



Fishin' Tales II

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January Membership Meeting

- When:
Tuesday, January 28, 2020 7:30pm
- Where:
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured Presentation
Ice Fishing Lake St. Clair
- Other Happenings:
Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
Every Member Drawing,
- DAS On the
www.detroitsteelheaders.com Post to
the message board and check out the
entire site.



2019 Angler of the Year Determined at Caseville

By Blaise Pewinski

What a great day to be a Detroit Steelheader! I have been hoping for an outing like this in Caseville for the last three years. On Saturday December 14th, thirty members showed up and were treated to some of the best pier fishing you could ask for. The conditions were perfect, light winds, ideal temps, and Lakers on the feed. When we finished at 2:00PM, over 48 Lake Trout (and four bonus Walleye) made it to the scales, with the largest trout weighing 16.5 lbs.

This event was also the showdown for first place in our Angler of the Year competition. Gaspare Aragona had a 1 point lead going into this event with Bob Paradise hot on his tail. These guys are two of the most competitive fishermen I know. Gaspare knew Bob needed a 3rd place to tie for first or better. Bob held true to form and had a nice three fish limit in no time, while Gasper struggled to catch his first fish until 1:00 PM. When it was time to pull lines, two trout was all he could get. At the weigh-in tensions were high with some nice catches coming over the scale. Bob was nervous and didn't realize he needed at least a third place finish to win.

In the end, Mark Wyrick had three monsters totaling 31.85 lbs to win the event, great job Mark. Second place went to Steve Prout with three fish weighing 29.69 lbs. See where this is going! Third place went to Gary Gross with his 26.75 lbs catch. Fourth went to Bob Paradise with a 26.50 lbs catch. All he needed was an additional quarter pound to tie Gasper but fell just short. What great times we have fishing with out Detroit Steelheader buddies. Congratulations to Al Jimerson for winning the \$150 big fish pool, and Gaspare on his 2019 AOTY championship.



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WINN WOLF

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ANNA KULPA

MATT SLAMKA

MICHAEL LOLLI

NICK JONES

RAFFLE MATTERS

A 50:50 raffle and a Tackle Raffle are held each month during the membership meetings. Tickets for each raffle are sold 7 tickets for \$5 and the winners are drawn at the end of the meeting. The 50:50 needs no explanation but the tackle raffle affords the attending members the opportunity to win items displayed on the raffle table. First ticket out gets first choice and so on. I do my best to stock the raffle table with items of interest depending upon the season. Example "ice fishing" items in January/February. There is also an "Every Member" drawing at the end of each member meeting. There is no cost or ticket required to win. The names of every member in good standing are placed in a container and one name is blind drawn each month. If that member is pre-



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Cold As Ice Outing at Metro Daysail

Detroit Area Steelheaders Angler of the Year Event at Lake St. Clair Metro Park
January 25, 2020 7:00 am till 1:00 pm
31300 Metro Parkway, Harrison Twp. 48045

This will be the first Angler of the Year outing for 2020. It coincides with the 94.7 "WCSX Cold as Ice" tournament. You can participate in both if you wish, but ours is a totally separate event. The winning catch will be determined by the weight of your five heaviest perch. The outing fee will be \$5 for the shore lunch, with an optional \$5 for the big fish pool. The big fish prize money will be awarded for the single largest perch by weight. Dan Chisholm is coordinating our DAS event. You must register with Dan in person, or by phone before you go out. We will be heading out from the Metro Park Day Sail Ramp at 7:00 AM. It is doubtful the ice will support machines, so we will most likely be walking. Shore lunch and weigh in will be at, or near the same ramp. DAS has rented a table in the WCSX heated tent, and we'll be staffing a membership table during their event. I hope we can do both weigh in and lunch right there. A sign-up sheet to work our membership table will be available at our membership meetings. Metro Park entrance fees will apply. If you plan to fish the WCSX tournament you should google 94.7 WCSX Cold as Ice Tournament and register with them as their event totally separate. Theirs runs until 3 pm so we should be able to complete our weigh in and lunch before theirs ends. DAS Angler of the Year rules can be found on the DAS message board. Please reach out to Dan if ice conditions look iffy.

Dan Chisholm (586) 530 9171

WHY BE A DETROIT AREA STEELHEADER?

- The Detroit Steelheaders mission is to "protect and promote the Great Lakes sport fishery". We support our Michigan waterways and assist those governing bodies who are charged with the responsibility of sustaining them.
- We are a teaching club. Some of our members are very experienced and talented fishermen. We share that knowledge with other members to help them become better fishermen.
- Membership is inexpensive! Twelve free monthly educational membership meetings where speakers address boating safety, boat maintenance, how-to seminars on all types of fishing. Great Lakes forecast on the condition of the Great Lakes for the coming year. Our members have ample time during meetings to network with friends and just enjoy comradery. We also hold voluntary 50:50 raffle and tackle raffle where you can go home with a nice door prize. Monthly newsletter is included in the cost of membership.
- We support parochial and public education by funding and mentoring "Salmon in the Classroom" activities in four separate schools.
- We support continuing education by providing a renewable scholarship to Lake Superior State College for students enrolled in ecological programs.
- We assist local communities by funding and mentoring local "Kids Fishing Derbies".
- Being on the water is safer when you fish with a group. If you get in trouble on the water, there's a better chance of someone being around who can help. It may save your life.
- As part of a club you meet like-minded people who fish. This can lead to friendships and more opportunities to be on the water. We also have a "Crews Board" program where boat captains can request crew and others can ask for the opportunity to crew for someone.

DAS SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

Each year our Detroit Area Steelheaders organization hosts a group of "Special Friends" for a day of fun and fishing. This is a social outing where our Steelheaders donate our time and talent entertaining people with special needs as our guests having fun fishing and picnicking on Lake Erie out of Toledo Beach Marina. After fishing, lunch is provided under the big tent where our "Special Friends" socialize and show off their 'days catch'. The remainder of the event is filled with pictures, prizes, and fun. DAS sponsors this event as our effort to give back to our community, but its success comes from the experience of our members. Each person who helps knows they are part of a worthwhile cause and the event is sustained because our members keep coming back. Special mention also goes out to Toledo Beach Marina. They donate the use of the marina each year and provide free launch, boat slips, ice and other items to help make this event a success.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC! SUNDAY JUNE 8



The DAS summer family picnic will be held at Riverside Park in Auburn Hills. The date is on Sunday June 8, 2020. Riverside Park is located at 3311 Squirrel Ct. Auburn Hills, MI. 48326. Time TBD. This is a riverfront park with fishing, a water ped, play equipment, footpath, picnic shelter, barbecue facilities, and canoe launch. Kelly Ventimiglia will be coordinating. More details to follow



The Presidents Log, Our Year in Review

by Bob Ksionzek

As I sit here on New Year's Eve Day, relaxing and looking out at the waves crashing over the Port Austin break wall, I look back and see another successful year for the Detroit Area Steelheaders. But, it's absolutely amazing how time passes as I realize that it seems like I was writing this review for 2018 just a short while ago. The old saying "Time flies when you're having fun" could not be truer.

We have managed to maintain our membership numbers and that all started back in January at the Ultimate Fishing Show at the Suburban Collection Showcase in Novi. Four days of meeting and talking with show goers certainly helped to achieve that goal not to mention it also helped to fight off the "Cabin Fever" affliction for the volunteer members who manned the DAS booth at the show. Director and Newlywed Anthony Lewis worked with Facebook to provide us with better exposure and get us better attention on social media.

A great line-up of guest speakers for our monthly membership meetings certainly kept the membership and guest 'potential members' coming to our meetings. Tracy Page, Aquatic Education Coordinator for the MDNR; Chris Patterson, Attorney on behalf of the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources; Hunter



Engel, Charter Captain from "Best Chance Too"; Bob Mitchell and Dave Even, of "El-Lin Charters" and lifetime DAS members; Capt. Tom Curtis, Lake St. Clair Guide; Dan O'Keefe, Southwest Extension Educator with Michigan Sea Grant were just some of those guest speakers. The DAS Board of Directors especially Blaise Pewinski and Vice President Tom Gorguze worked hard to keep the line-up diverse and current. DAS Secretary and Raffle Chairman Dan Chisholm also did an excellent job by keeping the tackle raffles fresh with a great mixture of desirable items. Membership Director Jon Martens was always on hand to renew memberships and sign up new members.

Our sole fundraiser, the Annual Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner was held on Saturday, March 2 and was yet another resounding successful event. It also set a new record for funds raised. Dinner Chairman Carl Ventimiglia as well as his wife Kelly, along with the entire DAS

Board did an outstanding job at organizing and preparing this event. Ticket Chairman Bob Jones did his usual excellent job at making sure tickets were sold and distributed.

The club sent 6 members to Sault Ste. Marie in early May to work with Lake Superior State University's Roger Greil and his student volunteers to fin clip this year's brood stock of Atlantic salmon for release into the St. Mary's River. LSSU rears and releases about 30,000 fish each year and the DAS is proud to support this excellent program with financial and manpower donations.



Our Salmon-in-the Classroom (S-I-C) Chairman and DAS Treasurer

Rod Elnick, along with the support of several members and other directors, puts his heart and soul into rearing tanks at 5 schools in the Metro area to have one of the best survival rates among all the S-I-C programs throughout the state.

In 2019, the DAS made over \$11,000 in donations to the above mentioned as well as among others, the LSSU Scholarship, Detroit Kids Fishing Derby, Clinton River Watershed Council, Project FISH, MUCC and Tribal Consent Degree negotiations thru the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources and Michigan Charter Boat Association. We also continue to fund the DAS Special Friends Outing each year although Mother Nature through high water Levels and high winds forced a cancellation of this year's event.

The Angler of the Year (AOTY) Outings just continue to get better and were well attended this past year. Beginning with the Perch Ice Fishing Outing on Mitchells' Bay, Lake St. Clair on January 26 all the way through the last event, the very popular Caseville Lake Trout Outing at the Pigeon River Mouth on



December 7, the 12 events provided some variety and good fishing for the many participants. Director Chairpersons Tom Gorguze, Bob Paradise, Blaise Pewinski and Tom Theida and Member Chairpersons Gaspare Aragona, Gary Gross, Don Jasman and Jim Paehlig did a great job organizing these truly outstanding events.

The seven ports on 2019's Skipper of the Year (SOTY) tournament schedule served up a great variety of locations including Olcott, NY and Rogers City. However, the fishing wasn't as good as hoped for at any of the ports primarily because of the late start to summer and the water temperatures being out of whack to a normal



warm-up. Tournament Co-Chairmen Bob Feisel and Bob Ksionzek through Port Captains Brett Mauk - St. Joe, Dan Chisholm - Grand Haven, Joe Von Grabe - Harbor Beach, Bob Jones - Ludington, Bob Paradise - Manistee, Jim Zanke - Olcott, NY and Ken Cione - Rogers City still provided great meals, great camaraderie and plenty of fun for all those Skippers and their crews attending.

The Annual Christmas meeting on December 17 summed up the year best with a visit from "Salmon Clause" with gifts for all the good little girls and boys! Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I was called out of town for work during that week. Vice-President Tom Gorguze served as MC for the evenings other events. The only "club business" on the evening's agenda was the Director Elections and results can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. The remainder of the evening was for award Presentations, the door prize drawings and Holiday partying.



2019 Skipper of the Year Trolling Season Recap



2019 will be remembered as the year with big, healthy Kings, but there wasn't very many of them. The low number of Kings is believed to be due to the reduced stocking in recent years, coinciding with a year that had poor natural reproduction.

The few Kings that were out there had an adequate supply of alewife to eat so they got big, fat, and happy! The season started on May 4 at St. Joe. Favorable fishing reports had everyone looking forward to a weekend of great fishing. **Bob Jones (Bobby's Toy)** and his crew did some pre-tournament fishing on Friday and came in with a very nice catch of 5 big kings, 3 lakers, and a coho. But Friday's fishing success was not repeated on Saturday for the tournament. All 7 DAS boats struggled to find fish.

At the 9:00 am Fish Call, Tom Gorguze (Bad Dog) was the only boat to report having fish, and they had just one! Things improved a bit during the day, and at the weigh-in six of the seven boats had fish. **Brett Mauk (Fish the F On)** won the tournament with his 5-fish catch that included a 19.4 lb King and 13.1 lb Lake Trout, both of which won the Big Fish prizes. Lake Trout (14) dominated the overall catch for the day as the salmon (5) were hard to find. The 4 Kings that were caught were all very healthy fish weighing over 15 lbs.



Grand Haven was the location of our scheduled 2-day tournament on May 18-19. At the Saturday weigh-in **Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret)** was in first place with a score of 71 points and a substantial lead of 34 points ahead of Hardtop & Tails in 2nd place. On Sunday morning the weather forecast indicated a big storm heading our way and we all agreed to cancel fishing for the day, securing the win for **Vicki's Seacret**. Overall a total of 6 nice Kings averaging 16.9 lbs were caught on Saturday. **Dan Chisholm (Channing)** won the big salmon prize with his 20.4 lb King, and **Vicki's Seacret** had the biggest Lake Trout, weighing 13.85 lbs.



On June 22 we went to Harbor Beach. This port is known for its Lake Trout fishery and this year was no different. **Brad Walton ("Moonshot")** took first place with his 5 lake trout, plus 1 King and 1 Steelhead which were the only silver fished weighed in that day. **Paul Gjeldum (Blue Horizon)** had the biggest fish, a 15.45 lb Lake Trout.



Our next tournament was July 13 at Ludington. This port typically has a very good salmon fishery, but not this year. **Fred Chartier ("Lake Buzzard")** won the tournament with 1 King and 4 Lakers for a total score of 68.45 points and a 31 point lead ahead of second place **Bobby's Toy**. The overall catch for the tournament consisted of 16 Lake Trout, and only 4 Salmon. **Jason Sherrill ("Starfire")** weighed in a 19.55 lb



King which was the biggest fish, and **Bob Jones (Bobby's Toy)** had the biggest Lake Trout, weighing 13.85 lbs. Two weeks later we were at Manistee for the tournament on July 27. And the results were very similar to Ludington. **Fred Chartier (Lake Buzzard)** won first place again, and the lake trout catch outnumbered the salmon 20 to 7! **Bobby's Toy** had the biggest salmon at 24.0 lbs, and **Lake Buzzard** had the biggest laker at 14.7 lbs.

Our August 10 tournament was on Lake Ontario at Olcott, NY. Bad weather and the long drive kept most boats at home, but 3 dedicated captains and crews did make the trip. Strong winds and big waves eliminated the chance for pre-tournament fishing on Friday. The bad weather persisted on Saturday, forcing a one-day delay of the tournament. On



Sunday the lake settled down enough to allow the tournament to proceed. Only 4 fish were brought to the weigh-in on Sunday, but they were all Kings with average weight of 14.7 lbs. **Bobby's Toy** won first place, and also had an 18.85 lb King that won the Big Fish prize.

Our final tournament was at Rogers City on August 24. **Brad Walton (Moonshot)** scored another 1st place win. The Lake Trout outnumbered the Kings again, 15 to 3. **Brad's 18.1 lb King** was the biggest fish of the day.

SKIPPER OF THE YEAR FINAL STANDINGS:

- 1st Place Bob Jones
- 2nd Place Jim Zanke
- 3rd Place Brad Walton

A big THANK YOU! to all of the Port Captains for volunteering their time and energy to plan and conduct the tournaments: **Brett Mauk, Dan Chisholm, Joe Von Grabe, Bob Jones, Jim Zanke, and Ken Cione.** Looking forward to seeing you at our



2020 SOTY Tournament Schedule

Date	Port	Port Captain	
May 2, 2020	St. Joseph	Brett Mauk	269 317-5802
May 16/17, 2020	Grand Haven	Jim Zanke	586 489-2041
May 30, 2020	Manistee	Bob Paradise	586 457-4073
June 13, 2020	Harbor Beach	Joe von Grabe	586 945-4334
July 11, 2020	Erieau	Dan Chisholm	586 530-9171
August 1, 2020	Ludington	Bob Jones	734 751-1767
August 22, 2020	Manistee	Tom Gorguze	248 343-8397

GUEST BOATS WELCOME AT TROLLING EVENTS

Boat Captains that are not DAS members are welcome to participate in our trolling tournaments as a "guest". This is a one-time-only opportunity for a non-member to experience how our tournaments are conducted. Hopefully you will enjoy the camaraderie and friendly competition, and consider becoming a member so you can compete in future tournaments. The cost to participate in a DAS trolling tournament is only \$20 per boat, which includes lunch for captains and crew. And if you sign up for a new membership at one of our fishing events, the annual membership fee of \$35 will be reduced to \$20.

(Note: This discount does not apply to membership renewals).

2020 OUTING SCHEDULE

Angler events have been a hit with club members, and in 2020 we have a 12 event tour scheduled to test your skills with a diverse group of fisherman and fisherwomen. Hope to see you at some of these events.

Date	Port	Coordinator	Event
Jan 25, 2020	Metro Beach	D Chisholm	WCSX Tourney
Feb 1, 2020	Mitchells Bay	B Paradise	Ice fishing
Feb 15, 2020	Saginaw Bay	B Pewinski	Walleye
March 28, 2020	Manistee River	A Kulpa/M Wyrick	Metro West fish-off
April 18, 2020	AuSable River	G Gross	Steelhead
April 25, 2020	St. Clair River	T Gorguze	Walleye
June 20, 2020	St. Clair River	E Paehlig/R Pinskey	Walleye
Sept 12, 2020	Monroe	G Aragona	Perch
Sept 26, 2020	Manistee	J Anderson/L Gamblin	Steelhead/Salmon
Oct 31, 2020	Ludington	T Theida	Big Tom
Nov 7, 2020	Manistee	T Theida	Lakeshore Motel
Dec 12, 2020	Caseville	B Pewinski	Lake Trout

Tournament and outing schedule and rules are located on the club website at www.detroitsteelheaders.com/aoty-outings

2019 AOTY Final Standings

Congratulations to Gaspare Aragona on his second AOTY title. Each year we recognize successful 'multi species' fisherman who participate in outings scheduled throughout the year. The AOTY title is awarded based on the each individuals six best finishes. In 2019 Gaspare fished all 12 outings. His six best scores included two first place finishes at the Spring Steelhead Challenge, and TNT's Big Tom Steelhead event. Second place finishes at the Mitchell's Bay Perch Ice Outing, AuSable River Steelhead, and Platte River Salmon outings. Gaspare rounded out his top six scores with a third place finish on the pier in the Lakeshore Motel Steelhead event. Seventy members competed in 2019 outings. Your top AOTY finishers are in the chart below.



2019 AOTY Leaderboard

Event

Member	Date												Best 6
	1/19/2019	2/4/2019	3/30/2019	4/13/2019	4/27/2019	6/15/2019	7/6/2019	9/14/2019	9/28/2019	10/26/2019	11/2/2019	12/7/2019	
	Mitchell's Bay	Bay City Saginaw	Steelhead Chal-	Oscoda Ausable	Algonac Walleye	St. Clair River	Sebe-waing Beach	Sterling State Park	Platte River	TNT's Big Tom	Lake-shore Motel	Caseville Lake Trout	
Gaspare Aragona	2	5	1	2	6	13	8	6	2	1	3	14	11
Bob Paradise	1	3	6	4	10	21	50	1	1	2	4	4	12
Blaise Pewinski	4	6	50	25	4	1	50	2	25	50	50	7	24
Dan Chisholm	6	25	50	25	13	18	9	7	50	3	5	13	43
Mark Wyrick	50	50	25	1	25	16	3	50	25	4	25	1	50
Anna Kulpa	50	25	25	25	25	9	5	25	25	25	1	18	83
James Anderson	50	1	4	25	25	50	50	50	25	25	25	16	96
Don Mikros	50	50	50	25	14	17	50	8	25	50	50	10	99
Rabih Abdallah	50	50	3	25	25	50	50	50	25	5	25	25	108
Steve Prout	50	50	5	3	1	50	50	50	50	50	50	2	111
Tom Gorguze	5	25	25	25	7	50	50	50	50	25	50	50	112
Brad Walton	50	50	25	25	25	50	2	50	25	50	50	19	121



TICKETS
\$60

Includes beer
& soda

21ST ANNUAL SPORTSMAN DINNER

SATURDAY · MARCH 7, 2020

AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER — 2975 E. MAPLE RD. TROY, MI 48083

Doors open at 5:00 — Dinner at 6:00

**Table Raffles, Gun Draws,
Meat Coolers, 50/50 Raffle,
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All proceeds help Detroit Area Steelheaders to Promote, Educate, Preserve and Protect our Great Lakes Fisheries and Resources.

THE MENU

**SNAPPING TURTLE
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PULLED WILD BUFFALO BRISKET
*Served with our signature ole
Smokey BBQ sauce.*

PHEASANT CACCIATORE
*Classic cacciatore with sautéed
peppers, onions in a hearty Italian
tomato sauce.*

FRESH VENISON KAPUSTA
*Our house made fresh kielbasa with
bacon, garlic, mushrooms and fresh
Michigan sauerkraut.*

WILD BOAR STROGANOFF
*Braised seasoned wild boar with
onions and wild mushroom in a
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SOUTHERN STYLE GRILLED CHICKEN
*Seasoned smoked bone in chicken
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**A SELECTION OF COUNTRY
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Our Feature Caterer:



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Limited to 500 tickets sold.

Tables of 10 paid in full by
January 28th will receive
\$100 in raffle tickets.

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DAS SKIPPER OF THE YEAR HONOR ROLL *Going Strong for Over 50 Years 1978 to 2019*

<p>2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy" 2. Jim Zanke, "Hardtop and Tails" 3. Brad Walton, "Moonshot" <p>2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy" 2. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret" 3. Paul Gjeldum, "Blue Horizon" <p>2017</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret" 2. Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog" 3. Fred Chartier, "Lake Buzzard IV" <p>2016</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy" 2. John Meade, "Saluki" 3. Blaise Pewinski, "Sea Hag" <p>2015</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Meade, "Saluki" 2. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret" 3. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy" <p>2014</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paul Gjeldum, "Blue Horizon" 2. Bob Feisel, "Vicki's Seacret" 3. Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy" 4. Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog" 5. Joe VonGrabe, "Sloppy Joe" <p>2013</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>2012</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>2011</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>2010</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>2009</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>2008</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" 	<p>2007</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>2006</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>2005</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>2004</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>2003</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>2002</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>2001</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>2000</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>1999</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>1998</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>1997</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" 	<p>1996</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>1995</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo" 2. Don Redmond, "Trena Dawn" 3. Daniel Dima, "Taz" 4. Rob Golaszewski, "Lucky Falcon" 5. Dave Roeher, "Floating Holiday" <p>1994</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>1993</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>1992</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo" 2. Dave Even, "Teachers Pet" 3. Tom Moores, "Karefree" 4. Dick Shirk, Lil' "Scratch" 5. Mike Wakulski, "Wet Paint" <p>1991</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo" 2. Dave Even, "Teachers Pet" 3. Don Redmond, "Trena Dawn" 4. Dick Shirk, Lil' "Scratch" 5. Joe Golaszewski, "Lucky Falcon" <p>1990</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo" 2. Dave Even, "Teachers Pet" 3. Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch" 4. Rob Pinski, "Anticipation" 5. Mike Wakulski, "Wet Paint" <p>1989</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo" 2. Steve Banovic, "Exaggerator" 3. Ron Huey, "Half R's" 4. Ron Hartman, "Molly Frair" 5. Don Anton, "Happy Bare" <p>1988</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo" 2. Dave Even, "Teachers Pet" 3. Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch" 4. Don Redmond, "Trena Dawn" 5. Steve Banovic, "Exaggerator" <p>1987</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greg Clifford, "Outlaw" 2. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo" 3. Don Redmond, "Trena Dawn" 4. Steve Banovic, "Exaggerator" 5. Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch" <p>1986</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Mitchell, "Kemo" 2. Greg Clifford, "Outlaw" 3. Chuck Wood, "Predator" 4. Dave Even, "Teachers Pet" 5. Blaise Pewinski, "Sea Hag" 	<p>1985</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Darrin Harris, "Cannonball" 2. Joel Garinger, "Fishbusters" 3. Bruce Choinski, "Kneeknocker" 4. Tom Chojnowski, "Sea Con" 5. Ed McIntosh, "Sweet Lorraine" <p>1984</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bon Kanas, "Least Likely" 2. Ed Choinski, "Kneeknocker" 3. Darrin Harris, "Cannonball" 3. Bob Ksionzek, "Last Dime" 3. Mike Zelkowski, "Elvira" <p>1983</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gerry Ciurzenski, "Jawbuster" 2. Mike Boroniec, "Horsefly" 3. R.J. Branham, "Seahawk" 4. Bob Kozar, "Snowman" 5. Ed Yankowski II, "Least Likely" <p>1982</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brian Glaser, "Least Likely" 2. Toby Lampi, "Jessie III" 3. Mike Curzenski, "Nooner" 4. Bob Kring, "Drifter" 5. R.J. Branham, "Seahawk" <p>1981</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Kring, "Drifter" 2. Toby Lampi, "Jessie III" 3. Bob Kanas, "Least Likely" 4. Jerry Lee, "Sea Screw" 5. Jewell Harris, "Cannonball" <p>1980</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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" <p>1979</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jerry Lee, "Sea Screw" 2. Howard Mills, "Paramour" 3. Larry Atwell, "Cobra" 4. Jim Treadaway, "Okie Drifter" 5. Bob Kring, "Drifter" <p>1978</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jerry Lee, "Sea Screw" (Incomplete Information) <p>1977</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chuck Cartwright, "Tuna Boat" 2. John Makela, "Sisu" 3. Murrell Blackburn, "Fish'n 5" 4. Bob Kring, "Drifter" 5. Larry Atwell, "Cobra" <p>1976</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Makela, "Sisu" 2. Murrell Blackburn, "Fish'n 5" 3. Chuck Cartwright, "Tuna Boat" 4. Paul Irvine, "Yellow Jacket" 5. Steve Hamilton, "Valhalla"
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In the spring of 2019, our five schools released 654 Smolt Salmon in the Clinton River near Yates Cider Mill and 111 Smolts in the Huron River at Flat Rock. That amounted to an 84% survival from egg to Smolt, which is pretty good. We are 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. We also wish to thank Dreamweaver Lure Co. for the lure blanks and tape supplies they provided to help make our release day successful. Lastly, we thank the DAS membership, those assisting thru the school year, and those that helped to make our releases successful.

During the last 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.

This school year in November our existing school partners, Kennedy Middle, Oakland Christian Schools, Pine Knob Elementary, and Divine Child High received a total of 669 eggs. As our fifth partner this year, we want to welcome our new school, Independence Elementary of Clarkston. Their two supporting teachers, Dennis Klenow (3rd grade) and Jessica Sorensen (4th grade) received their eggs on Nov. 13 and the next morning the whole school learned what 193 Salmon eggs look like. The eggs started 'hatching' just before Thanksgiving vacation. At this stage, the 'Alevin' are about 1 inch long with a very large orange belly, the yolk sack. The yolk sack contains protein, sugar, minerals, and vitamins. At some point, before New Year, their mouths open and they start breathing through their gills.

Before this, they absorbed oxygen through the orange membrane.

From eggs, to Alevin, to Fry, after 5 to 10 weeks, the yolk-sac will have reduced inside the fish with the skin zipping together over the opening. The young Fry will then move in schools, look like little minnows, and are actively eating. From now till about the second week of May,

called Parr, they will grow to 3-3/4 to 4-1/2 inches. They will develop spots and vertical parr marks on their sides. These markings will help camouflage them from predators. The next growth stage, the dark finger markings on their sides start to fade and are replaced by a silvery sheen and a dark wide line down their back, as they become 'Smolts'. Just as the school year concludes, we will enlist the assistance of our members



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to help the students in releasing the Parr/Smolts to the Clinton or Huron Rivers.

In cooperation with the Lake Superior State University Foundation, the DAS 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. This year's recipient is Molly Wozniak from Pinconning, Michigan. Molly is a Junior studying Fisheries and Wildlife Management. After graduation she hopes to have a career doing community outreach and researching invasive species.

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, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and 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



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Financial Aid Office.

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 2019, 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 \$125,000 and can be found on our website.

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| • \$2433 | Salmon in the Classroom | • \$1000 | Aurum Hills Youth Derby |
| • \$1200 | Detroit Kid's Fishing Derby | • \$2650 | Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources |
| • \$500 | Shelby Twp. Kids Fishing Derby | • \$300 | Manistee Cleaning Station Scale |
| • \$500 | Project Fish | • <u>\$139</u> | <u>Various Donations</u> |
| • \$1824 | LSSU. Scholarship & Hatchery Supplies | | \$11,546 Total in 2019 |
| • \$500 | Clinton River Watershed Council | | |
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Skipper of the Year Standings 2019												
FINAL												
Best 5												
Boat Name	Skipper Name	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Ludington	Manistee	Oclet NY	Rogers City	Total Points	Best 6	Best 7	
1	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	6	6	3	2	3	1	2	11	16	21
2	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zank	4	2	75	4	75	2	3	15	96	165
3	Moonehat	Brad Walton	75	4	1	7	5	75	1	18	93	168
4	Vicki's Secret	Bob Feisel	3	1	66	6	4	75	7	21	71	148
5	Lake Buzzard IV	Fred Charter	75	60	75	1	1	75	75	202	277	352
6	Charming	Dan Chisholm	6	3	75	75	75	75	75	234	309	384
7	Blue Horizon	Paul Ojeldum	50	75	2	75	75	75	75	277	352	427
8	Bad Dog	Tim Gorguize	2	75	75	75	60	75	75	277	352	427
9	Fish the F On	Brett Musk	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	301	376	451
10	Limitless	Mark Paradise	75	75	75	2	75	75	75	302	377	452
11	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75	75	75	75	2	75	75	302	377	452
12	Just Weather Time	Don Jaeman	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	304	379	454
13	Warrior	Eric Kruczynski	75	75	75	75	75	75	4	304	379	454
14	Starfire	Jason Sheriff	75	75	75	5	75	75	75	305	385	455
15	Big Ma Ma	Don Mikosa	75	75	75	75	75	75	5	305	385	455
16	Trapshooter	Nan Close	75	75	75	75	75	75	6	306	381	456
17	Stopy Joe	Joe Van Grabe	75	75	75	75	60	75	75	350	425	500

	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Ludington	Manistee	Oclet NY	Rogers City	Total For Year
No. of Boats	7	6	5	7	6	3	7	41
Kings	4	6	1	4	7	4	3	29
Coho	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lake Trout	14	4	10	16	28	9	15	79
Steelhead	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	4
Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atlantics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	10	12	20	27	4	26	113

Largest Fish of the Year			
Species	Wgt. (lbs.)	Boat Name	Port
King	24.00	Bobby's Toy	Manistee
Coho	2.25	Bad Dog	St. Joe
Lake Trout	15.45	Blue Horizon	Harbor Beach
Steelhead	7.70	Bobby's Toy	Rogers City
Brown	0.00		
Atlantic	0.00		
Pink	0.00		



Upcoming 2020 DAS Key Dates

January 9-12, 2019 Ultimate Fishing show

Tue January 14, 2018 Board Of Directors Meeting

Sat January 25, 2018 Mitchell's Bay Ice Outing

Tue January 28, 2018 General Membership Meeting

2019 December Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 182

Featured Guest: Salmon Clause

Featured Presentations: Awards, Gifts

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$100 5 Winners

Every Member Draw: \$100