

"Fishin Tales" III



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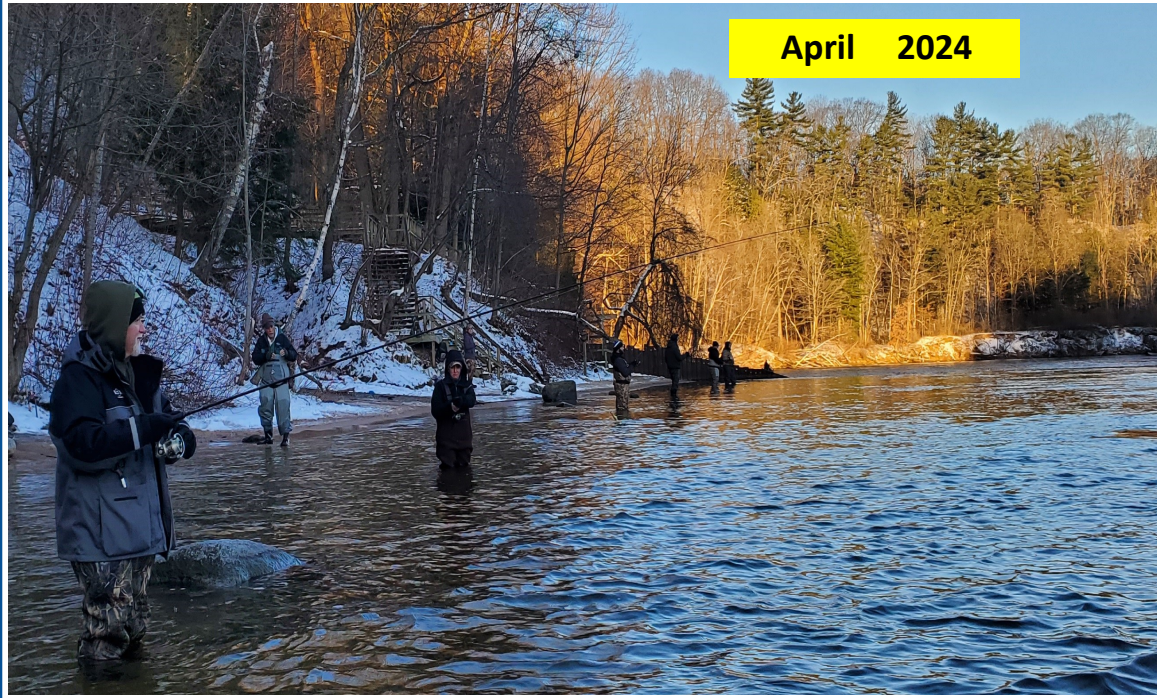
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April 2024



March 26, 2024 Membership Meeting Recap

Featured Guest Speaker, Roger Byrne of Wellmans Party and Bait

His presentation was only about an hour long but he covered Steelhead fishing on the AuSable River as well as anyone could expect. In this short space are just a few of his thoughts on successful Steelhead fishing.

The AuSable river is the number one most stocked river in Michigan for Steelhead. Steelhead vision characteristics. Reading the flow of the river for best placement of your fly, bead, spinner, or spawn. Best colors for time of day and season. Steelhead feeding cycle. Line size, bead size, and best strike zone to locate your offering. UV or not UV. Where to fish and where to purchase your fishing equipment (just a little plug there).

Roger was very interesting and shared a lot of information in a short time, I hope you were there to listen and learn.

Other Meeting Features: Info & results on any recent and upcoming AOTY Outings, fishing reports from the floor, tackle raffles, 50-50 Raffle & every member present Drawing.

NOTICE BEGINNING JANUARY 2024:

Any guest 18 yrs. and older, can join the DAS at a meeting for the special introductory rate of \$20 for the year. That's \$15 less than The normal adult membership fee of \$35.

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Change of Pace

Broiled Sesame Trout

Prep time: 4 hours

6 serving size Rainbow Trout, pan dressed

1/2 cup lemon juice

4 teaspoons salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/4 cup sesame seed

3/4 cup butter or margarine

- 1) With sharp knife make 3 light slashes on each side of fish without cutting too deep.
- 2) In 13" by 9" baking pan, mix lemon juice, salt and pepper. Add fish and turn over to coat with marinade. Cover; refrigerate at least 3 hours, turning occasionally.
- 3) In 1 quart saucepan over medium heat, toast sesame seed until golden, stirring and shaking pan occasionally. Add butter or margarine and heat until melted.
- 4) Place fish on rack in broiling pan. Drain marinade from baking pan into sesame seed mixture. Pre-heat broiler as manufacturer directs.
- 5) Broil fish about five minutes on each side, basting frequently with sesame seed mixture.
- 6) Test fish for doneness with a fork. Trout are cooked when their flesh flakes easily.
- 7) Lift fish carefully onto warm platter and spoon hot juices over them.

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This quote from Everett Smith in the July 28, 2023 Woods-N-Waters is a good preview / introduction for our April meeting speaker Jim Bedford:

“Jim, without question, has achieved a level of mastery in the world of fishing for steel-head trout that is truly unmatched.”

Our AOTY schedule is stacked with river outings where success on the river can be very beneficial to your final AOTY standing. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the best.

March 23, 2024 DAS AOTY Outing Manistee River

AOTY Manistee Challenge Outing (Steelhead) - Sat. Mar 23, 2024

	Angler's Name	Statu	Entry \$	Big Fish	Tot Wgt	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Heaviest Fish(lbs.)	Tot Pts	Place
1	RABIH ABDALLAH	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	9.08	1	5	9.08	14.08	1
2	GASPARE ARAGONA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5.95	1	5	5.95	10.95	2
3	BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5.89	1	5	5.89	10.89	3
4	KURT STRACKA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5.17	1	5	5.17	10.17	4
5	NATE CASE JR	Y		\$10.00	4.70	1	5	4.70	9.70	5
6	LAURIE GAMBLIN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	4.35	1	5	4.35	9.35	6
7	ROGER PARADISE	M		\$10.00	2.35	1	5	2.35	7.35	7
8	KRISTYNE CASE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	2.31	1	5	2.31	7.31	8
9	CHRIS VENTIMIGLIA	Y		\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9
9	ANDREW STOCKTON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9
9	ANNA KULPA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9
9	ANTHONY LEWIS	M	\$15.00				0	0.00	0.00	9
9	CARL VENTIMIGLIA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9
9	CURTIS WILLIAMS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9
9	JAMES ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9
9	JORDAN LOCKHART	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9
9	KAREN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9
9	KEVIN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9
9	MARK WYRICK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9
9	NATE CASE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9
9	ROB PINSKEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9
9	BILLY GREER	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	8.79	1	5	8.79	0.00	9
9	ROD STEFANOVICH	G	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00	0.00	9



Thanks again to Anna Kulpa for another terrific outing write-up. On Saturday March 23, Detroit Area Steelheaders held the Manistee Spring Steelhead Fish Off against Metro-West Steelheaders. All Steelheaders had the choice to fish the Pier, Beach, or River for their 1 Best Steelhead. The early morning was cold and bitter in the low 20s with light to no wind. Most DAS members fished the river on the north and south side near the dam and coffer, while others fished downstream. Metro-West members fished the beach area. Although anglers were getting some bites here and there the fishing was slow and not many fish were getting caught. The first fish of the day was caught early morning by Nathan Case Jr. Most of the fish were caught at the coffer on the south side of the river. Rabih Abdalla wasn't doing so well at suicide bend and not long after he joined members at the coffer and he was able to land himself a nice Steelhead. Steelheaders fished until 3pm and weigh in and dinner were held at Batcke's Manistee River lodge at 4pm. Detroit Area Steelheaders weighed in 9 fish while Metro-West Steelheaders only weighed in 1 fish. First place and 1st Big Fish went to Rabih Abdalla with 9.08lbs, 2nd place and 2nd Big Fish went to Billy Greer with 8.79lbs, 3rd place and 3rd Big Fish went to Gaspare Aragona with 5.95lbs. Once again Detroit Area Steelheaders took the Spring Steelhead Plaque home as we won the Spring Steelhead Fish Off. Big thank you to Roger and Maria Paradise for hosting the outing and for preparing an amazing dinner of brisket, broasted potatoes, coleslaw, chili, hotdogs, meat-cheese tray, and cookies. Also for their hospitality throughout the weekend at the lodge. Thank you to all the extra photos provided by Nathan Case Sr, Kristyne Case, Nathan Case Jr, and Mark Wyrick. Thank you to Kristyne Case for bringing in the amazing crumble cookies. Thank you to all Detroit and Metro-West Steelheaders for attending the outing and doing what we all love to do. See you all at the next outing in Oscoda on the Au Sable River for 3 Best Steelhead on April 20. FISH ON!!





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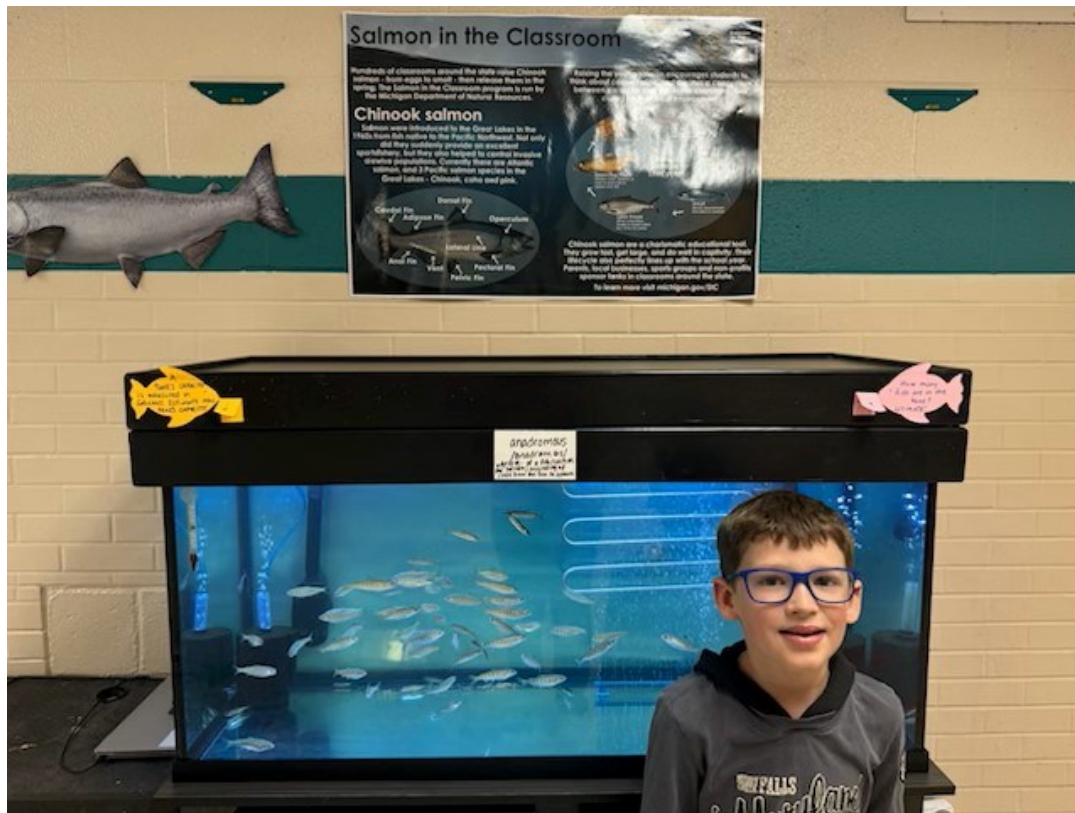
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Detroit Steelheaders Corporate Mission

Our official corporate purpose is: “To teach, inform, and guide the public to respect and appreciate the Great Lakes, rivers, and land around us. To promote and protect the fisheries resources therein.”

Channing Chisholm von Schmittou poses in front of his schools Salmon-in-the-Classroom fish tank in Clarkston.

Young people like Channing benefit from real time-hands on learning about the State of Michigan fisheries through programs like Salmon-in-the-Classroom. Your Detroit Steel-headers fishing club sponsors five separate schools through this valuable program.



2024 SKIPPER OF THE YEAR (SOTY) BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENTS

There will be 7 Boat Trolling tournaments in 2024:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>PORT CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
May 4	St Joe	Stan Bilek	6 am – 1 pm
May 18-19	Grand Haven	Jim Zanke	6 am – 1 pm (Saturday) 6 am – 11 am (Sunday)
June 15	Harbor Beach	Joe Von Grabe	5:30 am – 1 pm
June 29	Pentwater	Allen Devoll	5:30 am – 1 pm
July 13	Presque Isle	Blaise Pewinski	5:30 am – 1 pm
July 27	Ludington	TBD	6 am – 1 pm
August 10	Manistee	Nate Case	6 am – 1 pm

Chairman Bob Feisel (248-765-2504). We look forward to seeing you on the water!

2024 Meeting Dates / Locations

April 16, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
April 30, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
May 14, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
May 28, 2024	Member Meeting	River Bends Park
June 11, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
June 25, 2024	Member Meeting	River Bends Park
July 16, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
July 30, 2024	Member Meeting	River Bends Park
August 2024	NO Board Meeting	
August 27, 2024	Member Meeting	River Bends Park
September 10, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
September 24, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
October 15, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
October 29, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
November 6, 2024 *	BOD (move to Wed)	Irena's on Mound
November 26, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
December 3, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
December 17, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54

2024 Angler of the Year Schedule (Details will Follow as Needed)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Locatin/Species</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
April 20	Oscoda/Steelhead	Gary Gross
May 11	St. Clair River/Walleye/Algonac	Tom Gorguze
June 1	St. Clair River/Walleye/St. Clair	Rob Pinskey
September 14	Lake St. Clair/Perch	Gaspere Aragona
September 28	Manistee River/Salmon	James Anderson
October 5	AuSable River/Salmon	Gary Gross
October 26	Manistee/Steelhead	A Kulpa/M Wyrick
November 2	Manistee/Steelhead/Surf	Bob Paradise

Start time will be 6:00am. Weigh in will be 1:00pm at the AuSable River store located at 680 West River Rd. Three best steelhead by weight for AOTY points. Registration for the event is \$15/person, big fish entry is \$10/person. Big fish will be paid out on a graduated scale for First, second, and third big fish by weight.

The luncheon will be at the AuSable Inn located at 600 S South St Street AuSable Twp.

Wellman's Bait and Tackle store will be open on Saturday 4/20/24 at 5:00am. Rodger will have coffee for us. He also has a great selection of lures, beads, flies, line etc. he will also clean your fish for you. If you are going, contact Gary Gross (586-291-1290) to register no later than Tuesday 4/16/24 so the food can be ordered. When you register, let me know if you are in big fish. Hope to see you at the outing

SOTY St. Joe May 4 Stan Bilek

Saturday May 4, 2024. West Basin Marina, St Joseph, MI. Register before 7 pm of the Wednesday prior to the tournament (preferably sooner) on-line at www.DetroitSteelheaders.com (2024 SOTY) (SOTY Entry Form) or contact tournament director Bob Feisel (248-765-2504). The entry fee, which includes lunch, is \$15/person.

The optional Big Fish bet is also \$20/boat. Fees will be collected at the weigh-in.

Tournament start is @ 6:30 am. Monitor Channel 72 for announcement of start. Fish calls @ 9:00 and noon (Channel 72). Pull lines @ 1:30 pm. Be in line at the weigh-in by 2:00 pm. The St Joseph area is known for early season Coho and Lake Trout, but Kings can also be plentiful. The water temperature will be cold from top to bottom. Try to find some warmer water. Some captains will fish close to shore in 25-60 ft of water, or run 10 miles south to the warm water discharge from the Cook nuclear power plant. Sometimes the weather conditions will stir up the lake bottom sediments, causing the shallow water to get chalky. When this happens you might do better in deeper water. The early spring fish fight like heck, so be prepared for battles all the way to your boat! CAUTION: Spring rains can cause flooding in the St Joseph river and wash logs, picnic tables, tires, and other debris downstream and into Lake Michigan. Be on the alert, and if you see a hazard use your radio to warn the other captains.

AOTY St. Clair River Walleye May 11

We will be having our 1st walleye outing May 11th out of Algonac boat launch in Algonac. We will be fishing from 6 till 1, weigh in at 1:30 since everyone will be close by. We usually have a fish fry at Tom Gourgues place but Tom might not be there, so we will figure something out. Everyone must launch out of Algonac except the shore fishermen and women. Weigh your 5 best walleye for AOTY points, please text or call me before the start of the outing so we have a count on how many people will be coming for lunch. For those that don't have a boat to fish with contact some members who you can maybe get a ride with. Big fish is \$10 a person, you must contact chairperson in advance if do not which to get into big fish. Big fish will be paid out on a graduated scale for first, second and third big fish by weight. For any more information you can contact Bob Paradise at 586 457 4073 or Kevin Longley 248-240-7576. WhatsApp can be useful for tournament information.

June 15th, The Detroit Area Steelheaders will once again fish out of the port of **Harbor Beach**. To finish with the top boats in this tournament you'll probably need to target Lake Trout. The traditional method of targeting the bigger Lake Trout is to go low and slow. The normal tactic for this is to station a crew member at each corner and constantly adjust the downrigger depths to tap the bottom. You don't want to drag bottom, especially further north toward Port Austin as the shale bottom tends to snag cannon balls. It's always a good idea to have a set of wire cutters handy in case you get hung up. On the riggers, try Spin-n-Glos behind cow bells or a dodger. My favorite setup is a Chartreuse and Lime Spin-n-Glo with white wings behind a Tin Can dodger. Lead length should be about one and a half times the dodger length or about 22". Wire line dipseys run close to bottom also work well.

You can catch Lake Trout higher in the water column with dipsey divers, lead core and copper setups but these fish will typically be smaller. Fishing slow and tapping bottom is the key to targeting the bigger trout however, last year, our largest Laker came on a spoon on a seven color.

In recent years, the Steelhead and Coho fisheries have been improving in lower Lake Huron so you may want to run free sliders and some lead lines with the appropriate hardware. Last year we took two Steelhead on a Flat Line with an orange Thin Fin in the last hour. Also, three Atlantics were weighed in last year.

Areas to fish are usually anywhere from 60 - 120 fow either north, south or straight out from the Harbor.

We no longer have Skippers Meetings. You need to register online on the DAS website, preferable at least three days before tournament day. You can leave the pier heads at any time with the tournament start on the honor system. Setting lines at 5:30 a.m. with fish calls at 9:00 and 11:00. We'll have a roll call about an hour after tournament start to confirm which boats are on the water. Pull lines by 1:00 p.m. with the weigh-in at 2:00 p.m. either at the Pavilion across from the fish cleaning station, (if available), or at the Municipal Marina. The minimum size for Lake Trout is 15 inches with a creel limit of 3. Hope to see you there. Good Luck. Joe von Grabe "Sloppy Joe" 586-945-4334

DAS New Member Welcome

Make new members feel welcome. You are encouraged to introduce yourself to new members and welcome them when you encounter a new member at a meeting or event.

1/31/2025	BRAD	BAYER
1/31/2025	TROY	BOUDREAU
1/31/2025	GARY	BRAUN
1/31/2025	BOBBY	BRAUN
1/31/2025	AARON	CRIST
1/31/2025	PAUL	DEMARCO
1/31/2025	MICHAEL	DEMARCO
1/31/2025	MATTHEW	GRIFFIN
1/31/2025	CHRIS	GURAK
1/31/2025	KEN	LEE
1/31/2025	BEN	LEE

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1/31/2025	MICHAEL	MURPHY
1/31/2025	ROBERT	NAIMY
1/31/2025	ROGER	PARADISE
1/31/2025	GABRIEL	SELESAN
1/31/2025	OLIVER	SIMPSON
1/31/2025	GERRY	TABLADA
1/31/2025	ROBERTO	TULE
1/31/2025	MICHAEL	ZAINEA
2/28/2025	EARL	GRIFFIN

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- June 15 SOTY Harbor Beach

Baseball Logic:
**You can't win your division in the first month of the season,
but you can lose it!**