Lake Ontario out of the Port of Olcott, New York. This will be the maiden voyage for a number of members to the big king waters of Lake Ontario, and from the few of us that have been there we say to be prepared for some exciting, line busting, tackle testing big fish fun. Last August Lil' Scratch put a 28 pounder in the box and had bigger ones on, but didn't know how to land them! The trip will be for research only; not a tournament.

Assuming this newsletter gets to you beforehand, call me at the usual number if you need details...Dick Shirk.

### **BOARD UPDATE**

The Detroit Area Board continues to meet with the Blue Water Assoc. regarding possible cooperation of the two clubs. Dates have been set for next year's Spring Show. Mark March 23 & 24 on your calendar. Board voted to match member monies to raise money to donate to the Lakeport reef. The Board will consider action to get a Michigan boat lemon law passed. Talk to your Board!

## Ladies Day-Oscoda

After two years in a row of disappointing fishing at Manistee for Ladies Day, this year's version at the "Old Reliable" port of Oscoda was a welcome change.

An excellent tournament of thirty four boats showed up at Fellow's Riverpoint Marina. As usual, everyone found the facilities and hospitality

of Jan and Doug Doane to be exceptional. Staying at Fellows is the main reason why most captains find Oscoda one of their favorite ports.

Early morning thunderstorms, that threatened to delay the tournament, passed to the South leaving near perfect conditions for the 6:00am start.

Some boats found excellent fishing for the first few hours. "Mr.

Consistent", Bob Mitchell and his crew of ladies aboard the Kemo reported 12 fish at the 9:00am fish call!! Other boats checked in with six or seven fish. 80 to 100' depths were best using Williams Wobblers and Hot-N-Tots or dodgers and Spin-N-Glows.

Purple scale Hot-N-Tots or white Spin-N-Glows seemed the preferred colors.

Fog moved in around 10:30 and remained for the rest of the tournament. Even though the fishing slowed down, by the time lines were pulled at 2pm, all but 3 boats managed to catch at least 1 fish. A total of 164 fish were weighed in; 2 kings and the rest lakere.

The ladies aboard Bob Herman's "Nomad" edged out the Kemo crew by a total of 2 lbs.; 120.02 to 118.02 to capture the first place trophies. Three real nice lake trout made the big fish pool.

Hot dogs, pop and beer, and the usual special dishes prepared by all of the ladies and Linda Mitchell's grilled lake trout, made for a great picnic. Even though Mother Nature pitched in by clearing the fog and bringing sunny skies and warm temperatures.

Many thanks to those who participated and worked hard to make it another successful "Ladies Day" for the Detroit Area Steelheaders.....Bob Ksionzek, "Last Dime II"

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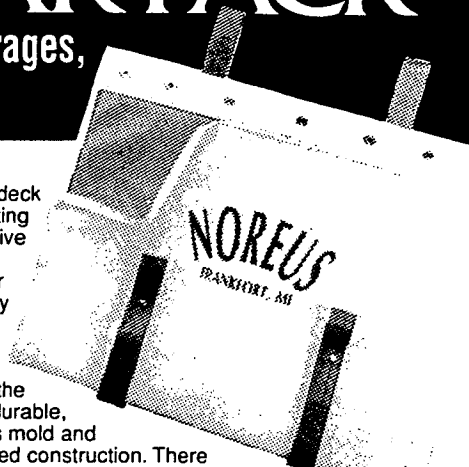
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## LADIES DAY RESULTS

BIG FISH	BOAT	CAPTAIN	WEIGHT
1st place	"Steelie"	Bill Hoffman	15# 8oz.
2nd place	"Molly Frair"	Ron Hartman	15# 2oz.
3rd place	"Lucky Falcon"	Joe Golaszewski	14# 0oz.

PLACE	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL
1)	NOMAD	Bob Herman	120.02
2)	KEMO	Bob Mitchell	118.02
3)	Lil' Scratch	Dick Shirk	107.06
4)	LUCKY FALCON	Joe Golaszewski	104.05
5)	TEACHERS PET	Dave Even	104.03
6)	MOLLY FRAIR	Ron Hartman	92.10
7)	ANTICIPATION	Rob Pinskey	92.10
8)	FORMULATOR	Larry Gaiownik	87.13
9)	FISH FLY	Jim Beelby	84.00
10)	WET PAINT	Mike Wakulski	77.05
11)	AQUARIOUS	Chris Nytko	75.11
12)	LISA KAY	John Blanchard	74.14
13)	CAPT HOOK II	Doug Karakas	72.06
14)	LAST DIME II	Bob Ksionzek	72.02
15)	STEELIE	Bill Hoffman	56.05
16)	TRENA DAWN	Don Redman	54.08
17)	VOYAGER	Dick Jackson	47.06
18)	KARE-FREE	Tom Moores	44.03
19)	SEA HAG	Blaise Pewinski	43.02
20)	FIFTY-FIFTY	David Hamilton	42.07
21)	COFFEY BREAK	Chris Coffey	41.03
22)	ALICES ANGLER	Les Jump	35.07
23)	HARMONY	Tim Graskewicz	34.06
24)	BULLHEAD	Leon Van Eden	31.03
25)	NET PROFIT	Bill Shackleton	22.04
26)	AMANDA JOE	John Finger	20.08
27)	PATS COMPETITION	Ed Wilczek	18.14
28)	SINSATION	Hank Baczynski	14.11
29)	ROCK SALT	Jim Todd	11.08
30)	CARMEN ASHLEY	Vlad Pohorly	10.11
31)	FISHN' FINNS	Gary Leinonen	10.05



## Manistee Fishing Improves

It was with great ANTICIPATION that I pulled the "NET PROFIT" from its mooring in Lake Erie for a KARE FREE trip to Manistee for the Detroit Area Steelheaders July 21st tournament.

All final details had been attended to; the LIL' SCRATCH on the deck had been repaired and the WET PAINT was dry. The LITTLE head in the boat and the BIG JOHN in the motorhome were emptied, so my KEMO-sabe and I were set to head out.

About 40 feet into our trip (thats right 40 feet!) there was a violent shudder and the motorhome coasted to a stop. Oh- No! Not another transmission! My worst fears were confirmed the next day; the trans was blown and could not be fixed until Monday. MY DREAM of a great fishing trip was going down hill rapidly. O.K., lets get plan B into action and after a few phone calls to line up lodging and another boat (thanks to Marge & Lou), we were on our way by car to Manistee.

Although it rained all the way up, the weather forecast was good but the fishing forecast was marginal.

Sure enough, the sky was clear and the seas calm as our fleet headed out for the 6:00am start.

The CAPTAIN must have had the HOOKs sharp as we boated a king at the pier heads by 6:10. Some boats stayed at the pier heads while most of the fleet headed out to 90-110' of water. After MISS SUNSHINE came up, it was SLIM PICKENS for fish, so all the boats moved to deeper water.

At the 9:00 fish call, Mr. Consistency (Bob Mitchell) called in with six fish and TEACHERS PET had 4 fish.

Most boats had fish, so it looked like a good day of fishing was in store for us and we could put some FISHN' FINNS in the box.

At the 12:00 call (HALF R's, where are you?), it was apparent that Mitch had the FORMULATOR because he now had 10 fish and looked like he would lock this one up (HALF R's, where are you?).

At the weigh-in we found out where HALF R's had been; out past our 15

mile limit to try some steelheading. Although Ron knew he was disqualified, he proved the steelhead were out there, as he boated 15 beauties. The weigh-in also showed an interesting statistic; with all the concern over lack of fish. We weighed in 78 fish on 16 of the 18 boats while last year we weighed in 44 fish on 13 of 20 boats so it was a MOLLY FRAIR day. After the MISERY of 3 days be'ore, I was so HAPPY I could BARELY contain myself and will definitely RETURNER next year to Manistee.

Congratulations to John Chawalibog and his crew on a come from behind BIG WIN!!!!

Jay Fannon for second place in his first tournament and all the boats that participated.

Special Thanks to Dick Shirk for all his organizational assistance, Bob Buero at the gas grilles, Doug Karakas and Bob Mitchell at the weigh-in and Al Werner for photography. Bill Shackleton...."NET PROFIT"

(Eds note: We're not sure if KATIE-DID this, but MORE-N-LIKELY it is the REEL THING!!!!)

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TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M.

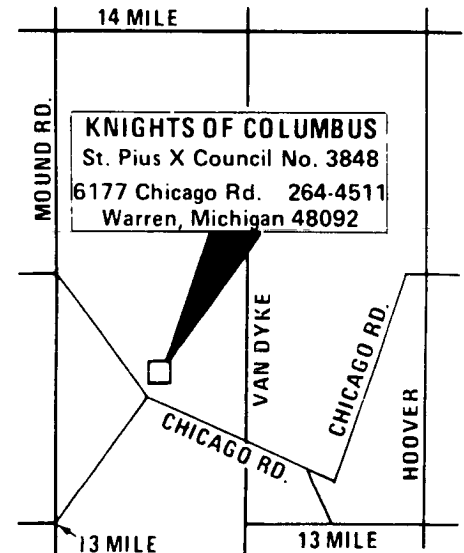
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PLACE	BOAT	SKIPPER	TOTAL	TOTAL CATCH
1)	LITTLE BIG JOHN	John Chawalibog	106.03	KINGS 26
2)	MISS SUNSHINE	Jay Fannon	99.10	COHO 8
3)	KEMO	Bob Mitchell	94.10	LAKERS 35
4)	ANTICIPATION	Rob Pinskey	79.10	STEELIE 4
5)	WET PAINT	Mike WAKULSKI	79.04	BROWNS 5
6)	Lil'SCRATCH	Dick Shirk	79.00	78
7)	KARE FREE	Tom Moores	69.13	
8)	MY DREAM	Jim Hardrick	65.03	
9)	TEACHERS PET	Ray Even	53.04	
10)	NET PROFIT	Bill Shackleton	39.09	
11)	CAPT HOOK II	Doug Karakas	33.01	
12)	MOLLY FRAIR	Ron Hartman	19.08	
13)	HAPPY BARE	Don Anton	19.04	
14)	MISERY 3	Al Schultz	9.12	
15)	FORMULATOR	Larry Gaiownik	9.09	
16)	FISHN' FINNS	Gary Leinonen	8.09	
75)	HALF R's	Ron & Ray	"a million"	

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## FRANKFORT IS LAST TOURNAMENT

As pointed out earlier, the weekend of Sept 8th will mark the ninth and final tournament of 1990 for the Detroit Area Steelheaders. I personally always look forward to this tournament with special interest. That interest stem from the Benzie Area Steelheaders. I think we're starting to make them mad at us by going to their port and winning the keg of beer each year. Paul Luedtke told me last year that if we didn't back off a little he was going to send a few "hit men" down to the docks and pull our drain plugs. Rumor has it that an x Detroit Steelheader, Bob Johnson is the ring leader so we have to keep a sharp eye out for Bob around dockside!

And just be aware that Al & I will be keeping a special eye on my boat. (Its a beige SeaRay named KEMO). Eds note:(Don't let him fool you, its a Starcraft named Teachers Pet!)

OK, now for the fishing. Coho will likely be the catch of the day. Try 2-3 miles off Betsie Point or make the trip on around the Point into Platt Bay.

I would say the baits will be a mixture of mag. spoons, J-plugs, and body baits. Colors will probably be

greens/chartreuse with some reds & orange mixed in. If the Point or Bay is quiet you might try the run South to the Herring Hole. This spot usually produces some fine fish.

So what do you say people? Lets all get together and have a large turn out at a great port for our final tournament of the year. Drive carefully, check those studs and bearing Buddies and especially check the drain plugs. See you dockside. Dick Shirk....Lil' Scratch



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## BIG FISH STANDINGS (AS OF 7-31-90)

BOAT	SKIPPER	WEIGHT	PORT
<b>KING</b>			
WET PAINT	MIKE WAKULSKI	23.03	MANISTEE
MISS SUNSHINE	JAY FANNON	22.06	MANISTEE
LIL' SCRATCH	DICK SHIRK	21.12	PORT AUSTIN
<b>LAKE TROUT</b>			
HAPPY BARE	DON ANTON	16.13	PORT AUSTIN
STEELIE	BILL HOFFMAN	15.08	OSCODA
MOLLY FRAIR	RON HARTMAN	15.02	OSCODA
<b>COHO</b>			
BULLHEAD	LEON VANEDEN	6.12	PORT SANILAC
CAPT HOOK II	DOUG KARAKAS	6.01	ST. JOE
KEMO	BOB MITCHELL	5.15	MANISTEE
<b>STEELHEAD</b>			
KEMO	BOB MITCHELL	9.13	MANISTEE
KARE FREE	TOM MOORES	9.09	MANISTEE
NET PROFIT	BILL SHACKELTON	8.09	MANISTEE
<b>BROWN TROUT</b>			
SEA TREAT	BUTCH AYERS	8.02	PORT SANILAC
MY DREAM	JIM HARDRICK	7.11	MANISTEE
WET PAINT	MIKE WAKULSKI	6.14	MANISTEE

## SKIPPER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS

SKIPPER	BOAT	A	B	C	D	E	F	TOTAL
BOB MITCHELL	KEMO	4	5	3	2	1	3	3
ROB PINSKEY	ANTICIPATION	2	19	1	5	7	4	3
BLAISE PEWINSKI	SEA HAG	1	75	50	3	19	75	4
DAVE EVEN	TEACHERS PET	3	18	2	13	5	9	5
DICK SHIRK	LIL SCRATCH	24	9	50	2	3	6	5
MIKE WATOLSKI	WET PAINT	6	1	9	14	10	5	6
BOB HERMAN	NOMAD	14	17	7	20	1	75	8
TIM GRASKEWICZ	HARMONY	75	4	5	24	23	75	9
DON REDMOND	TRENA DAWN	26	8	4	6	16	75	10
BILL SHACKELTON	NET PROFIT	21	2	31	75	25	10	12
DON ANTON	HAPPY BARE	17	6	14	7	75	13	13
J GOLASZEWSKI	LUCKY FALCON	9	75	50	26	4	75	13
JIM BEELBY	FISH FLY	7	75	19	9	9	75	16
DEAN PILOT	HIGH ANXIETY	5	11	50	50	75	75	16
DOUG KARAKAS	CAPT HOOK II	10	7	50	11	13	11	17

A=RIVER CRAB D=PORT AUSTIN  
 B=ST. JOE E=OSCODA  
 C=HARBOR BEACH F=MANISTEE

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### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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### BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Aug. 25	OLCOTT/WILSON, N.Y. (Research trip, no pts.)	Dick Shirk, 749-9493
Sept. 8	FRANKFORT (Inter-club: Benzie)	Don Redmond, 469-8344



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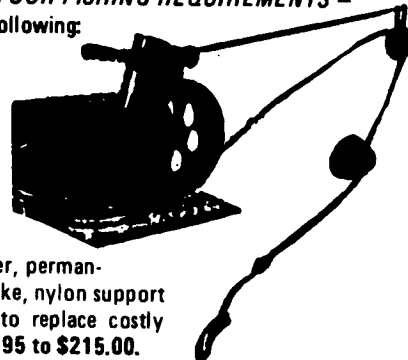
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