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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER MEETING – MONDAY APRIL 28, 2008 – 7:30 PM
SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 – 7:30 PM

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DOUBLE PROGRAM

HENRY ZEMAN

TAKING DIGITAL PICTURES

CHAPTER MEMBER HENRY ZEMAN WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM ON TAKING DIGITAL PICTURES. HENRY HAS MANY EXCELLENT FISHING AND OUTDOOR PHOTO'S AND WILL EXPLAIN HOW YOU CAN GET THE SAME RESULTS.

RICK LANE

COAST GUARD AUXILLARY

RICK LANE IS WITH THE COAST GUARD AUXILLARY AND WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM ON BOATING SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

SOCIAL HOUR IS FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND LITE LUNCH. THE MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM. BRING YOUR UNUSED FISHING TACKLE TO SELL AT THE SWAP TABLE. *BRING YOUR FAMILY, FISHING BUDDIES, SIGNUP A NEW MEMBER. SEE YOU ON MONDAY APRIL 28, 2008.*

NOTE:

IF YOU NEED A MEMBERSHIP CARD, ATTEND A MEMBERSHIP MEETING OR SEND A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO THE CHAPTER POST OFFICE BOX LISTED IN THIS ISSUE. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS UP TO DATE YOUR CARD WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH, AUGUST THRU JUNE. SOCIAL HOUR 6:30-7:30 PM. THE MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 PM. MEMBER CONCERNS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO A BOARD MEMBER FOR DISCUSSION AT A BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT DIAMOND AVENUE HALL, 435 DIAMOND AVENUE N.E. DIAMOND AVENUE IS THREE BLOCKS WEST OF FULLER AVENUE, OFF MICHIGAN STREET. GO NORTH ON DIAMOND ONE BLOCK.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

THE GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW
AND RENEWING MEMBERS.

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WILLIAM BRINKMAN		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN MARCH 2008:

STEVE HEINTZELMAN	BRYAN MORRISSEY	SHAG TRENT
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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE THIS MONTH:

CHAD BARTLETT	MARK BECKHAM	BOB BLASKIS
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SHAWN CAPPS	SCOTT CORWIN	BRUCE DAVIS
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MICHAEL VERBEEK	CLARENCE WHITE	RALPH WELLS

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE IN MAY 2008:

HENRI BOUCHER	WILLIAM GARRETT	R.J. POEL
BOB ROWE	ADAM STARR	GREG THEBO
DANY VANDERLUGT	DAVID ZIMMERMAN	

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MEMBERSHIP YOU
WILL NOT RECEIVE A MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER! RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
ON TIME!**

PASSING ALONG INFORMATION

The Officers of the Grand Rapids Steelheaders would like to pass to its member's information that we receive from the State Organization, DNR as well as other sources pertaining to the water ways in and around the State of Michigan. If you would like to receive this information send Bob Streck an email at rstrek@aol.com requesting to receive this information, if you signed up at the January Membership meeting you are on the list now.

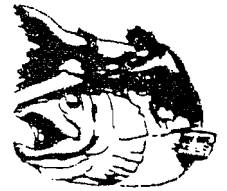
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THE YEAR LONG SMALL FRY FISHING CONTEST

FOR ALL BOYS AND GIRLS UP TO 15 YEARS OLD WHO'S PARENTS/RELATIVES/GUARDIANS ARE SIGNED UP WITH BOB ANTZAK IN THE YEAR LONG FISHING CONTEST. THESE SMALL FRY'S ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER FISH OF ALL SPECIES CAUGHT ON THE BIG LAKE, INLAND LAKES, AND ANY RIVERS.

RULES ARE:

- 1) PARENTS/RELATIVES/GUARDIANS MUST BE SIGNED UP IN THE YEAR LONG BIG LAKE AND RIVER CONTEST WITH BOB ANTZAK. CALL BOB TO ENTER AT 616-895-6874 OR SEE HIM AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. THE CONTEST RUNS FROM DECEMBER 1, CURRENT YEAR TO NOVEMBER 30 FOLLOWING YEAR. COST IS \$5.00 PER FAMILY.
- 2) ALL FISH CAUGHT MUST BE WEIGHTED TO ENTER. ANY SPECIES OF FISH CAUGHT CAN BE ENTERED.
- 3) ON A POSTCARD OR CARD PLEASE TELL US WHEN AND WHERE THE FISH WAS CAUGHT, INCLUDE PHOTO IF YOU HAVE ONE, AND MOST IMPORTANT HOW MUCH IT WEIGHED. PARENTS/RELATIVES/GUARDIANS MUST SIGN POST CARD OR CARD.
- 4) ALL SMALL FRY ENTRY'S NAMES WILL BE POSTED IN THE TROUT TALK NEWSLETTER EACH MONTH.
- 5) PRIZE TROPHY'S FOR THE LARGEST FISH AND 2ND PLACE LARGEST FISH IN ALL CATEGORIES WINS TROPHY AT THE JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING. ALL ENTRIES, WIN OR LOSE WILL RECEIVE A PARTICIPANT RIBBON. PHOTOS ARE AN OPTION BUT I HEARD TO TELL THE EDITOR OF TROUT TALK SAYS DON'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU SEE YOUR PICTURE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF TROUT TALK WITH YOUR CATCH.

- 6) SEND ALL ENTRIES AND PHOTOS TO

AL DAVIS
1950 GRAND RIVER DRIVE
ADA, MI. 49301
616-363-3564

- 7) THE 2008 CONTEST BEGINS DECEMBER 1, 2007 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2008.

2008 SMALL FRY CONTEST ENTRIES

STEELHEAD ZACK STREK 23 INCH

WALLEYE BLAKE HENDRICK 21 INCHES 4.12LB.



BLAKE HENDRICK WITH WALLEYE



ZACK STREK STEELHEAD

SPORT & RV SHOW 2008 RECAP

THE 2008 SPORT AND RV SHOW IS NOW HISTORY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE 155 PLUS MEMBERS FROM OUR CHAPTER THAT HELPED MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS. THIS YEAR WITH THE ECONOMY THE WAY IT IS TICKET SELLING WAS NOT EASY. WE ACTUALLY SOLD 200 LESS TICKETS THAN LAST YEAR. THE ATTENDANCE AT THE SHOW WAS DOWN. PEOPLE WERE BUYING BUT NOT IN GREAT QUANTITIES. CONSIDERING THE ECONOMY THIS WAS A GOOD SHOW.

THANK YOU TO THE DAILY CHAIRMEN AND CO-CHAIRMEN FOR LINING UP MEMBERS TO WORK AT THE SHOW. THE CHAIRMEN AND CO-CHAIRMEN WERE IRV BYXBE, DICK GROMKO, BOB STREK, AL DAVIS, NORM VANSICKLE. THANKS TO STEVE HEINTZELMAN FOR HANDLING THE CHAPTER RAFFLE. THANKS TO JIM LARSEN FOR BUILDING SPINNER AND TO BOB STREK FOR TYING SPAWN SACKS. THANKS TO PRESTON KUKS AND TONY NIKODEMSKI FOR HANDLING THE FISHING CLEANING AND FISH CONTEST.. THANKS TO RENEE DAVIS FOR TAKING CARE OF THE KITCHEN AND MAKING SURE MEMBERS HAD FOOD.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR DONATING FOOD FOR THE SHOW; TONI & REX WALTON, JOHN GARDNER, VIKKI GUILLES, SUZIE MERDZINSKI, TONY NIKODEMSKI, JIM LARSEN, AL & RENEE DAVIS, BILL BRINKMAN, JOHN EDWARDS, STEVE HEINTZELMAN, R.J. POEL, NORM VANSICKLE, IRV BYXBE, PAT PLEKKER, DICK & GERRI GROMKO, LORI & GEORGE PALMER.

WINNERS OF THE DAILY MEMBERSHIP DRAWING WERE, BRIAN BOOMSMA, EGON KELTING, GENE PALMER, SUE EDWARDS, JIM LARSEN, BUD POTTS, SUZI MERDZINSKI, JOHN GRADNER, SALLY WILSON, BILL RATLIFF, PRESTON KUKS, RENEE DAVIS. THESE MEMBERS WON A YEARS MEMBERSHIP STATE AND CHAPTER. IN THE OVERALL DRAWINGS THE WINNERS WERE VONDA KURELLO, JIM LARSEN, BILL RATLIFF. THESE MEMBERS WON A GIFT CERTIFICATE TO AL & BOB'S SPORTS.

THE SALE OF RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE CHAPTER WAS CONDUCTED BY STEVE HEINTZELMAN. THE WINNERS WERE: FIRST TICKET DRAWN, MIKE MCCARTY FROM HOLLAND, MIKE TOOK THE CHARTER FISHING TRIP ON HIT MAN CHARTERS.

THE SECOND TICKET DRAWN WAS MATT DURKEE OF FREEPORT. MATT TOOK THE \$150.00 CASH PRIZE. THE THIRD TICKET DRAWN WAS RICHARD CONNER OF ADA AND RICHARD WON THE TWO NASCAR TICKETS. THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT SUPPORTED THE RAFFLE.

THANK YOU TO BOB SCHULTZ FOR THE DONATION OF THE NASCAR TICKETS.

THERE WERE 672 DISCOUNT TICKETS (ADULT & CHILD) SOLD THIS YEAR. THE WINNERS OF THE TICKET SALE DRAWING WERE BOB STREK, DAVE NOWICKI, BOB STREK, VIKKI GUILLES. THESE MEMBERS WON GIFT CERTIFICATES TO AL & BOB'S SPORTS. THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT SOLD OR TRIED TO SELL TICKETS.

THE GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEAD FOUNDATION TRUCK RAFFLE WAS WON BY CHUCK TEN BRINK OF GRAND RAPIDS. THE RAFFLE REVERTED TO A 50/50 RAFFLE. THANKS TO ALL THAT BOUGHT AND SOLD TRUCK RAFFLE TICKETS.

THANK YOU AGAIN TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED WITH THIS YEARS SHOW AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR HELP WITH NEXT YEARS SHOW.

DAVE NOWICKI, CHAIRMAN

ICE FISHING OUTING RECAP

On February 9th we held our annual ice fishing outing. This year we held it on Reeds Lake in East Grand Rapids. It was a great day of fishing. It was a very poor day for catching. We had 21 people fish. Our group fished the south end of the lake. We all changed locations tried different baits and presentations (including John Schlienz trying a Slammer Tip up) all to no avail. I believe there were a TOTAL of 5 or 6 fish caught for our entire group with a few not even having so much as a bite. A few reasons given for the poor catch was the weather which changed from snow to light rain to a peek of the sun to bitter wind. Also from what I've been told Reeds Lake is a here today gone tomorrow fishery if you hit the right day you can do well but we didn't. A few people decided to call it quits early but those that stayed got to enjoy a nice lake side lunch and got to see at least one fish. Kevin Stankowski brought a 8" crappie to the weigh in and claimed the prize for the only fish turned in that day. So the best way to sum up the day was the old cliché "A bad of fishing is better than a good day at work".

Chris Edwards

Ice Fishing Outing Chairperson

FISHING PARTNERS

THE CHAPTER HAS AS FISHING PARTNERS PROGRAM, TO GET MEMBERS TO FISH WITH OTHER MEMBERS, AND TO HELP NEW MEMBERS GET INVOLVED WITH THE CHAPTER. TO GET STARTED IN THE PROGRAM WE NEED YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND THE TIMES THAT YOUR ARE AVAILABLE TO FISH. DO YOU HAVE A BOAT? NEED A PARTNER FOR THE RIVER, LAKE, ETC, NEED A CREW MEMBER FOR YOUR BOAT, NEED A MEMBER TO FISH A CHAPTER OUTING, TEACH NEW MEMBERS HOW TO CATCH STEELHEAD AND SALMON, ABLE TO TAKE OTHER MEMBERS OUT FISHING. CONTACT JIM LARSEN AT 616-453-4779. JIM WILL PUT MEMBERS TOGETHER SO THEY CAN LEARN NEW TECHNIQUES AND MEET OTHER CHAPTER MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT JIM AT THE ABOVE PHONE NUMBER.

FREE MEMBERSHIPS

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE WON FREE MEMBERSHIPS IN THE PAST YEAR BY ATTENDING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS OR WORKING AT THE SPORT SHOW.

JANUARY 2008	ROBERTA TAYLOR
FEBURARY 2008	EGON KELTING
SPORT SHOW 2008	BRIAN BOOMSMA, EGON KELTING, GENE PALMER, SUE EDWARDS, JIM LARSEN, BUD POTTS, SUZI MERDZINSKI, JOHN GARDNER, SALLY WILSON, BILL RATLIFF, PRESTON KUKS, RENEE DAVIS.
MARCH 2008	BOB MCCRACKEN
APRIL 2007	DAVE HARDING
MAY 2007	GARY HARVEY
JUNE 2007	ANDY WISNIEWSKI
AUGUST 2007	BOB WINKELS
SEPTEMBER 2007	JEFF KEIZER
OCTOBER 2007	GERALD BOELEMA
NOVEMBER 2007	PHIL BOLEK

ATTEND THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, INCREASE YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A MEMBERSHIP.

NOTICE

THE COMPANIES THAT PARTICIPATE WITH OUR "IT PAY'S TO BELONG PROGRAM WILL NOW BE LISTED IN THE STATE NEWSPAPER, "THE GREAT LAKES SPORT FISHING NEWS". THIS IS DUE TO THE LENGTH OF COMPANIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

SICK BAY

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY MEMBERS THAT ARE IN SICK BAY, OR HAVE PASSED AWAY, PLEASE CONTACT DAVE NOWICKI AT 616-532-7727.

2008 YEARLY CHAPTER FISH CONTEST

BIG LAKE

STEELHEAD -	NO ENTRY
BROWN TROUT -	NO ENTRY
LAKE TROUT -	NO ENTRY
COHO -	NO ENTRY
CHINOOK -	NO ENTRY
WALLEYE -	NO ENTRY

RIVER

STEELHEAD -	JON HENDRICK	10-06
BROWN TROUT -	NO ENTRY	
LAKE TROUT -	NO ENTRY	
COHO -	NO ENTRY	
CHINOOK -	NO ENTRY	
WALLEYE -	BOB ANTZAK	03-13

TO ENTER THE 2008 CONTEST CONTACT BOB ANTZAK AT 616-895-6874. THE ENTRY FEE IS \$5.00 FOR BOTH DIVISIONS AND INCLUDES THE ENTIRE FAMILY. SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO BOB AT 10377 WHITEWOOD DR. WEST OLIVE, MI. 49460. REMEMBER TO ENTER EVERY FISH YOU CATCH, IT MAY BE A BIG WINNER.

MEMBERS CLASSIFIED

ALL CURRENT MEMBERS MAY ADVERTISE IN THIS NEWSLETTER IN THE FORM OF CLASSIFIED ADS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY AT NO COST. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS WHO OWN BUSINESSES AND WISH TO ADVERTISE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE BUSINESS. THE AD WILL RUN FOR 6 MONTHS. PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR IF THE ITEM IS SOLD BEFORE 6 MONTHS.

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WANTED: FISHING FRIENDS TO JOIN THE STEELHEADERS. CONTACT JIM LARSEN AT 616-453-4779.

BIG LAKE CONTEST

On May 17th we will be holding our annual Spring Big Lake Contest. The rules for this outing can be found in this newsletter and on our website. The weigh in and cookout will be held at Rycenga's Marina. Rycenga's is located at 1053 Jackson St. Grand Haven, MI 49417. To enter the marina use the last drive in the Rycenga's complex. Skipper Bud's Marina is right next door so if you pass it you have gone to far. To sign up call either Bob Strek (616) 453-3109 or Chris Edwards (616) 863-6943.

GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS BIG LAKE CONTESTS (GRAND HAVEN, LUDINGTON, MANISTEE, ALL BIG LAKE)

ELIGIBILITY: OPEN TO ANY TEAMS THAT AGREE TO ABIDE BY MICHIGAN D.N.R. REGULATIONS AND CONTEST RULES. CONTESTANTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 9PM THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE CONTEST. BOAT OWNER MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS.

ENTRY FEES: ENTRY FEE SHALL BE \$20.00 PER BOAT, OR \$5.00 PER PERSON FISHING FROM SHORE OR PIER. IF THE CONTEST IS CANCELLED, ENTRY FEES WILL BE HONORED AT THE NEXT ALTERNATE DATE, AS DECIDED BY THE CONTEST COMMITTEE.

SCORING: MINIMUM LENGTH WILL BE 20" FOR WEIGH IN. TOTAL WEIGHT OF FIVE FISH MAXIMUM WILL DECIDED THE WINNER.

DATE AND HOURS: THE CONTEST WILL BE HELD AS POSTED. CONTEST FISHING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 AM AND END AT NOON. IN THE EVENT THE CONTEST MUST BE CANCELLED, THE ALTERNATE DATE WILL BE DECIDED BY THE CONTEST COMMITTEE.

RADIO: RADIO TRAFFIC BETWEEN CONTESTANTS WILL BE UNRESTRICTED. PARTICIPANTS ARE URGED TO SHARE FISHING INFORMATION WITH FELLOW CONTESTANTS. THE OFFICIAL CONTEST CHANNEL WILL BE (69).

WEIGH IN: BOATS WILL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEIGH IN STATION AS DECIDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FISHING PERIOD OR WHEN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FISH ARE CAUGHT. FINAL WEIGH IN WILL BE BY 2:00 PM ON THE DAY OF THE CONTEST.

CANCELLATION: THE CONTEST COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DELAY OR CANCEL THE CONTEST IF IN THEIR JUDGEMENT CONDITIONS COULD BE DANGEROUS TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY. FINAL DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE BY THE CONTEST CHAIRMAN. CONTESTANTS SHOULD CONTINUALLY MONITOR CHANNEL 69 FOR CHANGES EFFECTING CONTEST HOURS. IF A MINIMUM OF 3 HOURS IS FISHED, THE CONTEST WILL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE AND PRIZES AWARDED.

GENERAL: A MAXIMUM OF FIVE FISH PER BOAT MAY BE WEIGHED IN. ONLY THESE FIVE FISH WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR SCORING ALL PARTS OF THE CONTEST. A NINE (9) ROD LIMIT PER BOAT OR A TWO (2) ROD LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL FISHING FROM SHORE OR PIER WILL BE IN EFFECT. ANY CONTROVERSIES OR DISPUTES ARISING FROM THE CONTEST SHALL BE RESOLVED AT A REGULAR GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS BOARD MEETING, NOT AT A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

PRIZES: PRIZES AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE HIGHEST WEIGHT OF THE FIVE FISH MAXIMUM AT GRAND HAVEN CONTEST ONLY. ONE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE HEAVIEST SALMON AND TROUT OFFICALLY WEIGHED IN. ONE CASH PRIZE PER BOAT AT GRAND HAVEN. ALL CONTESTS 1,2,3 PLACE CASH PRIZE. ONE PRIZE PER BOAT. PRIZE PAYOUTS AS FOLLOWS - 50% FIRST, 30% SECOND, 20% THIRD, HEAVIEST SALMON, HEAVIEST TROUT. PRIZE MONEY DETERMINED FROM ENTRY FEE.

SPRING RIVER CONTEST

The Spring River Contest was held April 5, 2008 and participants could fish the Grand, Rogue and Muskegon Rivers. The tone of the day was really set the previous week when West Michigan received heavy rains and with the ground froze the rivers went up and up. All the rivers were milky white and still rising on Saturday morning.

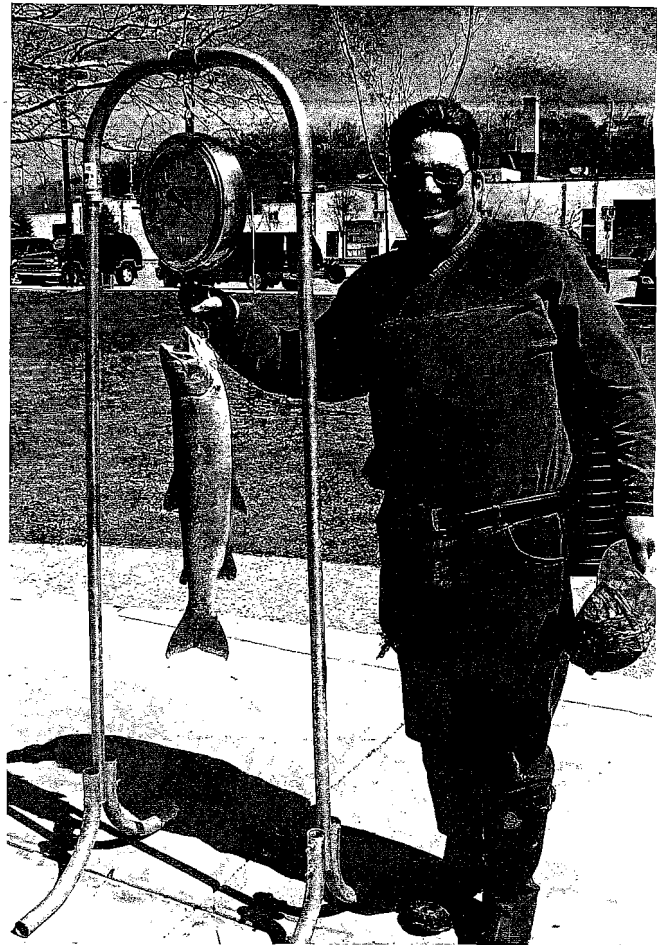
There were 14 paid members in this years contest and they fished all 3 rivers as well as the Channel at Grand Haven. The weather varied from cloudy and cold on the pier to sunny in Grand Rapids.

The only fish caught were on the Grand in the dam area. Mike Harvey caught 3 on the West side just below the dam and won the contest with a total weight of 22 lbs and 11 oz's. Ron Larsen came in second place with 1 fish weighing 6 lbs and 9 oz's. Mike had the largest fish with a weight of 8 lbs and 12 oz's.

Several other members showed up at the weigh in and enjoyed a feast prepared by Bill Newell.



MIKE HARVEY/ZACK STREK WITH WINNERS



RON LARSEN SECOND PLACE

ATTENTION

CHECK THE FIRST LINE OF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL ON THIS NEWSLETTER. IF IT IS DATED BEFORE THIS MONTH AND YEAR, YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED, YOU ARE NO LONGER AN ACTIVE MEMBER, AND CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN CHAPTER EVENTS THAT REQUIRE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2008

1. PRESIDENT DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM.
2. SECRETARY VIKKI GUILLES READ THE SECRETARY'S REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
3. BOB STREK SAID THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS NOT FINAL DUE TO SPORT SHOW DETAILS.
4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS WERE INTRODUCED.
5. NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS WERE WELCOMED.
6. FISHING REPORTS WERE SHARED WITH THE GROUP.
7. DAVE NOWICKI RECAPPED THE SPORT SHOW. DETAIL ON ALL THE ASPECTS WILL BE COVERED IN THE NEWSLETTER.
8. HENRI BOUCHER FROM SHOW SPAN WAS INTRODUCED, AND HENRI SPOKE ABOUT THE SPORT SHOW. HENRI PRESENTED THE CHAPTER A CHECK FOR OUR HELP WITH THE SPORT SHOW.
9. BUD POTTS GAVE A SALMON IN SCHOOLS REPORT.
10. BOB STREK ENCOURAGED SIGN UP FOR DNR UPDATE VIA E-MAIL. CONTACT BOB TO SIGN UP.
11. VIKKI GUILLES ENCOURAGED MUCC CAMP SIGN UP.
12. BUD POTTS ADVISED ON A GREAT LAKES ADVISORY MEETING ON APRIL 9.
13. THE SWAP MEET WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, IT WAS WELL ATTENDED AND WELL PLANNED BY STEVE HEINTZELMAN AND BOB STREK.
14. ROGER BELTER FROM THE GRAND HAVEN CHAPTER ASKED FOR HELP ON APRIL TO PUT THE NETS IN AT GRAND HAVEN FOR THE NET PEN PROJECT.
15. CHILDREN 14 AND UNDER WERE GIVEN LURES AND CAPS.
16. BOB STREK ANNOUNCED THE SPRING RIVER CONTEST SET FOR SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2008 @ 6 AM.
17. CAPTAIN CHIP KLEIN OF HIT MAN CHARTERS PRESENTED A PROGRAM ON SPRING BIG LAKE FISHING.
18. THE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING WAS HELD AND THE WINNER WAS BOB MCCRAKEN.
19. THE TACKLE RAFFLE AND 50/50 DRAWING WERE HELD.
20. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

SPORT SHOW FISH CLEANING AND FISH CONTEST

THE 2008 SPORT AND RV SHOW WAS A GREAT SUCCESS FOR OUR GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADER CHAPTER BECAUSE OF ALL THE CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO HELPED OUT. I AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FISH CLEANING WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE PEOPLE WHO HELPED CLEAN FISH.

JIM FRIELINK, TONY NIKODEMSKI, BILL NEWELL, BILL RATLIFF, RICH WILSON, SALLY WILSON, JON HENDRICK, BLAKE HENDRICK, KEVIN PED, REX WALTON, R.J. POEL.

THE 10TH ANNUAL SHOW FISH CONTEST ARE LISTED BELOW:

THURSDAY MARCH 13, 2008

BIGGEST FISH JOE MAKKA 8.0 LBS.

FRIDAY MARCH 14, 2008

BIGGEST FISH MIKE HARVEY 10LB 7 OZ.

SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2008

BIGGEST FISH JOE MAKE 7 LBS, 13 OZ.

TOTAL FISH ENTERED 24 FISH

OVERALL CONTEST WINNER WAS MIKE HARVEY WITH 41 LBS, 9 OZ. AND WON THE BIG FISH FOR FRIDAY AND THE OVERALL CONTEST WINNER AND WON \$50.00.

JOE MAKE WON THE THURSDAY AND SATURDAY DAILY CONTESTS AND WON \$40.00

FISH CLEANING CHAIRMEN TONY NIKODEMSKI AND PRESTON KUKS.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2008

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVE NOWICKI, BOB STREK, STEVE HEINTZELMAN, VIKKI GUILLES, BOB ANTZAK, AL DAVIS, RENEE DAVIS, CHRIS EDWARDS, DICK GROMKO, KRIS GUILLES, BILL NEWELL, BUD POTTS, JIM LARSEN, DAVE ANDERSON, IRV BYXBE, JOHN GARDNER, BRIAN BOOMSMA, TONY NIKODEMSKI. ABSENT EXCUSED JOHN STAUFFER. MEMBERS PRESENT NORM VAN SICKLE, MARK VENEMA, DIANE VENEMA, RON LARSEN.

1. PRESIDENT DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.
2. THE SECRETARY'S REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS PRONED IN THE NEWSLETTER.
3. THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS GIVEN BY BOB STREK AND ACCEPTED AS READ.
4. IRV BYXBE INTRODUCED MARK AND DIANE VENEMA FROM THE EMBROIDERY CONNECTION. THEY GAVE A PRESENTATION ON CHAPTER CLOTHING.
5. BOB ANTZAK GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE YEARLY FISH CONTEST. 58 MEMBERS IN CONTEST TO DATE.
6. AL DAVIS REPORTED ON THE SMALL FRY CONTEST. ONE ENTRY IN THE CONTEST SO FAR.
7. DICK GROMKO REORTED ON MEETING PREP. HE ALSO THANKED GOD FOR THE HOT DOGS.
8. STEVE HEINTZELMAN REPORTED RAFFLE PRIZES ARE LOW AND WILL NEED TO PURCHASE PRIZES. A MOTION WAS MADE AND SUPPORTED TO OFFER ONE RAFFLE PRIZE FOR EVERY TEN MEMBERS AT MONTHLY MEETINGS.
9. DICK GROMKO REPORTED THAT THE NET PENS ARE PATCHED AND THE FISH WILL BE ARRIVING THIS WEEK.
10. CHRIS EDWARDS AND DAVE ANDERSON REPORTED ON PROGRAMS AND MINI CLINICS.
11. KRIS GUILLES REPORTED ON MUCC ISSUES. TIME TO SIGN THE KIDS UP FOR SUMMER CAMP.
12. JIM LARSEN UPDATED ON MEMBERSHIP.
13. BUD POTTS UPDATED THE SALMON IN SCHOOL PROGRAM.
14. JIM LARSEN IS LOOKING FOR MORE FISHING PARTNERS.
15. VIKKI GUILLES REPORTED THAT 7 KIDS ARE SIGNED UP FOR SUMMER CAMP.
16. NORM VAN SICKLE UPDATED ON A TEXAS HOLD EM TOURNAMENT.
17. BUD POTTS GAVE A STATE REPORT UPDATE.
18. CHRIS EDWARDS REPORTED THAT MONEY COLLECTED FOR THE CORMORNT PROGRAM WILL BE SENT IN.
19. STEVE HEINTZELMAN AND KRIS GUILLES WILL CHECK OUT A NEW SITE FOR THE LAKE ERIE OUTING.
20. STEVE HEINTZELMAN GACE AN OVERVIEW OF THE SWAP MEET. IT WAS A GREAT SALE.
21. BOB STREK UPDATED ON THE SPRING RIVER CONTEST.
22. DAVE NOWICKI RECAPPED THE SPORT SHOW. A TOTAL OF 155 MEMBERS HELPED MAKE THIS A SUCCESS.
23. THE BIG LAKE CONTEST SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17 WAS COVERED BY CHRIS EDWARDS AND BOB STREK.
24. DICK GROMKO WILL CHAIR THE LAKE ERIE OUTING. VIKKI GUILLES WILL HANDLE THE FOOD. THE FEE WILL BE \$45.00 PER BOAT.
25. KRIS GUILLES SAID THE FISHING LEAGUE WILL START IN MAY.
26. A MOTION WAS MADE TO CLARIFY OFFICER ELECTIONS. THE MOTION PASSED. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT IS STEVE HEINTZELMAN AND SECOND VICE PRESIDENT IS BOB STREK.
27. THE METING ADJOURNED AT 9:25 P.M.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| APRIL | 28 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL |
| MAY | 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL |
| | 17 CHAPTER BIG LAKE CONTEST - GRAND HAVEN 6:00 AM |
| | 19 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL |
| JUNE | 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL |
| | 20-22 CHAPTER LAKE ERIE OUTING |
| | 30 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL |
| JULY | 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL |
| | 21 REGION II MEETING 7:00 PM GRAND HAVEN HOST AT GRAND HAVEN |
| | 16 CHAPTER FAMILY PICNIC 6:00 PM JOHNSON PARK SHELTER HOUSE |
| | 26 CHAPTER LUDINGTON OUTING |
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If you catch a walleye in the Sandusky River or Sandusky Bay this spring and it is wearing a strange looking "backpack," try to carefully release it and call 419-625-8062.

The fish will be one of about 200 in the process of being tagged with miniature external radio-transmitters in hopes of following the whereabouts of members of this confounding walleye stock. It has been in decline ever since a floodwall and channelization project were built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers more than 35 years ago to protect floodplain-oriented downtown Fremont.

At a minimum, anglers are asked to report the site of the catch and the size of the radio-equipped fish, including the transmitter and jaw-tag numbers.

The radio-tagging follows on a project in 2006 in which some 50 walleye received internal radio transmitter implants. Three remote-data-collection stations on the bay and river are aimed at tracking and recording the passage of radio-fish. Boat and aerial tracking also are under way.

"This year [the third] is a little different because we're putting the transmitters on externally," noted Jeff Tyson, research supervisor at the state's Lake Erie Fisheries Station at Sandusky. "They'll have a backpack on them."

Last year, Tyson said, field crews were able to locate 18 of the 50 internally tagged fish. "One actually moved up the river to Fremont."

This year crews have been able to locate some of the original 50 again. "They're in the river but they haven't moved up to Fremont yet," said Tyson earlier this week.

Biologists are trying to determine whether the declines in the stock have been caused by the Fremont floodwall project, in which a huge gravel-bottom oxbow full of spawning beds was eliminated by a new, straight channel - or whether some other habitat issue is to blame.

The pending removal of the Ballville Dam above Fremont - should funding be assembled for an alternative upground water-supply reservoir - also could open miles of new spawning habitat. So biologists need to know what's happening to the river's walleye stock, which is different from other stocks that swim Lake Erie in the summer.

"Walleye will spawn over vegetative habitat," said Tyson, so biologists are looking at side-channels in the lower river as well. "We're pretty sure they're also spawning in the bay, though it may be sub-optimal habitat."



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