



Southwest Michigan Steelheaders ***March 2008 Gone Fishin'***



Letter from the President

*Once again, Tackle Mania was a success. The weather conditions were not in our favor, however several people came out to see what the vendors had to offer. Start now by cleaning out your boat, garage and basement and get your items ready to sell for next years Tackle Mania. We already have names on the list for the 2009 event! Our 4th Annual Fishing Seminar is March 11th. This newsletter should hit everyones mail box in time for this event. If you haven't already signed up...do it now! This years guest speakers will be **Dave Engel and Bill Bale of Best Chance Too Sport Fishing Charters.***

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Happy St. Patricks Day

Monthly Membership Meeting

Thursday March 13, 2008

VFW Club Post #1137 * 2616 E. Napier * Benton Harbor
Social Hour begins at 6:00 PM * Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Guest Speaker For March 2008

Roy Cohen from Superior Marine Service in Michigan City. Roy will offer valuable information on marine engine service, storage and operation. Roy will also share some interesting information regarding Ethanol Gas as well as fuel and lubrication systems. Roy has some great visual demonstrations and displays and has spoke at many locations across the midwest. With spring coming you won't want to miss this one!



Have a Blessed Easter



S.W. Michigan Steelheaders

4th Annual Fishing Seminar

GUEST SPEAKERS

Capt. Dave Engel & Capt. Bill Bale

BEST CHANCE TOO

SPORT FISHING CHARTERS

Tuesday, March 11, 2007 at 6:30 PM

Where: VFW Post #1137

2616 E. Napier Avenue * Benton Harbor

(Across from Lake Michigan College)

Cost \$20.00 per person in advance

(Provided space is available, tickets may be purchased at the door for \$25.00)

Pizza provided for dinner & Cash Bar Available

(Additional food available for purchase)

Door prize will be awarded to someone in attendance

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2008 Southwest Michigan Steelheaders SUMMER CHALLENGE



May 8-11, 2008 - St. Joseph, Michigan

Thursday, May 8	Mandatory Captain's Meeting: 7:00 pm (Registration at 5:00 pm)
Friday, May 9	Fish Day 1, Weigh-In
Saturday, May 10	Fish Day 2, Weigh-In, Awards Dinner
Sunday, May 11	Ladies & Kids Tournament (Mother's Day)

Port of St. Joseph, MI – Pier 33 Showroom (on Anchor Way)

1st Place Pro Pays \$15,000* **1st Place Amateur Pays \$4,000***

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*Letter from the Pres. * continued from page 1*

Information enclosed in this newsletter for the seminar. Tickets are available for purchase by contacting a S.W. Michigan Steelheader Board Member, or at either Fishin Hole location. Pre-Buy your ticket for \$20 or they will be \$25 at the door provided space is available. Ticket price includes pizza for dinner and a cash bar for the beverage of your choice.

Planning is underway for the 2008 Summer Challenge Tournament. If you would like to help with this tournament, attend one of the Membership Meetings and get your name on the list. There are a lot of things to be done and a lot of people are needed to do them everyone's help is appreciated.

Spring Fishing will be here before we know it. Until then, enjoy those Bluegill, Crappie, Perch and Pike through the ice!

*Charlie Broadhurst, President
S.W. Michigan Steelheaders*



***Battle Creek Steelheaders
11th Annual Spring Chapter Challenge
Fishing Tournament
March 15th, 2008 on the St. Joe River
Entry Fee \$15.00 per person
Pre-Registration is required by March 13th
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Tim Rose (269) 657-7879
or send check payable to Tim Rose:
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Celebrate the season with these GREAT IRISH RECIPIES

Reuben Casserole Ingredients :

3/4 cup cubed rye bread

2 (10 1/2 ounce) cans cream of mushroom soup

1 1/2 cups milk

1/2 cup finely chopped onions

3/4 lb deli sliced corned beef, chopped or leftover corned beef brisket, sliced and chopped

1 1/2 teaspoons dry mustard

1 tablespoon granulated sugar

32 ounces sauerkraut, drained

2 medium baking potatoes, thinly sliced

2 cups shredded swiss cheese

2 tablespoons butter, melted Preparation : Heat oven to 250°. Arrange bread cubes in a single layer on a baking sheet.

Toast in the oven until dry. Crush or process cubes in a food processor until you have medium crumbs; set aside.

Increase oven temperature to 350°.

In large bowl, mix together cream of mushroom soup, milk, onion, corned beef, dry mustard and sugar. Set aside.

Spread sauerkraut evenly in bottom of a lightly greased 9x13" baking dish.

Place potatoes in single layer, slightly overlapping, over 'kraut.

Spoon soup mixture over potatoes and top with cheese.

In small bowl, combine melted butter with rye bread crumbs, and sprinkle mixture over ch

Cover and bake 50 minutes. Remove cover and bake 10 minutes more.



Irish Dumpling Stew

Serves 6 Preparation Time: 20 minutes Cooking Time: 2 hours **Ingredients :** 4 medium Gold Potatoes or

Butter Red Potatoes, whole 2 pounds stew meat, lamb or beef 1/2 cup flour 2 onions, chopped 2 carrots,

chopped 2 tomatoes, peeled and chopped 1 clove garlic, minced 1 large bunch of mixed herbs (thyme,

rosemary, sage), tied with a string 1 1/2 cups beef broths salt & pepper to taste

Preparation :

Coat meat in flour, then brown in oil in a skillet. Add onions and garlic and saute. Place browned meat, onions and vegetables in large cooking pot. Place herbs in middle of mixture. Cover with broth, cook 2 hours over low heat. While stew is cooking, make dumplings. During last 20 minutes of cooking, add dumplings. Salt and pepper to taste.

Dumplings

Ingredients : 6 cups self-rising flour 1 cup fresh bread crumbs 1 tablespoon mixed herbs 1/4 cup solid

shortening 1 egg, beaten Broth or water Salt and pepper to taste

Preparation :

Mix dry ingredients, then add shortening and egg, mixing thoroughly. Divide mixture into small pieces, roll into even rounds between floured hands. Cook in boiling water or broth for 15 minutes. Add to stew 20 minutes before stew is done.

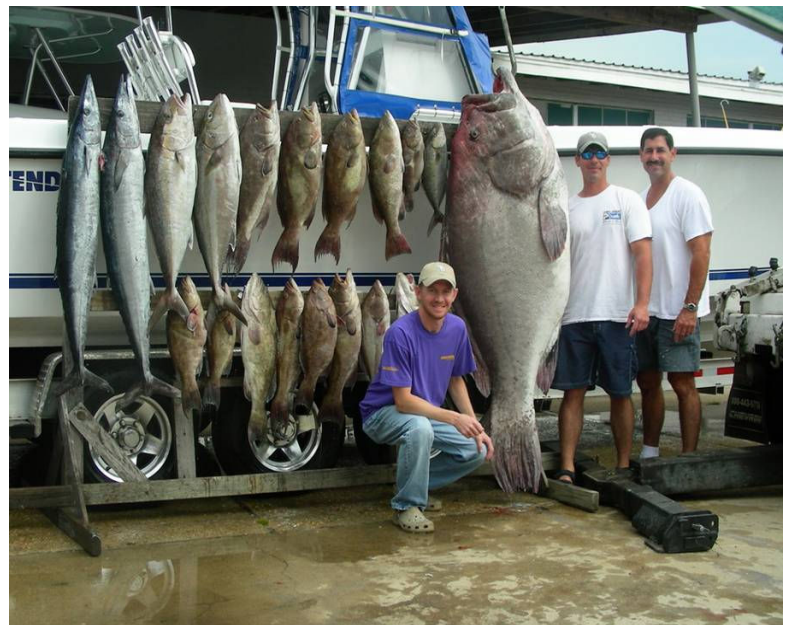
November 13, 2007

THIBODAUX , La. —A medical student who blindfolds his friends to keep his favorite offshore fishing spot secret has come up with a record-beating fish — a warsaw grouper weighing 359.1 pounds.

The giant hauled in by J.J. Tabor of Thibodaux is 12 ounces above the previous Louisiana state record, a state biologist confirmed. It's been cut down to fillets. The first fillet weighed 53 pounds, Tabor said. He caught it near an oil rig 70 miles south of Fourchon, in 400 feet of water. He won't give a more specific description.

'It's J.J.'s secret,' said Joey Rodrigue, a friend from Baton Rouge who joined Tabor and Tabor's father, John, on the record-making trip Saturday. 'I don't even know where I was. He blindfolds us on the way out.' Tabor said he thought at first that his hook with a live hardtail on it had hit the bottom 'until I felt the big head shake.' Rodrigue steered away from the rig. 'I put myself in a harness and just had to lay back and fight,' J.J. Tabor said. 'It was about a 15 or 20 minute fight.' Tabor cleaned the fish late Monday afternoon outside his father's auto repair shop in Thibodaux. 'We'll split it up,' he said. 'I'll make some phone calls and try to get rid of it fresh. The rest, we'll vacuum pack it and cook it later.' Tabor says he believes the fish is about 33 years old. He plans to send an inner-ear bone called the otolith to a university in Florida where researchers can help determine the age of the fish. He hopes to get the results in about four weeks. The world record, caught off Florida in 1985, is 436 pounds, 12 ounces.

I THINK THIS GUY NEEDS A BIGGER NET!



2008 Big Fish Contest

<u>Charter Division</u>	<u>Non-Charter Division</u>	<u>Kids Division</u>
KING SALMON No Report	KING SALMON No Report	KING SALMON No Report
STEELHEAD No Report	STEELHEAD No Report	STEELHEAD No Report
LAKE TROUT No Report	LAKE TROUT No Report	LAKE TROUT No Record
COHO SALMON No Report	COHO SALMON No Report	COHO SALMON No Record
BROWN TROUT No Report	BROWN TROUT No Report	BROWN TROUT No Record
ATLANTIC SALMON No Record	ATLANTIC SALMON No Record	ATLANTIC SALMON No Record
PERCH No Report	PERCH No Report	PERCH No Record
WALLEYE No Record	WALLEYE No Report	WALLEYE No Record

Big Fish Contest Rules

1. Contestants must be a member of S.W. Michigan Steelheaders or their immediate family.
2. If a Steelheader catches a fish aboard another Steelheaders boat, it will be recorded with their name "Aboard" the Steelheaders boat the fish was caught on.
3. Eligible species: Steelhead, Coho Salmon, King Salmon, Atlantic Salmon, Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Walleye, and Perch.
4. Fish must be caught out of the Port of St. Joseph, Michigan (Boat or Pier), or in the St. Joseph River.
5. Contestant dues must be current prior to entering contest.
6. Fish must be weighed on a certified scale and entry form must be signed by witness at weigh in location.
7. Fish caught by A Licensed Charter Captain must be entered in the Charter Division regardless of boat he or she was aboard.
8. Children of Active Steelheaders, 16 years of age and under, may enter their fish in the Kids Division. Charter Division and Non-Charter Division does not apply to children.
9. Contest ends November 30th at midnight. Awards will be honored at the Annual Christmas Party.
(The S.W. Steelheaders Winter Challenge results will be included in the yearly contest regardless of the date the tournament is held.)
10. All entries will be verified by Big Fish Chairperson. Big Fish may be weighed in at B.J. Sports, Broadlow's Fishin' Hole, Klose Marina and Tackle Haven. If you weighed in a Big Fish that does not appear in this issue of the newsletter, your official weigh-in form was not forwarded to the Big Fish Chairperson for recording in time to make the monthly deadline. Contact the weigh-in location to make sure the responsible party delivered the weigh-in form. If your form does not get delivered to the Big Fish Chairperson, it will not be recorded or taken into consideration for the Big Fish Contest!

Calendar of Events 2008

all events subject to change

March 2008 Calendar of Events

- 8th - Battle Creek Steelheaders Spring Tune-Up Tournament on the St. Joseph River
- 11th - Fishing Seminar - Guest Speakers: Best Chance Too Sport Fishing Charters. Information in this ne
- 13th - S.W. Chapter Membership Meeting * 6:00 Social Hour 7:00 PM Meeting
VFW Club Post 1137 * 2616 E. Napier Avenue * Benton Harbor
- 13th - 16th - The Ultimate Sport Fishing Show * Devos Center in Grand Rapids
- 15th - Battle Creek Steelheaders 11th Annual Spring Chapter Challenge on the St. Joseph River.

April 2008 Calendar of Events

- 10th - S.W. Chapter Membership Meeting * 6:00 Social Hour 7:00 PM Meeting
VFW Club Post 1137 * 2616 E. Napier Avenue * Benton Harbor
- 21st - MSSFA Region II Meeting * So. Haven/S.W. Michigan Chapter Host * So. Haven * 7:00 PM

May 2008 Calendar of Events

- 3rd - 4th - Hoosier Coho Club Classic - Michigan City, Indiana
- 8th - Captains Meeting for the Summer Challenge **NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS MONTH**
- 9th - 11th - Summer Challenge - St. Joseph, Michigan

June 2008 Calendar of Events

- 12th - S.W. Chapter Membership Meeting * 6:00 Social Hour 7:00 PM Meeting
VFW Club Post 1137 * 2616 E. Napier Avenue * Benton Harbor

July 2008 Calendar of Events

- 10th - S.W. Chapter Membership Meeting * 6:00 Social Hour 7:00 PM Meeting
VFW Club Post 1137 * 2616 E. Napier Avenue * Benton Harbor
- 21st - MSSFA Region II Meeting * Grand Haven Chapter Host * Grand Haven * 7:00 PM

August 2008 Calendar of Events

- 14th - S.W. Chapter Membership Meeting * 6:00 Social Hour 7:00 PM Meeting
VFW Club Post 1137 * 2616 E. Napier Avenue * Benton Harbor

September 2008 Calendar of Events

- 11th - S.W. Chapter Membership Meeting * 6:00 Social Hour 7:00 PM Meeting
VFW Club Post 1137 * 2616 E. Napier Avenue * Benton Harbor



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March 08 Expirations

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April 08 Expirations

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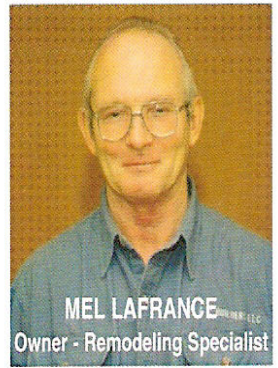
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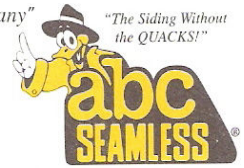
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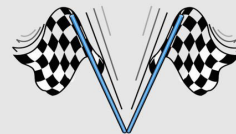
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May 2008

Monthly Fishing Report as of March 4, 2008

Ice fishing is still going strong. It as been reported that many inland lakes have 12" of ice. The rain we have had has melted the snow, and the cold weather that has been predicted will keep the ice strong. Reports of Pike, Crappie, Perch and Bluegill have been reported on many inland lakes in the Van Buren, Cass and Berrien County area lakes.

**Report your catches to Theresa VIA phone: 269-208-0404
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TO:

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