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EMMET COUNTY, MI – A batch of Arctic grayling salmonid eggs were transported from Alaska to Michigan as the carry-on luggage of a researcher as part of an initiative to repopulate the native fish.

This is the second year-class of eggs to make the trip. Since their voyage, the eggs have hatched, and the fish are growing and thriving at a fish hatchery. Their predecessors, the first year-class, arrived in 2019 and have been moved from the hatchery to the next stage in their journey toward reintroduction into Michigan waters.

The once plentiful species of salmonid is on track to return to Michigan cold-water streams by 2025 – after nearly a century of absence.

A native species known for their large, sail-like dorsal fins and light blue and sometimes iridescent pink bodies, Arctic grayling have been absent from Michigan since the 1930s. It was the dominant salmonid species found in the state's cold-water streams before it went extinct in the Midwest due to over-fishing, habitat loss from timber practices, and competing with and being preyed on by non-native species like brown trout.

The Michigan Arctic Grayling Initiative to bring them back began in 2016. The effort is a collaboration between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and more than 40 other partners to bring this native fish back to the Great Lakes state.

Late this past spring, the DNR received the 2021 year-class of brood eggs from Alaska. The eggs from this year-class, along with the 2019 year-class, will help establish a brood population in Michigan.

The 2021 eggs were "very carefully" transported from Alaska to Michigan. They traveled by plane as the carry-on luggage of a Michigan State University researcher. Upon arrival, they were stored at a MSU lab in East Lansing before journeying to the Oden State Fish Hatchery in Emmet County. They are "growing well" and the mortality rate is "remarkably low."

Researchers plan to bring the next batch of eggs to the state in May 2022, when the DNR and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will collect them from Alaska's Chena River. Meanwhile, Michigan's 2019 year-class of 4,000 young, healthy future broodstock fish, averaging 6.5 inches long, was transferred in September 2020 from Oden fish hatchery to the Marquette State Fish Hatchery where the fish are reared in water that mimics the grayling's natural habitat - and will trigger spawning.

Because the eggs originated from outside of the Great Lakes basin, they had to be quarantined and pass three health exams before being moved to the Upper Peninsula hatchery. The move to Marquette was important because grayling need water temperatures and daylight that change with the season, and the water source at the Marquette hatchery, Cherry Creek, does that.

Staff will care for the group at the hatchery until the fish are ready to produce eggs, usually at 4-6 years old. At that time – likely 2024 or 2025 – the DNR will collect eggs and milt from the fish, fertilize the eggs and place them in instream incubators. When they hatch, the fry will emerge into the stream in almost the same way as if they had been spawned naturally. The site of the initial reintroduction has not yet been selected.

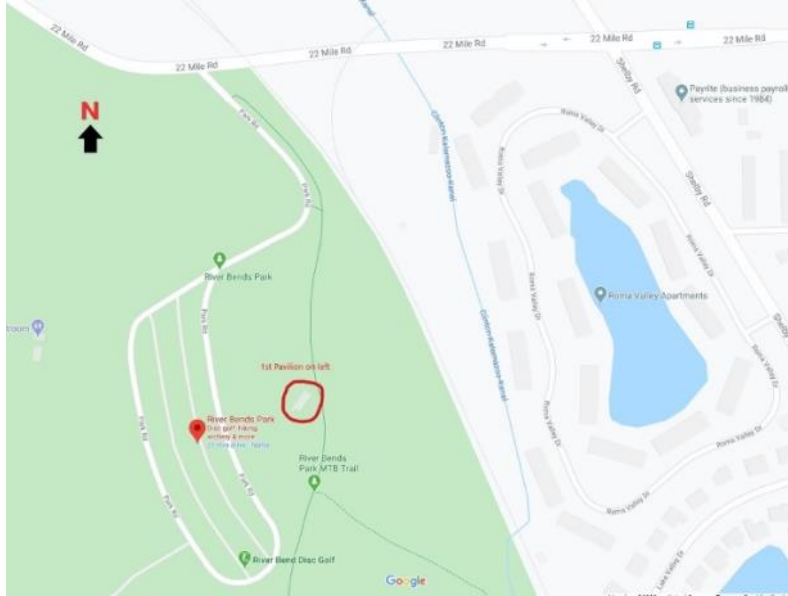
The second-year class is two years behind the first because the COVID-19 pandemic forced a hiatus in growing the Arctic grayling broodstock - no eggs were brought to Michigan in 2020. The DNR plans to send staff to Alaska again in 2022 to collect more eggs.

Do Not Miss Tomorrows Meeting

Be sure to attend the Tuesday, July 27th, 2021 Member Meeting – 7 pm at River Bends Park on 22 Mile Rd. in Shelby Twp. **Be sure to note the 7:00PM early start time.** As the days start to get shorter we may be adjusting the meeting start times.

It's always great to see your fishing friends off the lake. Our summer membership meetings provide a great opportunity to catch up on fishy business.

The feature presentation will be a 'tell all' of sorts. Tip's, trick's, and Lake Erie Perch on the agenda.



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Port Captain</u>	
July 31	Ludington	Bob Jones	(734) 751-1767
August 7	Manistee	Tom Gorguze	(248) 343-8397
August 28	Rogers City	Brad Walton	(248) 343-0291

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Get in the hunt for the AOTY title.

Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings To Date

TODAY: 7/26/2021

Entrant's Name	1-30 MR	2-28 SF	3-28 SB	3-27 MA	4-17 OS	5-28 AL	6-12 SC	7-18 LW	8-11 MO	9-25 MN	10-30 MA	11-08 BA	12-11 CV	Best S	Place
MARK WYRICK	4	5	50	50	50	6	4	2	75	75	75	75	75	21	1
ANNA KULPA	5	8	50	50	50	11	10	7	75	75	75	75	75	41	2
GASPARE ARAGONA	1	14	50	4	50	9	50	15	75	75	75	75	75	45	3
DANIEL CHISHOLM	10	4	50	50	75	10	20	10	75	75	75	75	75	54	4
ROB PINSREY	75	3	50	75	75	2	3	14	75	75	75	75	75	74	5
BOB PARADISE	50	1	50	1	50	50	12	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	6
MARK PARSONI	3	7	50	50	50	75	21	75	75	75	75	75	75	121	7
DINO RAPTEI	7	6	50	50	50	75	23	75	75	75	75	75	75	136	8
BLAISE POWINSKI	75	2	50	50	75	50	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	160	9
JAMES ANDERSON	50	13	50	3	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	166	10
NATE CASE JR	6	50	75	75	75	50	50	13	75	75	75	75	75	168	11
NATE CASE	2	50	50	50	75	50	25	50	75	75	75	75	75	177	12
TOM GORGUZE	50	11	75	50	75	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	181	13
RABIH ABDALLAH	50	50	50	2	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	202	14
LAURIE GAMBLIN	50	9	50	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	209	15
DON JASMAN	50	50	75	50	75	12	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	212	16
ED PAENLAG	75	75	75	75	75	1	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	220	17
ART RING	75	75	75	75	75	3	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	234	18
TONY YURGO	75	75	75	75	75	5	75	6	75	75	75	75	75	236	19
PAUL GUELDM	75	75	75	75	75	75	17	1	75	75	75	75	75	243	20
HARRY ORLOW	9	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	244	21
FRED CHARTER	75	75	75	50	75	75	1	50	75	75	75	75	75	251	22
NAILED ABDALLAH	8	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	258	23
TERRICK PATTERSON	50	13	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	263	24
CHERYL JASMAN	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	6	75	75	75	75	75	283	25
MARK PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	8	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	283	25
JASON SHERRELL	75	13	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	288	27
SAMUEL ANDERSON	50	75	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	300	28
RICH JAVIS	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	303	29
LUKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	304	30
ROY LAMBERT	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	304	30
LUCAS M	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	308	32
LIZ KULPA	75	75	75	75	75	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	307	33
SHAWN PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	75	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	307	33
DON MIKROS	75	75	75	75	75	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	309	35
CURT SMISOK	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	309	35
ROD GUTH	75	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	311	37
MIKE ROUSH	75	75	75	75	75	75	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	311	37
BRAD WALTON	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	12	75	75	75	75	75	312	39
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SEAN SERAFINI	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	14	75	75	75	75	75	314	41
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TOM ECKERT	75	75	75	75	75	75	18	75	75	75	75	75	75	318	46
DAN SCHMIDT	75	75	75	75	75	75	19	75	75	75	75	75	75	319	47
MIKE LOLLI	75	75	75	75	75	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	322	48
NICK L	75	75	75	75	75	75	24	75	75	75	75	75	75	324	49
TOM THEDA	75	75	50	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	50
AL JIMMERSON SR.	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	326	51
CARL VENTINGLIA	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
CARL VENTINGLIA JR	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
CHRIS VENTINGLIA	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
CHRISTAL ANDERSON	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
DAN WHITMILL	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
DAVE EVANS	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
DAVE EVEN	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
DOM EVANS	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
ETHAN (Case friend)	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
GARY GROSS	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
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JOE VON GRABE	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
KEN KONE	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
SAHAR ELMALLAH	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
MARK ECHLDLR	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
DICK LOTHAM	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
LOUIS BALAZE	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
ZBIGNIEW POTROW	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
JON MARTENS	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
BRUCE P	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51
BRIAN BOCK	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	328	51

Here's the skinny on the AOTY standings with five events to go!

First Ludington Invitational Shoot-Out on Friday July 30th

Bob 'Bobby's Toy' Jones, and Marc 'No Name' Travers, will be hosting a one-day tournament in Ludington the day before our regularly scheduled SOTY event. This is not a club versus club event. All boats will represent themselves and compete against each other as any other tournament. The point is to engage in friendly competition, get to know each other, share information club-to-club, and have a good time! It is open to only boats whose Skippers are members of the Detroit Area Steelheaders and/or Metro-West Steelheaders. Sign-up will be on the DAS website. You can obtain all the needed info, download the official rules and sign-up electronically there. Entry Fee is \$40 per boat. Pay Out will be 100% of all entry fees received.

DAS members that want to fish this event can call Bob Jones at 734 751-1767

Fishing will begin at 5:30 AM (Honor System start)

Pull Lines at 12:00 PM

Be in the weigh-in line by 1:00 PM at Harborview Marina Pavilion

1st Place – 45% of the pot

2nd Place – 27% of the pot

3rd Place – 18% of the pot

Largest Fish by weight will receive 10% of the pot

2021 DAS SOTY LUDINGTON TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Saturday July 31, 2021

WHERE: Municipal Marina or Harborview Marina
1-800-447-2757 or www.midnrreservations.com
Transient and seasonal slips available.

TOURNAMENT START: 6:00 a.m.
(Honor System Start – Roll Call will be taken by Port Captain within 1 hour after start)

FISH CALLS: Channel 72
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

PULL LINES: 1:00 p.m.

WEIGH-IN: 2:00 p.m. (must be in line by)
Municipal Marina
Luncheon will be provided courtesy of Port Captain

PORT CAPTAIN: Bob Jones (Bobby's Toy) 734-751-1767 Cell

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell

ENTRY FEE: \$20 Entry Forms available @ <https://detroitsteelheaders.com/soty-tournaments>

BIG FISH POOL(Optional): \$20
\$10 towards BIG SALMON – Largest Salmon takes all
\$5 towards BIG STEELHEAD – Largest Steelhead takes all
\$5 towards BIG LAKE TROUT – Largest Lake Trout takes all

REMINDERS: Lake Trout- Size 15" minimum, Creel 3.

You must call (channel 72), the Port Captain or Tournament Director when you return to port at the end of the tournament. Also, you must call if you return to port at any time during the tournament or return to the water.

Ludington Tournament Setup and Strategy

From day 1 in my salmon fishing career, Ludington has been my favorite port.

Ludington has The Point; my favorite place to troll. It has tremendous structure there. It has the Big Sable River (where Chinook used to be planted by the thousands but now has Coho) It is a place where salmon school up prior to running the rivers. It has big fish. It is the place where more tournaments have been won than any other.

On the other hand, many tournaments have been won at Ludington's other hotspots; the pier heads, the Project, Little Point, Lincoln River and North of the Point to name the most popular. Ignore them and you may be relegated to middle of the pack at best. Don't just focus on The Point.

Your first decision will be where to start. Network. Talk to Locals like Captain Dave Even, Captain Mark Williams or long time DAS member Jason Adam. Go to Captain Chuck's Tackle. Ask, "what

and where." Walk the docks and see what the boats (especially Charters) have hanging off their rods when they come in. Look at the Ludington Buoy and see what the surface and sub surface temperatures are. All this information should give you a decent picture of what and where at the start. If you have the luxury to pre-fish, spend an hour North, straight out and South. Don't just check one place and stay there because you are catching fish. Eliminating spots is as important as finding

If you are starting in the right place you are going to have company; 100+ boats in July/ August on weekends. That will necessitate that your beginning spread allow for maximum maneuverability. I'd start with 2-4 downriggers and 2-4 Dispseys. No Boards until you are sure you can maneuver so you won't get boxed in or cut off. This is hand to hand combat. It's not about how many fish you get on, it's about how many you box! You need to be able to stay on the drop off or whatever structure you're targeting and to peel away from the pack when you get the "big guy" on. As the day progresses I would start eliminating downriggers for lead or copper lines.

At the start you have the best shot at a "Hog". As such, I would probably be focusing on big fish rather than filling the box. That means meat, flasher flies and mag spoons. It's late summer so I don't have to focus on 42-48 degree water. Pre-spawn chinooks are less temperature reliant as they school up getting ready to run the rivers. I'd spread the presentation from 54 degrees down to the bottom. For lure/ rotator selection I'd be sure to include some Super Glow and UV patterns early. As the day progresses, the salmon will tell you what colors and patterns to run; not me or anyone else.

Once the morning bite seems to calm down its time to start making changes. Point #1, "What did the fish tell you over the previous couple of hours? Waypoints, what lure, what colors, what presentation. Pull any downriggers that were not productive and add in boards (and 2 more divers is you only have 2 out) Inside, deep diver set at 1 ½ and outside high divers set at 4-5.

Next, what do you need most? More fish to fill your max weighable or a couple of Big Guys? If mostly more fish, add in some smaller spoons that will pick off 3-7 pounders. If you just need a couple pigs, focus on meat, flies and a few Mag spoons. Repeat your successes. Over the past 2 hours the fish told you color, type and presentation. Listen to them! (I am not clairvoyant nor is anyone else.)

In a tournament you may have to make a run. It's usually a crap shot and often fruitless as the bite may be over once you get there. A short run my be worthwhile. Picking and running is almost always the preference to trolling there. In higher wave conditions, trolling with the waves then picking up and running back up wind is preferential to pounding into the waves and not running your spread properly. (The fish will quickly tell you if you're only getting hits in only one direction.)

Ludington has awesome currents. If you don't have a Fish Hawk (you should) watch your downrigger cables like a hawk. Into a current your cables will sway back and, with the current tend to slump straight down. Surface speed of 2.5 into a 3 mph current has your lures running 5.5mph. With the current, .5mpg. Neither is good.

In a short article it's impossible to cover all of the decisions you will need to make or explore all of your options. Follow these general suggestions and you should catch fish. Good luck and hope to see you in Ludington.



Bob Mitchell

DAS Lifetime Member, Retired Charter Captain

Manistee II

The DAS skippers will be making a second stop in Manistee on August 7th. It's back to back weekends for what looks to be some great fishing. One week after our Ludington SOTY tournament we will be moving north, up the Lake Michigan coast. The fishing has been pretty steady most of the summer. Not the greatest number of fish, but definitely some nice ones.

If you're not sure where to start fishing in Manistee, head straight out to 120 feet of water and find a spot to join the fleet. Boats typically fish a north-south troll along the drop that runs from Ludington to Frankfort. Straight out from the pier heads is some of the most stable water in the area. After a big blow, it sets up fast. If you want to avoid the crowds try to the north, or head south several miles and tuck in where boats are more spaced out.

This weekend, there were twenty fish over twenty pounds weighed, including a thirty-four and a half pound king at the Salmon Splash abbreviated one day tournament. You can get the scoop first hand at the July meeting from DAS members that fished the Ludington and Manistee, Tournament Trail events.

2021 DAS SOTY MANISTEE II TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Saturday August 7, 2021

WHERE: Municipal Marina
1-800-447-2757 or www.midnrreservations.com
Transient and seasonal slips available

TOURNAMENT START: 6:00 a.m.
(Honor System Start – Roll Call will be taken by Port Captain within 1 hour after start)

FISH CALLS: Channel 72
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

PULL LINES: 1:00 p.m.

WEIGH-IN: 2:00 p.m. (must be in line by)
Lions Pavilion at west end of County Launch
Luncheon will be provided courtesy of Port Captain

PORT CAPTAIN: Tom Gorguze (Bad Dog) 248-343-8397 Cell

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell

ENTRY FEE: \$20 Entry Forms are available @ [Tournament Entry Forms](#)

BIG FISH POOL(Optional): \$20

\$10 towards BIG SALMON –	Largest Salmon takes all
\$5 towards BIG STEELHEAD –	Largest Steelhead takes all
\$5 towards BIG LAKE TROUT –	Largest Lake Trout takes all

REMINDERS: Lake Trout- Size 15" minimum, Creel 3.

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2021 AOTY Events

Sat., September 11	Sat., September 25	Sat., October 30	Sat., November 6	Sat., December 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sterling State Park, Lake Erie • Best 5 Perch by length • Gaspere Aragona (248) 330-1774 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manistee - Pier/Surf Outing • Best 3 Trout/Salmon by weight • James Anderson (313) 330-3680 • Laurie Gamblin (810) 730-2373 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manistee • Best 3 Steelhead • Chairperson: Needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manistee - Manistee Watershed • Fish-Off with Metro-West • Best 3 Steelhead by weight • Chairperson: Needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caseville - Lake Trout Outing • Best 3 Lake Trout by weight • Blaise Pewinski (248) 890-4517

June Meeting Recap

It was a dark and stormy day on June 29 and I had fielded a few call that morning asking if we were still going to have the member pot-luck that evening. As luck would have it the storms cleared that afternoon, and we were able to enjoy good food and camaraderie as well as a member swap meet. By my count fifty-seven members showed up and the variety of foods brought by members was outstanding. The Club grilled brats with peppers and onions along with hot dogs and the members brought an awesome variety of side dishes and desserts. If you left hungry you just were not paying attention. I think the pot-luck was enjoyed by all who attended and we should keep it going next year.

I saw at least a dozen side tables where members were selling items or bartering with others to trade something they were no longer using for something else that they wanted or needed.

We also had a full member meeting agenda covering Trolling Tournaments, Angler Outings, raffles, fishing reports from the floor, and Every Member drawing. Next member meeting is July 27 at River Bend Park so stay in touch with the club message board, newsletter, and email blasts to stay informed.....

Dan Chisholm

Message Board is Down

Recently, the DAS Message Board has been hacked. We have taken measures to halt this activity. Currently, we will be accepting no new users on the Message Board itself.

If you need to register as a new user during this period please e-mail Bob Ksionzek with your request.

When you visit the Message Board from the website link you will see a message stating that this board has no forums.

You must login with your user name and password to view and post to the message board. If you forgot your password, just click on the "I forgot my password" link and you can reset your password.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please e-mail Bob any concerns or issues in regards to the DAS Message Board or any other website concerns.

Linwood Outing

The weather was nice but the fishing was tough when the DAS anglers hit Saginaw Bay. There were 26 angler's that showed up. Event chairperson Don Jasman said there were a lot of fish marked, but not many takers. Paul Gjeldum and Rick 'RJ' Janis managed to find some active fish in cooler water. They finished in first and second place respectively.. Big fish honors went to Paul Gjeldum, Bob Paradise had the second largest, and Brad Walton third.



SOTY Standings 2021

7/26/21

Best 2

	Boat Name	Skipper Name	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Manis-tee	Harbor Beach	Luding-ton	Manis-tee 2	Rogers City	Total Points
1	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	75	1	5	1	75	75	75	2
2	Wonder	Joe Delisi	6	6	1	3	75	75	75	4
3	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	3	75	75	2	75	75	75	5
4	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	4	2	75	75	75	75	75	6
5	Lake Buz-	Fred	7	75	4	5	75	75	75	9
6	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	75	4	75	6	75	75	75	10
7	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	8	5	6	75	75	75	75	11
8	Equalizer	Nathan Case	9	75	3	75	75	75	75	12
9	Channing	Dan Chisholm	50	3	75	75	75	75	75	53
10	Rangy Lil	Mike Mioduszewski	75	50	75	4	75	75	75	54
11	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	76
12	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	77
13	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75	75	2	75	75	75	75	77
14	Silent Majority	Jason Sherrill	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	80
15	Riptide	George Schneider	75	75	7	75	75	75	75	82

SOTY Standings Through Four Events

Upcoming Dates

July 27 Membership Mtg at Riverbends Park

Aug 7 Manistee SOTY

Aug 28 Rogers City SOTY

Aug 31 Membership Mtg at Riverbends Park

Sept 11 Sterling Perch AOTY

Sept 14 BOD Meeting

Sept 28 Membership Mtg at Riverbends Park