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January MEETING

The January 27, 2004 Meeting will be held at St. Pius K. of C. (our regular meeting location).

ELECTIONS

At the Christmas meeting elections were held for Directors of the Detroit Area Steelheaders. Elected to office were Jason Adams, Chris Miller, Bill Stanley, Dwayne Welder, Ty Voigt and Chris Nytko.

At the January Board of Directors meeting, officers were elected. Your new Detroit Area Steelheaders President is Mark Bevens. Elected VP is Mike Vigus. Your secretary for 2004 is Linda Banbury and the Treasure is Steve Hamilton. Congratulations to all!



NEW MEMBER DRIVE TO START IN JANUARY

The Detroit Area Steelheaders has announced a new membership drive starting in January, with an incentive for any new member to sign up. If your membership has expired prior to December 2002, or you are a brand new member signing up for the first time, you will receive a package valued at approximately \$25.00. This package will include; two Michigan Squids or Flies, a **DAS** fishing towel, two **DAS** decals for your boat or truck, a **DAS** patch for your jacket or vest, and Michigan maps and brochures. This is with a paid \$25.00 one year membership fee, or a \$150.00 lifetime membership fee. Not only is this incentive a great reason to join the **Detroit Area Steelheaders** for yourself, but also for your family as this is a family membership.

Following are some of the reasons why fisherman all over the state, and beyond are joining the **Detroit Area Steelheaders Inc.**

*The **Detroit Area Steelheaders Inc.** provides you with a means of being heard on issues affecting our fisheries.

*You receive 12 monthly issues of "**FISHING TALES**" newsletter, among the finest published anywhere.

*Organized events all year long, including boat trolling, river fishing, pier/surf fishing, and ice fishing tournaments, and seminars, held all over the state.

*Social events such as the annual **Dinner Dance**, the 5th annual **Wild Game Sportsman Dinner**, as well as a special Christmas meeting with Salmon Claus for the kids.

*Participation in public service events such as the **Special People Walleye outing**, and the **River Crab Salmon Stakes**, to support worthy causes.

*Donations to M.S.U. research on fisheries, and donations to various sport fishing organizations to support hatcheries, as well as lawyer fees to help protect our fishing rights all over the state. In all more than **\$22,000** has been donated since we came into existence as a sport club.

*This is our **30th year** in existence as a sport fishing club, and we have great guest speakers lined up for upcoming meetings. Some would include, representatives of the Michigan DNR, state fisheries biologist, and charter captains, who would all give us timely information, and share their passions, as well as their special areas of expertise. Also, question and answer periods are held at our monthly meetings, with the top skippers of our fishing tournaments, which are held all over the state.

*Camaraderie with your fellow members at the **Knights of Columbus** hall in Warren. The K of C hall is located at 6177 Chicago Rd. between Van Dyke and Mound Rd where Thirteen Mile and Chicago Rd intersect. Our meetings are on the last

Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 in the evening.

*You can fill out the application for membership that is in the newsletter, and drop it in the mail, to our PO Box, or better yet bring it to one of our monthly meetings, and join in on the fun of great fishing ahead. We will also have a booth at the major fishing shows. Look forward to seeing you at one of the shows, or better yet at one of our monthly meetings. The members of our club are what make us successful, and without **YOU**, it will be hard to reach our goals.

See you at the next meeting,
Tom Moores-Membership
Director

2004 Boat Trolling Schedule

Lexington Club Tournament
4-24-2004
Port Captain: Mark Bevans

St. Joe Club Tournament
5-01- 2004
Port Captain: Joe VonGrabe

Grand Haven (2-Day) Club Tournament
5-22 & 5-23-2004
Port Captain: Doug Karakas

Port Austin (Team Doubles) Club Tournament
6-05-2004
Port Captain: Blaze Pewinski

Special People (Toledo Beach Marina, Monroe) Special People Tournament
6-12-2004
Port Captain: Doug Karakas

Frankfort Club Tournament
6-26-2004
Port Captains: Bob Jones

Port Austin (DAS Big Fish Quest)Public Money Tournament
7-16 & 7-18-2004
Fishermen's Meeting
7-16-2004
Director: Mike Vigus

Ludington (Ladies Day) Club Tournament
8-07-2004
Port Captain: Mike Vigus/Bill Dunk

Ludington Club Tournament
8-14-2004
Port Captain: Bob Feisel

Manistee Club Tournament
8- 28-2004
Port Captain: Bob Paradise

Harbor Beach Club Tournament
9-11-2004
Port Captain: Chris Nytko

Robert Lewis

We are sad to report that long time friend Bob Lewis passed away in January. While many of you may not have met Bob, he is the person responsible for typesetting and printing of our Annual Issue and our summer issues of Fishin' Tales.

This is the reason that your Annual has been delayed. Bob was a long time friend and will be missed by many of us. His dedication and contributions to the Club are many.

Fifth Annual Sportsmen's Dinner

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will be hosting our fifth Sportsmen's Dinner on Saturday, March 6, 2004. We will be at the same location as last year's highly acclaimed

dinner, at Salt River Golf Club Banquette Center at 33633, 23-Mile Road, New Baltimore; 2.4 miles east of I-94 (Exit #243). This finely decorated hall has large windows providing a wonderful view of the golf course. The doors will open at 5 PM and the dinner begins promptly at 6PM.

This will be a traditional sportsmen's' dinner with a game menu, an impressive display of taxidermy and raffles. We are fortunate to have the same caterer who will prepare five game entrees such as pheasant, caribou, buffalo, etc. We will have the same great raffles as last year. MICHI-GUN will again be present providing choices for our biggest winners. We expect to have upwards of 90 raffle prizes and hope to beat last year's wildly successful fundraiser.

We expect to sell out the 325 Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. P.O. Box 1255 Sterling Heights Mi. 48311-1255

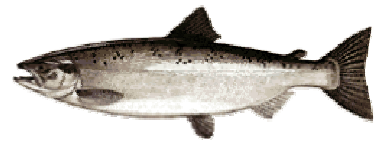
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available seats. DO NOT BE LEFT OUT! Tickets are the same price as last year, \$35 each for the dinner including pop and beer. A cash bar is available for other drinks. Dining tables seat ten and may be reserved with advance payment. We have non-smoking and smoking areas. Tickets will be available at the January 27th membership meeting and from any Director. Members please help your club's biggest fundraiser by selling some tickets, obtaining needed raffle donations and by attending and having a great time.

For more information, contact Steve Hamilton, Dinner Chairman at (313) 881-3871 or Tom Moores at (248) 634-5789

Check Your Label



Did you know that your mailing label includes the date your membership expires? If it's marked yellow, you are expired (no; just your membership!) Don't be disqualified from a tournament because you forgot to re-up. See Tom Moores at the regular meeting or send your check to the club post office box 1255 listed below. Regular memberships are still \$25, Senior \$10 and Lifetime \$150.

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Financial Summary for 2003

Following is a brief summary of the Detroit Area Steelheaders financial information for 2003. Any questions should be directed to Steve Hamilton our Treasure.

Revenue

Game Dinner	\$27473
Big Fish Quest	9,094
Raffles	6,367
Tournaments	4,456
Dues	4,025
Dinner Dance	1,946
Merch. Sales	844
TOTAL	\$54,205

Expense

Game Dinner	\$16,824
Big Fish Quest	7,349
Donations/ misc.	4,515
Membership	4,038
Tourn/Trophies	3,116
Dinner Dance	2,408
Raffles	1,525
Insurance	1,189
Director meetings	981
Merchandise	784
Newsletter*	364
TOTAL	\$43,093

Cash Flow \$11,111

*excludes Annual (\$3,800)

Shows for 2004

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will have a display at two shows in 2004. The first show will be at the Gibraltar Trade Center in Mt Clemens on February 20 -22. The second show will be Outdoorama in Novi at the Exhibition Hall. MUCC has shortened this show for 2004 and the dates will be February 25 - 29.

Anyone who can help out manning the display should contact Bill Nutting at 586-772-5702 or see any Director at the meeting.

Detroit Area Steelheaders Donate to Hatchery Project

The Detroit Area Steelheaders have again shown that they support the fishery in many ways.

The Board of Directors approved a \$2500 donation to the Orsini Hatchery. This hatchery is managed by the Manistee County Sport fishing Association.

The hatchery has been in need of a backup generator to insure the survival of fingerlings when there is a power shortage.

Over the years your club has donated well in excess of \$20,000 to various projects.

New Research Blows Away Myths

New research conducted by the USFWS station near Rogers City is blowing away many of the myths and concepts held by salmon fisherman over the years.

While primarily know for their sea lamprey studies, the research that is attracting all the attention is a new study using implanted micro-devices to track the depth and temperature of salmon and lake trout.

The Researchers first caught salmon North of Rogers City, surgically implanted them with the micro-devices, put two tags with 800#s on them and released the fish.

The first surprise was that the 4 of 5 fish subsequently captured again by fisherman were caught in rivers in Georgian Bay; not

Swan Bay. Another was caught in Wisconsin.

However the most surprising findings were relative to the tracking of the depth and the temperature of water that these fish had been in.

While I do not yet have the official results my observations of the raw data were startling.

One of the questions we have all had was "Where are the kings in the Spring?" Many of us have speculated that they were in the Southern part of the lake and hadn't migrated North.

The data showed that kings can winter in deep water. Several fish recorded depths of 400 to 500 feet down over the winter months.

May showed a sharp rise to water less than 100 feet. So maybe those fish were at your port but you were fishing about 400 feet too shallow?

Another sample of data showed that even during the summer, kings can make short term migrations to very deep water. Some seemed to be in less than 100 and then made a daily migration to depths of 200 to 250 feet of water; but not every day! So maybe that mark on your graph at 200 feet is a king!

One of the more interesting findings was of five fish that were at about 54 degree water at 5 am. Some went deeper as the sun came up and others went shallower. The amazing thing was they were in order of size with the deepest fish being the largest. Real? Of just "the role of the dice?" Stay tuned. Bob Mitchell - El-Lin