



Southwest Michigan Steelheaders

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

St. Joseph, Michigan



March 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. Pick up your ticket at Fishin' Hole in St. Joseph or give me a call (269-208-6777) to make arrangements for attending. This is a seminar you don't want to miss!*

Ultimate Sport Show in Grand Rapids is coming up March 18th - 22nd. This is the last sport show of the season. If you want deals, attend! Have a great month. Look forward to seeing everyone at the March membership meeting. Mike McGee of DNR will be our guest speaker. If you have questions....now is your time to ask them!

Charlie Broadhurst, President

S.W. Michigan Steelheaders

March 2009 Membership Meeting

Thursday March 12, 2009

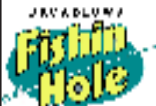
VFW Club Post #1137 * 2616 E. Napier * Benton Harbor
Social Hour begins at 6:00 PM * Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Guest Speaker

Mike McGee

Department of Natural Resources

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

S.W. Michigan Steelheaders

4th Annual Fishing Seminar

Our Guest Speaker



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!!

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2009 Big Fish Contest

Charter Division	Non-Charter Division	Kids Division
King Salmon	King Salmon	King Salmon
Steelhead	Steelhead	Steelhead
Lake Trout	Lake Trout	Lake Trout
Coho Salmon	Coho Salmon	Coho Salmon
Brown Trout	Brown Trout	Brown Trout
Atlantic Salmon	Atlantic Salmon	Atlantic Salmon
Perch	Perch	Perch
Walleye	Walleye	Walleye

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!

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Thank you Mark Bachman - Hour Time and Mark Greenberg for sharing this information with us.

Hi Mark - I wasn't able to get any comprehensive tournament stats for you...all we have access to is the raw data. But here is an article by Dr. Dan O'Keefe (Michigan Sea Grant) who is the guy we were doing the study for. These are some of his conclusions from the 2008 data:

"During 2008, Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University's Center for Economic Analysis worked with tournament organizers to conduct the first-ever study of economic impacts resulting from salmon tournaments around Lake Michigan. The numbers are in, and they suggest that local businesses and governments would do well to support the growth of tournaments. Tournament teams that participated in the 2008 study reported all money spent in and out of the port area. The biggest expense was boat fuel, which was not surprising given that captains reported paying an average of \$4.21 per gallon. Pro teams spent an average of \$1,274 for boat fuel over the course of a tournament, while amateur teams spent only \$343. Pros also spent more in most other categories, and the average pro team consisted of six anglers who spent a total of \$3,268 to fish the tournament. The average amateur team included five anglers who spent \$1,267 to fish the tournament. Over 90% of all spending occurred in the port hosting the tournament, which means that hosting a tournament brings big money into local hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, and marinas. In fact, spending by anglers in ports hosting the fifteen Tournament Trail events totaled over \$1.8 million. The result of this spending was increased labor income of \$797,270 and 58 jobs created in coastal communities during Tournament Trail events in 2008. The Gander Mountain Offshore Classic was the biggest tournament of the trail in '08. Over a period of four days, anglers fishing the classic spent nearly \$300,000 in the Ludington area, resulting in the creation of ten jobs. These numbers don't include impacts of spending by non-anglers, like family and friends who travel with anglers for shopping and entertainment in the host port. We will be working with Tournament Trail to expand the study for the 2009 season. Look for surveys in packets handed out at captain's meetings, and please help us to demonstrate the full scope of economic benefits that coastal communities realize when they support tournament fishing."

*Hope this helps,
Tom Greenberg*

Calendar of Events 2009

all events subject to change

March 2009

7th - Grand Rapids Steelheaders Fishing Tackle Sale

Diamond Hall for more info contact Steve 616-617-8092 or Bob 616-453-3109.

8th - **DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!!!!**

10th - Fishing Seminar Guest Speaker Mark Chmura of Pier Pressure Fishing Charters

\$20 in advance \$25 at the door. Food provided - Cash Bar.

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

MIKE MCGEE OF DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER

TO ADD AN EVENT

CONTACT THERESA BROADHURST, NEWSLETTER EDITOR
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*There is still time to sign up for the Fishing Seminar scheduled for
March 10th.*

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Mark will speak of Deep Water Big Lake Fishing.