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

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

STEVE DENNIS

FISHBONE CHARTER SERVICE

STEVE'S PRESENTATION WILL BE FISHING OUT OF LUDINGTON. 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 JUNE 30, 2008.

CHAPTER PICNIC

THIS YEARS FAMILY PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY JULY 16. THE PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT JOHNSON PARK IN GRANDVILLE MICHIGAN (SAME PLACE AS LAST YEAR.). THE PICNIC BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M. EACH FAMILY IS ASKED TO BRING A DISH TO PASH THAT WILL SERVICE 8-10 PEOPLE, ALONG WITH THEIR OWN TABLE SERVICE.

THE CHAPTER WILL SUPPLY THE FISH FOR THE FRY AND ALSO THE REFRESHMENTS. THERE WILL BE GAMES, RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES ETC. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT VIKKI OR KRIS GULES AT 616-677-3442.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO TROUT TALK NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED IN JULY 2008. EDITOR WILL BE ON VACATION.

NOTE:

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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

MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS
GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER
P.O. BOX 1474
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49501

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

JOHN STAUFFER	DIANNE RIPLEY	BOB ANTZAK
GREG PETERSEN	BILL NEWELL	BOB ROWE
R. J. POEL		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN MARCH 2008:

STEVE HEINTZELMAN	BRYAN MORRISSEY	SHAG TRENT
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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN APRIL 2008:

CHAD BARTLETT	MARK BECKHAM	BOB BLASKIS
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CLARENCE WHITE		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN MAY 2008:

HENRI BOUCHER	ADAM STARR	GREG THEBO
DANY VANDERLUGT	DAVID ZIMMERMAN	

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE THIS MONTH:

RONALD BLOOM	JAMES FRIELINK	PETE GARCHOW
PAUL RICH	STEPHANIE STREK	
ANDY WISNIEWSKI		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE IN JULY 2008:

STEVEN BIZIOREK	DAVID FIGG	DICK GROMKO
NELSON NIENHUIS	THOMAS PARKER	BOB SCHULTZ
DONALD SOVA		

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

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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 Strek 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.

THANK YOU CHRIS EDWARDS

THE GRAND HAVEN STEELHEADERS WANT TO EXTEND A BIG *THANK YOU* TO CHRIS FOR ALL OF HIS HELP. HE VOLUNTEERED AND WORKED THE WEIGH-IN FOR THE GRAND HAVEN BIG FISH TOURNAMENT AND ALSO ASSISTED WITH THE WEIGH-INS FOR THE OFFSHORE CHALLENGE LADIES AND KIDS TOURNAMENT WEIGH-IN FRIDAY MAY 30. (WE DID BOTH AT THE SAME TIME AS MANY BOATS WERE REGISTERED IN BOTH) THANKS AGAIN CHRIS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

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.

FOR SALE: 2003 22FT. WELLCRAFT COASTAL WITH 200 HP YAMAHA HPDI WITH 6 HP HIGH THRUST KICKER AND LOWRANCE FISH FINDER. IT HAS THE COCKPIT CURTAINS, THAT ATTACH TO THE TOP. IT ALSO HAS A HEAD AND SLEEPS 2. 4 ELECTRIC DOWNRIGGERS, 4 BURTS ROD HOLDERS, \$28,500.00. STEVE -616-617-8092. 1/08

FOR SALE: X98 LOWRANCE FISH FINDER. DUAL BEAM TRANSDUCER, 50 AND 200 KZ SPEED AND TEMP. 3 YEARS OLD. \$100.00 JERRY 616-696-9141 OR badesbiker@wmis.net

FOR SALE: 1986 SEA SPRITE 19.5 FT. FIBERGLASS BOAT WITH NEWER GALVANIZED TRAILER. BOAT HAS CUDDY CABIN THAT SLEEPS TWO. CHEVY FOUR-CYLINDER 110 HP INBOARD WITH ALPHA-ONE OUT DRIVE. BIMINI TOP AND COVER INCLUDED. ENGINE NEEDS OVERHAUL, INTERIOR NEEDS SOME TLC, WOULD MAKE A GREAT FISHING BOAT. \$950.00 JON 616-450-7082

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 YOU 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
FEBRUARY 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 2008	VIKKI GUILLES
MAY 2008	BILL NEWELL
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.

2008 YEARLY CHAPTER FISH CONTEST

BIG LAKE

STEELHEAD -	NO ENTRY	
BROWN TROUT -	BOB ANTZAK	05-04
	MIKE WOOD	03-10
	STEPHANIE WOOD	03-08
LAKE TROUT -	RICH WILSON	11-04
COHO -	NO ENTRY	
CHINOOK -	NO ENTRY	
WALLEYE -	DARRYL HIGHWAY	09-02
	BOB STREK	03-07

RIVER

STEELHEAD -	JON HENDRICK	10-06
BROWN TROUT -	WARREN GALINSKI	03-01
LAKE TROUT -	NO ENTRY	
COHO -	NO ENTRY	
CHINOOK -	NO ENTRY	
WALLEYE -	AL DAVIS	06-00
	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.

VETERAN'S HOME FISHING DERBIES

Each year the Veteran's Home holds several fishing derbies for its members. The first one was held on May 14 and the second one will be on June 18. The derby starts at 9 AM and ends at 2 PM. To make things interesting for the members of the Home, there are about 100 live rainbows 12-16 inches long purchased and dumped in there fishing pond. Several of the trout were tagged and awards were given to the members who caught them.

On May 14 TH several Steelhead members showed up to help Veteran's in there fishing derby. Some of the Veteran's are able to fish by themselves others needed help. The ones needing help may be in wheelchairs, others do not have use of one or both of there arms or are missing one. They needed help throwing out, baiting and tying on hooks.

The Veteran's Home filed all fish caught; pictures were taken of the members and there catch. A fish fry was then held for the members of the home. All volunteers were fed, actually fed quite well according to Steve Heintzelman, (ask him about his 1 ½ hour long Ruben lunch).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2008

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

1. PRESIDENT DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:28 P.M.
2. A MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED TO ACCEPTED THE MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER.
3. BOB STREK PRESENTED A TREASURER'S REPORT WHICH WAS REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED AS READ.
4. KEN HOLIFIELD WAS INTRODUCED AND MADE A PRESENTATION REGARDING A DATA BASE ACCESS SYSTEM.
5. BOB ANTZAK REPORTED 66 MEMBERS IN THE YEARLY FISH CONTEST.
6. DICK GROMKO REPORTED DOING WELL ON MEETING PREPARATION FOOD.
7. STEVE HEINTZELMAN SAID WE ARE LOW ON MISC. ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLES. JIM LARSEN OFFERED SPINNERS TO CONTRIBUTE.
8. MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS- 2 CHANGES- GEMMENS HARDWARE AND BOAT US ARE OFF THE LIST.
9. BOB STREK UPDATED ON NET PENS.
10. PROGRAMS FOR JUNE AND AUGUST ARE LINED UP.
11. JIM LARSEN REPORTED ON MEMBERSHIP.
12. BUD POTTS IS WRAPPING UP SALMON IN SCHOOLS PROJECT.
13. BOB TOWNES OFFERED TO REPAIR A TABLE FOR A SALMON IN SCHOOL TANK. MURRAY LAKE WATER WILL BE TESTED.
14. THE GRSF WILL UNDERWRITE GUIDE SERIES SHIRTS, HAS SPONSORED 6 KIDS TO MUCC CAMP AND IS AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP OF 1 ADDITIONAL SCHOOL FOR SALMON THE SCHOOLS.
15. RENEE DAVIS AND BUD POTTS GAVE A STATE REPORT.
16. THE CORMORANT COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT MONEY HAVE BEEN SENT IN FOR SUPPORT. THE GRSF MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR TO SUPPORT THE FUND.
17. THE LAKE ERIE OUTING IS BEING CHAIRED BY DICK GROMKO/VIKKI & KRIS GUILLES CO-CHAIR AND FEEDING.
18. THE LUDINGTON OUTING IS BEING CHAIRED BY DICK GROMKO. THE RON PLEKKER MANISTEE OUTING IS BEING CHAIRED BY STEVE HEINTZELMAN/CO-CHAIR BY KRIS & VIKKI GUILLES.
19. BOB STREK RECAPPED CANCELLATION OF THE BIG LAKE OUTING.
20. VIKKI GUILLES ENCOURGED EVERYONE TO ATTEND THE SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH BANQUET IN AUGUST AND HELP AT THE SEPTEMBER BENEFIT.
21. THE CHAPTER PICNIC IS BEING PUT TOGETHER WELL-FISH ARE NEEDED-JOHN GARDNER IS WORKING ON THE PICNIC GAMES.
22. BOB STREK AND STEVE HEINTZELMAN ASKED FOR HELP FOR THE VET'S FACILITY CARNIVAL AND FISHING OUTING.
23. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

LUDINGTON OUTING

OUR CHAPTERS ANNUAL OUTING TO LUDINGTON MICHIGAN IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 26. THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE OUTING IS DICK GROMKO. FOR ADDITIONAL INFO, CONTACT DICK AT 616-455-1336 OR SEE HIM AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

RON PLEKKER MEMORIAL MANISTEE OUTING

THE MANISTEE OUTING WILL BE CALLED THE RON PLEKKER MEMORIAL OUTING. RON WAS THE ONE THAT MADE THIS OUTING WHAT IT IS TODAY. WE WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER RON FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR THE CHAPTER. THE OUTING WILL BE HELD SATURDAY AUGUST 2. THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE OUTING IS STEVE HEINTZELMAN ASSISTED BY KRIS AND VIKKI GUILLES. TO SIGN UP OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFO CONTACT STEVE AT 616-791-7009 OR SEE HIM AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

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.

CHAPTER PICNIC

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 16. THE PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT JOHNSON PARK IN THE SHELTER HOUSE. EACH FAMILY IS ASKED TO BRING A DISH TO PASS THAT WILL SERVE 8-10 PEOPLE ALONG WITH THEIR OWN TABLE SERVICE. THE CHAPTER WILL PROVIDE THE FISH FOR THE FISH FRY AND THE REFRESHMENTS. THERE WILL BE GAMES, RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES ETC. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S PICNIC CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT DAVE NOWICKI AT 616-532-7727 EVENINGS. ADDITIONAL DETAILS IN THE JUNE ISSUE OF TROUT TALK.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2008

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 BY PRESIDENT DAVE NOWICKI.
2. SECRETARY VIKKI GUILLES READ THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 30 MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND THEY WERE ACCEPTED AS READ.
3. BOB STREK GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
4. NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS WERE WELCOMED.
5. MARY JANE BELTER OFFERED REGISTRATION FOR THE GRAND HAVEN BIG LAKE CONTEST.
6. FISHING REPORTS WERE GIVEN.
7. BUD POTTS GAVE A SALMON IN SCHOOL UPDATE.
8. BOB STREK RECAPPED THE CANCELLATION OF THE GRAND HAVEN BIG LAKE OUTING DUE TO SMALL VCRAFT WARNINGS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.
9. BOB STREK GAVE AN UPDATR ON THE NET PEN PROJECT. THE FISH HAVE BEEN RELEASED. THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED WITH THE PROJECT THIS YEAR.
10. JIM LARSEN SHARED INFORMATION ON THE VETERENS FACILITY FISHING CONTEST, WITH REQUESTS FOR VOLUNTEERS.
11. TOM BEREZA UPDATED THE VET'S LAND SCAPING PROJECT, GREAT SUPPORT AND 2 YEARS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.
12. DICK GROMKO OUTLINED THE LAKE ERIE OUTING DATES, TIMES AND SIGN UP.
13. DICK GROMKO ALSO GAVE A REPORT ON THE SCHEDULED LUDING OUTING.
14. CHRIS EDWARDS INTRODUCED BOB DUKESHERER. BOB GAVE A NOSS PRESENTATION, COMPLETE WITH RADIO AND COMPUTER WEBSITE EXPLANATIONS.
15. THE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING WAS HELD AND THE WINNER WAS BILL NEWELL.
16. THE TACKLE RAFFLE AND 50/50 DRAWINGS WERE HELD.
17. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

BIG LAKE CONTEST

The Grand Rapids Steelheaders Big Lake Contest was to be held this past May 17, (Saturday), with Sunday, May 18 the backup date. Nineteen boats signed up for the contest and supplies were purchased for the lunch and weigh in at Rycenga's. A Low Front came down from Canada on Thursday and small craft warnings were posted for the weekend. Chris Edwards and Bob Strek closely watched the conditions and late Friday afternoon cancelled the contest for Saturday morning the 17th and the contest was moved to Sunday.

Watching the Grand Haven Steelheaders Web Cam during the day on Saturday showed Lake Michigan settling down. Small craft warnings were still posted for Sunday. On Sunday morning about 4:15 AM Chris Edwards drove out to the pear on the East Side and called and informed me that there were 3 and 4 foot rollers in the channel and then we cancelled the contest for Sunday and the year.

All paid entry fees were refunded, the weigh in lunch became our pre meeting meal at the Steelheaders meeting on May 19 TH. After the meeting all unopened packages of hot dog buns and potato salad were donated to Gods Kitchen.



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GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 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

AUGUST 2 RON PLEKKER MEMORIAL MANISTEE OUTING
11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL
23 POWDER PUFF CONTEST 7:00 AM
25 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

SEPTEMBER 8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL
13 CHAPTER BIG LAKE MEMORIAL CONTEST
29 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

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.

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 JUDGMENT 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 WEIGHRD 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.



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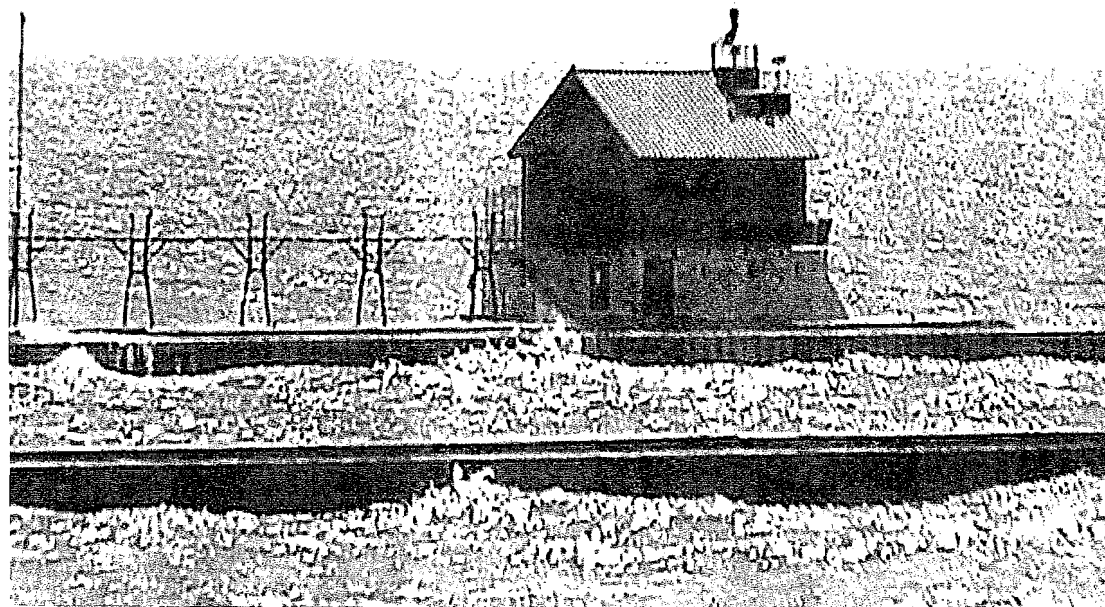
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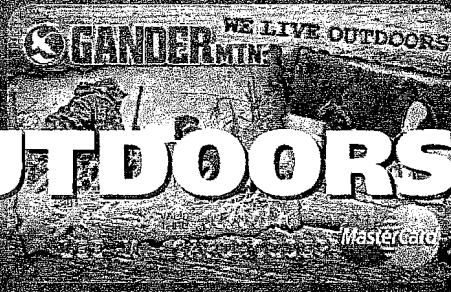
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