

Christmas Party 2010

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Submitted by Mary Arnold

On December 4, 2010 I had the pleasure of chairing the committee for our annual Christmas Party. About 40 of us gathered at the Union Hall including four (4) children and two (2) young adults. The evening included two wonderful slide shows of pictures taken this year at different events. Special thanks to Ron and Denny for providing these. We had a delicious meal provided by all our great cooks and door prizes for all. Of course the best part of the evening was the joy of sharing this wonderful time of year with great friends

Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to those who came early to help set up and stayed late to clean up. I hope everyone had a good time and look forward to seeing you all in the coming year.





News Letter 12-2010

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

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Aisian Carp

Dan Keifer Did a great job providing us with some very important information about the Aisian Carp. He would like to make sure all read and follow up on www.asiancarp.org This is the official website of the federal carp control program. There is a lot of good background information on the website including the Powerpoint presentation I used...and the contact information for the different federal agencies. To find the latest news, you have to first click on the button labelled, "Regional Coordination", then click on "newsroom."

From the Presidents Chair



Christmas is over, Winter is here and a new year is starting. It's hard to believe the days are getting longer, because they sure aren't getting any warmer. I've seen people on the ice for almost a month now on Lake Cadillac and they're ice fishing locally now. I'm going to be out there soon and before you know it, the Steelhead run will be in full force. I'm ready!

It looks like our Sport Fishing Show is coming along nicely thanks to Ron Hunt, Denny Higelmrie, Roger Arnald, and Greg Blankstrom. They were still looking for another boat dealer last time I knew. If there is a tackle dealer or some other kind of business you think might be of interest to sportsmen let one of the committee people know so they can be contacted. Maybe there's someone you saw at another show that might be of interest. If there is anything else you are willing to do to help with the show please let them know. There can never be too much help in an effort like this and we need for this to be a success.

On another front we are having some issues with getting our raffle license this year. It seems every so many years we need to re-qualify with the state in order to get a license. Ordinarily there would be no problem but the State Organization hasn't upgraded their Bylaws to reflect changes in the qualification process. This has caused us as a Chapter to affiliate with MUCC in order to qualify. This is not necessarily a bad thing, however it will cost us around \$350 in fees and memberships in MUCC to do so. Apparently other chapters have had to do the same in order to hold a raffle. I can't explain why the State Organization hasn't corrected this, saving the Chapters these fees but I will try to get an explanation. Nevertheless, we have sent the fees to MUCC and are hoping to have our license and tickets printed before our show. I will update you all at the next general membership meeting in January.

Remember, Spring is right around the corner.

Doug <*{}{}{}{}{}<

Our Speaker for January

Our January speaker is ice fisherman extraordinaire Norm Smith. Norm is a native of Dimondale, GM retiree, and a fisher his entire life. He became serious about ice fishing in '95 and has honed his skills over the years. He tournament fishes and was last years winner of the contest on our local Duck Lake. Norm will share his knowledge with us in a question and answer type session. Bring you're questions and be ready to pick up some tips to better your catch.

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

Mid-Michigan Steelheaders Stream Committee Outings, 2011

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| 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 SPORT FISHING SHOW

presented by Mid Michigan Steelheaders

February 19, 2011

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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 |
|------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Barr | Allen | 10/1/2010 | Dokum | Eugene | 2/1/2011 |
| Hill | Roger Lee | 10/1/2010 | Flak | Larry & Jeannie | 2/1/2011 |
| Burton | Keith & Sylvia | 11/1/2010 | Forsberg | Ken | 2/1/2011 |
| Dart | Terry | 11/1/2010 | Hershberger | David | 2/1/2011 |
| Blankstrom | Gregory & Pam | 1/1/2011 | Hunt | Ronald & Betty | 2/1/2011 |
| Bustos | Jeff | 1/1/2011 | Liu | Doug | 2/1/2011 |
| Hofstra | Henry | 1/1/2011 | McGill | Scott | 2/1/2011 |
| Nabors | Henry & Nancy | 1/1/2011 | Nardin | Steve | 2/1/2011 |
| Szafron | Charles & Linda | 1/1/2011 | Paul | Leroy | 2/1/2011 |
| Webster | Michael & Holly | 1/1/2011 | Puente | Joseph & Sandy | 2/1/2011 |
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| Baird | Bruce | 2/1/2011 | Taylor | Steve | 2/1/2011 |
| Bosma | Ron | 2/1/2011 | Woolcock | Brian & Vicki | 2/1/2011 |
| Bustos | Phil & Karen | 2/1/2011 | | | |

RECIPE FOR WINTER CONSOLATION

By Steve Markucki

With winter already here most anglers put up their equipment until spring. Some of us though take advantage of this time to do what is called "winter steelheading".

Why would anyone want to get out their fair weather gear and take it out in the cold of winter? Most people shudder at the thought of wading in the cold temperatures and icy water and may question your sanity. But I can tell you that it is an experience that rewards.

The streams are relatively empty allowing you to fish most places you wish. There is serenity about the whole affair. Crystal clear water, winter silence on the landscape, maybe a mink scurrying on the snow near the river bank, and a chance to do battle with the sleek lake run rainbows.

The first consideration for an outing is dress. I like to layer clothes, dressing similar to cold fall outings but adding a warm coat. Hoods are a premium. Under my neoprenes are good quality long johns and cotton pants. Do not make the mistake of adding too many socks. A pair of acrylic socks (Red Wing Shoes has them) under one pair of wools works fine. If you put on the extra pair you could tighten up your boot which eliminates any air space insulation and results in your feet numbing quickly. I take along a pair of rag wool gloves for walking and another without fingertips to fish with. For added comfort I put a hand warmer in each shirt pocket. They work on your hands and being in your shirt give off heat which is trapped inside your clothing giving you an added edge against the cold. I do put a thin piece of wood, like paneling, between the hand warmer and me on the inside of the pocket. The constant heat could result in a burn similar to over exposure to a heating pad if not protected. Add a hat and I am ready to go.

For equipment I stay with the same gear I usually use in the fall and spring, but I do lighten up on the line. Smaller diameters carry less water to the rod guides allowing more casts between freeze ups and with crystal clear water I find drifting with lighter leaders result in more hook ups. Fluorocarbons allow for a stronger line at finer diameters than mono. My favorite winter bait is wigglers, but spawn, wax worms, flies, spinners and spoons all work. I prefer to keep my offerings small.

Now it is a matter of using your techniques to present the bait or lure. Sometimes a native trout will pick up the day but remember to check the designation of your stream in the Michigan Inland Trout and Salmon Guide. Some allow trout 15 inches and larger to be kept and some only rainbows 10 inches and above.

There are problems winter steelheading like shelf ice, frozen guides and cold hands making your knot tying quite an experience. But it is worth it whether you are having a tug of war with Mr. Steelie or just out enjoying the outdoors. Fishing the open water sure makes winter time more pleasant for me and it definitely beats watching someone else do it on cable. Try it, you might like it.

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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