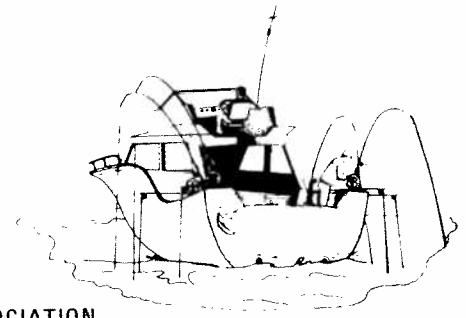




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Sixth Annual Boat Raffle is underway

The Detroit Area Chapter's Annual Boat Raffle is in full swing. The boat has been on display at the Silverdome and Cobo Hall boat shows already, and will be at Outdoorama through March 1.

Ticket sales have been going well so far, and member support has been very good! Already there have been numerous requests for additional books of tickets, and I certainly hope that this strong support continues right up through the actual drawing of the winner's name in April at our meeting. Keep up the good work, everyone!

Bob Kring turned in 26 books at the January membership meeting to win the tackle prize for January. Well done, Bob! There will be another tackle prize to be won at the February membership meeting, so get those stubs and the money turned in beforehand, or at the meeting itself.

There will also be prizes awarded to the "Top Five" ticket sellers at the conclusion of the Raffle. The prizes are as follows:



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5th— 2-year paid-up Chapter membership

The winners of these prizes will be announced at the May membership meeting.

Many members, including some new faces, have been turning out to work the show booths, and are doing a great job. Thanks, members, for a fine effort so far. Keep it up!

I also want to publicly thank the businesses which are helping to make our Raffle a success, and to remind all members to show their support for the people who support us when it comes time to buy tackle and equipment.

Our Raffle boat was purchased from Byrd Marine (2707 S. Telegraph, Dearborn, 565-7574). Anyone interested in a boat or fishing tackle or boating equipment should go in and see Frank Hewison or Tony Byrd for a good deal.

Lowrance Electronics, Inc. supplied us with a Model No. 1510B Graph for the Raffle boat — remember Lowrance when shopping for electronic equipment.

Eagle Claw donated two rods, Ryobi chipped in with two reels, and Proos Manufacturing provided us with two manual downriggers at a very low price.

Many thanks to all manufacturers and suppliers who are helping to make this important fund-raising event a big success. Let's all remember who they are, and do what we can to reciprocate.

Thank you and "Good Fishin'."

Terry McCaffrey

Detroit Chapter Spring Show is set for March 29

Our Sixth Annual Chapter Spring Show is set for Sunday, March 29 at Centerline High School. The Show will be open to the public from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., with set-up starting at 8:30 a.m.

Your Chapter NEEDS YOUR HELP to make this important educational event a success. Members who have helped out at these shows in the past know just how much work there is to be done.

We urge ALL members to get involved. You may not want to man a booth, but there are lots of other jobs that have to be done. We need all the help we can get!

There will be vendors and manufacturers present at the show once again, so you can take advantage of their presence to make a good deal on just about anything you may need for the 1981 fishing season.

For those of you who may have something to sell or swap, we will have a

table set up for you. Bring in your old radios, graphs, downriggers, rods and reels, other fishing tackle, etc. and we will try to sell or swap them for you. Please be sure that each item is clearly marked with your name and phone number, and the price.

Any member who is interested in manning a booth, or is just willing to help out in general, please contact me at home at 421-8559, or at work at 643-9290. I hope to have all the booth assignments filled by March 15 so that the details can be worked out in time, so don't delay. Please call me, or see me at the February membership meeting.

We don't ask for too much, just a helping hand. So come on out and do your part as a Detroit Area Chapter member. Remember, it's YOUR Chapter. Thanks!

Jerry Lee
Show Chairman

LATE FLASH!

The Red Cross will be on hand at the February meeting to give first aid instruction. Don't miss it!!!

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The views expressed in this paper are those of the Chapter Members and the Editor. The purpose of this paper is to inform the Chapter Members of events which affect the Sportfishermen. It is our intention to teach, inform and guide the members to respect and appreciate the Great Lakes, Rivers and Land around us.

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River Fishing: A chance to learn AuSable outing planned

The Detroit Area Chapter will hold a river fishing outing on Saturday, March 7, on the AuSable River. The idea of this outing is to get the anglers out of a warm, dry house and into the river to tune up for the spring runs.

This is a good chance for anybody, regardless of experience, to fish with some of the state's top river fishermen. It's also a chance to learn some of the river, and the different types of fishing techniques used. Fishing pressure on the river is usually light at this time.

This is NOT a tournament, but an outing to instruct and teach how to fish for steelhead in the river. The Chapter may try to scramble some awards together for those who land their "First Steelhead."

We will meet at the Foote Dam parking lot at 6:30 a.m., then get together after 5:00 p.m. to talk about the day's activities.

Good Fishing!

Mike Curzenski
 River Fishing Chairman
 (Director)

COMING EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.	February 24, 1981
American Legion Hall	March 31, 1981
2079 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley	April 28, 1981

SHOWS

Date	Event	Coordinator
Feb. 20-March 1	Outdoorama	Don Kirchoff, 774-8089
To Be Announced	Tel-Twelve Mall	Dennis Holoway, 898-4329
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March 29	SPRING SHOW	Jerry Lee, 421-8559

RIVER FISHING

Date	Event	Location	Coordinator
March 7	River Outing	AuSable River	Mike Curzenski, 574-0365
April 11	Tournament	To Be Announced	Mike Curzenski, 574-0365
		Saginaw vs. Huron Shores vs. Detroit Area	
April 25	River Outing	Manistee River	Mike Curzenski, 574-0365



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PLACE	POINTS	SKIPPER	BOAT
1	139	JERRY LEE	SEA SCREW
2	130	TERRY CHOLETTE	FISHING FEVER
3	99	TOBI LAMPI	JESSIE III
4	97	RANDY COPE	OOUZO TOO
5	94	ED YANKOWSKI II	LEAST LIKELY
6	89	GARY GRAY	GRAY GHOST
7	88	SID KOLONGOWSKI	BACKLASH
8	83	TERRY McCAFFREY	TERRY'S TOY
9	81	TOM SCHNEIDER	CORKY MAN
10	79	MIKE CURZENSKI	NOONER
11	78	JEWELL HARRIS	CANNONBALL
12	71	ED KAL	KAL'S KAN
13	57	R. J. BRANHAM	SEAHAWK
14	52	FRED LUKNEHOFF	MAGIC
15	49	TONY RECCIA	BELLA DAWNNA
16	43	LARRY RING	LIV-IT-UP
17	40	MIKE LAMPHIER	AQUA-MAN
18	39	BOB KRING	DRIFTER
19	37	BUCK RYDER	EASY RYDER
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21	34	GARY POIRIER	LIZARD
22	25	BOB JESTER	SKYBIRD
23	24	JERRY THOMPSON	DAR DAN
24	23	RICHARD JOWSEY	MISTER LUCKY
25	21	DENNIS HOLOWAY	CADJAY
26	16	FRANK MEADE	FISH ON
27	14	MIKE PATTERSON	JOE COOL
28	14	JEFF LUCKRITZ	FANTASY
29	14	DICK WOS	POLISH PRIDE
30	13	GARY PYSZ	VP'S THREE
31	12	ED LUNTERO	SKIP JACK
32	11	ROGER RICE	DOUBLE-R
33	11	DON WHITE	GERRIE ANN
34	10	DAVE BOIK	MARYANN
35	8	JIM TREADAWAY	OKIE DRIFTER
36	5	DICK HEIDTMAN	DORY-MAE
37	5	JOHN GASTON	DARLING LISA
38	5	BILL BROADUS	DICKENS
39	4		LITTLE HOOKER
40	2	BOB KOWALIK	Q-N-U-2
41	0	JERRY CIRUZENSKI	BOBBER



*Congratulations,
Jerry!*

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TOOK PART IN
THE ACTION DURING
THE 1980 SEASON!!

CLAIMS "SKIPPER OF THE YEAR" HONORS AGAIN

Jerry Lee looks back on fabulous season

By far, the 1980 fishing season was the best ever for me!! To capture "Skipper of the Year" honors for the third consecutive year was a great thrill and quite an accomplishment. Another great thrill was becoming the top money winner in the State MSSFA money tournaments.

Last season, the fish seemed to be larger and more plentiful. Just about every weekend was a successful outing, except when Mother Nature took her toll.

When I sit back and dream about the season just past, I ask myself why I seemed to be catching more and larger fish? What did I do differently in 1980 that I didn't do in 1979? Just exactly what was the reason I was able to win the "Skipper of the Year" award again and become Number One in the State money tournaments?

I've had many different thoughts about these questions, and others, and the best answer I've been able to come up with is that it just comes right down to all the time and thoughts I've put into becoming a more consistent fisherman!

Consistency was a lesson taught to me during the 1979 season by good friend and skipper of the charter boat "Finlander" Al Laaksonen. It's one that I don't think I'll ever forget.

One day, just before the South Haven State Tournament, Al said to me, "Jerry, you're a good fisherman, but you're just not consistent!" True, I replied. One day

I'm able to limit out in a tournament, and the second day of the tourney I'm only able to catch a few fish.

Well, today, Al might like to take back those words. Because I took his words of advice to heart and strived to become more consistent, I was able to enjoy the kind of season I had in 1980. It certainly proved the wisdom of Al's words. Thanks a lot, Al!

So what did I do to become more consistent? That's what I hope to be able to tell the members of the Detroit Area Chapter and the MSSFA in this upcoming 1981 season. After much deliberation, I've decided to resign as Boat Trolling Tournament Director in order to take on the position of Education Director for clinics, etc. I think it's time to get some new faces into the picture and let some of the elected new blood take over some of these key positions. And, I'd like to spend more time this year showing anyone who is interested as much as I can about my approach to fishing.

There's always new developments in equipment, tackle and techniques, so I hope to be able to help keep everyone up to date with the changes through clinics, articles and personal contact at Chapter events. I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to share my knowledge firsthand with any Chapter members who genuinely want to learn.

We have a whole lot of talent in our Chapter, both in boat and river fishing, and I hope that all Chapter members who

have something to say on these subjects will step forward and lend a hand, too, by teaching what they may know about our great fishery.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all my crew members who fished with me in 1980, including:

Alice Lee	Bob Johnson
Leslie Ottino	Don Richards
Lauren Bityk	Don Kirchoff

Larry Lee	Gary Gray
Jeff Damitz	Butch Saap

You all really contributed to making the 1980 season a great success.

I'd also like to thank the Tournament Co-ordinators, who make our tourneys such delightful experiences:

Don White	Registrar
Bob Kring	Benton Harbor
Mike Curzenski	South Haven
Sid Kolongowski	Pentwater
Don White	Frankfort
and Gary Gray	(Ladies Day)
Terry McCaffrey	Ludington
Mike Curzenski	Mansitee

And I should certainly mention all the Chapter members who helped out with the work at the weigh-ins. And I'd like to especially thank Don Richards for his time and material in making a tripod for our scales. In case I overlooked anyone, let's just say a well-deserved "Thank You" to all!!

Jerry Lee
Education Director
Capt., Sea Screw Fishing Team



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JERRY LEE (left) with some of his 1980 crew members who shared in the Sea Screw Fishing Team's success.

"Sea Screw"

1980 Tournament Results

Detroit Area Chapter Tournaments

Benton Harbor	4th Place
South Haven (Ludington)	11th Place
Pentwater	3rd Place
Port Austin	1st Place
Frankfort (Ladies Day)	1st Place
Ludington	2nd Place
Manistee	2nd Place

MSSFA State Tournaments

Benton Harbor	2nd Place
South Haven	3rd Place
Ludington	5th Place

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Days such as these are excellent times to closely inspect all gear for any potential problems.

First, look at the rods. Clean the ferrules, using lacquer thinner, paint thinner or lighter fluid. Clean the female ferrule with pipe cleaners or Q-tips. Lubricate the male ferrule with a ferrule grease.

Check all guides and the rod tip for wear, and replace any that are worn or damaged. If you don't know how to wrap guides, you should know that it's easy to learn and easy to do. All wraps should be cleaned and revarnished or repolymerized every three years.

Make sure the reel seat is sound. If loose, drill through the reel side, line up and insert hot glue. Clean locking rings and threads (light oil optional). Store the rods disassembled and carefully supported.

The reels should be checked for sticky drags, squeaks and dirt. Most should be disassembled, cleaned with mineral spirits, and lubricated. Follow manufacturer's instructions when doing this maintenance (you did save the instruction sheet, didn't you?). Use tools of the correct size. Replace any springs, shafts, handles and other points of wear as needed. Order replacements direct from the manufacturer, or through local shops which can also handle most repairs for you, if you wish.

I replace all line every winter. Keep track of when the line was spooled and its pound test on gummed labels under the reel foot or spool. I change line frequently during heavy usage seasons. Store monofilament in a cool, dry, dark place.

Check hook sharpness on all lures. They should easily scratch a fingernail. Use a hook hone or small file to sharpen them. Replace bent or rusted hooks. Spoons and spinners should be cleaned and polished. Touch up finishes with paint or reflective tape. Experiment with new designs.

Clean out the tackle boxes. Check inventory of swivels, line, lures, tools, etc. Buy new ones as needed. Organize the storage of all gear.

Check your waders for leaks. In a dark room, use a flashlight inside the waders. The light will show through any trouble spots. Use patches applied with rubber cement.

If you are a boat fisherman, check downrigger cables and replace as needed. Lube all turning parts. Get your radio tuned.

When you've done all of the above, it still may be winter, but at least you will know that you're prepared for that next fishing trip.

Steve Hamilton

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Letter to the Editor

DEAR MR. EDITOR:

I feel I must protest the Lindberg story in the December issue. The next to last paragraph of the story indicates, at best, some [redacted] and certainly should have been edited. It appears that Chapter Directors get free "Cheap Shots" in our newsletter.


Petty jealousy masked behind clever little words has no place here for what small audience he may smugly try to influence. The Chapter has just gone through distressing times with what eventually appeared to be a [redacted] factured dispute between the Detroit Area Chapter and MSSFA headquarters.

I don't feel this newsletter should be a [redacted] for someone's "sour grapes," especially from [redacted]


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After removing and discarding the old line where it won't be a hazard to other anglers, you should tie the new line to the arbor using what is appropriately called an arbor knot. Run the free end of the line through the level-wind mechanism, or over the bail on a spinning reel, and around the arbor. Tie an overhand knot in the free end, then tie the free end back around the standing line, again using an overhand knot. The standing line should slip through the second overhand knot.

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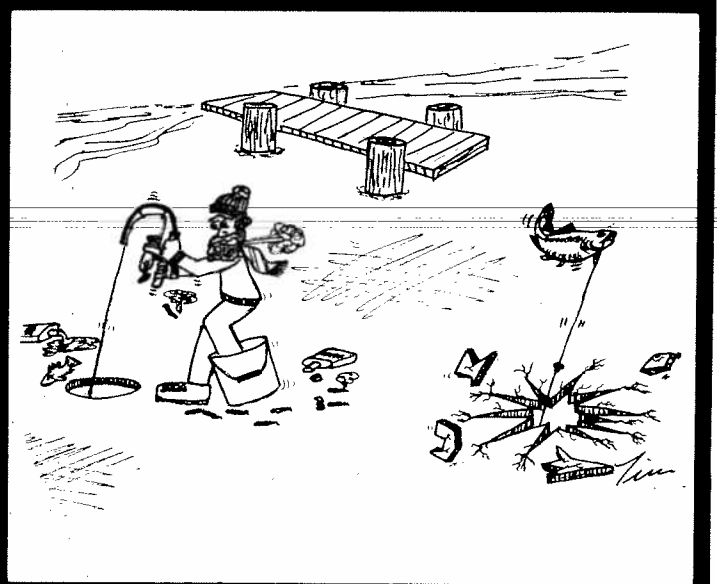
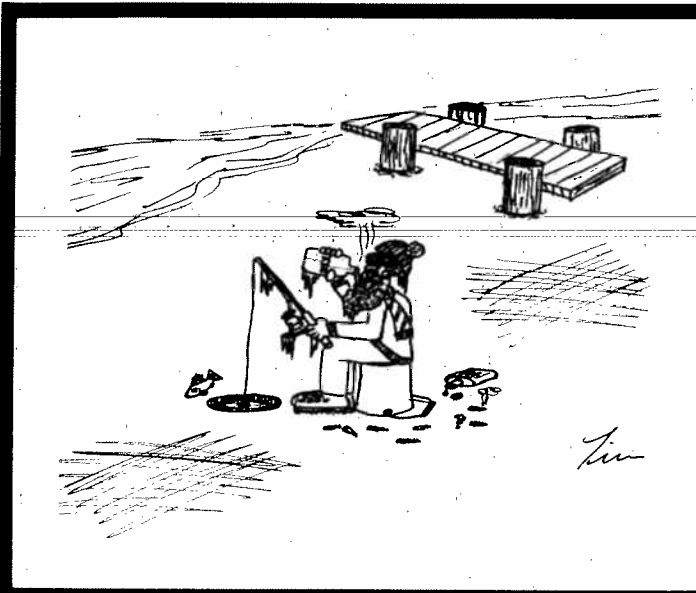
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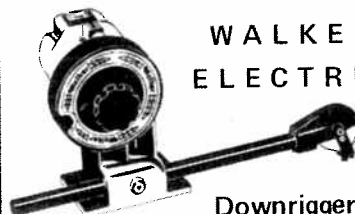
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