



Mid-Michigan Telegram

JUNE NEWSLETTER

President's Corner:

I can sum up the Holland Tournament with two words "Gale Warnings" Our first event of the year and all day Friday every time I checked the forecast it got worse. By the time I left home small craft warnings were predicted. By midnight they had been changed to the gale warnings. Soooo the tournament was canceled. At 1:30 we dined on Pulled pork BBQ with Homemade coleslaw (Thank you Gerri), and chips. After lunch some of us sat around and discussed world events, weather, and fishing. Holland is a nice port with very good facilities and soon a fish cleaning station. I stayed in the Macatawa Pines Loop. Nice campground and was protected from the winds.

Next stop is Sterling State Park and our Walleye tournament on June 13th. Greg moved this ahead one-week so we might miss the worst of the Mayfly hatch. Unfortunately we hit free fishing weekend so expect a lot of extra boat traffic and allow the time to get to the weigh-in. This time of year should find a lot of good fishing in Michigan waters.

June 6th is our rescheduled river cleanup contact John Hesse 517-626-4194. Another time we planned something and Mother Nature disagreed with us. Again lunch is furnished and there will probably be some fishing after the work is done.

Tight Lines

Larry

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BILL EARL REPORT

Rosemary tells me that our buddy Bill Earl is improving some. Saturday he was moved from St. Joe Hospital to Heartland Rehabilitation. He can speak; however, he has some difficulty and swallowing is difficult. At this time he is paralyzed on his left side. As always his mind is sharp. Bill's rehabilitation will be slow, but there is hope for a very good recovery. The plan is that he will be in the rehabilitation center for a couple of months. Heartland Rehabilitation Center 4701 East Huron River Dr. Ann Arbor, MI. 48105 You might wish to send Bill a card now along with a note. Bill has been a big supporter of Mid-Michigan Steelheaders; donating the pheasant hunt raffle and a wonderful co-education director. A big thanks to John Hesse for taking over the projects Bill had set up while Bill is recuperating.

. NOW is the time for you to check your calendar, mark which outings you would like to go on and make reservations. If you are river and stream fishing person, you may want to crew up on someone's boat to do some Great Lake fishing or you may find a river near and take part in the outing. The same is true for you Great Lake fishing people. So call the outing chairperson to make your arrangements ASAP.

Mid-Michigan Steelheaders Outings November 2008-2009

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CHAIRPERSON
November 9, 2008	Steelhead Outing	Grand River @ Grand Rapids Including Rogue River Boating, shore & wading options	John Hesse (517) 626-6194
March 14-15, 2009	Yellow Perch, White Bass	Lake Semcoe, Ontario	Bill Earl (586) 337-2319
		ATTENTION THIS OUTING DATE WAS CHANGED TO JAN. 31-FEB.1, 2009	
May 2, 2009	River Cleanup	Red Cedar River From Harrison Rd. -Aurelius Rd. 9:30-1:30 optional fishing afterward	John Hesse (517) 626-4194
May 16, 2009	Great Lake	Holland	Larry Hoort (517) 243-1766
June 13, 2009	Walleye	Sterling State Park Many members camp at the state park And extend their stay	Greg Blankstrom (517) 294-3003
June 21, 2009	Family Picnic	Lions Park Dimondale	Gerri Hoort (517) 242-0190
June 28, 2009	Dimondale Day In Park	Virtual Fish Machine for the kids	Steve Markucki (517) 646-8377
July 11, 2009	Great Lake	Ludington	Dave Bieganski (517) 223-1045 Ron Hunt (517) 543-1334
August 21-23, 2009	Great Lake, River, Stream	Manistee Annual family campout Many members extend stay	Gerri Hoort (517) 242-0190 Larry Hoort (517) 243-1766
Sept. 12-13, 2009	Salmon Outing	Wellston Manistee river area Including Bear Creek Camping Twin Oaks	Doug Herbruck (517) 669-3885
Nov. 28-29, 2009	Steelhead Outing	Manistee River and area streams	Denny Higelmire (517) 242-5287
December 5, 2009	Family Chirstmas Party	Local UAW 652 Hall 426 Clare S. Lansing	Gerri Hoort (517) 242-0190

STERLING STATE PARK FISHING REPORT

Many of you will be heading to Sterling State Park for the clubs walleye outing on June 13. Dave Bieganski sent this report after he and Pam were fishing there June 23-24.

23-Jun-2009 Fishing out of Sterling State Park the folks fishing in the large group of boats in 19 to 21 FOW weren't doing very well so Pan and I went searching for the fish. we tried 3 locations with no luck then found the walleye between Sputnik and the Toledo Lighthouse 1 to 2 miles west of the channel in about 25 FOW. The fish were hitting only on mini disks with copper color stinger walleye spoons 80 to 90 feet behind the boards. We ended up with 9 - 3 to 4 lb walleyes and 4 perch.

24-Jun-09 AM 4 to 5 foot waves, we came back in, went back out at 5:30PM to the same area as above "25 FOW", had our limit of 10 - 3 to 4 lb walleyes at 8:30PM of walleye. 8 on 3oz bottom bouncers and 2 off mini disks with spoons 85 feet behind the boards.

Pam took some pic's, call her if you want her to send you some.

Thanks
David W. Bieganski

State Board Director Report for the State Board Meeting of 05-20-09

At the meeting there was a guest speaker Kelly Smith from the DNR Fisheries Division. He shared with us how bad the Fisheries budget is and how it has come to be in this bad shape. What it means for us that in October of this year there will be some big decisions that will affect all of us so stay tuned for what will happens, there are many options being reviewed.

It was reported from the paper committee that we might start using a different printer for our paper that will save us money. The next issue of our paper was mailed out May 16; so let me know if you don't get yours.

The Lake Huron committee reported that the fish dump for the lake was not good because of the presents of Cormorants. There have been some reports of fishermen catching kings on the upper northern area of the lake.

The report on Lake Michigan is good it seems there is a good Alewife population out in the deeper part of the Lake so there is hope that they will survive to provide a forage base for the Salmon.

Reported By Ron Hunt

MID-MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS FAMILY PICNIC

This is a great day to just have fun! Awesome food, relax and really get to know your fellow steelheaders.

THE CLUB furnishes the fishboil (YES Don Cunningham and his assistant Mark Redburn do a fantastic fishboil), table service and lemonade.

YOU bring your favorite dish to pass (salads, side dishes or deserts) and any other beverage you want.

There is a small playground (for the kids), horseshoes, fishing in the Grand River, and members bring outdoor games. Of course, there will be cards and euchre.

PLACE AND TIME: JUNE 21 NOON TILL ??? DINNER AT 3:00

LYONS PARK IN DIMONDALE

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED CONTACT GERRI (517) 242-0190 ASAP

COME JOIN US FOR THIS LOCAL DAY OF FUN!

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Gerri's AND MSSFA MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

The MSSFA is having a fun membership challenge. It starts now and goes through December 1, 2009. The idea is for the members of each chapter to sponsor everyone they know to join the MSSFA. Each chapter will reward members for sponsoring new members to the MSSFA. The top sponsor of each chapter will then attend the January 2010 MSSFA meeting and be in a drawing for some pretty nice prizes, there will be 1 prize for each chapter.

Mid-Michigan chapter will have drawings at the Christmas Party,

For any member sponsoring 2 members, prizes will be valued at approx. \$40-\$??

The MSFA challenge, prizes will be valued at a higher amount.

The MSSFA challenge is for new full memberships to the MSSFA, Jr. members and chapter only members will not count. Can we add 30 new members to the MSSFA, or better yet could each member sponsor at least 1 new member?

DON'T FORGET! My challenge to you is to sponsor 2 new members. In my challenge ANY new member to Mid-Michigan Steelheaders count. You will win prizes at our Christmas Party for every 2 new members you sponsor.

AUGUST FAMILY CAMPOUT AUGUST 21 - 23, 2009

For all of you that have reserved (let me know you are going AND paid your \$25 PER member) to go to the August campout! I NEED the name of everyone on your campsite or boat! If you are taking a boat PLEASE let me know AND the name of your boat. I also need to know how many members you can take out fishing at least once, the spirit of our chapter is to get each person (that wants to go fishing) a chance to go fishing on THIS SPECIAL weekend. PLEASE LETS GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CREW ON A BOAT; please also let me know ahead. When going on someones boat our members make a generous donation to the boat captains, as it's not only expensive for them to own their boat, they have a lot tied up in equipment and it's expensive for them to haul their boat to take you fishing.

Lots 116 and 117 are our community lots. We all take our lawn chairs to lot 117 and spend time there getting acquainted, visiting, having campfires and eating! This is where we also give you any necessary information and crew up boats.

There will be a large white Canopy on lot 117, we all take snacks to share (just take your snacks and put on a table when you unload Friday; most bring fruit, chips, cookies, muffins, any baked goods or snacks. **The club furnishes hot dogs for Friday nite, please feel free to c'mon down and roast some over the fire. In the large white cooler you will find 7up- DR. Pepper products and bottled water (please help yourself to a cold soda or water and return empty cans to the proper garbage bag). Everything under the canopy (and hot dogs) you can help yourself to.**

If you wish to stay extra days, you need to make your own reservations and pay for your lot, we only reserve and pay for August 21-23.

EVERYONE is expected to volunteer for helping with one chore (this will only take a few minutes when everyone helps) or donate an extra \$10. Please let Gerri know which chore your willing to give time..

WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON FRIDAY YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE, GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR LOT!

Chores to volunteer for:

Help transport supplies to Manistee (need to be there Friday morning)

Friday noon: (b) help set up canopy on lot #117

(c) help unload supplies, soda and wood

(d) take care of food after hotdogs

(e) set up coffee for sat. morn

Saturday (a) help get veggies ready for fishboil (wash potatos peel onions)

(b) clear off tables, set up for dinner

(c) Fishboil

(d) clean up food

(e) dishes

(f) set up coffee for Sunday morning

(g) big fish weigh in

Sunday (a) take down and repack canopy

(b) clean up and take down tables (pack supplies)

(c) reload supplies in vehicles



MID-MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS ANNUAL CAMPOUT 2008

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 18

Wow! Jim Bedford put on a great presentation about fishing on the Grand River. This included from Lansing to Grand Rapids, giving a lot of good tips and some pretty strong hints about good fishing spots. Very good slides. After Jim was finished John Hesse took over and showed slides while talking about fishing MSU. Two great speakers in one night, many thanks Jim and John. These 2 environmentalist always get our members attention with environment issues and are involved with some issues that they will let us know how we can get involved.

DON'T FORGET OUR RIVER CLEAN UP THIS SATURDAY JUNE 6!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 15

As always our membership meetings are held at Buddies in the Holt Plaza. Dinner/Social hour at 6:00pm and meeting at 7:00pm.



SPORTSMEN FOR YOUTH DAY

The Mason Optimist Club sponsors a wonderful day for youth; many area clubs and organizations volunteer to teach youth activities. This year the date is June 13. Mid-Michigan Steelheaders takes the virtual fishing machine for the kids to use. We need a couple of volunteers to help the kids use the virtual fishing machine. Larry is unable to do this year. Last year Larry and I did this. It was 90 degrees and a constant long line of kids (this is why we need people to take turns helping them). When we left at 5:00 pm; we were hot, sweaty, sore and tired; and laughing at the different kids. We both agreed it was the most fun we've had in a long time. If you can help out at this very important event, please call Gerri (517) 242-0190 or email mmsteelheaders@yahoo.com.

Red Cedar River Clean-up, Volunteers Needed

The Stream Committee has scheduled a cleanup of the Red Cedar River for **Saturday, June 6, 2009**, 9 am to 1 pm.

Our Chapter has adopted the Red Cedar from Harrison Road in East Lansing downstream to Aurelius Road, committing to do a river cleanup once a year. Last year, because of not having enough volunteers, we split this stretch into two sections that we cleaned on different dates. This year, hopefully with enough volunteers, we'll be able to do the entire stretch on May 2nd.

As we did last year, we'll meet at 9 am at the trailhead on Clippert Street south of Kalamazoo Street. We'll dispatch work crews from there and meet back there for lunch after we finish. Work will likely be completed by 1:00 pm and then lunch will be served by Steve Markucki.

Volunteers will have options to work from canoes, walking the banks or by wading. We are hoping to have at least 6 canoes (3 to cover the Harrison Rd to Kalamazoo Street stretch) and 3 to go from Kalamazoo on down to Aurelius Road. If you have a canoe we can use, please let John know.

Volunteers had a lot of fun last year and some of the crew had success fishing after the work was completed. So please let John Hesse know if you think you might be able to help!

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