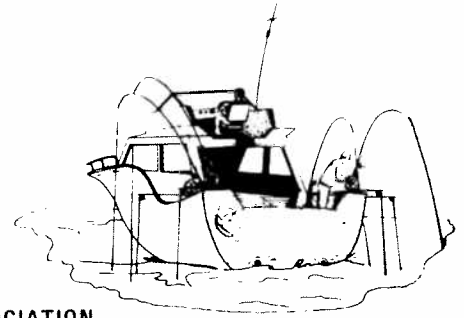




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DON'T FORGET!

American Legion Hall in Berkley is new meeting place

Our new membership meeting place will be at the **American Legion Hall** on 12 Mile between Woodward and Coolidge.

Ticket stubs will be sold for beer, mixed drinks and pop. Ticket sales as follows:

Beer .50c Pop .50c

Mixed drinks \$1.00

The Hall will be open at 7:00 p.m. and there is plenty of parking space.

Hope to see everybody there — bring a friend.

Our guest speaker this month will be **John Lombardo**, a Chapter member who is going to talk to us about the care and preparation of our trophy fish prior to being mounted.

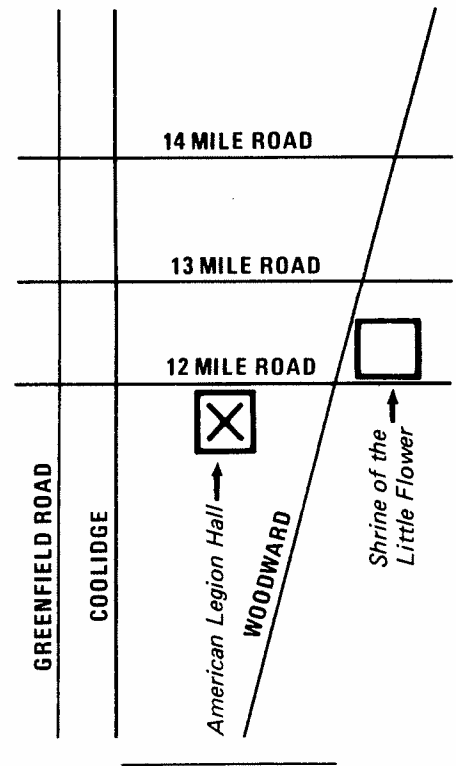
Also, trophies will be awarded for the Port Austin Tournament.

“Ladies Day” trophies will be presented at the September meeting. ALL ladies attending that meeting will receive a free raffle ticket for a separate drawing for the ladies only! This drawing will consist of everything but tackle. Sorry ladies, I know that breaks your hearts! See ya then!

Gary Gray
President



**AUGUST 26
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Chapter member places Fourth in Tawas Bay Brown Trout Derby

Jim Wittibslager of Dundee, Michigan placed 4th with his 11lb. 14oz. Lake Trout caught on May 3 during the Tawas Bay Brown Trout Derby which ran April 1 through June 1.

The trout was caught in 10 feet of water on a “Clatter-Tad”. Jim stated it was his first trip on Lake Huron and the \$100 he won will help pay for a few more trips.



RAFFLE PRIZE FISHING CHARTER PAYS OFF:
Chapter member David Geistler shows off the fine catch taken during the charter fishing trip he won as part of the Chapter Annual Raffle. A full report on the charter can be found on page 9.

REGULAR TOURNEY ON SATURDAY, MAKE-UP ON SUNDAY

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Tourney 'doubleheader' set for Ludington

The Detroit Area Chapter's next two trolling tournaments will be held at Ludington. The first, the regularly scheduled Ludington Tournament, will take place on Saturday, August 23, and the second, the make-up of the South Haven Tournament, will be held on Sunday, August 24.

The skippers' meeting and weigh-in will be held at the Municipal Boat Ramp on Lake Michigan (there is also a city boat ramp on Pere Marquette Lake). The ramp fee is \$2.00 and must be paid *in quarters only* into a vending device. The skippers' meeting will take place at 5:30 a.m., with the tournament start scheduled for 6:30 a.m. We will pull lines at 2:30 p.m. **with the weigh-in to follow.**

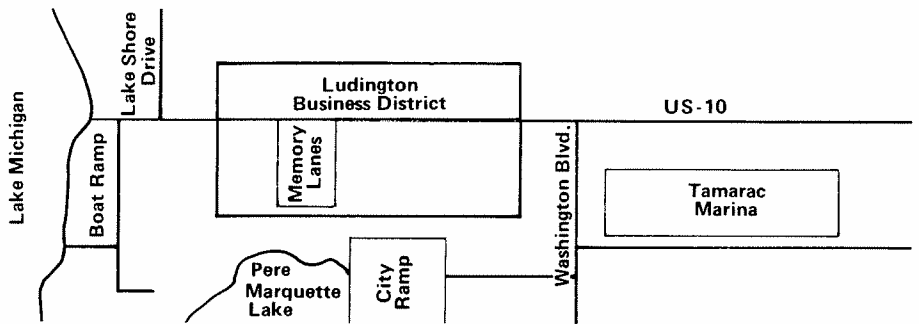
Ludington will be quite crowded at this time due to the start of the American Salmon Derby and the Ludington Salmon Derby on August 23, so plan on being prompt for the skippers' meeting, as the ramp will likely be very crowded.

There will be a dinner on Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. at Memory Lanes in Ludington. It will be a banquet-style meal of chicken, ham and fish (including salad bar and beverage) for \$6.00 per person. If you are interested in attending the dinner, call Terry McCaffrey at 729-1889 as soon as possible.

On Sunday, August 24, the make-up of the South Haven Tournament will take place. Start and finish times for this tourney will be the same as used on Saturday, but there will not be a skippers' meeting on Sunday morning.

Anyone wishing to register for either tournament should contact Don White (751-2144) or Jerry Lee (421-8559). Further information about the two tournaments may be obtained from Terry McCaffrey (729-1889). We hope to see many of you at the tournaments.

Good Luck and Good Fishing!



COMING EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
American Legion Hall
2079 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley

August 26
September 30
October 28

BOAT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Place	Contact
August 23	Ludington	Don White 751-2144 Jerry Lee 421-8559
August 24	Ludington (South Haven make-up)	
Sept. 13	Manistee	Bob Kring 852-3847 Mike Patterson

Steve Hamilton airs Steelheaders' viewpoint

On May 23, I was astounded to hear Ann Simons of TV2 give an editorial in which TV2 was in favor of continued unregulated Indian gillnetting. The few points she made were so inaccurate that I had to make a reply; though there was a chance Dr. Tanner would make the rebuttal, he was unable to appear, and I was permitted to give a guest viewpoint.

Unfortunately this complex issue was to be given only 75 seconds of air time. I had a wealth of material that had to be pared down to even get close to the time limit. The rough draft I called in was twice as long as it should have been, but considered most of the relevant points. I knew some would have to be cut, which Ann Simons did. I was able to critique her editing and make a few last minor changes.

My guest viewpoint was aired on TV2 on Monday, June 9 at 11 p.m., and on Tuesday, June 10 at noon and 6 p.m. Ann Simons and all the TV2 staff were very helpful (though most had no idea what a gillnet is or does), and though we oversimplified a complex issue, the Michigan Steelheaders, through myself, were able to make their presence known.

Text of Hamilton's reply

The controversy over Indian gillnetting is not a racial issue, but a conservation issue over the unregulated use of gillnets, which are usually set in strings from 2000 feet to eight miles long. They kill or critically injure EVERY fish that swims into them.

The gillnetters say they have voluntarily stopped netting in some areas, but when only 2 of 24 violations reported to tribal courts are acted upon, this is seen as a farce. And of course they stopped in areas where the fish are already gone.

Has the State of Michigan with millions of sportspersons' dollars restored gamefish to their waters only to lose them to a few gillnetters with federal approval?

The sportangler sees as the solution the State and Federal governments subsidizing the Indian switchover to selective fishing gear, and making up any revenue loss to the whole tribes and not to just the few gillnetters who are becoming wealthy.

We also recommend passage of Congressman Dingell's federal bill to "prevent the unnecessary commercial exploitation of sport species of fish by vested interests". We urge your support of bill H. R. 7232.

I am Steve Hamilton of the Michigan Steelheaders and that is my guest viewpoint.



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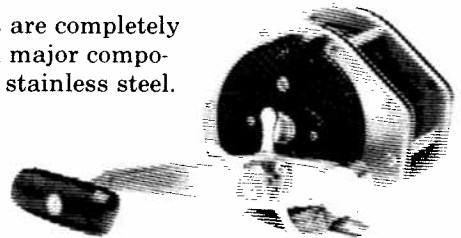
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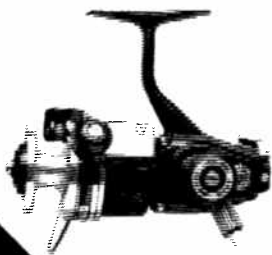
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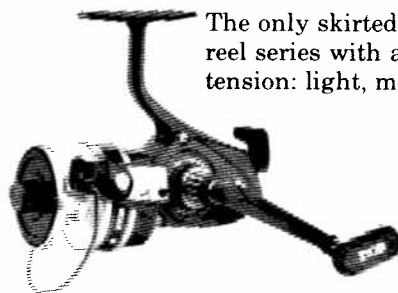
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Pentwater Tourney a success despite scarce fish

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In spite of these dark clouds, spirits were high and the word spread — **THE DETROIT AREA CHAPTER WAS HERE TO CATCH FISH!** The Ludington Chapter heard the word and quickly contacted **COHO BOB: COULD THE DETROIT AREA CHAPTER PROVIDE ENOUGH OF THE ELUSIVE SALMONIDS TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF A LUDINGTON FISH FRY?**

You **KNOW** the odds for success in filling the coolers were stacked against us. Did we doubt? Did we waver? Not for an instant!

John Maynard donated approximately four dozen of his famous **PENTWATER** lures, which were handed out at the skippers' meeting on Saturday morning (we appreciate your support, John!). Speaking of lures, the **SEA SCREW** uncovered a new prototype lure designed to catch **GORILLA** fish (the field test was not conclusive!!).

We hunted — we worked — we caught fish. The tally wasn't as good as those familiar with this port would expect, but the bottom line of the tally sheet said success. Yes, the tournament was a success. The coolers weren't full of fish but the air was full of war stories — epic tales of battles fought and won — and the always-present 'one that got away'.

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SEPTEMBER 19, 20 and 21, 1980

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, September 19

12:00 noon to 10:00
12:00 noon till ?

Registration (Muskegon Chapter)
Beer Tent
Jamboree

Saturday, September 20

Chapter Fish -Off
Fish Boil
Size, Species Tournament (Muskegon Chapter)
Beer Tent
Weekend Biggest Fish (Muskegon Chapter)
Raffles
Freedom Jamboree

Sunday, September 21

Size, Species Tournament (Muskegon Chapter)
Statewide Powder Puff
Beer Tent
Weekend Biggest Fish (Muskegon Chapter)
Raffles

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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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Standings through "Ladies Day" Tournament

Place	Points	Skipper	Boat
1	84	JERRY LEE	Sea Screw
2	76	TERRY CHOLETTE	Fishing Fever
3	70	TOM SCHNEIDER	Corky Man
4	60	RANDY COPE	Ouzo Too
5	55	TERRY McCAFFERY	Terry's Toy
5	55	SID KOLONGOWSKI	Backlash
7	44	GARY GRAY	Gray Ghost
8	43	ED YANKOWSKI II	Least Likely
9	40	JEWELL HARRIS	Cannonball
10	37	TONY RECCIA	Bella Dawna
11	34	GARY POIRIER	Lizard
12	33	LARRY RING	Liv-It-Up
12	33	TOBI LAMPI	Jessie III
12	33	MIKE CURZENSKI	Nooner
15	32	ED KAL	Kal's Kan
16	30	FRED LUKNEHOFF	Magic
17	26	BUCK RYDER	Easy Ryder
18	24	JERRY THOMPSON	Dar Dan
19	22	BOB JESTER	Skybird
20	19	R. J. BRANHAM	Seahawk
21	17	DENNIS HOLOWAY	Cadjay
22	16	FRANK MEADE	Fish On
23	15	DENNIS VAN SICKLE	Honey Buzzer
24	14	MIKE PATTERSON	Joe Cool
24	14	JEFF LUCKRITZ	Fantasy
24	14	DICK WOS	Polish Pride
27	13	GARY PISZ	VP's Three
28	12	MIKE LAMPHIER	Aqua-Man
28	12	ED LUNTERO	Skip Jack
30	11	DON WHITE	Gerrie Ann
31	10	DAVE BOIK	Maryann
31	10	BOB KRING	Drifter
33	8	JIM TREADAWAY	Okie Drifter
34	7	GERRY CIURZENSKI	Bobber
35	6	ROGER RICE	Double-R
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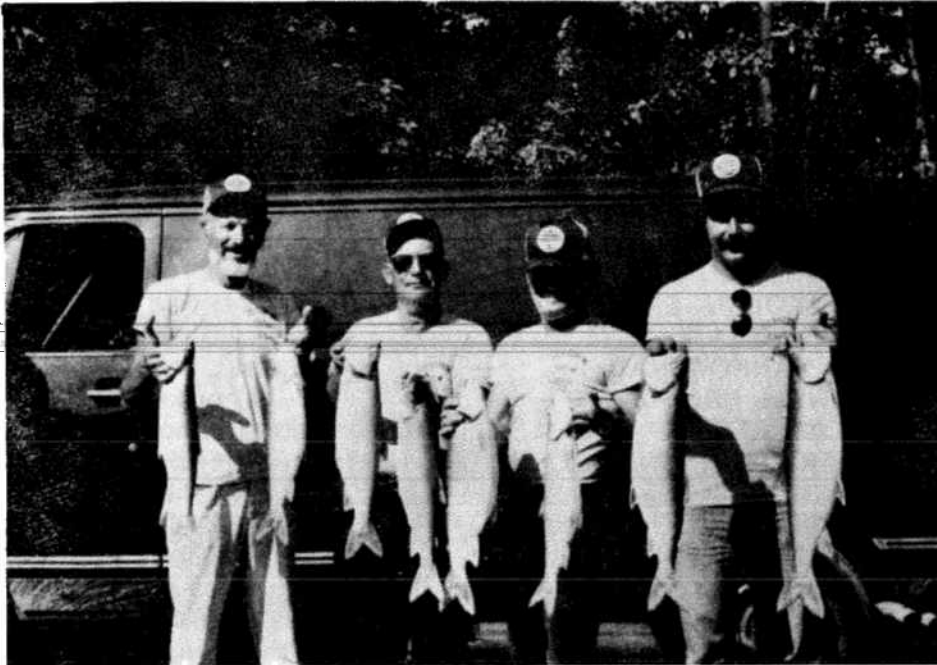
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Port A Tournament



FIRST PLACE: Jerry Lee (right), skipper of the "Sea Screw" and his crew do it again at Port Austin with this nice catch of Lake Trout.

Place	Boat
First	Sea Screw
Second	Gray Ghost
Third	Fishin' Fever
Fourth	Lizard
Fifth	Cannonball
Sixth	Least Likely
Seventh	Corky Man
Eighth	Terry's Toy
Ninth	Kal's Kan
Tenth	Fish On



SIXTH PLACE: The "Least Likely" bunch were almost the most likely when they boated 11 fish. Needless to say, skipper King lived up to his name. Congratulations on your first placement in a boat trolling tournament!

Species	Size
King	30 lbs. 5 oz.
Laker	11 lbs. 11 oz.
Coho	8 lbs. 9 oz.
Brown	7 lbs. 4 oz.
Atlantic	7 lbs. 14 oz.
Steelhead	15 lbs. 4 oz.

Austin Tournament Results

Skipper	Crew
Jerry Lee	Jeff Damitz Don Richards Bob Johnson
Gary Gray	Frank Gray John Tom La Porte
Terry Cholette	Marc Cholette Gar Vinyard Andy Vinyard
Gary Poirier	Terry Dewyer Jeanne Poirier
Jewell Harris	Darrin Harris Greg Riemiec
Ed Yankoski II	Brian Glaser Bob Kanas Scott Kanas
Tom Schneider	Don Daniels Lee Clark
Terry McCaffery	Norm Fasecas Art Przysiecki Scott McCaffery
Ed Kal	Pete Donovan Ken Parks Dave Kane
Frank Meade	No Names Available



SECOND PLACE: Gary Gray (right), skipper of the "Gray Ghost" caught his fish on the same lures and junk that he used for his seminar at the monthly meeting just prior to the tournament.



EIGHTH PLACE: Terry McCaffery (left) had his hands full; the crew with big heads managed to land big fish — not many, but big. Terry, is your crew sober yet?

ed in Tournaments 1980

Name	Event
J. Lee	Frankfort
T. McCaffery	Port Austin
J. Lee	Frankfort
M. Curzenski	Frankfort
B. Rider	Pentwater
L. Hinastu	Au Sable

Ladies Day Tournament Results

Place	Boat	Skipper	Crew
1	Sea Screw	Jerry Lee	Alice Lee Leslie Ottino
2	Nooner	Mike Curzenski	Josephine & Chris Curzenski
3	Polish Pride	Dick Wos	Lee Wos Pat Herteg
4	Cannonball	Jewell Harris	Katrina & Shannon Harris
5	Fishing Fever	Terry Cholette	Gail Cholette Cheryl Vinyard
6	Gerrie Ann	Don White	Pat Willhite Margaret White
7	Ouzo Too	Randell Cope	Patti Cope Sue Bee Linda Frank Cindy Warren
8	Cad-Jay	Denis Holoway	Carol Holoway Pat Beauvais
9	Okie Drifter	Jim Treadaway	Janice Gimbel Sheri Smith
10	Gray Ghost	Gary Gray	Geraldine Gray Chris Linberg

★ *Story and photographs to appear in next FISHIN' TALES* ★

Salmon fool fisheries experts too!

The eruption of Mt. St. Helens is proving that salmon are smarter than the fish experts thought. Since ash, other debris and heated water from the eruption have filled the Cowlitz River, hundreds of adult chinook salmon have detoured into the Klamath River in Southwest Washington.

Normally fish head back to their original spawning grounds, but when the Cowlitz fish swam back upstream after the eruption, they didn't like what they found in the Cowlitz and took the next left turn, according to Dept. of Fisheries experts.

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RAFFLE PRIZE CHARTER REPORT

Member cashes in: fishing on the "Finlander"

First, I would like to thank the Detroit Area Chapter for making this trip possible. I bought lots of tickets, but the Chapter bought the charter. Thanks, guys, I enjoyed the learning experience.

Now for the vital statistics all you eager fishermen would have wanted to collect had *you* won the trip. First, I'd like to relate Al's (Al Laaksonen - The Fin on the Finlander - Skipper) methods to that of a belief of way of life. People who believe in something or some truth, and stay with that truth, are usually satisfied with their own success. No matter what degree of success the world would assign to your endeavor, as long as you believe that what you are doing is right for you, then nothing else should matter.

I may be wrong on my emphasis, but this is my impression on Al's success ratio of a lure that he uses. No, this is not an advertisement for a particular lure, it is fact. Al told me that in his fishing on Lake Michigan, he has never had the same success ratio with any other lure as he has had with the Lucky Lure. His son, 13 year old First Mate Richard, added, "And we have the records to prove it!" Al keeps an extensive log of the fish boated.

Sunday, June 1, proved to be a typical day. After running 270° to 80' depth, Al proceeded to tie on 12 Lucky Lures. Before the last line was set, the call rang out: "Fish On!" Mary Lynn boated her first chinook, an eight pounder. The action was not all fast, but it was constant. Considering the wet and semi-rough conditions, we had an excellent day of fishing, boating 12 of 16 hits. The catch included two 20 lb.-plus kings, one 10 lb. coho and one lake trout, with the rest king salmon in the 2-8 lb. range.



DAVID AND MARY LYNN, "Finlander" seen with their catch after successful charter trip, won during Chapter Annual Raffle.

Now for a few particulars for you fishermen. Al's method is very simple. Four downriggers, Walker releases. Each downrigger had one rod with one add-a-line. "Sometimes you can't run add-a-lines," was Al's comment. I think he runs them all the time. No longer lead than 10' away from the cannonball. All leads are the same. All add-a-lines are the same also - I estimate 5' long. All the lures were No. 1 Lucky Lures, silver with green or chartreuse. One gold went down and one silver and red went out. The only producers were the green and silver and chartreuse and silver. The other four rods were occupied by Deep-Sixes. Two small and two medium Deep-Sixes with a 3½' or 4' leader and, of course, No. 1 Lucky Lures.

He has line counters on these four rods and the number of feet out varied from 121' to as near as 30'.

Al's radio has a scanner, an excellent feature. Al rarely used the graph, but paid particular attention to the depth, direction and surface temperature. He made drastic turns, like when his friend was catching fish at the 80' depth and we were in 120' of water. Or when we were north of the pier and fish were being caught south of the pier. He doesn't have a Grizzly speed control, but we trolled all day at 2.5 to 3 miles per hour.

That's about it, guys. Thanks again for the trip! I wouldn't have traded it for anything. Good Fishing!

- David Geistler

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Many things that boaters casually toss overboard can be lethal to fish. Especially items which resemble familiar foods: filter tips from cigarettes can look tempting like grubs; crumpled bits of foil from candy wrappers become attention-getting reflectors of light as they flutter down through the water; wads of chewing gum look like fish eggs or other morsels.

Often a hungry fish will swallow any such item tossed overboard. As most of these objects are indigestible, they can harm or even kill a fish.

Also, as part of the sportfishing scene, it's a fact that litter from unconcerned boaters often helps to ruin the fishing grounds.

As the above examples so clearly show, littering by some pleasure boaters does happen, and it has all kinds of consequences. Be a boater who cares.

...Don't Litter!

Fishing Partners ... (1980 List)

... is a 'get acquainted' feature available only to Detroit Chapter members. It is an opportunity to get on the lake if you do not own a boat; to participate in our tournaments and research trips. New trollers have an opportunity to fish with experienced fishermen to observe techniques and equipment.

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Mainly interested in Weekend fishing

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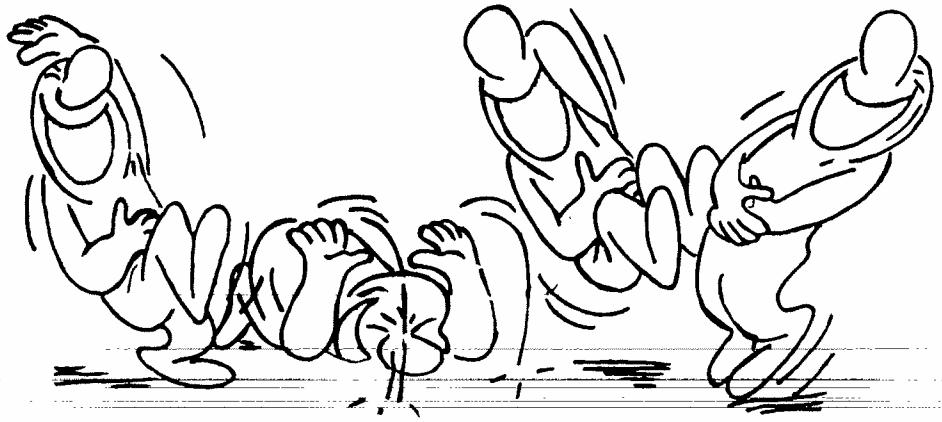

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Terry's Toy & Crew

Fishing Fever:

Is it true you only show up for Canadian beer and trophies at the monthly meetings?

Terry's Toy

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