



# Mid-Michigan Telegram

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENTS CORNER

November is here already, for those who don't get e-mails there is a stream outing planned on the 9<sup>th</sup>, see John's article inside for all the details. Sounds like it might just about perfect timing.

At the October meeting we set the schedule for our events next year. This year instead of Grand Haven in May we are going to do Holland. I decided to make the change to make the camping part easier. The Holland State park has 211 sites on 2 loops on the Lake Macatawa side of the dune. The boat launch is a short drive from the campground. We can make our reservations 6 months in advance which will be the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. We also moved the event ahead 2 weeks to avoid any conflict with Memorial Day weekend. At this point I plan on camping Fri. & Sat. However if everyone else is going to do it as a day trip I will be slipping at the Yacht Basin Marina along w/ Greg Blankstrom & Dave Bieganski. When I called to get the price of a slip, they hadn't set them yet but said under \$40 a nite.

While on the topic of reservations Ludington campgrounds fill up early I suggest that if you're going you try to make them A.S.A.P. in fact I just made my reservation at Poncho's for July 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> They only have 2 left for that weekend now.

Tight lines

Larry

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Have you thought "this is my club, I'd like to get a little more involved but don't really have a lot of time"?

Well....if you attend most meetings.....how about volunteering to do the 50/50 or Lure Raffle! These are 2 positions that you really only have to do at the meetings you are attending anyway and you would be helping a great deal. Please reply by email to: mmsteelhead-ers@yahoo.com or call Gerri (517) 242-0190 asap.

Pat Quinn is chairperson for our 2009 swapmeet; he needs a couple volunteers to help with that, please call me if you would be willing to help him. This would involve a couple of meetings with Pat and some other chores, so you need a little extra time.

It's also not too early to start thinking about May elections. President and membership chairperson and tournament director need people running for these positions, please consider which position you would like to run for and contact Gerri or Larry to learn positions. Director at large positions will also be up for election.

## OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A lot was accomplished at this meeting. Both Greg Blankstrom (tournament director) and John Hesse (stream director) did an excellent job getting all of our outings set up for 2009. NOW is the time for you to check your calendar, mark which outings you would like to go on and make reservations. If you are river and stream fishing person, you may want to crew up on someone's boat to do some Great Lake fishing. The same is true for you Great Lake fishing people. So call the outing chairperson to make your arrangements ASAP.

### Mid-Michigan Steelheaders Outings November 2008-2009

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CHAIRPERSON
November 9, 2008	Steelhead Outing	Grand River @ Grand Rapids Including Rogue River Boating, shore & wading options	John Hesse (517) 626-6194
March 14-15, 2009	Yellow Perch, White Bass	Lake Semcoe, Ontario	Bill Earl (586) 337-2319
May 2, 2009	River Cleanup	Red Cedar River From Harrison Rd. -Aurelius Rd. 9:30-1:30 optional fishing afterward	John Hesse (517) 626-4194
May 16, 2009	Great Lake	Holland	Larry Hoort (517) 243-1766
June 13, 2009	Walleye	Sterling State Park Many members camp at the state park And extend the stay	Greg Blankstrom (517) 294-3003
July 11, 2009	Great Lake	Ludington	Dave Bieganski (517) 223-1045 Ron Hunt (517) 543-1334
August 21-23, 2009	Great Lake, River, Stream	Manistee Annual family campout Many members extend stay	Gerri Hoort (517) 242-0190 Larry Hoort (517) 243-1766
Sept. 12-13, 2009	Salmon Outing	Wellston Manistee river area Including Bear Creek Camping Twin Oaks	Doug Herbruck (517) 669-3885
Nov. 28-29, 2009	Steelhead Outing	Manistee River and area streams	Denny Higelmire (517) 242-5287

Thank you everyone for coming up with such a great schedule of events. Something for everyone! It's awesome to see so many members getting more involved and having fun with other members in the chapter.

## NOVEMBER 17 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Jim Vandermass will be our November speaker. This subject is one that should be interesting to everyone. Jim is Past president on M.S.S.F.A. Since his presidency he has served as tribal liaison dealing with tribal issues. he involved in both consent decree negotiations. He will be talking about the history of the treaties and consent decrees. Dealing with the big lake only. As always our meetings are held at Buddy's Bar & Grill in the Holt Plaza Holt, Mi. Most meet for dinner/social hour about 6:00pm with our meeting starting at 7:00pm. SEE YOU THERE

## State Report

Election of officers. President Rick Balabon (Flint) Vice President Dennis Eade (Holland) Secretary Treasurer Gerry Sickon (Huron Valley)

N.R.C. meeting November 6<sup>th</sup> In the Lansing Center. On the agenda is the proposal to allow three rods no more than 6 hooks per angler state wide. Meeting at 1:00 public input starts at 4:00

N.R.C. Meeting Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Also in the Lansing Center. This one is to change the limit on Salmon from 3 Kings to 5. This is a little complex as the D.N.R is going to use 1986 as the "benchmark" for continuing the rule. For those of you who were around yes 1986 WAS right in the middle of the B.K.D. days. Catch rates for 1986 were 0.190 per angler hour versus 2006 catch rate of 0.300 per angler hour. I will copy the information sheet for the membership meeting.

Same schedule meeting at 1:00 public input at 4:00

### D.N.R. Fisheries reports

Lake Huron: Going to try to collect lake herring eggs again. Ballast water bill KILLED in House of Representatives.

Lake Michigan: Reported good to excellent fishing all season. Cormorant control in Ludington area was satisfactory, and the Coho run was way down at the weir.

Discussion on fund raising efforts I will have the information on that at the meeting also.

Submitted by Larry Hoort

## MEMBERSHIPS DUE

Your support is very important to Mid-Michigan Steelheaders. Please make \$35 check out to Mid-Michigan Steelheaders and mail to:

Gerri Hoort  
P.O. Box 321  
Sunfield, MI. 48890

**MEMBERSHIPS DUE BEFORE SEPTEMBER ARE IN DELETE STATUS PLEASE SEND CHECK TODAY TO REINSTATE.**

**PLEASE HELP KEEP FISHING ALIVE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS**

**IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE, PAST DUE OR IN DELETE STATUS, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS BY EMAIL OR PHONE (IF I GET ANSWERING MACHINE I WILL LEAVE A MESSAGE, BUT WILL ONLY CALL ONCE). MOST OF YOU KNOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS, SO YOU COULD SAVE ME A LITTLE TIME BY CONTACTING ME WITH YOUR INTENTIONS: EMAIL [mmsteelheaders@yahoo.com](mailto:mmsteelheaders@yahoo.com) or phone Gerri (517) 242-0190. THIS WILL INCLUDE EVERYONE DELETED IN THE PAST YEAR.**

**YOU HAVE SEEN HOW OUR CHAPTER IS GETTING MORE INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY EVENTS, RIVER CLEANUP, EDUCATION COMMITTEE, KID TO MUCC CAMP PROGRAM, ETC. TO CONTINUE THESE PROGRAMS AND ADD MORE, YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. THIS IS WHY I AM CONTACTING EVEN MEMBERS ELETED AS FAR BACK AS A YEAR. THE PROGRAMS ARE TOO IMPORTANT TO ABANDON, PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

**IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS WILL BE YOUR FINAL NEWSLETTER. ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW REASON YOU CHOOSE NOT TO RENEW, SO OUR CHAPTER CAN REVIEW WHY A MEMBER WOULD LEAVE THE CHAPTER**

Thank you those of you that help me by contacting me with your yes (or no oh boy I hope no no's) and saving me a little time.

Gerri

# DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

The 2008 Mid Michigan Steelheaders party to celebrate the annual Winter Solstice Holiday season will be held on December 13 at the UAW Local 652 Union Hall (426 Clare Street, Lansing). The fun will kick off at around 5 pm with a social hour to let everyone relax and talk with other members. This is followed by dinner at 6 pm. Once we are done eating, we will have prize drawings (see below) and then members Jason and Mary Atkins who have a DJ/Karaoke business will provide musical entertainment, so come with your dancing shoes on and we found out last year some of you can really sing!!! Or you can visit and enjoy music!. I heard from the North Pole that Santa is planning on stopping in to visit. There is also face painting for the kids..

**Reservations are REQUIRED** – PLEASE Call (517) 242-0190 or EMail Gerri ([mmsteelheaders@yahoo.com](mailto:mmsteelheaders@yahoo.com)) BY December 1, Including number of minor children & grandchildren and their ages. Please call with RSVP ASAP

This party will be one of the highlights of your holiday season. We're having a famous Mid Michigan Steelheaders FISH BOIL plus there will be lots more food, as everyone will be bringing in their specialty as a potluck dish to pass. Should be quite the feast!

**PRIZES...** Yes there will be PRIZES!

**Door prizes:** Each family will get a door prize ticket and we will hand out the table centerpieces as prizes, plus other prizes.

**Membership Challenge :** Some members have worked a little harder and have sponsored 2 or more new members. They will receive 1 special ticket for every 2 new members they recruited and will get to choose prizes from a special table Prizes are all over \$40, many higher.

**Lure Tree:** Each member is encouraged to bring in a new, in package lure to hang on the "lure tree" – spoons, plugs, flies, flasher... For the lure you bring you will get a free ticket for the drawing. Tickets will also be available to purchase at \$5 for 7 tickets or you could buy 1 ticket for \$1 Winner of the drawing takes all the lures.

**50/50:** The standard 50/50 drawing – club gets 50% winning ticket gets 50% (5 for \$7, 1 for \$1) In the event the prize goes over \$100 we may split 75/25 and have 2 prizes

**PHEASANT HUNT:** Bill Earl has again donated a Pheasant Hunt to be raffled off at the party. This hunt was won last year by Don Cunningham, who reported back "a great time", Tickets are \$5 each and sold only to members (so the odds for winning are awesome), many members bought several of these tickets for this fun day. The hunt is for 2 people. Tickets are available at the November membership meeting and at the Christmas Party.

What does it cost? It is FREE to all members . Each member needs to bring a dish to pass (desert, salad, side dish... but chips don't count) and whatever you want to drink. Besides the non-alcoholic punch furnished.

The club furnishes the Fish Boil, table setting, and non-alcoholic punch.

**Dress code???** It's casual -- Come on now... we are salmon anglers.

**Directions** From I496, get off at the M99/MLK Ave Exit and go north to St. Joseph St and then west to Clare St and turn right (north). The 652 Union Hall is on the right. Please enter through the rear door.

## AUGUST CAMPOUT 2009

It's not too early to plan for next years outing. In fact, NOW is the time! Campout 2009 is August 21-23. Many have already reserved their favorite lot! The organizing lots and people on lots is the hardest part of putting this together. SO... if you want to come to campout.....put August 21-23 on your calendar.....plan it like your vacation.....give Gerri your \$\$ and look forward to a great time! Remember you DO NOT have a reservation until you pay your \$25 (or what you owe for special accommodations). I can't hold lots on maybes, NO favorite lots will be guaranteed after November 1 (sorry). NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER APRIL 1, 2009 or guest added. By that date I need to know who's going to be on each lot and total headcount.

This isn't our normal outings, it's mostly chapter funded and a member benefit; so if you're bringing a first time guest, you need to clear the guest with Gerri.

Please help make things run smoothly by RSVP'ing early (many have already) and planning total # of people coming.

This premier outing is family camping for the whole family. The chapter rents camping lots (it is not YOUR lot, many people share lots); furnishes hot dogs for Friday night (and snacking all weekend); Dr. Pepper/7up products; fishboil Saturday (members bring a dish to share); s'mores; and there's a canopy on our community lots where everyone brings snacks to share. Oh and of course there's the campfires.

The cost is \$25 per member for the weekend to help defray the cost to the chapter. This outing has grown enormously and each person will be asked to volunteer for helping set up, tear down, Saturday dinner set up or kitchen duty, evening before coffee set up, etc. To keep your cost down to \$25 per member, a volunteer sign up sheet will be available march-may.

The Board has decided that everyone that doesn't want to volunteer to help can pay an extra \$10 making the cost of the campout \$35. When everyone pitches in just a little, everyone enjoys this outing more.

A guest is only welcome once! If they enjoy enough to want to come back, they need to be a member (no exceptions). This is a very special outing the Board does for members. Since this is a member benefit any guest must be cleared with Gerri by May 1.



Pam Redburn



Gail Scott

Pam and Gail pitched in to help get Saturdays dinner ready and table set up, then the same two ladies did all of the cleanup chores after dinner. Many thanks to Pam & Gail for seeing the need and taking over at August Campout 2008



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