



Southwest Michigan Steelheaders

A Chapter of the Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fishermen's Association

St. Joseph, Michigan



February 2009

Letter from the President,

Don't forget the Fishing Seminar coming up on March 10, 2009. Mark Chmura of Pier Pressure Fishing Charters will be our guest speaker. Mark will discuss Deep Water Fishing on Lake Michigan. \$20 per person. Dinner will be provided and a Cash Bar available. Seminar will take place at the VFW Post #1137 * 2616 E. Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor. Tickets available in advance by contacting any board member. This is a seminar you really want to see!

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

***Monthly Membership Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2009***

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

GUEST SPEAKER

JOE MONTELLA

Joe will share his techniques on ice fishing.

2009 Big Fish Contest

December 6th is the last chance to beat any of these weights! BUT - you must fish in the river tournament to do it!!!

Charter Division

KING SALMON

STEELHEAD

LAKE TROUT

COHO SALMON

BROWN TROUT

ATLANTIC SALMON

PERCH

WALLEYE

Non-Charter Division

KING SALMON

STEELHEAD

LAKE TROUT

COHO SALMON

BROWN TROUT

ATLANTIC SALMON

PERCH

WALLEYE

Kids Division

KING SALMON

STEELHEAD

LAKE TROUT

COHO SALMON

BROWN TROUT

ATLANTIC SALMON

PERCH

WALLEYE

Bill Doak - Four Seasons Fishing Charters

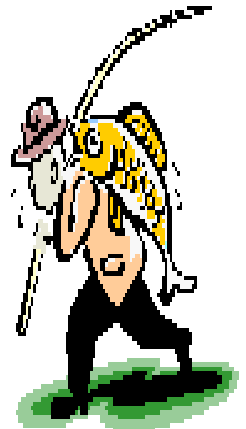
Jim Conder - Big Bird Fishing Charters

Chris Holt

Amy Lausman - Coho's Aim Again

Alec Douville - Brandon Marie

***WE MISSED YOU AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND
JANUARY MEETING. YOUR 2008 TROPHY FOR BIG
FISH IS AT FISHIN' HOLE ST. JOSEPH. STOP AND
PICK IT UP AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.***



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. Kids Division will be honored at the January Membership Meeting. (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!

***S.W. Michigan Steelheaders
4th Annual Fishing Seminar***

***Our Guest will be
Mark Chmura***



Pier Pressure Fishing Charters

***MARK WILL BE DISCUSSING
DEEP WATER FISHING ON LAKE MICHIGAN***

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

VFW Post #1137

2616 E. Napier Avenue

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

(across from Lake Michigan College)

COST \$20 Per person in advance

(\$25 at the door if seats are available)

Cash Bar Available for participants

Pizza will be provided for participants

DON'T MISS THIS SEMINAR!!

***GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE BY CONTACTING ANY
BOARD MEMBER OR CONTACTING CHARLIE 269-208-6777***

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Chris Rose, Jim Marohn
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Membership Form

New Member ___ Renewal ___ Address Change ___

Date: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Street City State Zip
 Boat Name: _____
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 Dues: Regular \$35.00 ___ Sr. (over 65) \$25.00 ___ Jr. \$5.00 ___

Make Checks Payable To: SW MI Steelheaders

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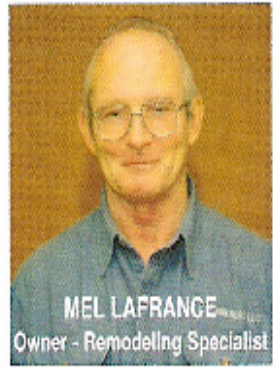
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WHAT STEELHEAD MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY

*Dear Charlie and Theresa,
Please thank the Steelheaders Association for their kind advertisement donation. It is appreciated! Also, Brian's Marina, thanks you both for all you do for the Steelheaders as it impacts our livelihood also. We would gladly be apart of assisting in next years fish pens, should you so desire.
Thanks Again, Brian and Patti Jewell*

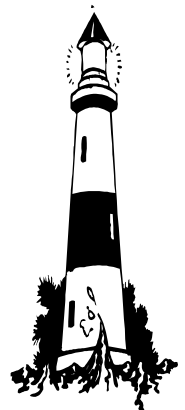


*Have Something To Sell?
S.W. Michigan Steelheaders can advertise
in our monthly newsletter.
IT'S FREE!*

Laugh for the Month

YOU MIGHT BE A FISHERMAN IF.....

- 1) You have a power worm dangling from your rear view mirror because you think it makes a good air freshener.
- 2) Your wedding party had to tie tin cans to the back of your bass boat.
- 3) You call your boat "sweetheart" and your wife "skeeter".
- 4) Your local tackle shop has your credit card number on file.
- 5) You keep a flippin stick by your favorite chair to change the TV channels with.
- 6) You name your black lab "Mercury" and your cat "Evinrude".
- 7) Bass Pro Shop has a private line just for you.
- 8) You have your name painted on a parking space at the launch ramp.
- 9) You have a photo of your 10 lb. bass on your desk at work instead of your family.
- 10) You consider viennies and crackers a complete meal.
- 11) You think MEGABYTES means a great day fishing.
- 12) You send your kid off to the first day of school with his shoes tied in a palomar knot.
- 13) You think there are four seasons—Pre-spawn, Spawn, Post Spawn and Hunting.
- 14) Your \$30,000 bass boat's trailer needs new tires so you just "borrow" the ones off your house.
- 15) You trade your wife's van for a smaller vehicle so your bass boat will fit in the garage.
- 16) Your kids know it's Saturday—Because the boats gone,



Calendar of Events 2008 & 2009

all events subject to change

February 2009

12th - Membership Meeting VFW, Napier Avenue Benton Harbor 7:00 PM (social hour 6:00 PM)

March 2009

7th - Grand Rapids Steelheaders Fishing Tackle Sale - Diamond Hall for more info contact Steve 616-617-8092 or Bob 616-453-3109.

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**TO ADD AN EVENT - CONTACT THERESA BROADHURST, NEWSLETTER EDITOR
269-208-0404 or e-mail Theresa: theresabroadhurst@gmail.com**



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Happy Valentines Day