

# "Fishin Tales" III



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WEATHER FORECAST						
Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.
41°/28°	49°/34°	54°/42°	60°/48°	64°/51°	63°/52°	62°/49°

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### LOCAL NEWS/SPORTS



FISHING TOURNAMENT - Merrick Fields, pictured above at left, caught this 6.1 pound steelhead trout to earn first place on Saturday at a fishing tournament hosted by the Detroit Steelheaders. Bob Paradise, right, earned second place with his 5.31 pound catch. Rabih Abdallah, not pictured, took third place with a 3.92 pound fish. Members of the Detroit Area Steelheaders club, who are pictured above at right, fished the AuSable River on Saturday. According to organizer Gary Gross, who owns a home on Cedar Lake, the club has been holding a fishing tournament in the area for the past several years.

Photos by Manuela Kress

## APRIL 30, 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP

Featured speaker Jim Bedford shared his 60 years of steelhead and salmon fishing experience with DAS membership in a relaxed indoor environment. Jim's style of using his 7' homemade casting rod (strong backbone with a light tip) in combination with his homemade variety of spinners was pretty impressive. That may be a little too challenging for a weekend fisherperson but he also shared tips and tricks on colors, time-of-day, water temperature, and spawning cycle that could be valuable for all of us.

Jim also brought a copy of his book "Spinner Magic - The Ultimate Moving Water Lure" and shared a copy of it with the club. Thank you Jim for sharing your passion with club members.

**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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**Membership Definitions****Regular Membership** (Current Annual Fee: \$35)

Any person 18 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.

There is a grace period of renewal of 2 months before the membership expires.

This is a family membership meaning said person, their spouse, and any children 17 years and under are members in good standing.

Annual fee is waived for any member while serving as a Director.

**Senior Membership** (Current Annual Fee: \$20)

Any person 65 years of age and older 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.

There is a grace period of renewal of 2 months before the membership expires.

This is a family membership meaning said person, their spouse, and any children 17 years and under are members in good standing.

Annual fee is waived for any member while serving as a Director.

**Lifetime Membership**

Any person 18 years of age and older for life.

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*Lifetime memberships were only offered from January of 1986 until March of 2011 and are no longer available.*

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### **Pg 3 May 28, 2024 First Summer Member Meeting at River Bends Park**

Featured speaker Nick Torsky has 18 years as a field conservation officer: Background Investigator, Field Training Officer, Charter Boat Inspector, and various committees and workgroups related to fisheries, Wildlife, and Land Management. Supervisor of MDNR Law Enforcement Unit, including enforcement of state and tribal commercial fishing, wholesale fish operations, commercial bait industry, aquatic invasive species, and organisms-in-trade, and marine operations. Nicks' training and experience go hand-in-glove with everything our club stands for so this is one meeting you don't want to miss.

### **AOTY Oscoda April 20, 2024—Steelhead**

On Saturday April 20, Detroit Area Steelheaders held the AOTY Outing on the Au Sable River in Oscoda for 3 Best Steelhead 🐟 🎣 The early morning on the river was bitter cold with a low of 30F deg for a late April day. It was a bit breezy and cloudy, and as the day progressed the wind picked up making the day much colder. Most DAS members fished at the Foote Dam, while a few fished just downstream from the dam. The steelhead bite was very light that day, but if you wanted suckers then you were in for a treat. It was sucker-fest all day, almost every angler caught a sucker or 10 🎣 🐟 It was hard to sift through the suckers just to get the few steelhead that were near the dam. Finally about mid morning a couple steelhead were caught by Bob Paradise and Rabih Abdallah. Unfortunately it was very slow and far and few in between when a few more steelhead were caught by Bob Paradise. The last steelhead was caught towards the end of the outing by newer member Merrick Fields, which was his first steelhead ever. He was quite surprised when at first he didn't realize he had a fish at the end of his line but boy waa he excited and grinning ear to ear the rest of thst day. Lines were pulled at 12:30pm and weigh in was held at the Ausable River Store. Out of the 17 members who fished, 3 members caught 5 steelhead total. 1st place went to Bob Paradise with 3 fish at 11.38lbs, 2nd place Merrick Fields with 1 fish at 6.1lbs, 3rd place Rabbih Abdalla with 1 fish at 3.92lbs.

1st place Big Fish went to Merrick Fields with 6.1lbs, 2nd place Big Fish went to Bob Paradise with 5.31lbs, and 3rd place Big Fish went to Rabih Abdalla with 3.92lbs. A big thank you to Garry Gross for hosting the outing and putting the luncheon together at the Au Sable Inn Riverview Restaurant. We also had a visit from Randy Terrain, Vice Chairman of the Lake Huron Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee taking samples of the fish that were caught. A surprise visit from the Oscoda paper stopped in to take a picture of our group and take some notes of the day and fish caught by Steelheaders. Thank you to all Detroit Area Steelheaders who attended the outing and making memories doing what we all love to do 🐟 🎣 See you all at the next AOTY outing on Saturday May 11 in Algonac on the St. Clair River for 5 Best Walleye. FISH ON!! **(See pictures on page 4)**



**2024 Meeting Dates / Locations**

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>
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
December 7	Caseville/Lake Trout	Rob Pinskey

**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."

### AOTY Oscoda AuSable River Outing (Steelhead) - Sat. Apr 20, 2024

	Angler's Name	Status	Entry \$	Big Fish \$	3 Tot Wgt	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Heaviest Fish(lbs.)	Tot Pts	Place
1	BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	11.38	3	15	5.31	26.38	1
2	RABIH ABDALLAH	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	3.92	1	5	3.92	8.92	2
3	NATE CASE JR	Y		\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3
3	ANDREW STOCKTON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3
3	ANNA KULPA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3
3	GARY GROSS	M		\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3
3	GASPARE ARAGONA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3
3	JAMES ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3
3	KAREN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3
3	KEVIN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3
3	KRISTYNE CASE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3
3	LAURIE GAMBLIN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3
3	LIZ KULPA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3
3	MARK WYRICK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	3
3	MERRICK FIELDS	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	6.10	1	5	6.10	0.00	3

### SOTY St Joe May 4, 2024

May 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 marked the first tournament of the season for the Detroit Area Steelheaders. The St. Joseph tournament started out with high hopes. The days leading up to Saturday saw strong storms and rough waters. That wasn't the case Saturday morning. The weather was mild and the water was calm. This changed rapidly soon after the 6 A.M. start. As the fog moved in, the bite slowed to a halt for most of the skippers. Nine skippers entered the tournament and at 9 A.M. fish call seven skippers reported a total of 22 fish in the box with only 2 reporting no fish. Miss Adventure and Sloppy Joe were leading the pack with 10 of the 22 fish reported. Most of the boats were in 60 fow and fish were biting spoons on downriggers and high lines. The top two boats ventured out to deeper waters, Miss Adventure went southwest to 180 feet and fished between 180 and 150 feet. Most of Miss Adventure salmon came on spoons and Lake Trout on spin and glow behind the spin doctor. Sloppy Joe went a couple miles north of port and fish between 90 and 120 fow. Most of Joe's fish came on spoons, the Bumblebee ang purple Blinkie worked best for him. His Lake trout came on White and Glow Spinductor with white and green Spin N Glow. The hot colors this weekend included "Bumblebee", lots of white and green combinations, and some purples. As the morning progressed, the fog became thicker, some skippers moved to deeper waters, and some stayed closer. The fog mowed to deeper waters as the morning progressed. By the 11 A.M. fish call, every skipper had fish in the box, but Sloppy Joe was leading the way adding 5 (10 total) more fish to the box followed closely by Miss Adventure (7) and Lake Buzzard (6). The tournament ended at 1p.m.

St. Joe Standings															5/4/2024	
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Status	# of Fish Weigh-In	Catch by Species & Weight					Best 5 Total	Best 5 Total Pt	Best 4 Total	Deduction Code	Points Deducted	Total Points	Place
1	Miss Adventure	Allen Devoll	M	5	L 13.80	L 7.90	K 6.35	L 4.65	K 3.05	35.75	60.75	32.70	NONE	0.00	60.75	1
2	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	M	5	L 8.95	K 7.70	K 6.20	K 6.15	K 5.70	34.70	59.70	29.00	NONE	0.00	59.70	2
3	Wonder	Joe Delisi	M	3	K 14.65	K 5.90	S 2.80	-----	-----	23.35	38.35	23.35	NONE	0.00	38.35	3
4	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	M	3	K 7.70	K 4.40	S 3.80	-----	-----	15.90	30.90	15.90	NONE	0.00	30.90	4
5	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	M	3	L 7.05	L 3.60	L 3.05	-----	-----	13.70	28.70	13.70	NONE	0.00	28.70	5
6	Last Dime	Bob Ksionzek	M	1	K 10.60	-----	-----	-----	-----	10.60	15.60	10.60	NONE	0.00	15.60	6
7	Blue Star	Stan Bilek	M	1	K 4.80	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.80	9.80	4.80	NONE	0.00	9.80	7
8	Down Under	Dave Deronge	M	1	S 4.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.50	9.50	4.50	NONE	0.00	9.50	8
9	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	M	1	K 4.40	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.40	9.40	4.40	NONE	0.00	9.40	9

L A R G E S T	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught	9	Total Boats
	Wonder	Salmon	14.65			
	Wonder	Pool Salmon	14.65	\$90		
	Wonder	King	14.65	17		
	Wonder	Pool King	14.65			
	Miss Adventure	Coho	2.45	4		
	Miss Adventure	Pool Coho	2.45			
	Miss Adventure	Lake Trout	13.80	8		
	Miss Adventure	Pool LT	13.80	\$45		
	Down Under	Steelhead	4.50	3		
Down Under	Pool Steelhead	4.50	\$45			
Total				32		

Deduction Code LEGEND	
LTWI	= Late To Weigh-In
FARC	= Failure to Answer Role Call
UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
DQ	= Disqualified
G	= Guest



**Orange Sauce**

When you are looking for something different for your salmon or steelhead.

Preparation: 10 minutes, makes 3/4 cup

- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1. In measuring cup, combine orange juice, lemon juice, salt, and nutmeg. Set aside.
2. In one quart saucepan over medium heat, melt butter or margarine.
3. Add flour and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is well blended.
4. Add juice mixture, cook, stirring constantly, until sauce is thickened.

**2024 SKIPPER OF THE YEAR (SOTY) BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENTS**

**There will be 7 Boat Trolling tournaments in 2024:**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>PORT</u></b>	<b><u>PORT CAPTAIN</u></b>	<b><u>TIMES</u></b>
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!

**Salmon—in—the—Classroom**

Successful SIC releases have been completed this month:

- 5/7 Independence Elementary 75 4th grade students
- 5/8 Romeo HS 44 High School students
- 5/9 West Bloomfield High School 16 students

The big smiles on the faces of the students make these efforts all worthwhile and it is fun to be a part of it. Thank you DAS and Rod Elnick for making this happen.



**June 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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 Charreuse 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.**

Jordan Lockhart 3/31/2025

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## Upcoming Dates

- May 4 SOTY St. Joe
- May 11 AOTY St. Clair River (Algonac)
- May 14 Board of Directors
- May 18/19 SOTY Grand Haven
- May 28 Member Mtg (River Bends Park)
- June 1 AOTY St Clair River (St Clair)
- June 15 SOTY Harbor Beach

**“The only impossible journey is the one you never begin”.**