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November & December 2018

November Membership Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, November 27, 2018 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:** Tracy Claramunt

Other Happenings:
Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,

Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
Every Member Drawing.

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entire site.

December Membership Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, December 18, 2018 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Guest Visitor:** Salmon Claus

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Local Stream Restoration Updates

Galloway Creek (in Oakland Co.): A 4,000 ft reach of Galloway Creek (a tributary to the Clinton River) is currently being restored at one of Oakland University's golf clubs. The work involves re-meandering an eroding area of stream and installing >1,050 ft of toewood, log riffles, and native plantings. The work is being funded under the GLRI towards the effort to remove habitat-related Beneficial Use Impairments in the Clinton River Area of Concern.

Gloede Drain (in Macomb Co.): A total of 3,300 ft of the Gloede Drain south of Partridge Creek Mall was enhanced and restored in 2017-2018. The project narrowed the channel, constructed riffles, and terraced the floodplain. The project was funded by the GLRI to improve channel stability and aquatic habitat as part of an effort to remove habitat-related Beneficial Use Impairments (BUIs) in the Clinton River Area of Concern.

Clinton River (in Oakland Co.): The Clinton River Watershed Council received a DNR grant to restore 500 feet of river at the Yates Cider Mill. The work will involve restoring the bank along the Clinton River trail in winter 2019. Other grants are pending for improved angler access and fish holding water.

Belle River (in St. Clair Co.): Columbus Township has received a USFWS grant to restore part of the Township Roadside Park on Gratiot Ave. Both the County and Township are seeking to leverage the funds to expand the work to Columbus County Park which may lead to increased DNR fish stocking in a few years.

Black River (in St. Clair Co.): A preliminary study to assess the possible removal of the private Wingford Dam on the lower Black River is being completed at the end of 2018. The study is being funded by the USFWS in partnership with Friends of the St. Clair River and DNR.

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DAS member Rob Myllyoja is a project manager with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. Rob has more than 18 years of experience in water resource and design projects including river restoration, dam removal, watershed analysis, fish habitat, and stormwater/watershed management. His project experience includes grant writing, concept planning/design, field analysis, final design, and construction over-sight. He has conducted many studies of river stability and sedimentation as well as stream simulation design at road/stream crossings. Several other significant projects are being planned outside of southeast Michigan in the upcoming years and updates will be provided as funding sources are secured.



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MAX ZAMARRON**2 MONTHS PAST**

SHAWN POMORSKI

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.

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Membership Application

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

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Newsletter

December 18, 2018 at 7:00PM
SAVE THE DATE BECAUSE
Salmon Clause is coming to
town...and the Detroit Area
Steelheaders invite you and your
family to be a part of the fun.



Crafts for kids and snacks included. Salmon Clause requests the names and ages of all children attending, so his helpers can make sure they receive age appropriate gifts.

Please RSVP by December 5, 2018 to ventimigliak@yahoo.com or 586-354-1616 with number and ages of children attending.

Please note if you do not RSVP for your children, gifts are not guaranteed

CASEVILLE LAKE TROUT OUTING - SATURDAY DECEMBER 8th



The lake trout should be snapping this time of year. The only thing we will have to watch is the weather which has turned cold way earlier than normal. We could be casting in open water or sitting on the ice. Last year we watched Bob Paradise catch a few nice trout on minnows, something most of us didn't even think of. He is a very diverse angler, and it paid off. Keep in mind little Cleo spoons, hot n tots, jig and rubber shad all catch plenty of lakers. The competition has been very strong for Angler of the year, Jim Pehleg a new member has a nice lead, but could get bumped out by a big finish from Bob Paradise. Fishing starts at 6:30 AM, any place on the river or pier, and ends at 1 pm. Lunch will follow at the new marina club house, I will give direction on website. Dress warm, come out and have fun with your DAS friends. Call Blaise Pewinski for details at 248 890-4517

November Speaker is the DNR's Creel Manager



Tracy Claramunt is originally from Muskegon, Michigan and has a BS in Geology from University of Michigan and an MS in Fisheries and Wildlife Management from Michigan State University. She has been working for the DNR for 10 years as the Creel Survey Biologist. She is married to Randy Claramunt and they have a daughter Emily Mae, who is

17months old. Together they like to spend as much time in nature as possible fishing for bass and bluegill and hunting deer and morels. As the Creel Manager, Tracy compiles the latest Creel data for our fisheries and may have insight into next years outlook.

OCTOBER SPEAKERS



Our October guest speakers were professional salmon tournament fisherman Winn and Angel Wolf, from St. Joseph, Michigan. Winn treated members to an overview of his 2018 Lake Michigan fishing season. On their boat Win-n-Angel, this husband and wife team fished most of the Tournament Trail events between Michigan City and Frankfort. After growing up fishing on the St. Joseph River and Lake

Michigan, Winn obtained his Charter Captains license on his 18th birthday, becoming the youngest charter Captain on the great lakes.

Winn attributes ideal lake conditions with the fantastic fishing most southern ports experienced last year in the spring and early summer. He believes abundant bait and favorable spring weather held the main pod of adult Chinook near ports along Lake Michigan's eastern shore. In addition to recapping his tournament results, Winn shared details on his favorite presentations, and favorite ports. We appreciate Winn and Angel for taking time to travel to our meeting, and for their great presentation.

BIG TOM RESULTS

We had 11 DAS members fish the Big Tom tournament in Ludington. While the fishing was tough the weather was good. Like the Lakeshore tournament the entire state is open fishing. But in the Big Tom, even Lake Michigan is open. Tom Gorguze fished the Bad Dog with Fred Chartier and Don Jasman. They fished all the way from from Manistee to Ludington and only managed three modest steelies. The 'Bob Paradise posse' worked the piers in Manistee and struggled all day. TNT and Don Mikros fished the shore near Barr Lake, Don managed a small fish. A total of 16 fish were weighed. Tournament host Shawn Pomorski brought a winning 14.57 lb steelie to the scales. His brother Jerry weighed the second-place fish, at 10.78 lbs. Shawn and Jerry fished from a boat at the mouth of the Little Manistee. Guys that fished the Pierre Marquette near Scottsville weighed a few fish. Several guys fishing from an open boat 12 miles southwest of the Ludington lighthouse found some active fish and did well also. The weigh-in and lunch took place at the new Pierre Marquette Lake Lodge in Ludington. If you need a place to stay next time you're in Ludington, you might enjoy checking this Lodge out. Docking is available across the street and they have plans to add some cabins on the property.



Trolling Rule Changes on Tap

The Boat Trolling Tournament Committee held a meeting on November 6 and set the schedule for the upcoming 2019 Season. You can see the full schedule on the back cover. There will be 7 tournaments this year, of which a Skipper's best 4 will count towards the Skipper of the Year Award.

The committee also voted to raise Tournament entry fees to \$20 per boat per tournament. The Big Fish Pool will remain \$20 and is divided into 3 separate pools - Big Salmon for \$10 per boat, Big Steelhead for \$5 per boat & Big Lake Trout for \$5 per boat. All 3 pools must be entered to participate. It should also be noted that Big Fish entries will be disqualified if the Skipper is 15 minutes late to the weigh-in. One minor tournament rule change was also made. In Section IX - CANCELLATION of the tournament rules, Rule F now reads "There must be a minimum of three boats to constitute a tournament." Rule G now reads "Entry fees from a cancelled tournament will be refunded." We look forward to seeing you on the water!

Manistee Lakeshore Steelhead Tournament Results



The weather was cold and windy, but 11 DAS anglers toughed it out for some good pier fishing. It always amazes me how certain areas of the pier, or certain anglers have all the luck. Babe Winkleman has a formula on this subject, Location + Presentation = Success. Time and

time again I have watched a couple of our top pier anglers put a schooling on our group. This year the schooling paid off for me a little. At the end of the day Gaspere Aragona took top honors with 2 fish that topped the scale with 14 lbs 4 oz. Followed by Bob Paradise with 3 fish that weighed 12 lbs 9 oz. Bob had numerous bites and released several fish. I've learned a bunch in the last few years from these 2 anglers and it's starting to pay off. I caught 2 fish, a 10 lb. 13 oz. and a 1lb 2 oz. stellie for 3rd place. My big fish took top honors for the DAS AOTY event, and 9th place overall for the Lakeshore event. Fred Chartier took 4th with a nice 9 lb 6 oz fish that was caught on the river using plugs.

Overall our DAS group did very well in the Lakeshore event with 5 fish in the top 20. Tom Gorguze may have been the biggest winner of the day even though he didn't weigh a fish. He walked away from the awards ceremony with a cool \$300 in prize money. The event organizers believe in keeping this tournament a 'fun' event, all participants have a random chance at the prize money. If you get a chance next year, come on out to the pier the first weekend of November and join us for some great fishing.

By the way we took back the plaque from Metro west, we had 11 fish to their 2. See you in Caseville where 3 DAS anglers have to put it all in for the top honor of ANGLER OF THE YEAR.



Crisp Salmon Patties

Salmon Patties are a great way to cook leftover's, or can be prepared with your fresh catch. This special recipe comes as a courtesy from Natasha of NatashasKitchen.com

Cooking your catch:

Preheat your oven to 425°F and line a baking sheet with parchment for easy clean-up. Place salmon skin-side down. Brush with olive oil and season with garlic salt and black pepper. Bake uncovered for 10-15 min until cooked through. Remove from oven, cover with foil and rest ten minutes. Discard skin, flake salmon with forks, remove any bones, and cool to room temp.

Servings: 13 to 14 salmon cakes

Ingredients

1 lb fresh salmon filet*
 Garlic Salt - I use Lawry's brand
 Black Pepper
 Olive Oil
 1 medium onion 1 cup finely diced
 1/2 red bell pepper diced
 3 Tbsp unsalted butter divided
 1 cup Panko bread crumbs Japanese Style crumbs
 2 large eggs lightly beaten
 3 Tbsp mayo
 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley



Instructions

Heat a medium skillet over medium heat. Add 1 Tbsp olive oil, 1 Tbsp butter and finely diced onion and bell pepper. Saute until softened and golden (7-9 minutes) then remove from heat.

In a large mixing bowl, combine cooled flaked salmon, sautéed onion and pepper, 1 cup bread crumbs, 2 beaten eggs, 3 Tbsp mayo, 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce, 1 tsp garlic salt, 1/4 tsp black pepper, and 1/4 cup fresh parsley. Stir to combine then form into 13-14 patties. It's easy to portion patties using a flat ice cream scoop then pressing them into 1/3 to 1/2" thick patties. If mixture is too moist to hold the patty shape, add more bread crumbs and if it is too dry, add an extra Tablespoon of mayo.

Heat 1 Tbsp oil and 1 Tbsp butter in a large pan over medium heat and once butter is done sizzling, add half of the salmon cakes and sauté 3 1/2 to 4 min per side or until golden brown and cooked through. If salmon cakes brown too quickly, reduce heat. Remove to a paper-towel lined plate. Add remaining 1 Tbsp oil and 1 Tbsp butter and repeat cooking remaining salmon cakes.

Angler of the Year

The winner of the 2018 series will be decided at the final event in Caseville on December 8th. Meanwhile the 2019 Angler of the Year schedule is taking shape. Since the inception of the AOTY series, events have enjoyed increasing levels of participation. The concept for the series evolved from the desire to introduce outings that pursue multiple species of fish. You don't need a big water rig and a bunch of fancy gear to participate either. In fact, all you need is a rod and reel.

Bob Paradise and Blaise Pewinski co-chair the committee that schedules events, and establish rules. The weigh-ins are typically followed by a shore lunch, and a \$5 big fish side bet ensures all participants remain focused while waiting for trophy fish to swim by. Each event is organized and hosted by a volunteer. Points are awarded to the top finishers. Each December, the individual who captures top honors is recognized as our clubs Angler of the Year. Here's a look into what next years schedule will look like.

When first ice forms on Lake St. Clair, we begin the year pursuing perch in Mitchell's Bay, Canada. In February we'll visit Saginaw bay for walleye on the ice. Then it's off to the Manistee River in March for our annual fish off against the Metro West Steelheaders. New this year is an April outing on the Au Sable river in Oscoda. Our annual fish fry will be in April or May, following our Algonac event. The perch fry is a favorite event for many members. The forecast for walleye is so good, we are looking to add a second St. Clair River event in June. In July we will return to Linwood to fish Saginaw Bay. No outings are currently planned in August. In September, we'll return to Lake Erie in search of perch. Our Fall River fishing starts on the Platte, then it's time to hit the surf and piers at the Big Tom and Lakeshore steelhead tournaments in Ludington and Manistee respectively. The season wraps up with our Caseville lake trout tourney. As of now, dates are tentative and will be published in our January newsletter. Feel free to reach out to Bob and Blaise for more details, or if you would like to volunteer running one of the events.

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The 2019 Trolling Schedule Appears Below:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Port</u> | <u>Port Captain</u> | <u>Times</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Sat., May 4, 2019----- | St. Joseph----- | Brett Mauk | 6:30am – 1:30pm |
| Sat., May 18, 2019----- | Grand Haven----- | Dan Chisholm | 6:00am – 1:00pm |
| Sun., May 19, 2019 | Grand Haven Day 2 | | 6:00am – 11:00am |
| Sat., June 22, 2019----- | Harbor Beach----- | Joe Von Grabe | 6:00am – 1:00pm |
| Sat., July 13, 2019----- | Ludington----- | Bob Jones | 6:00am – 1:00pm |
| Sat., July 27, 2019----- | Manistee----- | Bob Paradise | 6:00am – 1:00pm |
| Sat., August 10, 2019----- | Olcott, NY----- | Jim Zanke | 6:00am – 1:00pm |
| Sat., August 24, 2019----- | Rogers City----- | Ken Cione | 6:30am – 1:30 pm |

Upcoming 2018 DAS Key Dates

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| Tues Nov. 27, 2018 | November Membership Meeting |
| Sat Dec. 8, 2018 | Caseville Lake Trout Outing |
| Tues Dec 11, 2018 | Board of Directors Meeting |
| Tues Dec. 18, 2018 | Membership Christmas Party |
| Jan 10 -13, 2019 | Ultimate Fishing Show Novi |

2018 October Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 48

Featured Guests: Winn & Angie Wolf

Featured Presentations: 2018 Tournament Trail Recap

50/50 Raffle Winner: Dennis Harper \$85

Every Member Draw: Charlie Denning \$100