



# Fishin' Tales II

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## February Membership Meeting

- **When:**
  - Tuesday, February 26, 2019 7:30pm
- **Where:**
  - American Polish Cultural Center
  - NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
  - Tracy Page, Aquatic Education Coordinator
  - Michigan DNR
- **Other Happenings:**
  - Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
  - Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
  - Every Member Drawing,
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## IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM, EAT 'EM

When I started pulling this newsletter together, I wasn't sure what the lead story would be. Perhaps an article about taking my nephew ice fishing. Free fishing weekend inspired that adventure, but honestly, our results were lackluster. Not much to share on that. The Detroit Boat Show is underway and goes through next weekend. It's the winter show that gets me thinking about spring fishing. But this year I'm not feeling it. We're just about halfway through winter. It got off to a slow start, but now it's finally on a roll. This must be what the doldrums of winter look like. Maybe an invasive species update? I still receive occasional inquiries from friends about Asian carp.

I remembered seeing a story about an intriguing tactic employed in this ongoing battle. "If you can't beat 'em, eat 'em," was a quote attributed to the former Illinois Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti. I like that approach, we can eat our way out of this mess. Ms. Sanguinetti was part of the early effort to create a demand for Asian Carp as food. There are four types of Asian Carp but Big Head and Silver pose the biggest risk in the great lakes. They can grow to over 100 pounds on a plankton diet and drive out native populations.



The effort to market Asian Carp as table fare is underway. They are harvested for human consumption up and down the Mississippi, and they are marketed as 'Silverfin'. These fish appear on menus in dormitories at the University of Illinois in Champagne, and you may also find them show up in local fish markets. Silverfin fish cakes are reported to be the first product processed from an invasive species. They are a boney fish and require special preparation. To that end, programs to educate consumers on methods of preparation exist. Now if I were Lieutenant Governor, I might start serving these fish in the prisons. Then maybe move into soup kitchens. Then again, I'm not sure my plan would create much demand.

The state of Illinois has also enlisted the assistance of a group of commercial fishermen to solve the problem. With funding from the feds, a team of nine commercial fisherman set nets and work together to drive fish into them. While barrier systems are designed to restrict movement of the invaders, these fishermen make a dent in the existing populations. A typical catch for each team can be 6000 pounds a day. The fish caught by this method are not fit for human consumption and primarily used as pet food and fertilizer. Over 7.5 million pounds of carp have been harvested in this program since 2010. That's an estimated reduction of over 90% of the leading edge population.

If those estimates are accurate, harvesting Asian Carp along with improvements to the barriers leading to Lake Michigan, may buy us time until a means of eradicating these invasive is perfected.

Bon Appetite, Tom Gorguza





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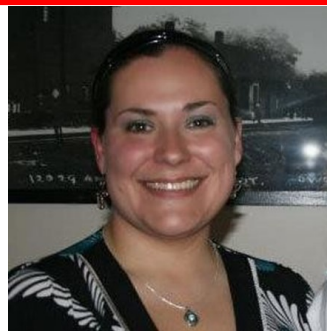
As a special thank you to our WGD supporters, the Detroit Area Steelheaders, are pleased to offer \$10 off our low annual membership fee of \$35. To qualify for the \$25 membership special, payment may be made tonight, or be received by the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. **This offer is valid to new members only.** Payment must be received by the March 26 deadline to qualify for the reduced membership offer.



### Next Meeting — Tuesday, February 26 7:30pm

We are excited to have Tracy Page, the Aquatic Education Coordinator for the Michigan DNR as our Guest Speaker. Taking the reins of the Salmon in the Classroom program, Tracy's background in program management, education content, curriculum design and aquatic resources will help her lead SIC into the future. She will be covering the history of SIC, the successes, failures, and what might be coming.

**It is also Free Pizza Night!** Plenty of hot fresh pizza slices will be available at the meeting's start. Also featured will be the results from the latest Angler of the Year (AOTY) outing, info on the upcoming AOTY outings, Fishing reports, Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle and the Every Member Drawing. If you are a member and your name is drawn you win \$100 cash! But you must be present to win. So, come join us! Guests are always welcome!



### DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC.

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**WGD SPECIAL FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY \$25** Membership Application

- New Member - \$35 Yearly
- Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly
- Junior (under 16) - \$20 Yearly (Electronic Newsletter)
- Renewal - \$35 Yearly
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# Win a Wild Boar Hunt at Ted Nugent's Sunrize Acres



## WGD Ticket Deadline Approaching

The featured grand prize at this year's sportsman dinner will be a hunt for big Hogan hogs at Ted Nugent's Sunrize Acres in the wilds of Michigan! The hunt will start on Friday and Ted will join you on Saturday for a Pork Slam you won't forget! Ted's sacred hunting grounds provide guaranteed excitement! Your hunt includes meeting Ted on the 2nd day of the hunt, lunch both days, 1 hog or ram, guided by Ted-trained guides!

If you would like to attend this year's Sportsman's Dinner you can purchase tickets by either calling the event ticket chairman Bob Jones, or purchasing them in person February 26th at our next membership meeting. After the 26th tickets will not be available. In addition to great food, a great time, and great prizes, you will be supporting or clubs only fund raising event.



## Extreme Temps Result in Cancelation of January Membership Meeting



With windchills expected to dip to -45 degrees below zero, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency late on Monday, January 28th. As the metro Detroit area braced for the cold, the decision was made Tuesday morning to cancel that evenings membership meeting. Notices were placed on our website and Facebook page. The American Polish Cultural Center where our meetings are held was also closed the evening of our meeting. Only a small group of diehards took the opportunity to gather at the nearby Twin Peaks restaurant. Our speaker will be rescheduled at a later date, and the deadline for early Wild Game Dinner tickets was extended two weeks.

## Big Water Report

Saturday, February 2nd was the day a bunch of DAS nomads had been looking forward to all winter. It marked (what we hoped would be) our triumphant return to Saginaw Bay. Last year's trek to the Bay was a huge success. We had a great turnout, and a lot of Walleyes were brought through the ice. We had been waiting a long time to return.

Ice conditions on the bay change quickly. What looks safe one, day can be open water the next. The nice thing about Bay City is you have the option fishing the bay or the river. I followed the conditions daily and it looked like both would have ice. The previous week brought record cold temperatures and low pressure throughout the region. While ice conditions improved, I believe that it put a negative effect on the walleye bite. Fourteen DAS members and three guests made the trip to Bay City, and it only produced 7 walleyes. The old saying "fishing was good yesterday, and should be great tomorrow" was true once again. On Feb 3rd the bite was awesome, so I was told.

Either way, all the nomads has a great time on the frozen waters of Saginaw Bay and River. We enjoyed a hot lunch and weighed fish back at the State Park. The winner of the tournament was James Anderson he managed to catch 2 small fish that only weighed 1.90 lbs, but with the 5 points per fish factor he tallied 11.9 points that surpassed Dave Evens 4.43 lb fish with the 5 point factor for 9.43 total. One of these days we are going to hit it big on the bay again.

Until then, TIGHT LINES!

Blaise



## Mitchell's Bay Ice outing Results

Our first ice fishing outing of 2019 was delayed one week due to poor conditions. The additional week of cold weather was all it took for safe ice to form in Mitchell's Bay. On Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, conditions were perfect as eight DAS members and guests met at the municipal ramp before heading onto the lake. Six inches of ice allowed ATV's and snow machines access to their favorite spots, but most fisherman left their machines at home due to iffy reports. Hikers were able to access 6' depths only ½ mile from shore. Warm December temperatures had hard water anglers on both sides of the border chomping at the bit to get out. There were a lot of fisherman on the ice.



The closest border crossing near Mitchell's Bay is the Algonac ferry. Unfortunately, the ferry was not operating. In fact, it hasn't run since mid-January due to ice jams in the St. Clair River. It would take more than Ice jams to keep the ice army away. The bay was loaded with all types of shanties and shelters. The weather wasn't bad and you really didn't need a shelter. A 5 gallon bucket and a simple rod with a couple beaded spoons was all you needed to get a limit of perch.

If you haven't fished Mitchell's Bay, it's worth the trip. Crossing the border to fish a new spot can be daunting. Fortunately we

have DAS members familiar with the in's and out's of this fishing hot spot. All participants caught fish on Saturday. Bob Paradise finished in first place, Gaspare Aragona, Mark Paradise, Blaise Pewinski, Tom Gorguze, Dan Chisholm, and Luke Paradise rounded out the remaining AOTY positions in the order listed. Blaise won the big fish pool with a nice 12 ½ incher. After fishing we enjoyed a great lunch at the weigh in,. Bob served up grilled Polish Sausage and home-made chili, courtesy of Debbie Paradise.

While the fishing was good on Saturday, it was even better the next day for the nomads who hung around. Bob Paradise lead a small group out a couple miles from the ramp and put us on some beauties. Everyone limited out in less than three hours with the majority of fish averaging nine inches. The fishing Sunday was probably the best perch fishing I have experienced. All in all, the Mitchell's Bay outing was a great start to the ice fishing season.

## 2019 Angler of the Year Outing Schedule

**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** --- **Sebewaing** - 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



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## New daily limit for yellow perch starts April 1

If you're planning to fish for yellow perch this spring, keep in mind there's a new daily possession limit – 25 fish, reduced from 50 – starting April 1 on nearly all state waters. Exceptions include Lake Erie, which will retain a 50-fish daily limit. Lake Gogebic in Gogebic and Ontonagon counties, which will have the 25-fish daily limit, but with no more than five of those fish being 12 inches or longer.

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission approved the proposed fishing regulation change late last year, after extensive public and scientific reviews. The new regulation is effective with the start of the 2019 Michigan fishing season.

The DNR collected many comments from concerned anglers and others interested in reducing the daily possession limit for yellow perch. Lowering the statewide daily possession limit also supports consistent yellow perch regulations across waterbodies, particularly connecting waters, tributaries and drowned river mouths.

"The major goal for lowering the yellow perch daily possession limit was to better achieve an optimal balance between conservation and fishing opportunity, reflecting the importance and popularity of yellow perch in Michigan," said Christian LeSage who works for the DNR's Aquatic Species and Regulatory Affairs Unit. "Yellow perch are among the most sought-after game species in Michigan, and we want to ensure generations of anglers can continue to enjoy fishing for them."

Starting March 1, the 2019 Michigan Fishing Guide will be available online and in printed copy form at fishing license retailers. For more information, visit [Michigan.gov/DNRdigests](http://Michigan.gov/DNRdigests).

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**Chef's Table**



**CHEF SOOHWA YU'S SILVERFIN SLIDERS WITH CHOW CHOW AND SRIRACHA MAYO**



**INGREDIENTS**

**SLIDERS**

- 1½ lbs. side of Silverfin  
*(or any other white fish filet)*
- 1 ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 ½ tbsp. diced scallions
- 1 oz. minced garlic
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 tsp. curry powder
- ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 tbsp. baking powder

- 1 cup water
- 2 oz. salad oil (for cooking)
- 1 tsp. Kosher salt
- 12 small buns

**CHOW CHOW**

- ¼ cup corn
- 2 tbsp. red pepper, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp. onion, thinly sliced
- 1 oz. shredded cabbage

- 1 oz. minced cauliflower
- 2¼ tsp. white vinegar
- 1 tbsp. white sugar
- Dash of mustard
- Dash of dry mustard
- Dash of turmeric

**SRIRACHA MAYO**

- 2 tbsp. Sriracha
- 4 tbsp. mayonnaise

1. Place fish on oiled sheet trays. Lightly season with kosher salt.
2. Bake in a preheated 350° oven until internal temperature reaches 155°.
3. Flake fish apart and remove all bones. Cool.
4. Heat grill to medium (350°). Once hot, evenly oil the surface.
5. While grill is heating, gently mix all remaining ingredients together in a large bowl. The mix should resemble the consistency of thick pancake batter. If needed, add more water or flour.
6. Drop approximately ¼ cup portions of the mixture onto the grill and press gently to form a cake.
7. Cook 3 to 4 minutes per side or until both sides are golden brown and crispy and an internal temperature reaches 165°.
8. To make the Sriracha mayonnaise: Mix mayonnaise and Sriracha and set aside.
9. To make the Chow Chow: Mix all the vegetables together. In a separate bowl, whisk together white vinegar and sugar until sugar is dissolved. Add remaining spices and mix well. Set aside. Just before serving, add vinaigrette to the vegetables and mix well.
10. Lay buns on a tray and spread 1 tsp of Sriracha mayonnaise on the bottom bun. Top with one fishcake, a small portion of Chow Chow, and the top bun. Enjoy!

**General ice thickness guidelines courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources**

Many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe. White ice or "snow ice" is only about half as strong as new clear ice. Double the above thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice. Before heading out on ice check ice thickness. Your safety is your responsibility. Check ice thickness at least every 150 feet. Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water; it can be two feet thick in one place and one inch thick a few yards away. An ice chisel or Spud is a metal rod with a sharp, flat blade welded onto one end. Drive the chisel into the ice, using a stabbing motion, to create a hole. Next, measure ice thickness to determine safety. Check the ice at least every 150 feet. Cars, pickups or SUVs should be parked at least 50 feet apart and moved every two hours to prevent sinking. Tip: Make a hole next to the car. If water starts to overflow the top of the hole - the ice is sinking and it's time to move the vehicle.



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## 2019 Detroit Area Steelheaders 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

### Upcoming 2019 DAS Key Dates

Tuesday February 26, General Membership Meeting 7:30 PM  
Saturday March 2, WGD Doors open 5:00 PM  
Tuesday March 12 BOD Meeting 7:00 PM  
Tuesday March 26, General Membership Meeting  
Saturday March 30, ManisteeSteelhead Challenge w/Metro W.

### 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