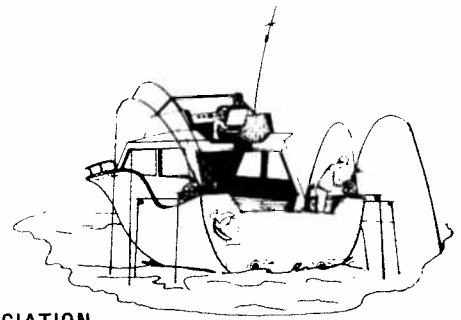




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DETROIT AREA CHAPTER SETS THE PACE!

Steelheaders' Spring Show is March 1

Detroit Chapter river fishermen victorious over Au Sable Chapter

The Detroit Area and Au Sable River Chapters held a river tourney on the Au Sable River on January 26, with the Detroit Area Chapter claiming top honors.

Unusually mild weather resulted in no snow to speak of, with all the roads and lower holes open for a change. Unfortunately, the fishing was slow for the most part, with only a fish or two in some holes.

First place went to Bob Jester with a nice 8 lb. 9 oz. Steelhead. A student of Tom Schneider, this was Bob's first river Steelhead.

Scott Glaser took second place with a 7 lb. 9 oz. Steelhead. Scott has been fishing with his brother Brian and me for two years and it's finally paying off for him.

Tom Schneider, favorite child of "Mother River" was third with a 7 lb. beauty, while Gary Gray in Drift Boat No. 2 (5 lb. 11 oz.) and former river fisherman and now Drift Boat fisherman Bob Lindberg (4 lb. 8 oz.) were fourth and fifth respectively.

Fish were caught up and down the river, with no one place outdoing the other. Many small fish (skippers) were caught and released in The Meadows by Rick Greba, a new river fisherman who certainly rates an Honorable Mention. All the skippers were asking for Bob Kanas.

Total fish caught: Detroit Chapter 7, Au Sable River Chapter 0.

Special thanks go to Mike and Gary Curzenski for helping me with the weigh-in, and for keeping my glass filled with beer.

— Ed Yankoski II

Show features seminars, clinics and more

The biggest and best of the MSSFA Spring Shows will be held March 1 in Fraser at Fraser High School when the Detroit Area Chapter tells it all at its seminar.

River fishing and trolling, surf and pier fishing will be covered completely with dozens of clinics: where to fish and when; the newest lures, tackle and equipment; table after table full of displays; a completely outfitted boat; and the opportunity to purchase the best at very reasonable prices.

Admission is FREE, so make your plans to be there. The site for this year's Show is at Fraser High School, 34270 Garfield, Fraser, MI. Show times: 12:00 noon — 7:00 p.m.

A Detroit Chapter Innovation

Around the state, other Chapters have

incorporated the clinic and seminar concept to add an educational aspect that has greatly increased interest and attendance. This specialized teaching approach was pioneered by the Detroit Area Chapter in 1976, and proved so successful that all Chapters were encouraged to use similar formats for their shows.

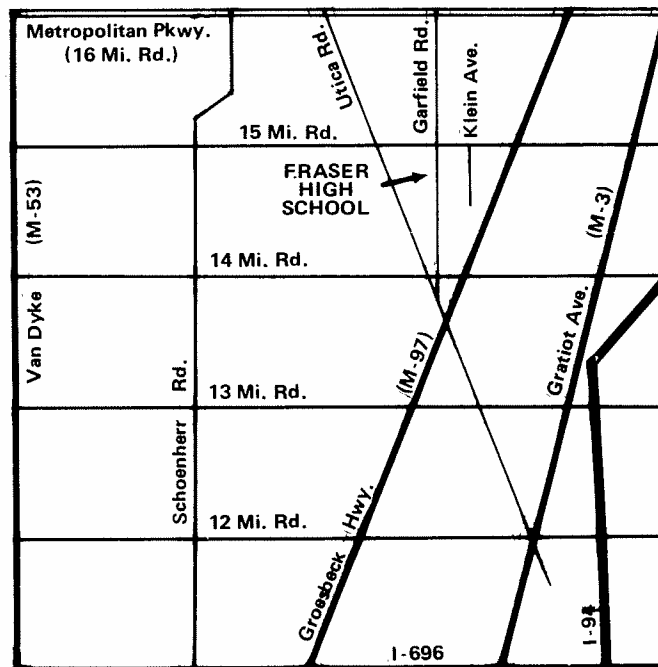
Each year there seems to be more and better equipment demonstrated at the Show. People who attend this year's Spring Show will have a large selection of tackle, lures and equipment to browse over and will be able to make purchases at bargain prices.

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Also, there will be a raffle drawing about every 15 minutes during the Show for a minimum of \$25.00 worth of lures and tackle. One mini-affle ticket is good for all the 15 minute raffles, as the tickets stay in the hopper throughout the Show.

The Detroit Area Chapter Spring Show promises to be the very best one so far! Make your plans right now, and be sure to get in on the fun. See you there!!



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OPEN TO ALL FISHERMEN

Chapter to hold river clinic

On March 8, 1980, the Detroit Area Chapter will sponsor a river fishing clinic. This clinic will be held at the Public Access Parking Lot at Tippy Dam (north side) on the Manistee River starting at 8:00 a.m. This is your chance to catch those big silver fish, fresh from the big lake!

The topics discussed will include:

- ★ Bottom bouncing
- ★ Bobber fishing
- ★ Spinners
- ★ Drift baits
- ★ Live baits
- ★ New drift boat techniques

These will be discussed right on the river bank so you can see it done and ask questions then and there.

After the presentations, we will hold a fishing derby. The fishing will end at 3:30 p.m., with weigh-in starting then and lasting until 4:30 p.m. Immediately following the weigh-in, trophies will be awarded for the three largest steelhead.

This clinic is open to ALL fishermen. Just show up and sign in by 9:00 a.m. to qualify for the fishing derby trophies.

COMING EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Tuesday Nights — at	February 26
Vladimir's Restaurant	March 26
Grand River, W. of 8 Mile Road	April 29

Chapter Spring Show <i>(Fraser High School)</i>	March 1
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Chapter River Fishing Clinic <i>(Tippy Dam, Manistee River)</i>	March 8
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River Crab Invitational Tourney <i>(St. Clair River)</i>	April 19
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Annual Chapter Raffle	April 29
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RIVER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Place/Opponent	Contact
April 12	AuSable River Detroit vs. AuSable vs. Saginaw	John Tymensky 532-1687



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- Macomb Mall • Gratiot at 13 1/2 Mile
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- Campus Corners • Livernois & Walton
(652-6171)

Show Committee urges big Spring Show turn-out

The 1980 edition of the Detroit Area Chapter Spring Show will be held on Saturday, March 1. This year, the show is being held in Fraser at Fraser High School. The school is located on Garfield Road just south of 15 Mile Road (see map on page 1).

We will set up for the Show from 8:00 a.m. until we open the doors to the public at 12:00 noon. Those who have been good enough to sign up to work a booth should remember that they must bring their own equipment for any demonstrations which require it.

For the benefit of new members, we would like to remind you that out-state and local vendors will be selling merchandise at much lower prices than at any other time of the year. Here's your opportunity to fill your tackle needs as inexpensively as possible! Also, there will be a tackle raffle with winners being drawn frequently.

Last year, our Spring Show was a huge success, and many members played important parts in that success. The Show Committee is looking forward to another great Show, and we urge ALL members to support this important Chapter effort with their enthusiastic participation!

— Show Committee

MEMBER PARTICIPATION NEEDED!

1980 Annual Raffle features multiple prizes, awards for top ticket sellers

Don't forget, our 5th Annual Raffle is now under way. The tickets are \$.50 each, or 3 for \$1.00, and the drawing will take place at the April membership meeting on April 29. Tickets have been mailed to each member, and if for some reason we missed you, or you wish more raffle tickets, call or write: **Terry McCaffrey, 1433 Selma, Westland, MI, 729-1889**, or see me at the membership meetings. The Chapter is counting on all members to do their part to make this important event a success.

The 1980 Raffle will be a multiple prize raffle, something new for a change. The prizes are as follows:

- First Prize A "Tailored for You" Fishing Trip for two worth \$2,000, or \$2,000 in cash;
- Second Prize A 1-day river fishing trip for two with Dick Swan;
- Third Prize A 1-day Lake Michigan charter aboard "Finlander";
- Fourth Prize \$100 worth of fishing tackle — your choice;
- Fifth Prize — 12' Eagle Claw rod/Shakespeare 1810 reel.
- Tenth Prize

Again this year, we will have prizes for the Top Five Ticket Sellers. Remember, let's sell those tickets. You may be a winner!

Terry McCaffrey
Chairman, Annual Raffle

DNR HOTLINE

True sportsmen and other citizens concerned about fish and game violations can do something about it says, the Department of Natural Resources. If you can't contact your local conservation officer about a violation, call the DNR toll-free HOTLINE, 1-800-292-7800, day or night. If possible, try to provide a license number and description of any vehicles involved, and any other pertinent information. You do not have to give your name when calling.



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2nd Annual "River Crab" Invitational Tournament set for April 19

Once again this year, Chuck Muer and the River Crab Restaurant will host the Second Annual "River Crab" Invitational Fishing Tournament, on the St. Clair River. The date for this year's tourney is April 19.

The tournament will begin at 6:30 a.m. and go until 1:00 p.m. The weigh-in will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the River Crab Restaurant.

Our regular tournament rules will apply with these exceptions: the minimum length rules on fish AND boats will be waived. We have also opened up Canadian waters of the river for the tourney, hoping to relieve the congested boat traffic we experienced last year. Those who would like to fish from the river bank may also enter this year's tournament.

This year's event will be a four-way inter-Chapter Fish-Off, with the Blue Water, North Oakland County, Thumb, and Detroit Area Chapters participating in the action.

Trophies will be awarded for the largest fish in all trout and salmon categories. Also, a bottle of 'bubbly' will be presented to the skipper or 'bankie' with the largest catch of the day. Scoring for the Chapter competition will be based on 10 points per fish and 1 point per pound. This year, there will NOT be a Detroit Area Chapter Trolling Tournament in conjunction with the inter-Chapter Fish-Off.

The entry fee this year is \$3.00 per person, which includes beer and pop at the weigh-in. This year's Tournament Dinner costs \$8.00 per person. The meal includes chowder, cole slaw, smelt, family-style perch, red skin potatoes, fried zucchini, bread and butter, coffee/tea/milk, tip and door prizes.

Due to the large turn-out last year, there is a limit of 325 total attendance for the dinner. The Detroit Area Chapter is limited to a total of 150 tickets. These will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis at the February and March meetings, or by contacting Tournament Registrar Don White.

As in 1979, there will be two Press Boats, for local DNR representatives, and press personnel covering the event.

For those of you who were unable to attend last year's outing and heard all about the fun from the participants, be sure to sign up early! And those who haven't heard about the great time last year, ask someone who was there, like Tom Schneider!! Don't miss out this year. Get your name in early, and Think Spring!

Good Fishin'.

Jerry Lee
Tournament Chairman

GREENBUSH AREA UPDATE

Greenbush site for small boat tournament

Last winter, I wrote an article for *Fishin' Tales* (see 1979 Annual Issue) about early season lake trout fishing in Greenbush, on Lake Huron between Oscoda and Harrisville.

In that article, I mentioned that this spot was a small boater's bonanza because the fish were very close to shore — often less than 20 yards!

Since that article appeared in *Fishin' Tales*, and the State newsletter, many fishermen have spent a weekend enjoying the fruits of the DNR fish plantings.

This spring, one or more locals in the Greenbush area is going to sponsor a tournament designed with the small boat in mind. If you would be interested in participating in such a tournament, either get in touch with me at 288-3975, or see me at the February membership meeting.

— Tom Nesbitt



FRANK FLEMING and Tom Nesbitt at Greenbush with early spring catch.

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A REPLY TO CHANNEL 7!

Member sets gill net record straight

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Gentlemen:

In a recent show that you had on about the State Fishing Controversy you came up with a lot of very good information, but I personally feel you missed a very important point, and the real people involved.

I'm talking about the Sport Fisherman, the man and Family that travels the entire state to fish for the salmon and trout they've paid for through hunting and fishing licenses in the first place, and the small towns that thrive because of the sport fishermen that spend money in their towns. And how about the Charter Boat Captains who make their livings from the people who come from all over the United States to catch the mighty Kings and the famous Lake Trout that have been planted, and should be in the waters around these towns.

Did anyone stop in and talk to anyone from the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association? There is a Chapter right here in your own back

yard. The Detroit Area Chapter meets the last Tuesday of every month right here in Detroit at Vladimir's Restaurant, Grand River west of Eight Mile Road.

I am sure that I could personally fill your report of fishing pressure and what the GILL NETTERS are doing to the Fishery of the Great Lakes.

Also I have another question that I have not seen appear in any of the court decisions or in anything else. What were the GILL NETTERS getting in their nets when the Lakes were all but dead with the contaminants, and what was left was helped with the Sea Lamprey? The way I understand it, it was the DNR that started the clean-up of the Lakes including the control of the Lamprey and the plantings of the salmon and trout that are surviving in our Great Lakes today. That, sir, also means the plantings going on in the Upper Peninsula, which the GILL NETTERS are now catching.

Sure we have always had Lake Trout (and Whitefish) in the Great Lakes, up until the Lakes were all but dead. And the GILL NETTERS had a heck of a heyday while it lasted. But we never

had Coho, Chinook, Splake and the Steelhead that are now being caught just about year-round, with a fantastic winter fishery.

If you or the GILL NETTERS, the noble Judge Fox, the Supreme Court in Ohio OR the Federal Government, who have been against us, could possibly guarantee us (the Sport Fisherman) that these fish (that we have bought and paid for through license and tax money) would not be caught in these killing nets, then there would be little or almost no problem.

In most reports that I have seen, not only through my Chapter newsletter, the State Chapter newspaper, the Detroit News, the Detroit Free Press and including everything else that comes in any other magazines or papers, I have yet to see a report that covers the total fish caught that are the planted fish mentioned above. All you ever see mentioned in reports is Lake Trout and Whitefish.

I am a Sport Fisherman. Between my partner and me, we own (along with the bank!) about twenty thousand dollars worth of truck/camper, boat/trailer and

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other equipment for this kind of fishing. I do not think a month goes by that we don't spend some money on equipment of some kind, including all winter long.

What I'm trying to say is that on any given trip we have caught, and do catch, a mixed bag of fish, including one trip when we limited out (20 fish), catching every kind of trout and salmon in the Great Lakes. All from the same port and in the same general area.

Now, sir, my question: If I can do that with rods and reels, what are the GILL NETTERS getting in their nets? If they are getting such mixed bags also, what is happening in the Lakes to the fisheries that the Sportsman and their monies have bought? The GILL NETTERS are not even buying a license to help pay the bill for what they take out!

Why when the Treaty was written, there weren't any Atlantic Salmon, King Salmon, Coho, Splake or Steelhead in the Great Lakes! So I feel that the Treaty does not cover these fish and that the GILL NETTERS should not be able to have the opportunity to go after these

fish in the Great Lakes. Of course, I realize that this is an impossible request, because the GILL NET does not discriminate among the fish.

I'm terribly sorry about rambling on over this but it hurts me a great deal to see this going on today. If it was back in the time of the Treaty then maybe it would be different. Today we can and have put people on the moon. Did they give a treaty to the Indians about that, too? We have cleaned up our Lakes at a great expense to us, and have replanted it at our own expense with little or nothing coming from the GILL NETTERS. Seriously, do they, the GILL NETTERS, have a right to kill that?

I'll go one step further, if I may. Enclosed find a picture taken of our equipment. I am giving you or your crew (any of them) an open invitation to join us, the Crew of the OUZO TOO Fishing Team on a weekend trip to any port on the Great Lakes. In fact, let's go one better. Let's make it for a week. We would start in the southern portion of Lake Michigan and travel north into

the Treaty waters. We would let your crew decide if the fish are being killed off by the GILL NETTERS. You might be surprised at the outcome.

Waiting to see you or hear from you, as it is your move next.

Sincerely,


Dale E. Bee, Jr.
OUZO-TOO Fishing Team
 Michigan Steelhead and
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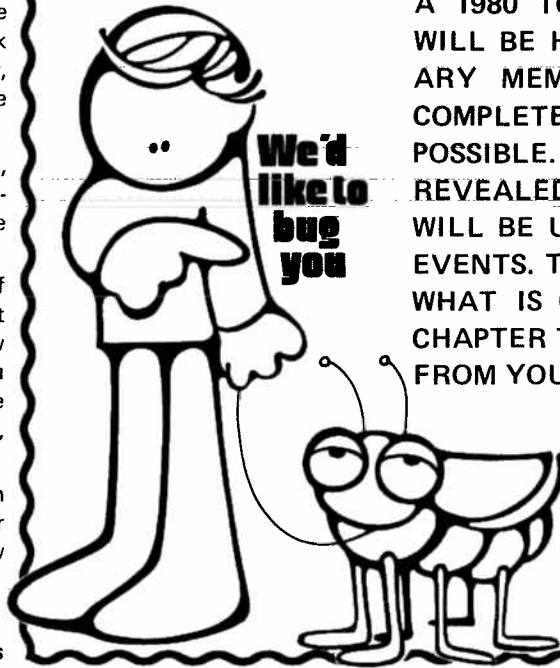
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We will publish the list in the March issue of **Fishin' Tales**. Then whenever a skipper has an opening he will know who to call.

Tom Fleming
Fishing Partners

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