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October Membership Meeting

- **When:**
 - Tuesday, October 30 2018 7:30pm
- **Where:**
 - American Polish Cultural Center
 - NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
 - Winn Wolf (333 Tournament Trail)
- **Other Happenings:**
 - Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
 - Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
 - Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**
 - www.detroitsteelheaders.com Post to the message board and check out the entire site.



LMCAC Fall Update

The Detroit Area Steelheaders are a voting member on the Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Committee. Past President and lifetime member Mark Williams is our representative on the committee. He provides the following update from the fall meeting.

On October 2nd, I attended the Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. This was a very informative meeting and one I hope the membership will take time to read and really think about a few important points.

1. Overall the fishery is doing good, lots of big Kings and bait.
2. Lots of lake trout as well, but fishing overall was very inconsistent.
3. Steelhead stomach research showed them eating alewives.
4. Weather played a large factor in water temps being high.
5. The King stocking will remain the same as well as the Lake Trout.

This is where I really believe we as a club need to be heard. Due to the Consent Decree, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service mandates the planting of 2.2 million Lake Trout in Lake Michigan. The reason this is mandated is for the resurrection of the native species so the tribes can fish to sustain the tribe and their ancestry rights. There is no argument that this has been accomplished, and lake trout should be reduced, and supplemented with Kings and Coho. However, the decree will not allow this to be changed, until it expires in July of 2020. The tribes have refused to come to the table to begin discussions, thus we must continue to obey the decree while keeping our DNR Predator Prey Ratio in balance.

Once the tribes come to the table, there will be a gag order in place and the public will for all intent and purpose be shut out. The tribes have also stated that they want a bigger piece of the King take and Walleye. Yes, I said walleye. Therefore it is very important to have everyone opinions in and financially support the legal fund for the coalition of sportsmen to be represented and heard.

It must be understood that the tribe does not have to renegotiate, so we must be very politically proactive with our positions. I spoke with the board at their monthly meeting and asked that we formulate our club position to be entered into the record that will be presented during the negotiations. The position is as follows:

DAS supports a sport fishery lead by Chinooks, Coho, Steelhead, and Walleye, with the flexibility to increase or decrease the plants as the Michigan DNR data supports on a year to year basis. This data would take into consideration the annual tribal take of the native fishery. The incidental take of the sport fishery of Kings, Coho, Steelhead, Walleye by the tribe would be nominal. Flexibility of plants on an annual basis is paramount.

Along with this position the board graciously voted to donate \$2500 to the cause. Money definitely well spent for the future of our Great Lakes Fishery.

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MAX ZAMARRON
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1 MONTH PAST

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JIM ZANKE

2 MONTHS PAST

JOHN MEADE
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December Elections

DAS elections are just around the corner. We are reaching out to our members who would like to volunteer to run for our board of directors. Each December we hold elections for our board. Now is the time to step up if you would like to help plot the future of your club. The board meets Tuesday evenings, two weeks before most membership meetings. In addition to planning club activities, we work with outside groups that align with the DAS mission to protect and promote our great lakes sport fishery. Rick 'RJ' Janis is our election committee chairperson. If you are interested, please speak with RJ, or one of the other board members.



The Fishin' Tales staff sends their best wishes to Caylie and Chris Turak. The love birds tied the knot September 22ndand are making plans for their next fishing trip now

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- Renewal - \$35 Yearly
- Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly
- Address Change only
- Junior (under 16) - \$20 Yearly (Electronic Newsletter)

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Newsletter

AOTY UPDATE

Only three Angler of the Year events remain in 2018. The next two fall on back to back weekends in Ludington and Manistee, respectively. Both are steelhead tournaments. First up is the 'Big Tom' memorial event, and it's followed by the 'Manistee Cup' Steelhead tournament. The winner of both host tournaments are determined by a single fish, but the AOTY scoring is based on the weight of a three fish DNR limit. Additional information for both of these events is included in separate articles of this issue of Fishin' Tails. The final event is our annual Caseville Lake Trout outing December 8th.

After the Platte river event, four members still are in the hunt for the 2018 AOTY title. Blaise Pewinski and Bob Paradise both have a chance if they can put together a couple good finishes in the final events. Last year's AOTY winner, Gaspare Aragona still has a chance to repeat, but he'll need three strong finishes and some help from others to squeak out his second title. Jim Paelhig is currently in first and the favorite to win this year's title. Jim holds a dominant 7.5 point lead based on his 3rd place finish in St Clair, 2nd place finish at St. Lukes, and three wins at Algonac, Sterling State Park and the Platte River.

This is the third year we've held AOTY outings. So far, we've had 46 club members fished in this year's AOTY events. You don't have to be a member to join us at an outing. These events are open to all our fishing friends, but only members qualify for AOTY points. If you have suggestions to improve the AOTY series, let us know. Bob Paradise, and Blaise Pewinski are working on next years event schedule and rules. One of the nice things about our outings is you don't need a lot of fancy gear to participate. If you haven't joined the DAS nomads yet, you still have time. Just reach out to one of the event organizers and tag along.

October Speaker— Winn Wolf

We are excited to announce Winn Wolf will be the featured speaker at our October meeting. Winn is a board member of the Southwest Michigan Steelheaders and accomplished salmon tournament fisherman. Along with his wife Angela, Wynn campaigns the Win-n-Angel in numerous Tournament Trail events each year. Their boat is a 35' Bertram Sport Fisherman that has been retrofitted for great lakes salmon fishing. You may have seen it up and down the Lake Michigan coast. Winn is consistently a top finisher regardless of the port. We're looking forward to his presentation and learn how he manages top finishes in so many different ports.



Platte River Recap

On Saturday, October 6th we had 11 fishermen show up for the Platte river outing. Despite overcast skies and a light morning drizzle, it was a great day to be on the river. The mouth of the Platte pours into Lake Michigan near the town of Honor, Michigan. Just across Platte Bay, the bay the Sleeping Bear dunes line the shore. The scenery is stunning. Because the river is a mostly sand bottom, the water is gin clear. Just because you can see many of the fish you target in the Platte, doesn't mean it's easy. The DNR restricts what hooks are allowed in the river to give the spawning fish a little better chance to get past fisherman. Overall, the fishing was great, but the catching was a little slow. A total of 3 fish were caught, all kings. That's not to say we didn't have our chances. Blaise had nearly a dozen hook-ups on beads and flies, but he struggled to pull them from a hole that was sheltered by fallen timber. The one fish he eventually landed was quickly released because it was foul hooked. Jim Paehlig caught the big fish which is pictured. Its teeth were amazing! While it was only 16.4 lbs, it had canine teeth that were nearly 5/8" long. Bob Paradise weighed the other two, but their combined weight was still less than Jim's fish. When all was said and done, Jim's fish was good for the \$55 big fish pool, and first place AOTY points.

After fishing we caravanned to Frankfort to weigh our catch on the Tackle Box scale, and grab lunch at the Cabbage Shed in Elberta. Thanks to outing organizer Bob Paradise for putting together a great event, and Tackle Box proprietor Brian Murphy, for taking our group picture and use of the Tackle Box scale.



DAS Anglers To Fish Ludington's Big Tom Memorial

The DAS nomads will again be participating in the 13th annual Big Tom Memorial Steelhead Tournament on Saturday, October 27th. This outing will count towards our Angler of the Year series. Dan Whitmill won 1st Place at the "Big Tom" tournament last year, he also won the Big Fish prize with his 13.6 lb steelhead! The Big Tom is unique because participants can fish anywhere in the state, but must be back to Ludington for the 4:00 weigh-in. Prizes will be awarded for Steelhead trout caught during the tournament's hours. The \$25.00 per person entry fee includes dinner after the Tournament and eligibility for door prizes.



Dinner will be at the P.M. Lake Lodge, 104 Water St. in Ludington. DAS members can also enter the club's \$5.00 big fish pool. Tournament entry fees must be paid at Captain Chuck's by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26th. If you wish to enter the big fish pool, contact Bob Paradise. Anglers are urged to attend the rules clarification meeting at 7:05 p.m. Friday, October 26th.

Thank you to our friends at Captain Chuck's, Yeck Lure Company, Rapala, P.M. Lake Lodge, Tuna's Reel Troubles and Okuma Fishing, for all their help putting this together. We hope you all have a safe and productive day of fishing and most importantly have fun. Good luck and we'll see at the weigh-in.

Rules

1. Fishing may begin at 12:00 a.m. on October 27th. You may fish by any legal method anywhere in Michigan waters that are currently open to fishing at that time. Please refer to Michigan DNR fishing rules handbook available at any sporting goods store for legal fishing methods and open waters.
3. Weigh-in will be held at P.M. Lake Lodge between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. on October 27th. No fish will be weighed before 4:00 p.m. or after 4:30 p.m. Awards ceremony and dinner will take place directly afterwards.
4. Cash prizes will be determined by weight of fish entered. Length, then girth will serve as tiebreakers.
5. Each participant may weigh only one Steelhead.
6. The amount and number of cash prizes paid will be determined by the number of participants.
7. The Tournament Committee will be responsible for all necessary decisions and those decisions will be final.
8. If you choose to fish from a boat everyone on the boat must be registered for the tournament.
9. If you are fishing with a group of people, you may not share fish.



September Speaker is Hooked on Steelhead



Our September speaker Paul Stewart made the big trek downstate to share his passion for Steelhead fishing with our members. Paul and his wife Darcy are proprietors of the Lakeshore Motel in Manistee. Their motel is situated across the street from Manistee's First Street Beach, and north pier access. If you love pier and surf fishing, there isn't a better location. Paul shared many of the tips and tricks he's garnered over years of fishing. In addition to walking us through his set-ups and cart features, Paul brought along the Manistee Cup traveling trophy, which he is the current custodian of. It was a great presentation that everyone enjoyed. With fall fishing just hitting full stride, the material covered is timely for any of the DAS nomads planning to fish our next two outings. Thanks again Paul.

River Project Report

We had a second speaker at the September meeting. Rob Myllyoja is a club member and Stantec project manager with experience in a diverse array of water resource and restoration design projects. Many involve river restoration, dam removal, watershed analysis, and stormwater management. Rob gave club members an overview of some recent projects including work on a sturgeon habitat improvement project on the Kalamazoo River. Rob enjoys working with the public sector – counties and municipalities – whose projects are often unique and challenging. He will be able to keep us updated periodically at meetings and occasionally submit newsletter articles.



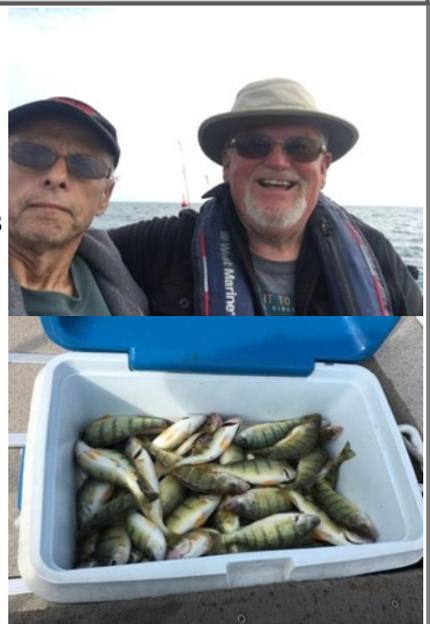
DAS Anglers to Compete with Metro West and Traverse City Steelheaders for the Manistee Cup

Anyone who attended our September membership meeting already knows about the Manistee Cup Steelhead Tournament on Saturday, November 3rd. This event is held each fall, and this year marks the 28th anniversary of this event. For those of you who are new to it, this is one of a pair of tournaments hosted by Paul & Darcy Stewart at the Lakeshore Motel in Manistee every year. The tournaments began nearly a quarter of a century ago with a handful of fishing friends each tossing a few bucks into a hat for the day's largest fish. Although they have grown beyond expectations, the tournaments remain rooted in the same "Friendly competition between friends" tradition with which they began. These events remain "By fishermen, For fishermen". There are no sponsors, no media coverage, no new boat, or suitcase stuffed with cash to the winner. Just a beautiful Championship Plaque to hang on your wall, the honor of possessing the prestigious Manistee Cup for 1 year, a good meal at the awards banquet, and fond memories of a day spent fishing with friends who share your love of angling in the great outdoors of northern Michigan. Of course, this tournament also counts towards our Angler of the Year standings. In addition, we square off with anglers from the Traverse City, and Metro-West Steelheaders for club bragging rights. Fishing is open to all waters for this event, but most participants fish near Manistee as everyone must return to the motel for the weigh-in before 3:30 PM on Saturday. All anglers have to register at the Lakeshore Motel by Friday evening. There is a \$30 entry that covers prizes and dinner. A separate 'Big Fish' pool is \$5.00 and open to DAS club members and guests. You need to reach out to Bob Paradise before the 6:30 AM start to get in the pool. As of 10/18 there were still rooms available at the Lakeshore. You can call Paul and Darcy at (231) 723-2667 for more information, or to reserve a room. Lakeshore Motel in Manistee, Michigan, 2018 at 6:30 AM - 4:30



Lake Eire Perch Report

Aquarius and I have been fishing for perch out of Sterling State Park on three separate days this month. Each time we ended up with different results. On October 3, we had our best day as we limited by noon and back to the ramp ("over the rail and into the pail – back to the ramp to make the sale"). Familiar quote from Wicked Tune TV show. On October 10, we had three guys and 60 plus fish to share. On October 14, two of us came back to the ramp with 51 perch. We have been fishing straight out at 150 degrees to 26.5 fow. Surface water temp has been between 68 degrees f, to now more like 60 degrees f. You know you can never trust the wind projection out at Brest Bay. Days that have been projected to be 5 to 7 mph out of the south have been more like 12 to 15 out of the southeast. That makes for a bumpy, slow, wet ride out to the fishing grounds. We have been using minnows on spreaders, in-line rigs, and bobbers. All have been effective in their own way. The bite has been pretty decent in the beginning. Not on fire but far better than grinding. There has not been a lot of the larger females. Mostly the 8" to 10" males with a few larger fish showing up once in a while. We enjoy a pretty quick run to 30 perch before the bite tapers off in mid-morning. The longer we stay out there the slower the bite gets. I don't have a degree in fishology but it is noticeable that as the wind and waves go down, the bite gets slower. By the time we quit at 1:30 pm the bite has just shut down. Tight Lines 'Channing'



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2018 Angler of the Year Leaderboard

Member's Name	St. Lukes		Manistee River		Brown Walleye Trout		St Clair Whipping Walleye		Sterling Platte River		Lake Shore Caseville		Total Points
	1/27/18	2/10/18	3/24/18	4/28/18	5/12/18	6/16/18	7/7/18	9/15/18	10/6/18	10/27/18	11/3/18	12/8/18	
Jim Paehlig	4	0	0	0	5	3	0.5	5	5				22.5
Blaise Pewinski	5	4	0.5	0	0.5	2	2	0.5	0.5				15
Bob Paradise	0.5	3	0.5	0.5	0.5	5	0.5	0.5	4				15
Gaspere Aragona	0.5	5	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5				8.5
Don Jasman	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	5	0.5	0				6.5
Don Evan	0	0	0	5	0.5	0	0	0	0				5.5
Don Mikros	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.5	1	2	0.5				5.5
Gabe MacDougall	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0				5
Fred Chartier	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	4	0	0				4.5
Jim Zanke	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	4	0				4.5

Upcoming 2018 DAS Key Dates

- Sat. Oct. 27, 2018 Big Tom Memorial Outing
- Tues Oct. 30, 2018 General Membership Mtg
- Sat. Nov. 3, 2018 Manistee Cup Outing
- Tues Nov. 13, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting
- Tues Nov. 27, 2018 General Membership Mtg

2018 September Membership Meeting Facts

- Attendance: 43
- Featured Guests: Paul Stewart & Rob Myllyoja
- Featured Presentations: Steelhead & River Projects
- 50/50 Raffle Winner: Jim Legenzoff \$80
- Every Member Draw: Fred Hynick \$100