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August Meeting

The August regular member meeting will take place on August 30.

As always, the general meeting takes place at 7:30 P.M. in the hall at 6177 Chicago Rd. (east of Mound Rd., North of 13 Mile Rd.)-Warren,

2005 Ludington Lady's Day Tournament August 6th

Pre-tournament fishing reports indicated the fishing was good with fish being caught north to the "Stick, south off the "Project and straight out. The weather outlook looked good and it appeared to be shaping up for a great weekend. Fifteen boats were represented at the Captain's meeting.

At 6:00 a.m., Bill Stanley, the Port Captain gave the signal for all to start setting lines. We decided to stay clear of the boat traffic off the Point and began to set lines off the Project in about 90 feet of water. We no sooner had our two riggers and two dipsies set when two rods went off. While the two women were fighting their fish another rod went but we didn't have other women on board. Eventually, that third fish got off and I reset the line. We boxed the first two fish and the two remaining rods went off. The women were fighting another double and we had no lines in the water. By 7:06 am we had five fish in the box.

Bill proceeded to conduct the 9:00 a.m. fish call and it showed that most of the boats were into fish. Almost Paradise led the pack with eight, Aquarius II and Sloppy Joe had six each, and five boats had four or five. For us, things shut down in our starting spot so we headed out into deeper water and dropped our lines down accordingly. We picked up another two fish around ten thirty and another two around noon.

The noon fish call had Almost Paradise, Aquarius II and Sloppy Joe with nine fish each, Bad Dog and Silver Addiction each reported seven and Hawkeye had six. At 1:00 a.m., Bill called for the skippers to pull lines and the tournament was over.

Judging by the strain on some of the faces of the guys hauling the coolers to the weigh-in line, the women did a good job on the fish this year. After all of the fish were weighed in, Sloppy Joe just barely edged out Almost Paradise for first place. Aquarius II took third, Silver Addiction fourth and Hawkeye fifth. Hawkeye took big fish honors with a 19.45# king. This earned Captain Larry Walter \$75 in the big fish pool. This is the biggest fish so far this year in any of our DAS tournaments. Congratulations Larry.

-Joe von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe

Below are the unofficial results of the Ludington Ladies Day Tournament.

Fifteen boats participated and all fifteen boats weighed in fish. The total number of fish caught in the tournament was 70. Of these, 66 were Kings,
2 were Steelhead,
1 was a Coho and
1 was a Lake Trout.



At the Ladies Day weigh-in, there was plenty of Land trout (aka pig) for all to sample.

Congratulations to the Sloppy Joe crew who won first place at the event. Places were as follows:

Place	Boat	Score
15th	Mary K	11.00
14th	Bobby's Toy	17.55
13th	Outta Line	20.95
12th	Blue Star II	28.55
11th	In-Seine	32.20
10th	Thors Hammer	37.20
9th	Reel Allure	61.20
8th	Vicki's Seacret	65.10
7th	Reel Screamer	74.75
6th	Bad Dog	82.35
5th	Hawkeye	95.50
4th	Silver Addiction	99.55
3rd	Aqaurius II	105.95
2nd	Almost Paradise	135.10
1st	Sloppy Joe	138.00

Ludington.II Tournament

ANOTHER GREAT TOURNAMENT AT LUDINGTON AUGUST 13, 2005

What can you say? The weather was great, the fish were cooperative and all in all, the weekend tournament was a great success! The morning started off with a BANG! The D.A.S. 16-boat fleet left the pier heads of Ludington and at the stroke of 6 a.m. drags were singing and the bite was on. Fishing was fast and furious for the first couple of hours, with a lot of fish reportedly being caught. The first fish call (9 a.m.) seemed only minutes after the tournament began at 6 a.m. with everyone reporting good early numbers of fish being taken. By this time fishing had slowed but people were still picking away at the fish -one

at a time, all day. When the dust settled, Bob Paradise of Almost Paradise came out on top with a total score of 162.85 for his best 8 fish of the day (122.85lbs of fish and 40 fish points added @ 5 points per fish). Congratulations to Bob and the Almost Paradise Crew! 111 Chinook Salmon, 4 Steelhead and 6 Coho Salmon were weighed.

The D.A.S. team had one heck of a day. Also Congratulations to Bob Feisel for his 13.45 lb. Master Angler Coho Salmon

Tight Lines,
Mike Vigus D.A.S. Vice President and Ludington port captain 2005

Place	Boat	Points
16th	Blue Star II	16.15
15th	Dredge	35.20
14th	Aquarius II	63.75
13th	Mary K	68.50
12th	No Limit	71.05
11th	Crusader	87.00
10th	Tyger	91.30
9th	Lil Scratch	107.60
8th	Fishigan	108.40
7th	In-Seine	123.50
6th	Thors Hammer	123.65
5th	Reel Allure	124.65
4th	Sloppy Joe	138.35
3rd	Bad Dog	140.10
2nd	Vicki's Seacret	140.40
1st	Almost Paradise	162.85



2005 GRAND HAVEN II

The 2005 season will end in Grand Haven, which will be the second time we visit the port this year. The fishing reports are very promising for the upcoming weeks. By this time of the year, the fish will be schooling close to the pier heads, eliminating long runs in pursuit of fish.

The tournament will be on Saturday, September 10th. The Skippers' meeting will be held at 5:30 a.m. at the Grand Haven Municipal Marina. The tournament will start at 6:30 a.m.,

with fish calls at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Channel 72. We will pull lines at 2:30 p.m. and you must be at the weigh-in line by 3:30 p.m.

Everyone must call the Port Captain when returning to port at the end of the tournament. Also, you must call if you return to port at any time during the tournament. -Chris Nytko "Aquarius II 586-786-0288

2005 Boat Trolling Tournaments

August 27 - Manistee
Bob Paradise

September 10 - Grand Haven
Chris Nytko
Trolling Director
Joe von Grabe "Sloppy Joe" 586-293-7688

BIG FISH QUEST TOURNAMENT CONTROL LOG 2005 **FRIDAY July 15, 2005**

An early start to head up to Port Austin was thwarted when I recalled (a bit north of Almont) arrangements to get the scale up to the BFQ. Not having a cell phone and with really no other option I reluctantly turn south bound and headed for home to correct this error. Almost an hour and a half later I hit the road again and was determined to get north to and take care of business. One of my chores on the way up was to find a kiddy pool to put under the scale while weighing fish. In light of the recent heat wave and after checking several Meijers , K-Marts , Wal-Mart's and even some dollar stores I came to the conclusion that the kiddy pool was not gonna happen And settled for a big tarp.



1st-Sloppy Joe



Divas at Dawn



2nd Reel Paradise



4th Silver Addiction



5th Hawkeye



Our First Lady on In-Seine



6th Bad Dog



3rd Aquarius II

After a now late arrival in Port Austin, I got to the civic center (Port Austin gym) and began to set up Tournament Control. Let me just say that the gym was hot and 4 feet higher up on stage was even hotter (could be the understatement of the weekend). My Co-Chairman Jason Adam got to PA about 5:30 and we put the finishing touches on headquarters. I have to take a moment and give **BIG PROPS** to Bill Nutting and his loyal crew as Bill took care of the public address system and the ship to shore radio system for the whole tournament. He was kind enough to bring up his own stuff and let us use it all Weekend and even took care of the installation of said systems. Pretty slick set up on the VHF radio Bill, thanks again for the help and expertise.

We then readied ourselves for the Captains meeting @ 7:30 PM and began to get a trickle of people coming in to register for the Tourney. This trickle increased as we got closer to meeting time and sign ups were brisk before the meeting. When the Captains meeting got started we had about 40 / 50 people in attendance. As Jason was going over the rules and regulations, our president Mark Bevans called together the few Board Members that were present and decided to pay out the full-advertised payouts. As luck would have it Jay had just finished explaining a reduced payout based on 100 entries and the grumbling quickly turned to cheers as Mark announced that we (DAS) would pay the full amounts.

This was without question the highlight of the Captains meeting and received a hearty round of applause. A very classy move by the Detroit Area Steelheaders and a decision that will pay huge dividends in keeping our clubs reputation in good standing!! We gave away many prizes and kept drawing names till everyone

in the house got a prize. All in All a good meeting, short and sweet, 100 % payout and everyone went home with a gift and a smile on their face ready to fish hard the next day. Jay and I closed up tournament control at 9:00PM after taking a few last minute applications

SATURDAY , JULY 16 , 2005

Tournament control opened for business @ 9:00 AM to overcast skies and a light rain . Our radio check was answered by a couple of DAS boats , and both **Inseine and Just Once** reported that conditions on the big lake were less than perfect but still very fishable

If not somewhat soggy . As the first hour passed we began to hear reports of deteriorating weather that included thunder and lighting. This impending weather chased some boats off the lake and the fish began to come in to the scale.

Our first fish of the day was brought in by our own DAS Director Bob Feisel at about 10:30 AM and it was a dandy tipping the scales at 8.55 #'s (Lake Trout). Bob had also won the early bird registration raffle and walked away with a nice new Uniden hand held VHF radio , I hope he had the sense to buy a lottery ticket cause Lady Luck was smiling on him this weekend.

As noontime approached the weather began to clear and the thunder and lightning Disappeared as well. Next in was the crew of the "Inseine "boat. Mark and the rest of the crew (all DAS members) had 3 fish and a broken alternator in the box. The fish went on the tote board and the alternator was scheduled for an afternoon burial at sea. Soon after the folks from "Reel Thing "came in to the scale with a nice box of fish and put up 5 money spots on the board including the numbers 2 and 3 spots only to be bumped by the "Gone Bad "boat who promptly took over the coveted # 1 spot

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With an 11.8 # LT that had a few pounds on anything else on the board. They also dropped fish in the #5 and #6 money spots to cap a darn good morning.

The afternoon continued to tick away and your Tournament Control Staff filled in the slow time with a little gamesmanship. After all we were in a gym and did have a basketball to play with. Without going into too much detail lets just say that while the younger guy might have had the blazing speed and boundless energy, the old dawg had a few tricks up his sleeve and could still put the ball in the hole.

Just before 3:30 PM a radio call came in from DAS members "Team Inseine". Seems that they had the boat up and running with a new alternator all they way from Detroit. Now that's what I call service and I doubt that even FED EX could have gotten them a new alternator any faster. They were ready to head out to fish and see if they could find a better fish to bring to the board. Good to have them back in the game.

As the afternoon wore on we had a couple more light coolers brought in to Tournament Control but really nothing that changed the status of the leaders. Next in was Nathan Nichols with his best five fish from a long day aboard the good ship "Netminder ", all those hours of fishing paid off as his best fish was a 9.75 # lake trout which captured second place and he also had a 7.75 pounder which was good enough to get on the board in 7th place and grab a second money spot.

The chatter on the radio seemed to indicate that there were still a couple of good heavy boxes out on the lake and we waited anxiously to see what would happen as the dinner hour approached. It was now nearly 4:30 PM and a surprising box of fish was coming through the door. Contestants #1 and #2, Mark & Mark were the proud

bearers of a Cooler containing some SILVER FISH, yes sir there are still KINGS in Lake Huron and the Marks had four in the box to prove it. Their largest fish was a 6.85 # King and this is the biggest King that I have personally weighed from the East Side this year. These Silvers were a pleasure to weigh and a welcome change to post in the stats. Several more Fish were brought in to the scale with nothing being large enough to get on the board. We weighed a lot of the 5 / 6 # class fish throughout the day and these fish were very common as most people had good luck catching the infamous Lakers. As the 6:00 PM hour rolled over Tournament Control sat down to a well-deserved dinner of an extra large Pizza with double cheese and double pepperoni and some anchovies

on the side... how's that for eating healthy and keeping in the fish theme??? Saturday's last entry of note came in from the "No Clue" boat late in the day. Just after 8:30 PM Donna and Buck came in with a pair of LT that tipped the scales at 8.3 & 8.05 Pounds. These fish came as a doubleheader with both fish landed and grabbing the 7th and 8th places on the money board. The day ended with a couple more light catches brought in and Tournament Control ended the long 13 hour day with a cocktail to sooth the aches and pains of a tough day.

SUNDAY JULY 17, 2005
Tournament Control opened bright and early with expectations high, as the day was much better weather wise. A light drizzle and

a slight breeze should allow the entire fleet to enjoy a good morning of fishing. The radio traffic indicated that most of the boats were up and at em' and as the 11 o'clock hour came and went, we here at Tournament Control were anxious to see how the morning bite would affect the leader board. Anticipation built as noon passed and still no fish were brought in to be weighed. Finally the first boat of the day came in to the scales and although "Reel Thing" had a nice box of fish, their biggest was a 7.05 pounder and did not place on the leader board. Around 12:30 PM the "No Clue" crew came in with a heavy, heavy coffin of Lakers 18 in all and weighed the best 5 fish. 3 of these fish did displace spots #6, #8, & #9 to snatch 3 of the 10 money spots available. Kudos and nice job go out to the "No Clue" crew for a nice morning catch. At exactly 1:00PM the folks from the "Markken" boat rolled in and brought a nice box of fish in with them. Two of these Lake Trout jumped into the #4 & #5 spots coming in at 9.00 # even and 8.90lbs. Just ¼ lb out of the coveted big money spots. As closing time approached at 2:00pm several boats brought in fish in the 9-pound class and it got very busy at Tournament Control. It was hard to keep this log up to the minute in that last hour as we were very busy but when all was said and done the final standings looked like this...

- 1 Bill Sturm Lake Trout 11.85 16-Jul 1:19 PM
- 2 Mike Nichols Lake Trout 9.95 17-Jul 1:34 PM
- 3 Nathan Nichols Lake Trout

- 9.75 17-Jul 1:09 PM
- 4 Ken Peltier Lake Trout 9.60 17-Jul 4:48 PM
- 5 Joe Golaszwesky Lake Trout 9.25 16-Jul 1:29 PM
- 6 Dennis Bacsikin Lake Trout 9.05 17-Jul 1:30 PM
- 7 Kim Dominick Lake Trout 9.00 17-Jul 12:59
- 8 Marty Osmond Lake Trout 8.90 17-Jul 12:59
- 9 Chris Bolzman Lake Trout 8.60 17-Jul 1:30 PM
- 10 Bob Feisel Lake Trout 8.55 16-Jul 10:32

We would like to thank everyone that participated in this Derby and hope that you will come back to join us in next years event. Thank you all very much and good luck the rest of the season.

Tight Lines and Screaming Drags to all, Tournament Control

Check Your Label

Did you know that your mailing label includes the date your membership expires? The month and year your membership expires is below your name. If it's marked yellow, your membership may be close to expiring. Don't be disqualified from a tournament because you forgot to re-up. Regular memberships are still \$25, Senior \$10 and Lifetime \$150.

See Tom Moores at the regular meeting or send your check to the club post office box (1255 in Sterling Heights Mi. 48311-1255).

June 2005

Skipper of the Year Standings

Standings	<u>Aug 15</u>	<u>Best 4</u>		<u>Salmon</u>	<u>Grand</u>	<u>Port</u>		<u>Ludington</u>	
<u>BOAT</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>St Joe</u>	<u>Stakes</u>	<u>Haven</u>	<u>Austin</u>	<u>Frankfort</u>	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Lud. II</u>
1 Sloppy Joe	Joe von Grabe Tom	13	75	50	75	3	5	1	4
2 Bad Dog	Gorguza	14	75	50	3	19	2	6	3
3 Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	23	75	50	7	9	6	8	2
4 Aquarius II	Chris Nytko	27	75	50	10	4	10	3	14
5 No Limit	Dave Linder	29	75	1	8	11	9	75	12
6 Outta Line Thor's	Jason Adam	30	50	50	2	14	1	13	75
7 Hammer	Al Wiechert	32	75	50	12	75	4	10	6
8 Bobby's Toy Almost	Bob Jones Bob	40	75	75	13	6	7	14	75
9 Paradise	Paradise	54	75	50	1	75	75	2	1
10 Mary K	Ken Kuhar	60	75	75	14	18	75	15	13
11 In-Seine	Mark Bevans Paul	79	75	50	11	75	75	11	7
12 Blue Horizon	Gjeldum	84	50	75	6	15	13	75	75
13 Blue Star II	Stan Bilek	91	75	75	75	13	50	12	16
14 Lil' Scratch	Dick Shirk	92	75	75	5	75	3	75	9
15 Tyger	Ty Voigt	137	75	50	75	2	75	75	10
16 Slapshot	Doug Batty	145	75	50	9	75	11	75	75
17 Loki-One	Dave Roehr	147	75	50	17	5	75	75	75
18 Crusader	Mike Vigus	148	75	50	75	12	75	75	11
19 Pat A Wac	Jim Fitch	157	75	50	75	20	12	75	75
20 Dredge	Ed Hill	158	75	75	18	75	50	75	15

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