

Mid Michigan Sport Fishing Show

WHAT A SHOW

It is a fact now Mid Michigan Steelheaders know how to put a Sport Fishing Show on. The team work that made this show a success was great. As chairman you could not ask for a better group to work with, the main committee was made up of 5 people Dennis Higelmrie, Doug Herbruck, Greg Blankstrom, Roger Arnold, we also drafted Mary Arnold. We met almost every week starting back in Nov. of 2010 and called many more times during the weeks. The number of hours that were put in are huge each person stepped up and did more than they were ask to do. Then the volunteers that worked the setup and the show day and then tear it down. It was great to see the members come together to make this show a success. It was fun and tiering and also a learning experience. Our Chapter has spread it's wings and we flew and made some money for our club. The numbers are not all in and will be shared when complete and I believe you will be happy.

Ron Hunt (Chairman of Mid Michigan Sport Show)



DOOR PRIZE WINNERS







Fishing Machine Was a Big Hit





News Letter 03-2011

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Lure Raffle-	Mike Shewell	

Chapter Board Meetings are on the first Monday 7:00PM at Buddies in Holt.

General Membership meetings are held the third Monday 7:00PM at Buddies in Holt. Come early 6:00PM to dine and share stories before the General Memberships Meeting.

State Board Meetings are posted on the State's web site held at MUCC located on Wood St. in Lansing at 7:00PM

Don't Forget

Stream Outing

On March 25, 26 and 27 Steve Markucki is chairing an outing on the Muskegon River near Newaygo. Usually the fish are in prespawn and moving up river during this time. We have a cabin reserved and will split the fees.

The cabin has its own boat launch if you choose to use it and there are numerous spots to wade or bank fish also. The White River is close by if a smaller stream is your preference.

Call Steve at 517-646-8377 for details and to reserve a spot by March 11th.

From the Presidents Chair



Is it here yet? I'm so ready for Spring I could cry. It seems as time goes by the winters get colder, longer and darker than they were in my younger years. Sometimes it feels like they will never end and then like a miracle, spring arrives to save the day. Well, it can't come too soon for me. The Steelhead making their spawning runs, frogs croaking in the evening, Bluegills on their beds, and all sorts of other Spring signs let us know another season has arrived. I've started getting my tackle cleaned up and in order for another year of fishing. Putting new line on my reels, checking the hooks on my lures and the line on my crawler harnesses is just part of my pre-season routine. I need to order that new electric motor too, so I can concentrate on fishing. Besides, I need keep up with the big boys.

Our Sport Fishing Show went very well for our first one. We had a good variety of vendors and I think most people attending enjoyed themselves. We made a decent profit for the club that will enable us to do more in the future not only for ourselves but also for youth education or other conservation endeavors. Another goal we would like to accomplish is to no longer have to depend on a raffle to help fund our activities. Now we need to decide if we will do another show next year and if so, will it be another one day show or should we do two days and try to get more vendors to participate. Any suggestions will be welcomed. Don't forget we have the spring raffle tickets ready for you to sell or purchase. Give Bruce Baird a call or get them at our next meeting. Remember this has been our main fundraiser for several years and we have some very nice prizes in our raffle. Please, if we all sell just a few it will help to support us. We will also be having a booth at the Grand Rapids Show and need help manning it. You can contact me or any Board member to volunteer. The dates are March 17th thru Mar 20th and we need to get the badges ordered as soon as possible. Please Help.

Our next general membership meeting will be March 21st and we will have Roy Bishop from Gale Force Tackle giving a seminar on Walleye fishing. And as always if you want a good meal, get to Buddy's early so you have time to eat before our speaker. We will have a short break after the speaker and then on to business. Bring a friend and introduce him or her to the Mid-Michigan Steelheaders and get in on the membership challenge at the same time. I would like to get some new ideas on local tournaments we could do to get more members involved. Maybe we could do a Bluegill or Bass tournament on a nearby lake or the Grand River. Think about what you like to do that we all could do with minimal cost and travel. See you at the meeting.

Doug <*****<

I am going to be informing you about the Asian Carp

How You Can Help:

Learn to Identify Asian Carp

The bighead and silver carp present the most severe threat to Michigan waters.

Bighead Carp:

- Can weigh up to 90 lbs and be nearly 5 ft in length
- Can consume up to 40% of their body weight daily
- Have a very large head and toothless mouth
- Adult fish are dark gray with dark blotches
- Eyes sit below the mouth



Silver Carp:

- Are smaller than the bighead
- Can weigh up to 60 lbs and exceed 3 ft in length
- Are light silver in color with a white belly
- Eyes sit below the mouth



Grass Carp:

- Can be more than 5 ft long and weigh more than 80 lbs.
- Have large scales that appear crosshatched
- Eyes sit even with the mouth



Adult Asian Carp illustrations by Joe Tomelleri.

How You Can Help: **Report Asian Carp**

If you believe you have seen or caught an Asian carp, or you have found one in your bait bucket, the DNR wants to hear from you. **DO NOT** release it! Please visit www.michigan.gov/asiancarp to fill out an online Asian carp reporting form, or call us at 517-373-1280. We'll want to know the details, such as where you caught it and when. You can play a role in helping us keep our waters great!

Asian Carp Create a Safety Hazard

Silver carp pose a hazard to boaters. The vibration caused by a boat propeller may make silver carp jump out of the water as high as five feet, potentially causing physical injury to people on the water.



What We're Doing:

The Michigan DNR has developed a comprehensive plan to prevent the introduction of Asian carp to Michigan waters.

The plan addresses:

- Prevention
- Communication
- Detection
- Assessment
- Management

Michigan is networking with other agencies to address the Asian carp threat. Read the plan, stay informed and learn more at www.michigan.gov/asiancarp.

Asian carp photo provided by Jason Lindsey

Dates	Activity	Location	Contact
March 11-13, 2011	Ice Fishing, Perch	Lake Simcoe, Ontario	D. Herbruck(517285-4497)
March 25-27, 2011	Steelhead River Fishing	Muskegon River	S. Markucki(517-646-8377)
June 4th, First Choice	River Cleanup*	Red Cedar River from Harrison	J. Hesse
June 11th, Backup date		Road to Aurelius Road	(517-626-6194)
		Fishing afterward optional	
June 22-24, 2010	4-H Exploration Days*	MSU and a local lake	J. Hesse
		3-day course for youth	(517-626-6194)
		"From Lake to Pan and Everything Between" ~ 5 volunteers needed	
Sept. 23-25 or Sept. 30-Oct. 2	Salmon Outing/Campout	Manistee River Area including Bear Creek.	D. Herbruck (517285-4497)
		Lodging/Camping site TBA	
Nov. 20th, 2011	Steelhead River Fishing	Grand River @ Grand Rapids	D. Higelmire
		Boating/Wading/Shore options	(517-242-5287)
		Dinner at Smokey Bones, 28th St.	

John Hesse, Stream Chairperson

* This is an youth education or community service activity rather than a regular outing; Club volunteers will be needed for each day.

Lake Tournament Schedule

May 21st -Holland -chair Ron Bosam
Walleye

June 4th & 5th- Lake Erie-Region 3

June 11th- Lake Erie Sterling State Park- Chair Steve Taylor
Blankstrom

July 9th- Saginw Bay- Chair Greg

August 20th Manistee Camp Out

I will be updating this schedule as some of the other clubs, (Huron Valley, Metro West) would like to do some joint outings with them.

Greg Blankstrom

Mid-Michigan Members, if you have any questions as to when your membership is due, please call or e-mail me. If you wish to continue receiving The State Newsletter delivered to your home, your membership can no longer be more than 60 days past due. Associate members, to continue your participation with us please check your due dates. Thank you to all who have renewed their membership. Please make checks out to Mid-Michigan Steelheaders & send to P.O. Box 466, Fowlerville, MI 48836. Thank You for your support.

Regards: Pam Bieganski

Last Name	First Name	Exp Date	Last Name	First Name	Exp Date
Bustos	Jeff	1/1/2011	Biegansk	Dave	3/1/2011
Nabors	Henry	1/1/2011	Braddock	Patrick	3/1/2011
Szafron	Charles	1/1/2011	Feldpalch	Curtis	3/1/2011
Webster	Michael	1/1/2011	Herbruck	Doug	3/1/2011
Anderson	Dave	2/1/2011	Kelley	Dennis	3/1/2011
Bustos	Phil	2/1/2011	Kruszewski	Jeff	3/1/2011
Flak	Larry	2/1/2011	McLaren	John	3/1/2011
Hershberger	David	2/1/2011	Miller	Herb	3/1/2011
Liu	Doug	2/1/2011	Nawrocki	Robert	3/1/2011
McGill	Scott	2/1/2011	Strek	Robert	3/1/2011
Nardin	Steve	2/1/2011	TenEyck	Bill	3/1/2011
Woolcock	Brian	2/1/2011	Dennis	Steve	4/1/2011
			Heavener	Dale	4/1/2011
			Herbruck	Matt	4/1/2011
			Pitlanish	Michael	4/1/2011
			Stirm	Ron	4/1/2011
			White	Len	4/1/2011

When a company or a business helps support the Mid Michigan Steelheaders we like to say **THANK YOU**. These people have donated items to our Club for lure raffle that makes money and supplies for us to give out at our events.

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