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January Membership Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, January 29, 2019 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
Christopher Patterson, Atty on behalf of
Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources
- **Other Happenings:**
Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
Every Member Drawing,
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DAS Year in Review - The Presidents Take

2018 was a very successful year for the Detroit Area Steelheaders. With 8 Skipper of the Year (SOTY) Boat Trolling Tournaments & 12 Angler of the Year (AOTY) Outings, there were plenty of events offered to our membership. A wide variety of guest speakers at the monthly meetings also provided the members with loads of useful information to enhance all of their fishing experiences during the year. In the Salmon in the Classroom (S-I-C) program, the overall tank survival rate in our five sponsored schools was 83%. Rod Elnick, the S-I-C chairman, was extremely pleased with our schools and the work they put into each tank. There is a detailed article about that success on pg 3 in this newsletter.

January - Blaise Pewinski easily took 1st Place in the first AOTY outing Saturday, January 27, out of St. Lukes, ONT on Mitchell's Bay with a dandy catch of 5 Perch, all at least 12 ins. long. Almost all of the 11 members and 1 guest caught fish and enjoyed the day.

DAS members were treated to the process of building Bamboo fishing poles from scratch at our January meeting. Rick Goodrich is an exceptional craftsman, and he walked us through the process of cutting, shaping, and joining bamboo sections to create a fly rod using old world techniques.



February - Gaspare Aragona took top honors among the 13 DAS members at the AOTY outing on Saginaw Bay and the Saginaw River on February 10 with a nice five walleye catch totaling 13 lbs. The fishing certainly wasn't exceptional but all had a great time. Our February speaker was long time DAS member Captain Mark Williams. Mark talked about some of the small details that easily get overlooked, line and terminal tackle. Everyone in attendance at the February meeting received samples of line or terminal gear. We thank Mark for his presentation and the generous gifts he brought along.

March - Our 19th Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, March 3 was the best one yet! Our only fundraiser was a tremendous success thanks to the Country Smoke House, Michi-Gun, Lombardo's Taxidermy, Polish Cultural center, DAS board, Joel Piatek of Fish Headz charters, and all the volunteers who helped everything go so smooth.

We had 7 members and 1 guest fish the Spring Fish Off with Metro West on Saturday, March 24. The fishing was ok for a few of the DAS nomads, but we had some issues. Gabe McDougall took 1st Place in the AOTY outing. Metro West won the fish off. Thanks to the Metro West crew for a great dinner of brats, cheese burgers and Mac and cheese.

Our March Speaker was local guide and charter captain Joel Piatek. Capt. Joel talked about spring walleye fishing in the 'D', and he provided us with lots of useful info and tips to help put fish in the box. A big Thanks to Capt. Joel..



April - The first SOTY trolling tournament for 2018 was held in Lexington on Saturday, April 21. The winter that would not let go gave us a week long cold front prior to the event. We had six boats that braved the cold and gave it their best effort, but only three of those boats brought fish to the weigh-in; a total of 4 fish to be exact. Bob Jones with two lake trout took 1st place to start out his very successful tournament year. Paul Gjeldum weighed in the Big Fish a 7.8 lb. lake trout that got him & his crew \$30.

Linda Bredernitz from the Monroe Intermediate School District was our guest speaker for the April 24, 2018 member meeting. Linda works with our special guests throughout the year and coordinates our Friends for the June outing. Linda joined us to explain why what we do helps our guests, and how much it helps them. Huge thanks go out to Linda for her assistance over the years!

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2 MONTHS PASSED

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RAFFLE REPORT

The club paid out on the "Every Member" drawing six times in 2018. The "Every Member" raffle is drawn each month. If present, the winner receives \$100. If we haven't had a winner for the two months in a row, the next meeting we draw until there is a winner. Our "Every Member", "Tackle Raffle", and "50:50 Raffles" were a success again this year. We view our raffle program as a member benefit that helps keep the monthly member meetings interesting and fun. Members seem to enjoy them, because they keep supporting them. I attempt to stock the tackle raffles with season appropriate items. If I get too focused on fishing tackle, I hear from members that they have "more tackle than they need". That's why you might see tools, things for the boat, camping stuff, cooking stuff, and some clothing. If you have items that you would like to see on the tackle raffle table, please let me know. Overall, we strive to break even. Thank you to everyone for supporting the raffles.

Dan Chisholm, Raffle Chairman.



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DAS Giving Tops \$100,000!

For over 40 years the Detroit Area Steelheaders, have contributed to causes we believe serve our stated organizational goal of promoting and protecting the Great Lakes sport fishery. We thank our members and the contributors who have helped us raise funds to make these donations. The donations listed below were made in 2018, and total over \$11,000. As stewards of this resource we have been fortunate to financially support organizations and activities that align with mission. The complete list of donations made since 1977 totals over \$100,000 and can be found on our website.

\$2500 To help fund legal fees for ongoing Tribal Treaty Consent Decree negotiations.

\$500 For Support of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC).

\$1500 To fund the DAS Scholarship at Lake Superior State University

\$500 To help fund the Farmington Optimist's Breakfast Club Project FISH

\$750 To the City of Auburn Hills for their River Day Fishing Derby

\$500 To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.

\$500 To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.

\$2293 To fund our own Special Friends fishing outing.

\$1200 To the Youth Development Commission for their Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.

\$800 To fund Salmon in the Classroom projects at Oakland Christian, Pine Knob Elementary, Kennedy Middle, Divine Child, and Wiley Elementary schools.

The Salmon in the Classroom Program

by Rodney Elnick

In 2018 all five of our schools released a grand total of 1035 Smolts. The Clinton River near Yates Cider Mill saw 869 Smolts and the Huron River at Flat Rock had 166 Smolts released. The overall tank survival rate from all five tanks was 83%. I am extremely pleased with each school's result, and the work they put into the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Salmon in the Classroom (SIC) program. In addition, I wish to thank Dreamweaver Lure Co. for the lure blanks and tape supplies provided for the students lure building, and lastly the D.A.S. membership that backed the program, assisted through the school year, and helped to make our releases successful.

During the past school year, the students have learned the life cycle of the Salmon, what they eat and what eats them. They have touched upon the ecology of the Great Lakes, the land and rivers of Michigan, and a little of how to preserve it.

For the school year starting this past November, our five schools each received approximately 147 to 156 eggs. It's a reduced number from last year, due to the timing and stock returning to the harvest locations. The eggs started hatching just before Thanksgiving and completed about 8 days after the students returned from break. The small larval fish, about one inch in length, are called alevin and still have a yolk sac attached. The yolk sac contains protein, sugar, minerals, and vitamins. From the time they hatch until several weeks after the New Year, the 'Alevin' look like small minnows with large orange bellies. At some point during this time, their mouths open and they start breathing through their gills. Before this, they were absorbing oxygen through the orange membrane.



From eggs, to Alevin, to Fry, after 5 to 10 weeks, the yolk-sac has reduced inside the fish with the skin zipping together over the opening. The young Fry now move in schools, look like little minnows, and are actively eating. From now till about the second week of May, they will grow to 3-3/4 inches to 4-1/2 inches. As the vulnerable fry grow, they will start to develop spots and vertical parr marks on their sides. These markings help camouflage them from predators. The Parr's dark finger markings on their sides are starting to fade, being replaced by a silvery sheen and a dark wide line down their back, as they become 'Smolts'. Just the school year concludes, we enlist the assistance of our members to help students in releasing the 'Parr' to the Clinton or Huron Rivers.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

I had an experience this summer that caused me to take a hard look at my skills as a boat captain and my emergency preparedness plan.

In 2018 the Detroit Steelheaders scheduled back to back club tournaments at Ludington and Manistee the first two weekends in August. I took advantage of this and booked a fishing vacation for the week between with accommodations in Manistee. My good fishing buddy Todd Ridley took the vacation time as well and we partnered up to put a hurt on the salmon population. Our plan was to run my boat to Manistee Sunday afternoon following the Ludington tournament. As luck would have it, we were hit with storms, high winds and heavy seas, so we opted to put the boat on the trailer and haul it to Manistee. We launched and put the boat in our reserved slip at the Municipal Marina and prepped the boat for our first day of fishing in Manistee. 5:00 AM Monday Todd and I were heading down the dock to Bobby's Toy anxious to get out on the big lake. When we hit the pier heads we were greeted with three-foot seas and a steady west wind. The marine forecast lead us to believe we would get some fishing in but would probably be cut short as the weather was expected to worsen with more wind and possible thunder storms. We motored out to the shelf and set up in a 120 foot of water. Being a Monday morning with questionable weather; there were very few boats out fishing. It was cold for August and it was drizzling, windy and the fishing was very slow. By ten o'clock, we

only had one small king to show for our efforts. From what I could tell, fishing was slow for the boats around us as well. By ten thirty we were the only boat left in the vicinity, waves had built to a steady four feet with an occasional five to six-footer. We still hadn't had another bump and the weather was getting worse. I checked the plotter and we had a six and half mile ride back to the pier heads. We pulled lines at eleven o'clock and headed to port. With around two and half miles to go the engine started emitting a strange noise. I pulled back on the throttle, checked my gages and noticed the engine temp was rising. We pulled up the engine cover to investigate. I noticed the pulley for the raw water pump was wobbling. I went back to the console and the motor died and would not restart as it has a computer that shuts the engine off when the temperature rises to unhealthy levels. I instructed Todd to put on a life jacket (I have begun wearing an inflatable life jacket as a matter of habit) and went back to investigate the pump and found the pulley to be loose which was discerning as I had the pump rebuilt during spring commissioning. I am a firm believer in keeping my boat well maintained and take no chances with half hazard maintenance schedules.

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Angler of the Year (AOTY) Outings

Angler of the Year events give DAS members the chance to get involved in different types of fishing. These events are great opportunities to enjoy friendly competition, while learning from some of the best DAS fisherman hosting events. In 2019 we have 12 events scheduled which encompass a variety of techniques to challenge everybody involved. Above all, these are intended to be fun events. They are designed to introduce new techniques and get members involved while doing what we love most, fishing in Michigan. We have implemented a few new rules intended to make events run smoothly. Hope to see all of our members at some of these events. We need volunteers to be chairperson for several events. If you have any questions or ideas for our AOTY committee, please call Blaise Pewinski (248) 890-4517 or Bob Paradise (586) 457-4073

Mitchells Bay Perch Outing - Saturday, January 19

The Detroit Area Steelheaders have their first ice fishing outing of the season scheduled at Mitchell's Bay (ice permitting) Saturday, January 19th. If we don't have enough ice for quads, we may still be able to fish with safe walking ice. First ice brings with it some of the best fishing of the year. Plan to be at the Mitchell's Bay ramp by 7:30 AM. You're going to need a Canadian license for this outing. You can get a one day, or three season license along with the required Sportsman's card online at huntandfishontario.com. The Canadian website was launched in November, so set up an account as a new user. If you previously had an Outdoors Card#, enter it after you set up your new account. You should be able to print a license copy, or send it to a smart phone. We'll have scouts out during the week and on Friday for up to the minute ice updates. If we don't have safe walking ice, we may need to cancel, or postpone until a later date. Please check on the message board or Facebook page for the most recent update. For more information contact Bob Paradise at 586 457-4073



Saginaw Bay walleye ice outing, February 2, 2019

This is the 2nd scheduled AOTY event in 2019, and last year it was very popular amongst 16 DAS Nomads. This year we will keep two fishing locations open to anglers. Location 1 is the river for the anglers that don't have transportation on the ice. Top areas are the river mouth off Paterson Road and Independence Bridge by the Navy destroyer. Both areas have excellent foot access from a large parking lot. Most anglers jig with no. 5 or 7 jigging raps or blade baits on the bottom. The other area is the bay itself, last year we were 6 miles out in 21 fow and had good success on walleye. Jigging raps and buck shot rattle spoons are affective. For the bay anglers we will meet at 7 am.at the Bay City State Park and depart at 7:30 to our hot spots. As usual, I preach safety. I'd like the bay group should stay together so we don't have any mishaps out there. When we get out there you can go where you want. Some of our best ice anglers went to the bay last year and passed along a lot of good info on how to catch bay walleye. For the anglers going out of the state park the meeting area is to the right of the park entrance all the way to the end. Park by the last pavilion. This is also where we will have our weigh in and lunch at 2pm. This all will happen only with mother nature's cooperation, and she gives us some much needed cold weather to produce 8 to 12 inches of ice that are needed for safer mobility. Please keep in contact with me in case we have to relocate this event because of bad ice. I'm leaning to Houghton lake at the DNR public access on south town line road at Lakeview park. Here we should have good access for walleye, pike and pan fish. As of the new year, they have 8 to 10 inches of ice already. The final decision on location will be made January 29, at our member meeting.

Blaise Pewinski
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2019 Angler of the Year Outing Schedule

Sat., January 19 --- Mitchell's Bay, Ontario Canada - Perch Outing
Best 5 Perch by length
Chairperson: Bob Paradise (586) 457-4073

Sat., February 2 --- Bay City - Saginaw Bay Walleye Outing
at Bay City State Park
Best 5 Walleye by weight
Chairperson: Blaise Pewinski (248) 890-4517

Sat., March 30 --- Manistee - Manistee River Steelhead Challenge
with Metro-West Steelheaders
Best 3 Steelhead by weight
Chairperson: TBD

Sat., April 13 --- Oscoda - AuSable River
Best 3 Steelhead by weight
Chairperson: Gary Gross

Sat., April 27 --- Algonac - St. Clair River Walleye Outing
Best 5 Walleye by weight
Chairperson: Tom Gorguze (248) 343-8397

Sat., June 15 --- St. Clair - St. Clair River Walleye Drifting Outing
Best 5 Walleye by weight
Chairperson: Jim Paehlig (810) 887-9238

Sat., July 6 --- Sebawaing - Saginaw Bay Walleye Outing
Best 5 Walleye by weight
Chairperson: Don Jasman (586) 292-3120

Sat., September 14 --- Monroe - Sterling State Park Perch Outing
Best 5 Perch by length
Chairperson: Gaspare Aragona (248) 330-1774

Sat., September 28 --- Platte Bay - Platte River Outing
Best 3 Trout or Salmon by weight
Chairperson: TBD

Sat., October 26 --- Ludington - Big Tom Tournament
Best 3 Steelhead by weight
Chairperson: TBD

Sat., November 2 --- Manistee - Lake Shore Motel Tournament
Fish-Off with Metro-West Steelheaders
Best 3 Steelhead by weight
Chairperson: TBD

Sat., December 7 --- Caseville - Lake Trout Outing
Best 3 Lake Trout by weight
Chairperson: Blaise Pewinski (248) 890-4517

Tips 'N Tricks — The Buzzards Rack



One of the many problems faced by seasoned salmon tackle junkies is limited boat storage. Fortunately, I've found a solution that works for most brands of attractors. Aboard the Lake Buzzard IV we've affectionately dubbed this storage system the Buzzard's Rack. Before the rack we stored our Hootchies, Spinnies and Big Weenies in Dreamweaver storage cases, folding canvas pouches with pockets, and old cat litter pails. That meant at any given time we had six to eight Tidy Cat pails

wrapped with flies and meat rigs. Before I stumbled on the Buzzards Rack, my so-called fishing buddies suggested getting a bigger boat. Another tournament fisherman encouraged me to just give it up. Many of the recommendations I received aren't fit for print, but the most drastic was my wife attempting to get me banned from Northwoods and Captain Chuck's.

The Buzzard's Rack is a slotted channel in various lengths. You may find something suitable from a foam supply store. Silts are cut perpendicular to the channel on 2" centers. They hold the attractor vertical, stable, and can be secured a number of ways. At present, I have 250 attractors at arms reach. There may be room for a couple more sections.....before I have to move to a bigger boat.

Fred Chartier, Lake Buzzard IV



Chef's Table - Teriyaki Salmon

This simple and easy salmon recipe is a winner! Lengthy marinating is not required. It's a flaky, juicy and delicious teriyaki glazed salmon recipe.

Ingredients:

2 1/2 lbs. salmon filet cut into 2" wide slices

For the Teriyaki Sauce:

3 Tbsp teriyaki sauce

3 Tbsp hoisin sauce

3 Tbsp soy sauce

1 Tbsp white vinegar

1 Tbsp sesame oil

1/3 cup packed light brown sugar

2 large or 3 medium garlic cloves minced

2 tsp freshly grated ginger or 1/2 tsp ground ginger

To serve:

Chopped Green Onion and Sesame seeds to garnish

Instructions:

Prep:

Cover a large rimmed baking sheet with foil for easy clean-up. Grease the foil, and preheat oven to 400°F.

How to Make Easy Teriyaki Salmon:

Combine sauce ingredients and stir until brown sugar is dissolved.

Place individual salmon slices in a mixing bowl. Pour the sauce over the salmon, cover with plastic wrap and let marinate 20 minutes.

Transfer salmon to the prepared baking sheet (keep the marinade).

Bake at 400 for 12-16 min or until salmon is flaky and cooked through, bake times may vary by thickness of salmon.

While salmon is baking, transfer remaining marinade to a small sauce pan and bring to a boil then reduce heat to a simmer and cook, stirring occasionally until slightly thickened (3-4 min) then remove from heat.

Once salmon is out of the oven, brush with teriyaki syrup, then sprinkle with chopped green onion and sesame seeds as desired.

Preparation time is about 45 minutes

Yield is approximately 8 (275 calorie) servings

This Teriyaki Salmon recipe is from Natasha of NatashasKitchen.com



January Speaker, Christopher Patterson

Chris Patterson started working on tribal fishing issues with the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources in 2013. Chris was drawn to the case as an avid outdoorsman, who enjoys mountain biking, winter camping, fishing, and upland bird hunting.

Mr. Patterson will present, on behalf of the Coalition To Protect Michigan Resources, the history surrounding the 2000 consent decree and the current circumstances surrounding negotiation of a new decree in 2020. The Coalition has its roots in the Great Lakes Tribal fishing rights case between the several Michigan tribes, the federal government, and the State of Michigan. The case originated in 1973. Certain Michigan tribes and the federal government claimed that the State of Michigan had no right to regulate Tribal fishing per the 1836 Treaty of Washington signed by the certain tribes and the State of Michigan.

In 1979, a federal judge issued a ruling granting unlimited fishing rights in the 1836 Treaty waters of Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and Lake Superior to certain tribes.

The litigation continued on appeal, but ultimately the parties determined it was best to resolve their differences through a consent decree (i.e., an agreement to settle). In 1984 negotiations began to allocate the fishery between the Tribes, state licensed commercial fishers and the sport fishing public. The negotiations resulted in a consent decree existing until 2000. Towards the expiration of the 2000 consent decree, the parties again negotiated a 20-year agreement, set to expire in 2020. The parties are now poised again to begin negotiations for the purposes of allocating the fishery among the stakeholders. Since 2000, however, the lakes have changed as well as the interests of the parties involved. Thus, it is important that the sport fishing public stay engaged and involved with the litigation.

Chris is an attorney with Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC. He joined the firm in 2013 after serving two years as Law Clerk for Federal District Court Judge, the Honorable Lawrence P. Zatkoff. Chris received his Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude, from Michigan State University College of Law in May, 2010.

As of March 1, 2018, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has developed an electronic license that allows an individual to display an electronic copy of his or her fishing license using an electronic device.

Who needs a Michigan fishing license? A license is required when targeting fish, amphibians, crustaceans and reptiles in public waters of the state. If you fish in Michigan you must purchase a fishing license if you are 17 years of age or older. If you are under 17, you may fish without a license, but you are required to observe all fishing rules and regulations. Turning 17 at any point during the current season (April 1 - March 31)? You'll need to buy a license once you do.

Continued from front cover—The Presidents Take

A dozen club members entered the Lakeshore Motel tournament on Saturday, April 28th in Manistee, Michigan, but the only club member to weigh a Brown Trout was Don Evan to take 1st place in the AOTY outing. Don launched in Ludington and fished inside the pier heads. Of the 45 or so other participants entered in the tournament, only four browns were weighed.

May – Fishing was pretty darn good for the 2nd SOTY tournament at St. Joe on Saturday, May 5. 'Bobby's Toy' brought 15 fish to the scales all kings except for 1 lake trout that weighed a total of 164.9 lbs! Their 5 fish total was good for 104.05 pts and 1st place. That's just shy of a 5 fish average weight of 16 lbs! As was jokingly heard from Bad Dog Skipper Tom Gorguze in the discussion following the weigh-in, "Bob Jones schooled us!" Bob and his crew also weighed in the Big Fish, a 19.65 lb king good for \$70 in the pool. Port Captain Blaise Pewinski ordered up a fantastic meal from Harding's Market in St. Joe for the luncheon.



We typically have a good turnout for our Algonac walleye outing, and this was the case for the outing held Saturday, May 12th but usually the event is better known for the fish fry that follows. 26 fisherman and 8 boats participated and the fishing was good. The top finisher to receive AOTY Points for 1st place was Jim Paehlig with 17.65 lbs on board the "City Slicker" The fish fry meal following was excellent as usual!

Six boats participated in this year's two day tournament Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20 at Grand Haven. Wind and fog were an issue as weather is usually a major factor at Grand Haven. But Skipper Bob Feisel and his crew on "Vicki's Seacret" managed a cooler full of kings both days to take 1st place at this SOTY event. Big Fish on Sat. was weighed in by Skipper Jim Zanke on "Hardtop & Tails"; a 20.8 lb. king while on Sun. a 22.1 lb. king took the Big Fish honors weighed in by Skipper paul Gjeldum on "Blue Horizon". Both pools were good for \$60 each. Following the weigh-in on day 1, a hot lunch of pulled pork, pulled chicken, Mac & cheese, and coleslaw was provided by Port Captain Jim Zanke and the crew of "Hardtop & Tails".

Many thanks to club members Jim Zanke, Chris Nytko, and Joe Von Grabe for their boat rigging demonstrations at the May membership meeting. All the skippers had their boats rigged with typical presentations for how they might fish. Plenty of questions were asked after each presentation, and everyone headed inside the hall for our swap meet and remaining meeting agenda afterwards.

June – On Saturday June 2nd, the conditions at Harbor beach kept everyone off the lake and only three of the boats that showed up for the SOTY tournament would be able to fish on Sunday. It was very fishable then and everyone caught at least five fish, and all the fish weighed were Lakers. "Bobby's Toy" secured his third first place finish of the season and won \$15 in the Big Fish Pool for a 7.5 lb. lake trout.

On Saturday June 16th our Steelheaders were treated to warm weather and calm winds for our first walleye whipping event on the St Clair River. We had great weather and a good turnout in St. Clair. Bob Paradise took first place points in this AOTY outing and \$100 in big fish money.

Our featured speaker at the June 26th membership meeting was Capt. Joe Raymer from Frank's Great Outdoors. Capt. Joe talked about local techniques that would produce good catches on Saginaw Bay. He also pinpointed locations where we could find walleye for our outing out of Linwood on July 7th. He had tackle gifts for all those members in attendance that evening. Many thanks to Capt Joe!



July – On Saginaw Bay Saturday July 7 at Linwood Beach Marina it was a perfect day; very little wind, a day that was just right for fishing the AOTY Walleye outing. A total of 25 fishermen registered at the skippers meeting. 1st place went to Don Jaskan, five fish 11.8 lbs as well as big fish 3.4 lbs.

At the SOTY tournament in Holland on July 14, we had 6 boats participate including two 2 guest boats. Looming thunderstorms held off and the fishing turned out to be pretty decent. Bob Feisel on "Vicki's Seacret" took his second 1st place for the season with a five fish weight of 37.6 lbs. \$60 in the Big Fish pool went to "Moonshot" and Skipper Brad Walton with a 15.1 lb. King. Following the weigh-in, the taco bar provided by Chipotle's was excellent.

After hosting our Yates fly fishing clinic on Saturday, July 21 fishing guide Luiz 'Louie' DaSilva spoke to our membership at the July meeting. Luiz's enthusiastic presentation combined experiences from the field with casting basics. Thanks' Luiz!

August – This year we fished Ludington two weeks earlier than usual hoping to cash in on some good fishing. As luck would have it we seemed to miss the peak fishing again, but none the less we caught some big fish this year. 1st place for this SOTY tournament went to Skipper Joe Von Grabe and his crew on the "Sloppy Joe" with five fish and 87.85 points. "Bobby's Toy" pulled off the Big Fish win with a 22.35 lb. King good for \$70.00. Thanks to port Captain Bob Jones we enjoyed a great lunch of pizza, chicken wings and salad.

The SOTY Manistee tournament was held on Saturday, August 11. There was a great showing of 15 boats including 2 guest boats. Skipper Gabe McDougall & his crew of the "Jawbreaker" pulled off the win with a 4 fish catch worth 80.55 pts. That's a 15 lb. average fish size! Big Fish was caught on guest boat "Huntress" by Skipper Hunter Carruthers a 25.55 lb. beautiful king! Port Captain Tom Gorguze had a fantastic luncheon which included rotisserie chicken, Mac 'n cheese, Cole slaw and chocolate cake for dessert.

On Saturday, August 25 our DAS skippers wrapped up the 2018 trolling season in Rogers City. The DNR still operates a weir in the nearby Swan River and the lure of returning salmon proved irresistible for eight of our skippers and their crews. Skipper Bob Jones closed out the year with a win weighing in 5 fish including a 15.75 lb.

king that won \$80 in the Big Fish Pool. It was the only king weighed in the tournament. Port Captain Ken Cione arranged a delicious baked chicken lunch from a nearby restaurant. The weigh in was dampened with some light rain as it concluded.

If you missed our August meeting, you missed a great presentation. Roger Hinchcliff of Steelhead Manifesto fame treated our members to an in depth look at an 'old school' technique, fishing spinner baits for steel. From identifying optimal conditions and strategies for locating fish in a river, the benefits of using scents, to the gear you need to hook 'em up, Roger knows his stuff. On behalf of everyone present at our August meeting, thank you Roger!

including work on a sturgeon habitat improvement project on the Kalamazoo River. He will be able to keep us updated periodically at meetings.





September – The Sterling State Park Perch Outing on Lake Erie was held Saturday, September 15. We had seven boats and 21 participants. The morning was not without its challenges. It was very foggy and GPS navigation was necessary to get to the fishing spots safely. Lines were pulled at 1pm and we all enjoyed a lunch of Brats, Sauerkraut, and fresh tomatoes from Bob Paradise's garden. Thanks to Gaspare Aragona for organizing the event! Jim Paehlig took top honors in the AOTY outing with 2.92 lbs. of perch.

Our September meeting speaker Paul Stewart made the big trek down-state to share his passion for Steelhead fishing with our members. Paul and his wife Darcy are proprietors of the Lakeshore Motel in Manistee. Paul shared many of the tips and tricks he's garnered over years of fishing. It was a great presentation that everyone enjoyed. Thanks

again Paul. 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. Rob gave club members an overview of some recent projects.

October – On Saturday, October 6 we had 11 fishermen show up for the Platte river AOTY outing. Despite over-cast skies and a light morning drizzle, it was a great day to be on the river. A total of 3 fish were caught, all kings. Jim Paehlig caught the big fish. 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.

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. We appreciate Winn and Angel for taking time to travel to our meeting, and for their great presentation.

We had 11 DAS members fish the Big Tom tournament in Ludington on October 27 as part of the AOTY series of outings. A total of 16 fish were weighed. Tournament host Shawn Pomorski brought a winning 14.57 lb steelie to the scales. Fred Chartier took 1st place in the AOTY outing. The weigh-in and lunch took place at the new Pierre Marquette Lake Lodge in Ludington.



November – On Saturday, November 3 the AOTY series moved to the Lakeshore Steelhead Tournament in Manistee. The weather was cold and windy, but 11 DAS anglers toughed it out for some good pier fishing. Gaspare Aragona took 1st place in the AOTY outing. His 2 steelhead had a combined weight of 14 lbs. 4 oz; While Blaise Pewinski took the Big Fish honors weighing a nice 10 lb. 3 oz. steelhead. By the way in the Fish Off with Metro-West, we took back the plaque; we had 11 fish to their 2. Congratulations to all the DAS anglers!

Tracy Claramunt was our guest speaker at the November membership meeting. She has been working for the DNR for 10 years as a Creel Survey Biologist. As the Creel Manager, Tracy compiles the latest Creel data for our fisheries and had lots of insight into next year's fishing outlook. The DAS was the first group she shared the latest data with. A big Thanks to Tracy!

December – On December 8, the DAS cold water nomads hit Caseville harbor for last AOTY event. The day before the event the harbor was open water, at 6 am we were greeted with a strong west wind and the harbor froze solid well past the marina. It took a while but when the guys who were prepared started ice fishing near the docks up river, a good number of decent sized lake trout were caught. We had 29 Nomads that showed up and we also caught a few perch, walleye and pike. In the end, Jim Paehlig walked away with 1st place and the honor of being the 2018 AOTY top fisherman. Congrats to Jim, his 3 fish limit weighed 28.86 lbs.!

The December meeting/party was a huge success as over 200 adults and children were in attendance. Of course, more than 30 children were there to see our special guest, "Salmon Claus", who had gifts for all the girls and boys! The only other club business for the meeting was BOD elections and award presentations. In the elections, current BOD members Rod Elnick and Blaise Pewinski were re-elected and new directors, Ken Cione and Anthony Lewis were introduced. Congratulations to all!

Jim Paehlig received his award jacket as Angler of the Year for 2018. Bob Jones received his 2nd jacket and award as Skipper of the Year with 4 first place wins and a 2nd place finish for his top 5 scores. Congratulations to both Jim and Bob! Other awards included:

2nd place Skipper of the Year – Bob Feisel

3rd place Skipper of the Year – Paul Gjeldum

Big King Salmon of the Year – 24.8 lbs King – James Lorenzetti

Big Coho Salmon of the Year – 7.3 lbs – Brett Mauk

Big Steelhead of the Year – 14.65 lbs – Fred Chartier

Big Lake Trout of the year – 14.35 lbs – Don Jasman

Big Brown Trout of the Year – 4.1 lbs. – Bob Jones

Member of the Year – Kellie Ventimiglia

Director of the Year – Tom Gorguze

Congratulations to all awards recipients!



There were 6 winners of \$100 for the 50/50 drawings. All adults received a door prize drawing ticket and over 50 prizes of hams, turkeys and Christmas cheer were given away in that drawing. Gary Gross won \$100 cash in the Every Member Drawing. And of course, a great time was had by all! 2018 was indeed a successful year and we are again looking forward to a great 2019 for all DAS members and events!!

Bob Ksionzek
DAS President

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We were dead in the water, in forty-five feet of water with a steady drift north away from port. I put a call into the Manistee Coast Guard on channel sixteen. I explained my situation and was asked to supply my position and heading. I shut down my radar but left the fish finder and plotter on to monitor my water depth and position. After twenty minutes or so it became very clear to me that the Coast Guard had no intention in coming out to get us. I decided to phone Boat US and request a tow. Boat US responded immediately by dispatching a Tow boat to my location. I put the call in thru my Boat US app on my phone which goes to an operator that figures out where you are and contacts the closest Tow Boat.

In between my conversations with the Coast Guard, I let them know that I contacted Boat US and requested a tow. The Coast Guard then put out a call on channel 16 for any good Samaritan in the area to offer us a tow. Which I was grateful that nobody replied to the call as I only wanted a professional to tow us given the sea conditions. The local Boat US Tow Boat operator contacted me on my cell phone to let me know that a tow boat was on the way. However, he checked the buoy and it showed five-foot seas, he said "on a good flat day it would take forty minutes to make the run from Ludington to Manistee, given the fact that the seas were five feet it would

take at least twice that time to reach us". The captain that was in the tow boat called me and asked that I text him my position every ten minutes so that he could plot my position and understand where we were and the rate in which we were drifting. I was also contacted by the Coast Guard every twenty minutes or so asking for the same information. I kept a constant eye on my depth finder and plotter to be sure we were not in danger of drifting into shallow water. Given the wind direction and rate of drift I surmised that we should not get less than thirty-five foot of water if the wind and current did not shift direction again.

I opted not to deploy my anchor as I have a power windlass and zero experience in deploying and retrieval of the anchor. Also, I was concerned with the wave height and the extra load pulling my bow down into the oncoming waves.

Two and a half hours and about a four-mile drift later we spotted what appeared to be the Tow boat off our starboard side about a mile away. I telephoned the captain and told him to look to the inside and he spotted us. It was quite a relief when he arrived.

The captain was a highly skilled at boat handling; he pulled up beside and handed Todd the tow rope while Todd was up in the cabin thru the hatch. Todd tied the tow rope off to the bow cleat and we were on our way. The tow was brutal. Against five-foot waves, two miles per hour, a six and half mile tow and breaking the one-inch diameter tow rope three times. I was amazed that my boat and cleat for that matter were still intact after the tow. The G forces are unexplainable in a situation like this. I rationalized the experience as to being on a roller coaster for two and half hours. My entire body would come off the seat six inches every time we went up the wave and the tow boat went down the crest the line would go slack and then snap tight. The g forces involved are unreal.

Though I never felt like I was in fear of dying or losing the boat, it was an experience I care to never repeat. I got closer to God that day, I honestly prayed many times to get back to shore safely and soon as I was not yet ready to cash in, I still have more living to do, spend more time with the people I love and more fish to catch. I was never so happy to see the Manistee pier head before. The tow line broke for the last time just as we were making our way into the piers, probably the roughest part of the trip as the waves were big and confused. When the line broke, the tow captain circled around immediately and put his boat between my boat and the pier to be sure we would not get pushed onto the rocks. We got tied off again and made out way to the ramp. He pulled his boat into the ramp along side a dock and swung my boat around to the opposite side, it was truly a thing of beauty. I was never so glad to be back to port. We thanked the Tow Boat Captain many times over, gave him a much-deserved tip as he helped us get the boat on the trailer.

I have run this scenario over and over in my head to see if I could have done something different to prevent putting myself, crew and boat in this situation and have not been able to come up with any viable solutions. My take away from this story are the following; Make sure your crew and you are prepared for the worst, tell everyone to put on a life jacket as soon as the boat is dead in the water. Stay calm and focused. Have a good working VHF marine radio and GPS on board. Don't rely on cell phones, you may not get a signal out on the water. Hail the Coast Guard on channel 16 and be prepared to tell them the following:

- Nature of your problem
- Age, gender and number of people on board
- MC numbers of your boat.
- The length
- Boat color and basic description-such as in my case, white hard top.
- Make and model
- Any remarkable features such as stripe or name on the boat. (Black boot stripe and Bobby's Toy across the transom)
- Position in Lat and Lon

Have tow insurance. This was the first time, I ever used my tow insurance. The captain was professional, highly skilled and knew exactly what to do. Keep your boat well maintained. Never skimp on preventive maintenance. Know how to make simple repairs. In this case the needed repair could have not been done at sea, but many times you can get out of a jam. Understand that the Coast Guard will not come and get you unless you are in danger of sinking or have a medical emergency on board. In my case I felt the conditions were threatening but we were not in immediate danger, thus the Coast Guard would not dispatch a rescue boat.

I am a strong supporter of the Coast Guard. They play a vital role in the security of our coastal areas and safety at sea. But my experience was a bit troubling; there is a Coast Guard station in Manistee but when I hailed them, I could barely understand the person I was talking too, the transmission was very garbled and filled with static. It almost seemed that I was talking to someone many miles away and not local. That may have been the case, but I am not sure, they never said that they were or were not from Manistee. The Coast Guard kept in constant contact with me the entire time which even though they were not coming to get me that it still gave me a level of comfort that I was not entirely alone.

I have been a boater most of my adult life as I bought my first boat shortly after I bought my first house in 1980. I love the boating life style and plan to keep at it as long as my health and finances allow. If this would have happened during a Detroit Area Steelheaders tournament or outing I would not have had this story to tell as one of my brother boats would have come and towed us in right away. As it was, we did not get the boat back on the trailer until after five in the afternoon, it made for a very long day. I took the boat to Seng's Marina and they had me back on the water Wednesday evening, salvaging my vacation. It turns out that the pulley on the sea water pump failed where the hub and pulley are welded together.

Always expect the unexpected, stay calm and know the Coast Guard and Boat U.S. are there for you.



DAS SKIPPER OF THE YEAR HONOR ROLL

Going Strong for 50 Years 1978 to 2018

2018

1. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy"
2. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret"
3. Paul Gjeldum, "Blue Horizon"

2017

1. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret"
2. Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog"
3. Fred Chartier, "Lake Buzzard IV"

2016

1. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy"
2. John Meade, "Saluki"
3. Blaise Pewinski, "Sea Hag"

2015

1. John Meade, "Saluki"
2. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret"
3. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy"

2014

1. Paul Gjeldum, "Blue Horizon"
2. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret"
3. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy"
4. Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog"
5. Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"

2013

1. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret"
2. Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog"
3. Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"
4. Blaise Pewinski, "Sea Hag"
5. Paul Gjeldum, "Blue Horizon"

2012

1. Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog"
2. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy"
3. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret"
4. Blaise Pewinski, "Sea Hag"
5. Jody Robinson, "Miss Dipsey"

2011

1. Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog"
2. Bob Paradise, "Almost Paradise"
3. Blaise Pewinski, "Sea Hag"
4. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret"
5. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy"

2010

1. Bob Paradise, "Almost Paradise"
2. Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog"
3. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy"
4. Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"
5. Doug Karakas, "E-Fish-N-Sea"

2009

1. Mark Williams, "Silver Addiction"
2. Blaise Pewinski, "Sea Hag"
3. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy"
4. Bob Paradise, "Almost Paradise"
5. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret"

2008

1. Mark Williams, "Silver Addiction"
2. Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog"
3. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret"
4. Dave Linder, "No Limit"
5. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy"

2007

1. Bob Paradise, "Almost Paradise"
2. Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"
3. Mark Williams, "Silver Addiction"
4. Tim Robinson, "Pride & Joy"
5. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret"

2006

1. Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"
2. Mark Williams, "Silver Addiction"
3. Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog"
4. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy"
5. Dave Linder, "No Limit"

2005

1. Bob Paradise, "Almost Paradise"
2. Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"
3. Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog"
4. Dave Linder, "No Limit"
5. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret"

2004

1. Blaise Pewinski, "Sea Hag"
2. Chris Nytko, "Aquarius II"
3. Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"
4. Mike Vigus, "Crusader"
5. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret"

2003

1. Bill Dunk, "Free Bird"
2. Mike Vigus, "Crusader"
3. Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"
4. Blaise Pewinski, "Sea Hag"
5. Mark Bevens, "In-Seine"

2002

1. Chris Nytko, "Aquarius II"
2. Doug Karakas, "Capt'n Hook"
3. Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"
4. Bill Dunk, "Free Bird"
5. Mark Bevens, "In-Seine"

2001

1. Mark Stosiak, "Tomorrow's Dream"
2. Chris Nytko, "Aquarius II"
3. Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"
4. Mike Vigus, "Crusader"
5. Doug Karakas, "Capt'n Hook"

2000

1. Chris Nytko, "Aquarius II"
2. Stan Bilek, "Blue Star"
3. Mark Stosiak, "Tomorrow's Dream"
4. Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch"
5. Bill Nutting, "Just Once"

1999

1. Mark Stosiak, "Tomorrow's Dream"
2. Stan Bilek, "Blue Star"
3. Chris Nytko, "Aquarius II"
4. Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch"
5. Paul Schoenrade, "Eagle III"

1998

1. Don Redmond, "Trena Dawn"
2. Chris Nytko, "Aquarius II"
3. Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch"
4. Rob Golaszewski, "Lucky Falcon"
5. Paul Schoenrade, "Eagle III"

1997

1. Rob Golaszewski, "Lucky Falcon"
2. Chris Nytko, "Aquarius II"
3. Paul Colone, "The Kidd"
4. Bob Buero, "Mickey Mouse Club"
5. Jimmy Hardrick, "My Dream"

1996

1. Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch"
2. Rob Golaszewski, "Lucky Falcon"
3. Chris Nytko, "Aquarius II"
4. Paul Nowak, "Nothin' But Fun"
5. Don Redmond, "Trena Dawn"

1995

1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo"
2. Don Redmond, "Trena Dawn"
3. Daniel Dima, "Taz"
4. Rob Golaszewski, "Lucky Falcon"
5. Dave Roeher, "Floating Holiday"

1994

1. Joe Golaszewski, "Lucky Falcon"
2. Jimmy Hardrick, "My Dream"
3. Chris Nytko, "Aquarius II"
4. Ron Hartman, "Molly Frair"
5. Paul Schoenrade, "Eagle Two"

1993

1. Dave Even, "Teachers Pet"
2. Don Redmond, "Trena Dawn"
3. Joe Golaszewski, "Lucky Falcon"
4. Leon Van Eden, "Bull Head"
5. Chris Nytko, "Aquarius II"

1992

1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo"
2. Dave Even, "Teachers Pet"
3. Tom Moores, "Karefree"
4. Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch"
5. Mike Wakulski, "Wet Paint"

1991

1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo"
2. Dave Even, "Teachers Pet"
3. Don Redmond, "Trena Dawn"
4. Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch"
5. Joe Golaszewski, "Lucky Falcon"

1990

1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo"
2. Dave Even, "Teachers Pet"
3. Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch"
4. Rob Pinski, "Anticipation"
5. Mike Wakulski, "Wet Paint"

1989

1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo"
2. Steve Banovic, "Exaggerator"
3. Ron Huey, "Half R's"
4. Ron Hartman, "Molly Frair"
5. Don Anton, "Happy Bare"

1988

1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo"
2. Dave Even, "Teachers Pet"
3. Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch"
4. Don Redmond, "Trena Dawn"
5. Steve Banovic, "Exaggerator"

1987

1. Greg Clifford, "Outlaw"
2. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo"
3. Don Redmond, "Trena Dawn"
4. Steve Banovic, "Exaggerator"
5. Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch"

1986

1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo"
2. Greg Clifford, "Outlaw"
3. Chuck Wood, "Predator"
4. Dave Even, "Teachers Pet"
5. Blaise Pewinski, "Sea Hag"

1985

1. Darrin Harris, "Cannonball"
2. Joel Garinger, "Fishbusters"
3. Bruce Choinski, "Kneeknocker"
4. Tom Chojnowski, "Sea Con"
5. Ed McIntosh, "Sweet Lorraine"

1984

1. Bon Kanas, "Least Likely"
2. Ed Choinski, "Kneeknocker"
3. Darrin Harris, "Cannonball"
3. Bob Ksionzek, "Last Dime"
3. Mike Zelkowski, "Elvira"

1983

1. Gerry Ciurzenski, "Jawbuster"
2. Mike Boroniec, "Horsefly"
3. R.J. Branham, "Seahawk"
4. Bob Kozar, "Snowman"
5. Ed Yankowski II, "Least Likely"

1982

1. Brian Glaser, "Least Likely"
2. Toby Lampi, "Jessie III"
3. Mike Curzenski, "Nooner"
4. Bob Kring, "Drifter"
5. R.J. Branham, "Seahawk"

1981

1. Bob Kring, "Drifter"
2. Toby Lampi, "Jessie III"
3. Bob Kanas, "Least Likely"
4. Jerry Lee, "Sea Screw"
5. Jewell Harris, "Cannonball"

1980

1. Jerry Lee, "Sea Screw"
2. Terry Cholette, "Fishin' Fever"
3. Toby Lampi, "Jessie III"
4. Randy Cope, "Ouzo Too"
5. Ed Yankowski II, "Least Likely"

1979

1. Jerry Lee, "Sea Screw"
2. Howard Mills, "Paramour"
3. Larry Atwell, "Cobra"
4. Jim Treadaway, "Okie Drifter"
5. Bob Kring, "Drifter"

1978

1. Jerry Lee, "Sea Screw"
- (Incomplete Information)

1977

1. Chuck Cartwright, "Tuna Boat"
2. John Makela, "Sisu"
3. Murrell Blackburn, "Fish'n 5"
4. Bob Kring, "Drifter"
5. Larry Atwell, "Cobra"

1976

1. John Makela, "Sisu"
2. Murrell Blackburn, "Fish'n 5"
3. Chuck Cartwright, "Tuna Boat"
4. Paul Irvine, "Yellow Jacket"
5. Steve Hamilton, "Valhalla"

Caseville Lake Trout Report

On December 8th, the DAS cold water nomads hit Caseville harbor for 2018's final Angler of the Year event. Mother nature sure can change her mind in a hurry. The day before the event the harbor was open water. At 6:00 AM we were greeted with a strong west wind and the harbor froze solid well past the marina. Some of the guys were thinking of playing cards in the club house, and others thinking let's get out of the wind and catch some trout.



This is when we changed our plans. We decided to break out the spuds and fish off the docks up river. Not everybody was prepared to fish the ice, except Gaspere. He had his ice rods and was the first to land a nice 6.96 lb. trout. At that point we thought it might be a one fish tournament, considering it was already 9:00 AM. Shortly after AOTY points leader Jim Pehleg caught a 8.5 lb trout at 9:30 AM, the bite turned on. Jim caught the next fish, which he was very lucky to land considering it got wrapped up in a snag of some sort. He just kept steady pressure on the fish for nearly 10 minutes

and the 14.4 lb trout slid in the hole for a net job. Meanwhile, one of our guests got into the action with a pair of 7 pounders followed by a 10 pounder. Great catch for a first timer on ice and trout fishing. Bob Paradise couldn't be left out of the competition when the bite was on he caught two trout and a nice pike, he tried his best to get his 3rd fish but lost a few, great rally Bob. We had another first timer with us Mark Wyrick that got his first t trout.

We had 29 Nomads that showed up and we caught a few perch, walleye and pike. At 1 pm we rout a 9.61lber to round out the field. met at the clubhouse supplied by member Louie Balaze for lunch supplied by Blaise, and the weigh in to follow. In the end Jim Pehlig walked away with 1st place and the honor of being the 2018 AOTY top fisherman, Congrats Jim. His 3 fish limit weighed 28.86lbs.

This event was the best event we've had this year. The comradeship and passing off of knowledge on how to catch trout to our new members and guest made me proud to be a Detroit Area Steelheader. Hope to see you next year for another fun filled year of AOTY events.



Blaise Pewinski

LSSU Detroit Area Steelheaders Fisheries Scholarship

In cooperation with the Lake Superior State University Foundation, the Board of Directors has established the "Detroit Area Steelheaders Fisheries Scholarship". The scholarship provides financial assistance to a student majoring in the LSSU Biology, or Fisheries and Wildlife Management program, with a focus on fisheries. It is a \$1500 annual award. LSSU students may submit a letter of application to the Chair of Biological Sciences. This award does not automatically renew, however past recipients may apply. Successful candidates:

- ◆ Must be a full time student of at least Sophomore status
- ◆ Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA,
- ◆ and Must be a resident of the state of Michigan

Members of the biological sciences faculty will recommend a recipient from the applicants for final approval by the Financial Aid Office.

2019 Skipper of the Year Boat Trolling Tournaments

The Skipper of the Year (SOTY) Award is given out each year to the Captain who has performed the best during the year's Boat Trolling Tournaments. This is determined by giving each Skipper the number of points for the place he finishes in each individual tournament, e.g. 1 point for 1st Place, 2 points for 2nd Place, etc. After the 2019 tournament season is completed, the Skipper with the fewest points in his best 4 tournaments out of 7 total claims the SOTY Award. The number of tournaments counted can vary each year based on the total number of tournaments held. In addition to a trophy, the Skipper of the Year gets a custom embroidered Skipper of the Year jacket. The Boat Trolling Tournament Committee set the schedule for the upcoming 2019 Season.

Our 2019 tournament entry fees will be \$20 per boat per tournament. The Big Fish Pool remains at \$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. In the event Saturday's weather prevents us from getting out, we will try to get out on Sunday. Entry fees from a cancelled tournament will be refunded. We look forward to seeing you on the water!

The 2019 Boat Trolling Schedule is listed below. For additional information on our boat trolling tournaments, contact Bob Feisel (248)765-2504 or Bob Ksionzek (586)531-9198.

Skipper of the Year Trolling Schedule

St. Joseph Tournament

Saturday, May 4 - 6:30 am to 1:30 pm

Port Captain: Brett Mauk

Grand Haven Tournament

Saturday, May 18 - 6:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sunday, May 19 - 6:00 am to 11:00 pm

Port Captain: Dan Chisholm

Harbor Beach Tournament

Saturday, June 22 - 6:00 am to 1:00 pm

Port Captain: Joe Von Grabe

Ludington Tournament

Saturday, July 13 - 6:00 am to 1:00 pm

Port Captain: Bob Jones

Manistee Tournament

Saturday, July 27 - 6:00 am to 1:00 pm

Port Captain: Bob Paradise

Olcott, NY Tournament

Saturday, August 10 - 6:00 am to 1:00 pm

Port Captain: Jim Zanke

Rogers City Tournament

Saturday, August 24 - 6:30 am to 1:30 pm

Port Captain: Ken Cione



**SATURDAY
MARCH 2, 2019**

**AMERICAN POLISH
CULTURAL CENTER**
2975 E. Maple Rd. Troy, MI 48083

Doors open at 5:00 – Dinner at 6:00



TICKETS: \$60
Includes beer & soda
(limited to 500 tickets)

**Table Raffles, Gun Draws, Meat Coolers,
50/50 Raffle, and many more items!**

*All proceeds help Detroit Area Steelheaders
to Promote, Educate, Preserve and Protect
our Great Lakes Fisheries and Resources.*

THE MENU

**SMOKED WALLEYE
AND
WHITEFISH CHOWDER**

PULLED WILD BOAR

**SWEET CHILI
GLAZED PHEASANT
WITH ASIAN VEGETABLES**

**COUNTRY
VENISON MEATLOAF
WITH COUNTRY GRAVY**

**BRAISED ELK
WITH HUNTERS SAUCE**

**SMOKEHOUSE FAMOUS
GRILLED CHICKEN**

**WILD GAME
MEAT & CHEESE
TRAYS (1 per table)**

**GARLIC MASHED
POTATOES**

CAROLINA SLAW

**MINI DESSERT
BARS with
ASSORTED
COOKIES**

Guns from:

Our Feature Caterer:

Taxidermy Display by:



Tables of 10 paid in full by
January 22nd will receive
\$100 in raffle tickets.

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Final 2018 AOTY Standings

Member's Name	St. Lukes 1/27/18	Bay City 2/10/18	Manistee River 3/24/18	Brown Trout 4/28/18	Walleye Algonac 5/12/18	St Clair Whipping 6/16/18	Linwood Walleye 7/7/18	Sterling St Park 9/15/18	Platte River 10/6/18	Big Tom 10/27/18	Lake Shore 11/3/18	Caseville 12/8/18	Total Points
Jim Paehlig	4	0	0	0	5	3	0.5	5	5	0.5	0	5	28
Bob Paradise	0.5	3	0.5	0.5	0.5	5	0.5	0.5	4	0.5	4	4	23.5
B Pewinski	5	4	0.5	0	0.5	2	2	0.5	0.5	0	3	0.5	18.5
G Aragona	0.5	5	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2	5	2	17.5
Don Jasman	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	5	0.5	0	4	0.5	0.5	11.5
Fred Chartier	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	4	0	0	5	2	0	11.5
Don Mikros	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.5	1	2	0.5	3	0	0.5	9
Don Evan	0	0	0	5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.5
G MacDougall	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Jim Zanke	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	4	0	0	0.5	0	5
Louie Balaze	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	4.5

Upcoming 2019 DAS Key Dates

January 10-13, 2019 Ultimate Fishing show
 Tue January 15, 2018 Board Of Directors Meeting
 Sat January 19, 2018 Mitchell's Bay Ice Outing
 Tue January 29, 2018 General Membership Meeting

2018 December Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 150
Featured Guest: Salmon Clause
Featured Presentations: Awards, Gifts
50/50 Raffle Winner: \$100 5 Winners
Every Member Draw: \$100