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September 27 Member Meeting River Bends Park Recap

Our final member meeting in the park for 2022 was completed without a featured speaker but not without value. We had our normal schedule of events with Angler-of-the-Year event discussion, Salmon-in-the-Classroom discussion, raffles, and fishing reports from near and far. The closest thing we had to a formal speaker was when our members began reminiscing the fishing events of the past season. It worked out much like a round table and it turned out fun as well as entertaining. There were a lot of good times remembered as well as some good natured ribbing between our members.

For the October 25 member meeting we return to Club 54 on Van Dyke with our normal schedule of events including a featured speaker. The October and November speakers are revealed below.

October 25, 2022 Membership Meeting at Club 54 7:30 pm—37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts.

Our meeting venue returns indoors for the winter at Club 54. The normal schedule of events resumes, including raffles. The featured speaker will be Randy Terrian, the angler advocate and vice chairman of the Lake Huron Citizens Advisory Committee (LHCAC). Randy is going to talk about the New Era that Lake Huron is going to take with the coho plants. Randy is so excited to see this lake turning around to become the popular destination for fishing that it used to be.

November 29, 2022 Membership Meeting at Club 54 7:30 pm—37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts.

Our November 29 speaker will be Charles Bronte from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife service. He will talk about a Mass Marking Program he has been supervising. This program will give biologist a better idea as to where all those fish go after they are planted and where to plant more or less by their findings. Should be a very interesting presentation.

**September 24, 2022 Manistee River AOTY
Recap**



The MANISTEE SALMON SHOWDOWN on September 24 was held at:

Trax Bar and Grill
5073 N. High Bridge Road)
Brethern, MI 49619

Best 3 salmon by weight for outing

It was not the best fishing we have seen this year but a good time was had by the 19 members who showed up and did our best. The top four participants for the Angler-of-the-Year points were:

- First place and 1 AOTY point—Bob Paradise (19.4#)
- Second place and 2 AOTY points—James Anderson (17.92#)
- Third place and 3 AOTY points—Chris Walton (14.04#)
- Fourth place and 4 AOTY points—Chris Case (5.86#)

Thank you to James Anderson and Laurie Gamblin for organizing another successful outing. Where we all had fun.

DAS also extends a huge shout-out and thank you to the owner/manager of Trax Bar and Grill, Mike, for hosting us for another year in his outdoor patio where we can share a meal and complete our weigh-in. This year was special because Mike was not only a great host but he also would not accept any payment from DAS. Trax is a great place to share a meal so if you are near Brethren "CHECK-IT-OUT".

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Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings To Date

TODAY: 9/28/2022

Entrant's Name	1-29 MB	2-26 SF	3-26 MA	4-23 OS	5-07 AL	6-11 SCR	7-16 SW	9-10 LSC	9-24 MA	10-29 MA	11-05 MA	12-10 CV	Best 5	Place
1 BOB PARADISE	1	1	50	50	2	3	75	1	1	75	75	75	6	1
2 GASPARE ARAGONA	2	3	50	75	6	14	3	3	50	75	75	75	17	2
3 JAMES ANDERSON	8	50	4	1	7	16	5	5	2	75	75	75	17	2
4 LAURIE GAMBLIN	4	7	2	50	75	75	4	9	50	75	75	75	26	4
5 DANIEL CHISHOLM	10	5	75	75	16	20	75	10	50	75	75	75	61	5
6 MARK WYRICK	9	75	50	50	75	2	1	19	50	75	75	75	81	6
7 ANNA KULPA	11	75	50	50	75	13	7	15	50	75	75	75	96	7
8 BLAISE PEWINSKI	75	75	75	75	13	4	2	6	75	75	75	75	100	8
9 NATE CASE	15	4	50	75	75	9	75	75	50	75	75	75	128	9
10 ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	75	50	75	75	17	8	8	50	75	75	75	75	133	10
11 NATE CASE JR	50	6	50	75	19	17	75	75	75	75	75	75	142	11
12 ROB PINSKEY	75	2	75	75	10	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	163	12
13 KYLE COVIK	75	8	75	75	50	75	75	17	50	75	75	75	200	13
14 GARY GROSS	75	75	75	50	20	75	50	7	75	75	75	75	202	14
15 JON NEEF	75	75	75	2	50	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	211	15
16 TOM GORGUZE	75	75	50	75	14	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	226	16
17 DENIS HARPER	13	50	75	75	75	75	75	15	75	75	75	75	228	17
18 ROGER PARADISE	75	75	3	75	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	229	18
19 SAMUEL ANDERSON	75	50	5	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	230	19
20 BOB KSIONZEK	75	75	75	75	50	19	75	18	75	75	75	75	237	20
21 FRED CHARTIER	75	75	75	75	75	6	75	8	75	75	75	75	239	21
22 ART RING	75	75	75	75	5	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	240	22
23 RABIH ABDALLAH	16	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	241	23
24 LUKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	4	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	251	24
25 CHRIS WALTON	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	253	25
26 JON MARTENS	75	75	75	75	75	21	75	12	75	75	75	75	258	26
27 GIL GRAFTON	14	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	264	27
28 MARK PARADISE	75	75	75	75	3	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	278	28
29 JASON SHERRILL	75	75	50	75	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	280	29
30 TODD RIDLEY	75	75	75	75	50	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	282	30
31 HAYDEN PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	8	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	283	31
32 DON JASMAN	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	11	75	75	75	75	286	32
32 ED PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	11	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	286	32
34 LUKE WALTON	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	300	34
35 DINO RAPTIS	75	75	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	301	35
36 CURT SMISCIK	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	2	75	75	75	75	302	36
37 TERRICK PATTERSON	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	37
38 JOE VON GRABE	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	304	38
38 CHRIS CASE	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	4	75	75	75	304	38
40 SCOTT KUZNIA	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	305	40
41 STEVE PROUT	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	306	41
42 CARL VENTIMIGLIA	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	307	42
43 MIKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	309	43
44 DICK SHIRK	75	75	75	75	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	312	44
45 BRAD WALTON	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	13	75	75	75	75	313	45
46 CARL VENTIMIGLIA JR	17	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	317	46
47 BOB JONES	75	75	75	75	75	18	75	75	75	75	75	75	318	47
47 DAN TITUS	75	75	75	75	18	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	318	47
49 KEN CIONE	75	75	75	75	75	23	75	75	75	75	75	75	323	49
50 LIZ KULPA	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	325	50
50 STEVE GENOFF	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	325	50
52 ANN PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	52
52 CHERYL JASMAN	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	52
52 DANA JONES	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	52
52 JIM PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	52
52 KEVIN GROSS	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	52
52 NICK JONES	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	52
52 SAHAR ELMALLAH	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	350	52
52 VIRGINIA WILLIAMS	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	350	52
52 WILLIAM KUHN	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	350	52

Determining Points
 Place at Individual Event
 50 for Participating but No Fish
 75 for Not Participating

**October 29, 2022, Manistee river, pier, beach Angler-of-the-Year Outing.
Best three Steelhead. Drop lines 0600. Weigh-in 1:00 PM at the Lions Pavilion adjacent the the Manistee boat ramp.**

\$10 outing fee to cover the shore lunch and \$10 optional big fish pool. Big fish pool pay off for biggest three fish: 50% for first big fish, 30% for second big fish and 20% for third big fish.

Registration is mandatory for an accurate food order. Please text Tom Thieda (586) 206-5902 prior to Friday, October 28, 2022 so he is aware of all who will show up. In your text, indicate each individual who is coming as well as in/out of big fish pool.

This is one of the last three AOTY outings for 2022 and recent reports call for good steel-head fishing. Don't miss this opportunity!

Manistee Angler of the Year Outing November 5, 2022**Fall Fish-Off VS Metro-West**

**November 5, 2022, Manistee river, pier, beach Angler-of-the-Year Outing.
Best three Steelhead. Drop lines 0600. Weigh-in 3:00 PM at the Lions Pavilion adjacent the the Manistee boat ramp.**

\$10 outing fee to cover the shore lunch and \$10 optional big fish pool. Big fish pool pay off for biggest three fish: 50% for first big fish, 30% for second big fish and 20% for third big fish.

Registration is mandatory for an accurate food order. Please text Bob Paradise (586) 457-4073 prior to Friday, November 4, 2022 so he is aware of all who will show up. In your text, indicate each individual who is coming as well as in/out of big fish pool.

Heads Up! This outing is a combined Fish-Off VS Metro-West and we don't want to lose that trophy and have to wait until next year for a opportunity to gain it back.

After this there will only be one more DAS AOTY outing for 2022. Show up and make this one count because Caseville in December will be your last chance!

Extra - Extra - Extra

A trolling tournament planning meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 3rd, at Irena's Pastry & Bistro, 40295 Mound Rd in Sterling Heights. This event is by invitation only. If you are a boat captain that fished any of the trolling tournaments this year, watch your email for the invitation to the meeting. Trolling director, Bob Feisel will lead the DAS Skippers to set the 2023 trolling schedule and discuss rules changes.

DAS Board of Directors, Officers, and Committee Election

DAS By-Laws call for a Board of Directors election during the annual meeting in December each year at our normal meeting place, Club 54 on Van Dyke just south of 16 Mile Rd.

The officers of the club consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These four officer positions are selected from among the at-large members during the first board meeting each year. At large board members are elected for a three year term and are assigned or volunteer to serve on one of the ten "standing committees":

Fund Raising

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Boat Tournaments

Angler-of-the-Year Outings

Shows

Political Action (Coalition)

Special Events

The board meets at 7:00 pm at Irena's Bistro on Mound Rd. between 16 and 17 Mile Rd. We meet two Tuesday's prior to the general membership meeting each Month. Food and beverages are provided. The board does not meet in August so there are 11 board meetings each year.

Four Officer terms are expiring in December 2022. Dan Chisholm, Tom Gorguze, Jim Zanke, and Steve Prout. Please step up and help your club by volunteering to run for election. There are Officers serving now who would appreciate a break. Please do your part to help maintain the continuity of DAS. New ideas will be welcome and listened to. To run for election, make your intentions known to any board member and we will see that your name appears on the ballot. We need you.

The advisory committee met in Clare at Jay's sporting goods on October 4th to discuss the future plants of coho salmon in the system. The last few years we have helped the DNR in deciding where and when to plant fish in Michigan waters. The ports of Port Sanilac, Harbor Beach, Oscoda and Alpena are the ports used for spring plants and these will be given 50,000 annually starting 2023 along with Port Hope and East branch of the Augre river will receive 150,000 fall fingerlings. As the fishery developed they will add Harisville, Rogers city and Grindstone harbor to fall plants and available fish come about. This will give the lake 350,000 plus coho starting next year.

Randy Tarrain vice chair of the committee says this will bring in a new Era of fishing in Huron not seen in 20 or so years. We also talked to Charles Bronte of the US.F& W about the Great lakes Mass Marking program he has been supervising. Charles will be our guest speaker in November. He will be doing a presentation on their finding of where the fish go after they are planted.

Brown trout yes wild browns have started to show up off Augres the last couple years. according to Dnr biologist April Simmons. This could turn into a great fishery off the Charity island reef.

Tight Lines, Blaise Pewinski

Some miscellaneous dates and events to look forward to:

November 18, 2022: Salmon-in-the-Classroom egg release. DAS will assist the DRN during the egg release to all Southeast Michigan schools who participate in Salmon in the Classroom. School representatives will pick up eggs and food from the Metropolitan Beach Nature Center. DAS assists in the distribution. For more information go to [MICH.GOV](https://www.mich.gov)/DNR (search SIC).

January 12 to 15, 2023: Ultimate Fishing Show. DAS will have a booth there and we will need help staffing the booth for the entire show. Jim Zanke will coordinate this and he will soon have a sign-up sheet for you to choose time to help.

Michigan free fishing week-ends:

February 18/19, 2023

June 10/11, 2023

Lake Michigan is Heading in the Right Direction..... So Far

The following report is credited to Mark Williams. Long time DAS member and member, Ludington Charterboat Association.

Collapse avoided.... So Far! This was the statement, on September 29th, when I attended the Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, at Jay's in Clare. The salmon plants for the surrounding states are back to their previous levels before the Lake Committee reduced the plants so drastically. However, Michigan is the only state that is not back to its previous levels, so going forward, we will be the only state that can increase our plant numbers. Michigan will be stocking one million king salmon this year, and at the height of planting we were at three million.

The other good news was that the average weight of a female that was taken for eggs was up to eighteen pounds, which is a 3-pound increase from previous years. All of this shows that Lake Michigan is moving in the right direction, of course there are some things that need to be watched going forward.

The Alewife die off that was seen on the lake was genuinely concerning. I personally saw this out of Ludington and it was reported all the way North to the Bridge. The bait that washed up on the beaches was evaluated, and there was no indication of disease, which is an incredibly good thing. Also, the die off was not seen south of Muskegon. One explanation of this was the weather and currents that was seen this year. Everyone spoke about the number of trips lost due to weather. In Ludington and Manistee, we are used to the currents, but this year they were even more intense. We experienced more current going 90 degrees to each other than in past years. Personally, I had days that I would question the readings of my FishHawk, as the speed and temperature just did not make sense. The intense currents and fierce winds that help create them, could be to blame for the bait fish die off, or so we hope.

Of course, the one thing that was unexpected was the hard to find and catch Lake Trout, up and down the Lake. Everyone reported that our Lake Trout fishery had changed, and not for the better. Charters, that relied on good Lake Trout fishing found it tough going, me included. Spots that would almost be a guarantee for good Lake Trout, turned into small fish or very few fish. I caught my biggest Lake Trout this year, (25.75 pounds) offshore. Our normal spots turned into small lake Trout with small numbers caught. The answer is hopefully the same as it was regarding the die off, weather and currents. The thought was from the biologists was that the Lake Trout did not need to move in from the depths due to the abundance of bait and temperatures offshore. I hope they are right.

Finally, there was the Consent Decree negotiations. There was nothing said formally about the Decree, however, they are still on going with the latest extension being until November 14, 2022. Supposedly, they are 90% done, and from a sportsman's point of view, not in a good way. The Coalition to Protect Michigan's Resources, filed a motion on July 13th to try and become a full party, as it felt the MDNR was not representing the Sport Fishery of Michigan. You can see the full motion on the CPMR website. When this motion was filed, the CPMR representatives were not made welcome by the MDNR director at the motion hearing. In fact, MUCC, a CPMR member, authored an article outlining the discussion that took place. I encourage you to go to **MUCC.org**, and in the search bar type in **Shouting Match between DNR Director**. This article tells all of us where things are when it comes to the decree, not good at all.

In conclusion, I would like to say how proud I am when I attend these meetings and the CPMR meetings as a member and representative of the DAS. The monetary support that our club has given this great fishery of ours does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated at all levels. I am continually thanked for it and want to pass that along to all club members. Our board both past and present has generously donated to the CPMR, Salmon in the Classroom, and the fishery as a whole. As members of the DAS, we can hold our heads high in knowing that we help to preserve, protect, and grow our Great Lakes Fishery.

Well Done DAS!

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Membership Expires:



Upcoming Dates

- October 25 Member Mtg Club 54
- October 29 Steelhead Manistee River,
Pier, Beach
- November 3 Trolling Mtg to Establish 2023
Schedule—Irena's Pastry and
Bistro
- November 5 Manistee River, Pier, Beach
- November 8 Board of Directors

Life is 10% what happens to you, and 90% how you react to it.
Charles R Swindoll