

MID MICHIGAN SPORT FISHING SHOW

presented by *Mid Michigan Steelheaders*

February 19, 2011

**Ingham County Fair Grounds
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Hours Sat. 9 am - 8pm

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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

Speaker for February Membership Meeting

John Hesse, Stream Chairperson and Youth Education Director for the Chapter, will be the featured speaker at the February 21st general membership meeting. John has travelled to all 7 continents in the last 16 years but few locations have matched the thrills he has experienced white-water rafting, fishing, and camping on the waters of the Snake River as it flows through Hell's Canyon, the deepest river gorge in America

Come and share his experiences rafting through dangerous Class IV rapids; sleeping under the stars; fishing for smallmouth bass and giant white sturgeon; viewing bighorn sheep, mule deer, black bears, and eagles; and learning about the rich history of this Wild and Scenic National Recreational area of Idaho/Oregon.

Bring a friend who might be interested in joining our Chapter.



From the Presidents Chair



Let's see now, bucket, rods, teardrops, heater, shanty, and bait. Good to go. Wait, minus 7 degrees? I'm headed back to bed! It's not fit for man or beast out there and I no longer have a plan to go anywhere. Even though I love to ice fish and have all the amenities to stay warm and comfy once I get out on the ice, I'm not crazy, though there are some that might argue that point. I like to stay mobile and dragging a shanty loaded with all my gear sounds a little like work. If I knew I could set up, drill a couple holes and catch a limit of nice fish without moving, I might consider going for it. I usually end up drilling lots of holes before I find fish and even after that I usually have to move around to catch enough to make it worthwhile. In weather like this, I just don't feel it's worth the extra effort it would take. Maybe next weekend things will be more favorable for going out and getting some gills. For now I will stay in and work on my honey-do list. Or, maybe I will work on my tackle instead. Yea, I think that's a better use of my valuable time. It's a dirty job but it has to be done, right?

Now for some real information on what's going on within Mid-Michigan. Our show seems to be shaping up nicely. It may not be as big as the Pros put on, but I think it's going to have a pretty good variety of things to see and do. Keep in mind that we will have an area with tables set aside for members to sell used items in a 'swap meet' type atmosphere. Those of you wanting to clean out your garage or basement and make some money in the process can contact Denny Higelmrie or Ron Hunt and they will hook you up. I'm very confident about our first show, with even more optimism about doing another show next year. Many potential vendors that couldn't attend this year due to prior commitments want to be contacted earlier in the year to get space in next year's show. We're also looking for someone to chair the August Campout this year. In order to make it a success we are asking for three members to take over the job. The reservations have been made since last year but someone needs to step up and plan who is doing what and which campsites everyone wants. This shouldn't be too tough but it needs to be done. Please give me a call and help out with this.

The first Golden Hook awards were given to Dave and Pam Bieganski for all their help with the club over the years. They both have been there whenever we needed anything. Pam takes photos, jumped in and helped with the swap meet and August Campout among other things. Dave always helps members with their boats, organized work skills workshops, hauled our equipment around and stored our trailer at their home and both have served on the Board. Roger and Mary Arnold received their award for all they have done to make this a better club. Preparing food for the swap meet was huge. They put on the Christmas party this year. Mary volunteered to be Secretary when no one else would and we had to haul Roger off in an ambulance to keep him from doing more work at the August Campout. Herb Miller was missing at the last meeting but will get an award for chairing two major events and that by itself should say a lot about Herb's commitment to the club. There are other things these members all did to help to help us out, so next time you see one of them stop and say thanks.

The Asian Carp battle continues with our new Governor and Attorney General. It seems they are committed to carry on the battle to keep the Carp out of our Great Lakes so I'm hopeful the fight will persist. Success will be measured in various ways but I personally hope there is a permanent separation of Lake Michigan and the Chicago Sanitary Canal. It is hard to believe that Illinois has so much influence over the Great Lakes with only 63 miles of shoreline.

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I guess it helps when the President comes from your state, although I don't understand the logic of keeping the waterway open when there is a chance of destroying the Great Lakes ecosystem. Apparently, there something I don't see in all this. Could it be money? Stay informed, write letters, E-mails and make phone calls to let your representatives know we're not going to stand for this.

Last but not least don't forget our Spring Raffle. We have a weekend at the Holiday Inn on Grand Traverse Bay, a matched set of custom St. Croix rods, one 8 ½ ft. spinning rods and one 9 ft. 7 wt. fly rod. We have two separate fishing trips on the Great Lakes, one guided wading steelhead trip. And ¼ beef processed. We are selling a limit of 1000 tickets at \$5.00 each. Pick up some tickets at the show or the next meeting.

Doug <*****<

Attention All Members

Mid Michigan Sport Fishing Show

With doing this show we need everyone to pitch in and sign up to help. To make this a success for our chapter we will need people to come out and help. You should contact **Rodger Arnold** at

517-230-7231 or silvereagle1937@aol.com

It is a one day show lets make it a great show sign up **NOW!**

HELP

I am going to be informing you about the Asian Carp

Other Resources:

www.michigan.gov/asiancarp
www.miseagrant.umich.edu/ais
www.glf.org
www.asiancarp.org
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Asian Carp

Know the facts and learn how you can help



Recognize carp and protect our waters from them
www.michigan.gov/asiancarp

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment is committed to the conservation, protection, management, and accessible use and enjoyment of the state's environment, natural resources, and related economic interests for current and future generations.



Asian Carp are Moving Toward Michigan

Asian carp were brought to North America in the 1970s primarily to eat algae in aquaculture ponds. They escaped from the ponds into the Mississippi and Illinois rivers and are migrating toward Lake Michigan.

There are four species of Asian carp that threaten Michigan waters:

- Bighead
- Silver
- Grass
- Black

Asian Carp Threaten Our Native Fish

If these carp become established in Michigan waters, they will eat the food supply that our native fish depend on and crowd them out of their habitat. This will greatly reduce your chance to catch your favorite game fish.

Asian carp:

- Are fast growing
- Can weigh up to 100 lbs.
- Reproduce rapidly
- Have large appetites
- Eat plankton, which our native fish depend upon for food

How You Can Help:

Don't Dump Your Bait!

By law it's illegal to dump live bait into any water body. Michigan DNR has an obligation to preserve and protect our resources.

"It is illegal to transport or possess live specimens of bighead, silver, grass or black carp." (Fisheries Order 209)

- Check your bait; baitfish can contain Asian carp
- Be aware and know what's in your bucket
- Identification of minnows and small carp can be confusing
- See reverse side of this brochure for bait identification
- DO NOT release baitfish into any body of water
- Dispose of any unwanted bait into the trash, not into the water



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

State Board Meeting of Jan. 22, 2011

Reported by Ron Hunt

At this First meeting of year Presidents from each chapter are invited along with others. To hear the year goals and then problems are discussed.

The minutes and treasurers report were presented and approved. Also the 2011 budget was presented and discussed and approved.

It was reported that there is a movement to require beacons (EPIRB) on all pleasure boaters that venture more than 3 miles off shore even on the Great Lakes, so stay tuned for more information later.

The State Web page now has the information that is presented at the State Board meetings and any information that should be sent out to the members. Our membership is around 1500 and is the reason why we need to promote new membership drives.

There was a report from Deb French that the paper is doing well with advertisements and it is looking like the \$3,000 that is paid from the State Board for the operation may not be needed.

Tribal Update from (Jim Vander Maas) the enforcement agent's numbers has been reduced down to 5. It looks like the The Little River Band may be reducing their fishing activities. There seems to be no abandon nets out on the Lakes but if you do find one provide accurate location.

At the State level promotion for membership there was a presentation of a tri fold of information about the Steelheaders and their activities. Also they will be mailing out to past members an alert asking them to rethink about joining and asking them if not than why.

Holland 2nd annual " Steelheader Challenge" was reported by Dennis Eade and his Executive Directive report which will be posted up on the State web site.

Dennis also presented a Branding Strategy one possibility is to change our logo to a more up to date one, the old logo is 40 years old. He would like to see all chapters standardize on one, main logo. There were many more ideas presented, I will keep you informed. If you have an idea please share it with me and I will forward it to the committee.

There was discussion about MSSFA providing financial over site to enable the chapters to get a raffle license. It seem to be that only a small number of chapters get a raffle license and general feeling is that the possible cost to do it was not well received. But hopefully the bylaws committee will review this function.

Lake Huron report from Vic Pres. Ken Merckel: The walleye plants will be on the inland lakes, the catch rate was up for Steelhead and Brown Trout. Corcoran's are still a problem, but the control process has been reduced.

Lake Erie report from Secretary Jerry Sickon that the catch rate for walleye will be reduced, if they use the science it would end up at 2 or 3 but the real number will probably be 4, but wait and see what happens.

The new Holland's bylaws were received and reviewed there were some suggestion for changes and with the changes it was approved.

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
Hill	Roger Lee	10/1/2010	Puente	Joseph & Sandy	2/1/2011
Burton	Keith & Sylvia	11/1/2010	Taylor	Steve	2/1/2011
Dart	Terry	1/1/2010	Woolcock	Brian & Vicki	2/1/2011
Blankstrom	Gregroy & Pam	1/1/2011	Arnold	Roger	3/1/2011
Bustos	Jeff	1/1/2011	Bieganski	Dave & Pam	3/1/2011
Hofstra	Henry	1/1/2011	Braddock	Patrick & Jennifer	3/1/2011
Nabors	Henry & Nancy	1/1/2011	Feldpalch	Curtis	3/1/2011
Szafron	Charles & Linda	1/1/2011	Herbruck	Doug & Jackie	3/1/2011
Webster	Michael & Holly	1/1/2011	Holcomb	Victor(Pete)	3/1/2011
Anderson	Dave	2/1/2011	Kelley	Dennis & Cherie	3/1/2011
Bosma	Ron	2/1/2011	Kruszewski	Jeff	3/1/2011
Bustos	Phil & Karen	2/1/2011	McLaren	John	3/1/2011
Flak	Larry & Jeannie	2/1/2011	Miller	Herb & Janette	3/1/2011
Forsberg	Ken	2/1/2011	Nawrocki	Robert & Kelly	3/1/2011
Hershberger	David	2/1/2011	Strek	Robert	3/1/2011
Liu	Doug	2/1/2011	TenEyck	Bill	3/1/2011
McGill	Scott	2/1/2011			
Nardin	Steve	2/1/2011			

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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