



Southwest Michigan Steelheaders

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

St. Joseph, Michigan



October 2009



Letter from the President,

Wow there are only 2 1/2 more months left in 2009, where does the time go? Although big lake fishing is coming to an end, we still have river fishing to look forward to. So to start it off with a bang, we invite you to attend the River Seminar with Capt. Russ Clark from Sea Hawk Charters. This event will take place October 22, 2009 at 6:30 PM at the VFW on Napier Avenue in Benton Harbor. For \$25 you can attend the seminar and listen to Russ and for \$100 you can attend the seminar and take part in a River Fishing Trip with Capt. Russ on the St. Joseph River. Russ will be teaching tricks to catching fish on the river, and perhaps a few pointers on Lake Michigan fishing as well. The price for this seminar includes dinner.

The Southwest Michigan Steelheaders will also be joining the Van Buren County Sportsman's Club in Hartford to prepare a Fish Boil Dinner on October 25, 2009 at the Sportsman's Club in Hartford. The cost for this dinner is \$5 per person. We encourage everyone to attend this event. If you are interested in helping prepare the dinner, give me a call 269-208-6777, we can sure use the help.

It's also time to mark your calendars for the Annual Christmas Party. This year it will take place on December 4, 2009. Entry form for the Christmas party is enclosed in this newsletter.

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

October 2009 Membership Meeting

Thursday October 8, 2009

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

We have a lot of information to cover.
No guest speaker for the month of October.



Big Fish Contest at is stands for the year 2009:

Charter Division

King Salmon

Ryan Bauer (Treble Hook) 22 lb.
Jerry Link (Originator) 20 lb. 9 oz.

Brown Trout

Ryan Bauer (Treble Hook) 11 lb. 10 oz.

Coho Salmon

Bill Doak (Four Seasons) 10 lb. 6 oz.
Mark Johnson (Reel Crazy II) 8lb. 5 oz.

Steelhead

Jerry Link (Originator) 12 lb. 10 oz.
Jerry Link (Originator) 11 lb. 8 oz.

Lake Trout

Kim Weber (Rod Hog Charters) - 20 lb.
Kim Weber (River Gold) 17 lb. 8 oz.

Perch

Gary Schrader (Moody Blues) - 1 lb. 10 oz.
Troy Hahaj (Reel Addiction) 1 lb. 6 oz.
Roger Huelsberg (Romad) 1 lb. 3 oz.

Walleye - OPEN



Private Division

King Salmon

Ray Rendell (Bustin Caps) 19 lb. 12 oz.

Brown Trout

Don Finn (Play Toy) 14 lb. 4 oz.

Coho Salmon

Bob Lausman (Disco Duck) 10 lb. 11 oz.
Bob Munch (River Gold) 10 lb. 3 oz.
Dino Yaccabozzi 9 lb. 1 oz.

Steelhead

Jim Bennett (Eagles Nest) 15 lb.

Lake Trout

Chris Holt (Pelagic) 18 lb 10 oz

Perch - OPEN

Walleye - Joe Montella (Hammer Time) 8 lb. 12 oz.

Junior Division

King Salmon

Alec Douville 13 lb. 5 oz

Coho Salmon

Alec Douville 4 lb. 4 oz.

Steelhead

Alec Douville 9 lb. 4 oz.

Lake Trout

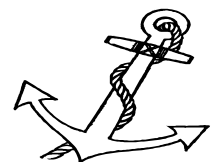
Alec Douville 14 lb. 12 oz.



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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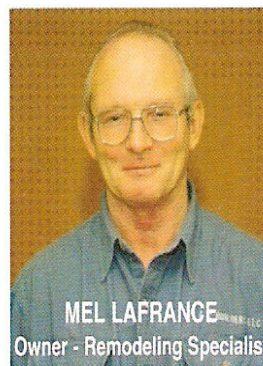
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Membership Form

New Member _____ Renewal _____

Address Change _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street City State Zip _____

Boat Name: _____

Home Port: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Amount of Dues:

Regular \$35.00 ___ Sr. (over 65) \$25.00 ___ Jr. \$5.00 ___

Make Checks Payable to S.W. Michigan Steelheaders

Send payments to:

S.W. MI Steelheaders

P.O. Box 575 * St. Joseph, MI 49085

You may also hand deliver your payment to any S.W. Michigan Steelhead Board Member or bring payment to the next Membership Meeting or event.



S.W. MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS "WINTER CHALLENGE" RIVER TOURNAMENT

DATE: December 5, 2009 (Saturday)
 PLACE: St. Joseph River (RR Bridge in St. Joe to Berrien Springs Dam)
 FEE: \$ 20.00 Per Person
 START: 6:00 A.M. (Launch anytime but no fishing before 6:00 A.M.)
 FINISH: 2:00 P.M. (Fish hooked after 2:00 P.M. cannot be counted)
 WEIGH-IN: Weigh in at Vickie's Sandbar, 2701 Lakeshore Dr., St. Joseph, Mi.
 Food provided. Beverage of choice may be purchased.

All entrants must be in the weigh in area by 3:00 P.M. Sharp !

- RULES:
1. Open to general public.
 2. All DNR rules apply.
 3. River limits are from Railroad bridge in St. Joseph upstream to the Dam at Berrien Springs. You may fish from shore or boat but you must fish in the St. Joseph River.
 4. Steelhead, Brown Trout, Lake Trout, and Walleye may be entered.
 5. Individuals may enter up to (3) Steelhead
 6. Individual prizes from prize table awarded to all qualifying Steelhead entries. Additional Steelhead awards for Michigan Steelheader members only (membership must be paid before entry deadline).
 7. Big fish prizes for Brown Trout, Lake Trout, and Walleye.
 8. A chapter traveling trophy will be awarded to the Michigan Steelheaders chapter that weighs in the (3) heaviest Steelhead.
 9. Entry deadline is December 4, 2009 (see store closing times below)

For more information contact Joe Montella (269) 983-6852 or Charlie Broadhurst at (269) 208-6777

ENTRY FORM FOR 2009 S.W. MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS RIVER TOURNAMENT

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date: _____

Are you a Steelheader: Yes ___ No ___

If you are not a member of the Steelheaders would you like to join ? Yes ___ No ___

Return entry forms to BJ Sports (6 PM), Broadlows Fishin Hole (5:30 PM), Tackle Haven (6:00 PM), or Mail to:

Joe Montella
2719 Willa Dr.
St, Joseph, MI 49085

Mailed entry forms must be received by December 4th.



Southwest Michigan Steelheaders
2009 Christmas Party



Friday: December 11, 2009
Social Hour 6:00 PM * Dinner Served at 7:00 PM

Lake Michigan Hills Banquet Hall
2520 Kerlikowske Road * Benton Harbor, MI
\$10.00 per adult (no children please)

RSVP by December 4, 2009.

Late Registration fee: \$15.00 per person

Desserts: As tradition stands, Lady Steelheaders are invited to bring a dessert.

Raffle Tickets: Will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Steelheaders are requested to bring unwrapped gifts, but are not required to do so.

Food Donations: We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the needy. Bring your non-perishables along with you to the Christmas party and your name will be placed in a special drawing to be given away at the Christmas Party.

Alcohol: Cash Bar ONLY * **Please No Outside Beverages Allowed.**

Live Entertainment: Bring your dancing shoes and be ready to have a good time!

Mail your payment (along with this form) to:
S.W. Michigan Steelheaders * P.O. Box 575, St. Joseph, MI 49085
Or Hand Deliver to the October or November Membership Meeting
You may also drop your entry off at either Fishin' Hole location

Steelheaders Name: _____

Your Guest: _____

\$10.00 per adult - Amount enclosed: \$ _____

DEADLINE DECEMBER 4, 2009
LATE REGISTRATION \$15.00 PER ADULT (after December 4, 2009)

We Are Looking Forward To Sharing The Christmas Spirit With Everyone!



Seminar



Southwestern Michigan Steelheaders

TOPIC: **Tips & Techniques for Catching Steelhead & Salmon by Boat on the St. Joseph River by Captain Russ Clark of Seahawk Charters**

DATE: Thursday, October 22nd, 2009 @ 6: 30 PM

PLACE: VFW Post 1137, 2616 E. Napier, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

FEE: \$25.00 Seminar only

 \$100.00 Seminar **PLUS** 1 day of on river instruction by Capt. Clark
(spots are limited and will be filled first come first served)

For more info contact Charlie Broadburst at (269) 208-6777 or Jim Marohn at (269) 208-2784

REGISTRATION FORM STEELHEAD & SALMON SEMINAR

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Cell or Telephone # _____ Are you a Steelheader? Yes ___ No ___

Seminar only - \$25.00

Seminar PLUS 1 day on river instruction - \$100.00 (select day below)

Saturday, October 24th

Sunday, November 1st

Make checks payable to: *Southwest Michigan Steelheaders*

Return registration forms to Broadlow's Fishin' Hole or Tackle Haven

World Record Brown Trout taken in Manistee River

A potential world record 41 lb, 7 1/4 oz. (19.1 k.), 43.75" (1.11 meter) Brown Trout (currently *Salmo trutta*, formerly *Salmo fario*) was caught on Wednesday in Michigan's Manistee River.

Thomas Healy of Rockford, Michigan was fishing a crankbait (a plug with a lip causing it to dive when retrieved, "cranked," i.e reeled in) using a spincasting rod and reel.

The previous record Brown Trout weighed 40 lb. 4 oz (18.26 k.) and was caught in 1992 on the Little Red River in Arkansas by Howard Collins.

Healy was being guided by Tim Roller of Ultimate Outfitters.

The fish was weighed and measured by two Michigan state biologists.



*Right:
Mr. Healy
holding the gigantic
trout.*

Southwest Michigan Steelheaders & Van Buren Sportsman's Club

Invite you to a **Fish Boil October 25, 2009** at 2:00 PM

This event will take place at Van Buren Sportsman's Club 54630 CR 687 *

Hartford, Michigan. Cost for this dinner will be \$5.00 per person. There are limited seats available. Sign up early by contacting Charlie at 269-208-6777.

If you wish to help with this event, contact Charlie 269-208-6777. We can use extra help preparing the dinner.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fishing Seminar October 22, 2009

Fish Boil October 25, 2009

'Winter Challenge' River Tournament December 5, 2009

Christmas Party December 11, 2009

Information on all events enclosed in this newsletter!



******HAPPY HALLOWEEN******



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