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**February 28, 2023 Membership Meeting—Club 54 (Recap)**

Speaker, Tyler Kolomyski (scaledupsportfishing.com). Scaled Up Sport Fishing offers guided Michigan fishing charters that span Michigan's most popular fishing waterways. Our knowledgeable fishing experts, along with Captain Tyler Kolomyski invite you to climb aboard our fully insured and certified 24' Raider Pro Fisherman as we target the diverse range of species our area offers.

**March 28, 2023 Membership Meeting  
7:30 PM at Club 54**

Our March 28 speaker is Anthony Moreschini, a St. Clair River and Detroit River pro who should be able to pass along timely information on Spring river Walleye. **Techniques:** "The majority of our fishing done here is hands on and close up. We could be jigging, casting or drifting but you get the most fun from start to finish when it's hands on from bite to net. We fish anywhere the fish take us whether it's shallow flats, deep holes or rivers we go there."

DAS monthly membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month.

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**Regular Membership:**

Any person 17 years of age through 64 years of age for the duration of one year.

That year begins on the day of enrollment and ends on the last day of the month 12 months later.

After membership expiration date, there is a grace period of 2 months before actual expiration.

This is a family membership, meaning said person, their spouse, and any children 16 years and under, are members in good standing.

**Senior Membership:**

Any person 65 years of age and older for the duration of one year.

There year begins the day of enrollment and ends on the last day of the month, 12 months later.

After membership expiration date, there is a grace period of 2 months before actual expiration.

This is a family membership, meaning said person, their spouse, and any children 16 years and under, are members in good standing.

## 2023 SKIPPER OF THE YEAR (SOTY) BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENTS

### There will be 7 Boat Trolling tournaments this year:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>PORT CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
MAY 6	ST JOE	JOE DELISI	6 AM – 1 PM
MAY 20-21	GRAND HAVEN	JIM ZANKE	6 AM – 1 PM (Saturday) 6 AM – 11 AM (Sunday)
JUNE 3	HARBOR BEACH	JOE VON GRABE	5:30 AM – 1 PM
JULY 8	PRESQUE ISLE	BLAISE PEWINSKI	5:30 AM - 1 PM
JULY 22	MANISTEE	SCOTT CAMPBELL	6 AM – 1 PM
AUGUST 5	LUDINGTON	FRED CHARTIER	6 AM – 1 PM
AUGUST 12	FRANKFORT	NATE CASE	6 AM – 1 PM

A Skipper's best 4 tournament scores will count towards the Skipper of the Year Award. The entry fee will be \$15 per person. The optional Big Fish bet remains at \$20 / boat and is divided into 3 separate pools: Big Salmon for \$10 per boat, Big Steelhead for \$5 per boat, and Big Lake Trout for \$5 per boat. All 3 pools must be entered to participate. Tournament entry fees and Big Fish bets will be collected at the weigh-in and lunch will be provided at the weigh-in.

There are no Skipper's meetings prior to the tournament. Skippers should register at least 3 days prior to the tournament. Entry forms are available on the DAS website: [detroitsteelheaders.com/2023-entry-form](http://detroitsteelheaders.com/2023-entry-form).

Tournament rules are posted on the DAS website: [detroitsteelheaders.com/2023-schedule](http://detroitsteelheaders.com/2023-schedule). For more information about our boat trolling tournaments contact Chairman Bob Feisel (248-765-2504).

We look forward to seeing you on the water!

## 2023 Detroit Area Steelheaders Angler of the Year Event Schedule

Date	Location	Port Captain/Coordinator
March 25, 2023	Manistee River (Steelhead)	Roger Paradise
April 22, 2023	AuSable River (Steelhead)	Gary Gross
May 13, 2023	St. Clair River Algonac (Walleye)	Tom Gorguze
June 10, 2023	St. Clair River St. Clair Harbor (Walleye)	Rob Pinsky
June 10/11, 2023*	Auburn Hills Kids Outing *This will not be scored as an Angler outing. It is a separate event.	
July 15, 2023	Au Gres (Walleye)	Gary Gross
September 9, 2023	Lake St. Clair Harley Ensign Ramp (Perch)	Gaspare Aragona
September 30, 2023	Manistee River (Steelhead/Salmon)	J. Anderson/L.Gamblin
October 14, 2023	AuSable River (Steelhead/Salmon)	Gary Gross
October 28, 2023	Manistee River/Pier/Beach (Steelhead)	M. Wyrick/A. Kulpa
November 4, 2023	Manistee River/Pier/Surf (Steelhead)	Bob Paradise
December 9, 2023	Caseville River (Lake Trout)	Rob Pinsky

Due to rising costs, entry into any Angler of the Year (AOTY) event costs a mandatory \$15/person to register and cover the cost of the shore lunch during the weigh-in. The event port-captain orders the lunch, based upon the number of registrations. Therefore, members who have registered for the event are required to attend the weigh-in and pay the registration fee, even if you do not have a catch to weigh-in.

There is also an **optional** \$10/person fee to enter the big fish competition. All State and local rules apply. All perch outings include an 8 inch minimum requirement to qualify at weigh-in.

**\*Youth Anglers:**

The DAS Board of Directors approved anglers under 18 YOA to fish all events free of charge, with all results going toward Angler of the Year, and also boat trolling tournaments. Review the DAS web site for additional information.

**\* New Information**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member - \$35 Yearly                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal - \$35 Yearly | Amt. Paid \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly             | <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change only   |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event Rate (New Members Only)- \$20 |                                                |                    |

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Detroit Steelheader anglers will compete for Angler of the Year points on the Manistee watershed on March 25, 2023. This is a “one fish” Steelhead event on pier or river but be aware the steelhead creel limit on the river is one fish. Choose wisely. If you keep that small one on the river, you are done for the day. You will have a fish to weigh-in but it may get beat out by a bigger fish. The creel limit on the pier is still three.

Same as last year we will be in a fish-off versus Metro-West Steelheaders.

Start fishing at 6 am, pull lines at 3 pm. Weigh-in at 4 pm

Weigh-in at Manistee River Lodge 918 Seaman Rd, Wellston, 49689. 231-848-4844

Roger Paradise is port captain for this event. Contact Roger (586) 354-1121, to register or with questions regarding lodging. \$15 per person to register and optional \$10 big fish pool.

### Selfridge DNR Ramp AOTY Results Saturday February 5, 2023

#### AOTY Selfridge Ramp Outing (Perch) - Sat. Feb. 5, 2023

	Angler's Name	Entry Fee	Big Fish Fee	5 Tot Wgt (oz.)	Qty Fish	Fish Pts	Longest Fish (in.)	Tot P	Place
1	BOB PARADISE	\$15.00	\$10.00	26.40	5	25	9.63	51.40	1
2	KEVIN LONGLEY	\$15.00	\$10.00	20.50	4	20	10.00	40.50	2
3	TERRICK PATTERSON	\$15.00	\$10.00	15.75	4	20	8.75	35.75	3
4	GASPARE ARAGONA	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4	JAMES ANDERSON	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4	SAMUEL ANDERSON	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4	NATE CASE	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4	NATE CASE JR	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4	LAURIE GAMBLIN	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4	ANNA KULPA	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4	CURTIS WILLIAMS	\$15.00		0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4						0	0.00	0.00	4
4						0	0.00	0.00	4
4						0	0.00	0.00	4
4						0	0.00	0.00	4

Total Entry Fees	Total No. Anglers
\$165.00	11

Total Big Fish Fees
\$100.00

Angler	Longest Fish	Payout
KEVIN LONGLEY	10.00	\$50.00

Angler	2nd Longest Fish	Payout
BOB PARADISE	9.63	\$30.00

Angler	3rd Longest Fish	Payout
TERRICK PATTERSON	8.75	\$20.00

These early season angler outings have been a serious challenge to schedule and complete. Lack of cooperation from the weather, in most cases preventing us from fishing the ice in any meaningful manner, has made things difficult. Scheduling, postponing, and then re-scheduling, even needing to adjust the outing locations has been accomplished by Bob Paradise. Give him a well earned shout-out when you next see him.

**AOTY Lexington - Pt. Sanilac Outing (All Species) - Sat. Mar 11, 2023**

	Angler's Name	Entry Fee	Big Fish Fee	5 Tot Wt	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Heaviest	Tot P	Place
1	KEVIN LONGLEY	\$15.00	\$10.00	8.10	2	10	5.20	18.10	1
2	GASPARE ARAGONA	\$15.00	\$10.00	6.45	1	5	6.45	11.45	2
3	MARK WYRICK	\$15.00	\$10.00	3.10	1	5	3.10	8.10	3
4	LUCAS MAIANI	\$15.00	\$10.00	2.10	1	5	2.10	7.10	4
5	BOB PARADISE	\$15.00	\$10.00	1.87	1	5	1.87	6.87	5
6	ANNA KULPA	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	6
6	DANIEL CHISHOLM	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	6
6	LAURIE GAMBLIN	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	6
6	NATE CASE	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	6
6	NATE CASE JR	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	6
6	RABIH ABDALLAH	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	6
6	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	6
6						0	0.00	0.00	6
6						0	0.00	0.00	6
6						0	0.00	0.00	6

Total Entry Fees	Total No. Anglers
\$180.00	12

Total Big Fish Fees
\$120.00

Angler	Heaviest Fish	Payout
GASPARE ARAGONA	6.45	\$60.00

Angler	2nd Heaviest Fish	Payout
KEVIN LONGLEY	5.20	\$36.00

Angler	3rd Heaviest Fish	Payout
MARK WYRICK	3.10	\$24.00



Detroit Area Steelheaders (DAS) Salmon-in-the-Classroom (SIC) sponsored schools have scheduled their Salmon release dates: Independence Elementary 9 am, Thursday, May 4, at Yates Cider Mill. Oakland Christian Wednesday, April 19. Location TBD. Pine Knob Thursday, April 27. Location TBD. Its always fun to watch these kids bid farewell to their adopted fish family.

## Detroit Area Steelheader Meeting Dates and Location

As a general rule all membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month. There are instances where a holiday may cause an adjustment for that month. Indoor meetings during cold months begin at 7:30 pm. Meetings in the River Bends Park\* will begin at 7:30 in May but will begin earlier as we must adjust for earlier nightfall.

Meeting Date	Time	Location	Speaker
March 28, 2023	7:30	Club 54	Anthony Moreschini St Clair/Detroit River Walleye
<b>April 24, 2023***</b>	7:30	Club 54	Club Member Joe von Grabe (one of my favorite speakers)
May 30, 2023	7:30	River Bends Park, 22 Mil Rd Shelby Twp. MI.	National Weather Service (NWS) Richard Pollman
June 27, 2023	7:30	River Bends Park	TBD
July 25, 2023	7:30	River Bends Park	TBD
August 29, 2023	7:30	River Bends Park	James Anderson (shore walleye fishing) (Club Potluck Picnic and swap meet)
September 26, 2023	7:30	Club 54	TBD
October 31, 2023	7:30	Club 54	TBD
November 28, 2023	7:30	Club 54	TBD
December 19, 2023	7:30	Club 54 Annual Mtg	Elections, awards, celebration & Salmon Clause

**\*\*\*Alert: This one meeting has been moved to Monday night due to availability of Club 54**

2023 Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings														TODAY: 3/13/2023		
Entrant's Name	1-21 MI	2-05 SF	3-11 LoS	3-25 MA	4-22 OS	5-13 AL	6-10 SCI	7-15 Au	9-09 LSC	9-30 MA	10-14 OS	10-28 M	11-04 M	12-09 CV	Best 5	Place
1 KEVIN LONGLEY	3	2	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	156	1
2 BOB PARADISE	4	1	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	160	2
3 GASPARE ARAGONA	2	50	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	204	3
4 MARK WYRICK	9	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	237	4
5 DANIEL CHISHOLM	1	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	276	5
6 JAMES ANDERSON	7	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	282	6
7 SAMUEL ANDERSON	8	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	283	7
8 ANNA KULPA	50	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	300	8
9 TERRICK PATTERSON	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	9
10 ROB PINSKEY	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	305	10
11 MARK CARLSON	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	306	11
12 LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	12
12 NATE CASE	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	12
12 NATE CASE JR	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	12
12 ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	12
16 BLAISE PEWINSKI	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	16
16 BOB KSIONZEK	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	16
16 BRAD WALTON	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	16
16 CURTIS WILLIAMS	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	16
16 DON JASMAN	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	16
16 KYLE COVIAK	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	16
16 RABIH ABDALLAH	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	16

## Wildly Successful 2023 DAS Sportsman's Dinner

### Fellow Detroit Area Steelheader,

The **2023 Detroit Area Steelheaders(DAS) Sportsman's Dinner** this past Saturday, March 4, came off once again, as has come to be expected ...**A HUGE SUCCESS!!**

Mother-nature tried to discourage it with wind damaged wires and a power outage at about 2:00 pm during set-up. However, just as emergency back-up power installation was about to be completed, DTE restored service. A bit late but we were able to let people in the doors about 5:30 and the dinner was a go. Thank goodness as it is the only fundraiser that the DAS does and its success is very important to our mission of promoting and protecting the Great Lakes fisheries!

Our Main Sponsors really came thru as usual. **The Country Smoke House** served up a fantastic meal once again as comments from the crowd were nothing but great about the food.

The Premium Meat Cooler Raffle they provided us with was stocked with a fantastic variety of meats. That was met with enthusiasm and sold out quickly! Plenty of Thanks to **Steve and Sue Francis and their Country Smoke House crew!**

**Michi-Gun** provided a great selection for our (18) Gun Draws and the gun winners all went home very happy!

A Big Thanks to **Richard Barch and the Mich-Gun Staff** for all their support!

Many thanks to **John Lombardo of Lombardo's Taxidermy** for the beautiful Wild Life display!

Thanks also to **Capt. Joel Piatek of Fish Headz Charters** for providing the Walleye Charter Raffle Prize!

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A Big Round of Applause for **Billy Hoffman** for his excellent job as MC and keeping the evening's dinner, raffles and drawings at a great pace and ensuring everyone was able to get home early. Billy is definitely a funny, entertaining guy!

The Dinner Ticket Stub Raffle, (3) \$1 and (19) \$5 Table Raffles and the (8) 50/50 Raffles were tremendously successful and experienced the best ever ticket sales!  
Thanks to all of our Sponsors for allowing us to present the great selection of prizes! See the complete list of sponsors below.

The entire evening wouldn't have been possible without the tremendous effort from our Sportsman's Dinner Chairman **Carl Ventimiglia** and his wife **Kellie** for putting the whole thing together. Many, many Thanks to them! And of course, the rest of the **Board of Directors (BOD) of the DAS ----- Jim Zanke (President), Bob Feisel (Vice President), James Anderson (Secretary), Rod Elnick (Treasurer), Nathan Case, Dan Chisholm, Bob Ksionzek, Bob Paradise, Blaise Pewinski, Rob Pinskey and Virginia Williams as well as volunteers Mary Chisholm, Vicki Feisel, Anthony Lewis** and others who worked behind the scenes.

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**And, if you haven't already, sign up as a DAS Message Board user at this link [DAS Message Board](#) to get any of the Club's latest news and updates.**

**Bob Ksionzek**

DAS Website Administrator

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**Please enjoy the Sportsmans Dinner Pictures, courtesy of Anna Kulpa, on the following pages!**







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## Upcoming Dates

- March 14 Board of Directors Mtg
- March 25 AOTY Manistee River Steelhead
- March 28 Membership Mtg Club 54
- April 11 Board of Directors Mtg
- April 22 Ausable River
- April 25 Membership Mtg Club 545

**I'm willing to listen to reason.**

**I'm just not always going to give it the last word.**