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Grand Rapids Steelheaders

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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER MEETING – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2008 – 7:30 PM
SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 – 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

CAPTAIN PHIL RETHERFORD

CATCH-A-BUNCH MUSKEGON SPORTFISHING CHARTERS

CAPTAIN PHIL FROM CATCH-A BUNCH CHARTERS AND BIG WEENIE BRAND FLIES WILL BE ARE FEATURED
SPEAKER AT THE SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING. PHIL WILL DISCUSS PRODUCTS AVAILABLE, WHAT
THE COMPANY DOES ETC. A SPEAKER FROM THE DNR WILL ALSO BE PART OF THIS PROGRAM.
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 USED OR NEW FISHING TACKLE THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO SELL AT THE SWAP TABLE.
BRING YOUR FAMILY, FISHING BUDDIES, SIGNUP A NEW MEMBER. SEE YOU ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 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.

EDITORS NOTE

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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ADDRESS _____

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

DONALD SOVA	ADAM STARR	HENRI BOUCHER
NELSON NIENHUIS	ROBERT ESTELLE	MARK KIEDA
JACK HORNBACK	ANDREW WISNIEWSKI	MIKE ORGANEK
ARTHUR BURKE	BRIAN VANDERKLOK	ROBERT FIEBIG
DAVID BIALKA	JAMES FRIELINK	

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN JUNE 2008:

PETE GARCHOW PAUL RICH

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN JULY 2008:

THOMAS PARKER

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN AUGUST 2008:

WALLACE KIEDA TONY NIKODEMSKI

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE THIS MONTH:

MIKE HARVEY	BONNIE LOCKLEAR	DAN O'KEEFE
CHUCK PISTIS	JOHN SCHLEINZ	DAN TEBO
EDWARD TRUSWELL	EVERET WOODWORTH	

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE IN OCTOBER 2008:

JERRY AVERY	TIM BORGELD	JACK CRAMER
DANIEL DODGE	CHRIS EDWARDS	SKIP GILMORE
DAVID HARDING	JON HENDRICKS	LENNY KRUELLO
RICHARD HODGES	JEFF HOOD HOOD	GREG PRICE
TOM MROCZKOWSKI	DAVID RISTOW	ANDREW ROSS

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MEMBERSHIP YOU
WILL NOT RECEIVE A MONTHLY
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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.

FISHING PARTNER OUTING

THE ANNUAL FISHING PARTNERS OUTING IS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 8, 2008 AT MANISTEE MICHIGAN. STEVE HEINTZELMAN IS THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE OUTING. THIS IS A FISHING, HUNTING, RELAXING OUTING. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING CONTACT STEVE AT 616-791-7009 OR SEE HIM AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE CHAPTERS ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 2008. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED. TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION CONTACT SUZI MERDZINSKI AT 616-458-9641 BY DECEMBER 1, 2008. EACH FAMILY IS ASKED TO BRING A DISH TO PASS ALONG WITH THEIR OWN TABLE SERVICE. THE CHAPTER WILL SUPPLY THE MEAT AND REFRESHMENT. THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLES, ETC. AND A VISIT FROM SANTA FOR THE CHILDREN. IF YOU NEED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT SUZI OR ANY BOARD MEMBER. IF YOU HAVE NEVER ATTENDED THE CHRISTMAS PARTY TRY TO ATTEND THIS YEAR.



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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 GULES
MAY 2008	BILL NEWELL
JUNE 2008	MICHAEL BOLHOUSE
AUGUST 2008	BOB FIEBIG
SEPTEMBER 2007	JEFF KEIZER
OCTOBER 2007	GERALD BOELEMA
NOVEMBER 2007	PHIL BOLEK

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

CHAPTER CLOTHING

THE CHAPTER NOW HAS CHAPTER SHIRTS, CAPS, ETC. FOR SALE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE SOME CHAPTER CLOTHING CONTACT JOHN STAUFFER AT 616-453-1327 OR VIKKI GULES AT 616-677-3442. THEY CAN GIVE YOU THE DETAILS ON WHAT CLOTHING IS AVAILABLE TO CHAPTER MEMBERS AND THE PRICES. SHOW YOUR CHAPTER COLORS, PURCHASE CHAPTER CLOTHING.



BEST PRICES GUARANTEED!

2008 YEARLY CHAPTER FISH CONTEST

BIG LAKE

STEELHEAD -	VIKKI GULES	10-09
	KRIS GULES	10-01
	BEN WOLFE	08-10
	TRAVIS KORT	07-13
BROWN TROUT --	CHRIS NIENHUIS	10-01
	NELSON NIENHUIS	08-00
	TRAVIS KORT	06-08
	BOB ANTZAK	05-04
LAKE TROUT -	STEVE PHILLIPS	18-03
	RICH WILSON	11-04
	TRAVIS KORT	10-07
	NANCY WOOD	07-07

COHO -	STEVE PHILLIPS	06-13
	ZACH STREK	06-08
	DICK GROMKO	04-06
	TRAVIS KORT	03-03

CHINOOK -	DARRYL HIGHWAY	23-07
	JERRY AVERY	22-00
	SALLY JOE WILSON	21-12
	GARY PERDEW	17-12

WALLEYE -	DARRYL HIGHWAY	09-02
	VIKKI GULES	06-06
	BOB STREK	03-07

RIVER

STEELHEAD --	JON HENDRICK	10-06
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BROWN TROUT -	WARREN GALINSKI	03-01
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LAKE TROUT -	NO ENTRY	
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COHO -	WARREN GALINSKI	04-02
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CHINOOK -	NORM TOW	12-00
	GARY PERDEW	11-14

WALLEYE -	BOB STREK	06-15
	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.

2008 MEMORIAL OUTING RECAP

The 2008 Memorial Outing was held last Sunday, September 7, 2008. We had a record 14 boats scheduled to fish that day, 9 boats came to weigh-in with their coolers in tow. It was a beautiful day on the water, with the wind just starting to kick up the waves good by the time lines were to be pulled at noon. The weigh-in and cookout were held at Kris & Vikki Guiles' home, with plenty of good summer fare for everyone to enjoy. The house was surrounded by trucks, boats, canopied tables, grills, weigh-in station, fish cleaning station and most of all, good fishing buddies. There were several new faces at this outing as well as favorite regulars. The winners were: Inspiration with 26.06 lbs; Relaxer with 25.01; Skeet Shooter with 24 lbs; largest Salmon went to Fang Tooth at 12.03; Largest Trout (Steelhead) went to SNAFU at 12.12. The Chapter graciously furnished the food and refreshments for everyone; and we hope a good time was had by all. A special thank you to: Pat Plekker, setup crew; Bob Winkels, grillmaster; Liz Gromko, photographer; Chuck TenBrink, fry daddy; with a very special thank you (and welcome) to Mark & Deanna of Casual Threads who donated t-shirts/hats to the winners. It would not have been as nice a day without each one of you! The day was special to note those who were not able to be with us (Ron Plekker 9/14/07; Norm Colbeck; 8/06; and Gordy May, 2006 and George Bolhouse to name a few) and also to appreciate the comraderie of our friends. Mark your calendars up for next year – and bring a new buddy -- just like many of you did this year. It was awesome!

2008 Sportsman for Youth Day – Hoffmaster Park

15 different clubs joined together to sponsor the annual sportsman for Youth Day at Hoffmaster Park on Saturday, September 6. There were over 1,400 kids there as well as about 900 adults (official tally yet to be announced). The Grand Haven Chapter coordinated a virtual fishing booth; there were bow shooting, gun target shooting, large fishing pond, taxidermy, trapping; horsemanship; etc. to encourage kids to get away from the videos and experience the joy of outdoor reality. Local firefighters had a mobile home that kids entered and had to 'escape' with a fire simulation. The police had an impact simulator to show the difference wearing a seatbelt makes. Entry was free and kids received a free t-shirt, goodie bag, tickets for free lunch supplied there and a raffle ticket towards the prize of their choice. This event was extremely well organized and is an event worth taking your kids or grandkids to enjoy. Try to make it next year – it is well worth your time and the price is certainly right!

TEXAS HOLD'EM

The Grand Rapids Steelheaders Foundation is holding its first ever Texas Hold'em tournament. The tourney will be held at the 44th Street Bistro, Kentwood Mi on October 15 – 18. More details to follow. Hold the date on your calendar and spread the word to any of your friends and family that enjoy the game. The foundation will be working this event as its major fundraiser to help sponsor kids to go to summer MUCC camp; pay for the Salmon in Schools program; and contribute to the numerous outdoor charities, events and drives that our chapter assists with. Any questions – see Norm Van Sickle or Vikki Guiles.

Michigan Steelheaders "Diver" Sale

Walker – "Deeper Diver" Disk order sheet

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Walker Deeper Diver sizes

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- b.) Regular - 107mm = (4.25")
- c.) Mag – 124mm = (5.25")

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- Contact: David Anderson thru the Grand Rapids Steelheaders' Chapter
 - Note: Order deadline is October 31, 2008
 - See http://walkerdownriggers.com/deeper_diver.html for more details, or my ad

FALL GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER RIVER CONTEST

THE CHAPTER FALL RIVER CONTEST IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2008. THE CHAIRMEN FOR THE OUTING ARE BILL NEWELL AND JOHN GARDNER. TO SIGN UP OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT BILL OR JOHN AT THE NUMBERS BELOW OR SEE THEM AT THE SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING. BE SURE TO REGISTER BY THURSDAY OCTOBER 23, 2008 BY 9:00 P.M.

FALL GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER RIVER RULES

1. DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2008.
2. OPEN TO ENTIRE GRAND, ROGUE, MUSKEGON RIVERS ONLY.
3. PAID TO DATE MEMBERS ONLY.
4. STARTING TIME 6:00 AM, FINISH AT 2:00 PM SHARP.
5. WEIGH-IN NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM SHARP.
6. ENTRY FEE, \$2.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE).
7. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY THURSDAY OCTOBER 23,, 2008, 9:00 P.M.
8. CONTACT BILL NEWELL 616-897-6949, OR JOHN GARDNER 616-304-3529.
9. CATCH MUST BE STEELHEAD.
10. THREE (3) FISH LIMIT.
11. ALL FISH MUST BE 20" OR OVER.
12. ALL FISH MUST BE LEGALLY CAUGHT.
13. TWO RODS PER PERSON, STATE RULES APPLY.
14. ALL FISH ENTERED WILL BE JUDGED BY WEIGHT ONLY.
15. WEIGH-IN SITE EAST SIDE SIXTH STREET PARK.
16. TROPHIES FOR FIRST AND SECOND PLACE, IN CASE OF TIE, TWO TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED.
\$20.00 CASH AWARD FOR LARGEST FISH. ONE REVOLVING TROPHY FOR FIRST PLACE.

NOTE: ALL CONTROVERSIES, PROBLEMS, ETC. ARISING WITH ABOVE CONTEST WILL BE RESOLVED BY THE STEELHEAD CHAPTER BOARD AT A SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, NOT AT AN OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 29 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL
- OCTOBER 1 CHAPTER DEER CONTEST BEGINS
13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL (NOTE DATE CHANGE)
20 REGION II MEETING 7:00 PM HOLLAND CHAPTER HOST AT DIAMOND HALL
25 CHAPTER FALL RIVER CONTEST 6:00 AM, GRAND, ROGUE, MUSKEGON RIVERS
27 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL
- NOVEMBER 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL
8 FISHING PARTNERS MANISTEE OUTING
24 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL
30 2008 CHAPTER FISH CONTEST ENDS
- DECEMBER 1 2009 CHAPTER FISH CONTEST BEGINS
1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL
8 CHAPTER FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00 PM DIAMOND HALL
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

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

1. DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.
2. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARY'S REPORT AS PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER. THE MOTION PASSED.
3. BOB STREK GAVE A FINANCIAL REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
4. BOB ANTZAK GAVE A UPDATE ON THE YEARLY FISH CONTEST. 68 MEMBERS ARE IN THE CONTEST. REMEMBER TO ENTER, YOU MAY CATCH A FISH THAT IS A WINNER.
5. STEVE HEINTZELMAN NEEDS RAFFLE PRIZES. DAVE ANDERSON AND JIM LARSEN GAVE LARGE DONATIONS. THANK YOU.
6. DICK GROMKO AND TONY NIKODEMSKI COVERED MEETING PREP. A HOT DISH WILL BE AVAILABLE ALONG WITH SANDWICHES FOR THE PRESENT TIME.
7. DAVE ANDERSON AND CHRIS EDWARDS ARE LINING UP MEETING PROGRAMS.
8. KRIS GUILLES IS UPDATING MUCC ISSUES.
9. BUD POTTS REPORTED ON SALMON IN SCHOOLS PROJECT. TIME TO START ROLLING.
10. DAVE NOWICKI REPORTED ON THE NEWSLETTER. ARTICLES ARE NEEDED FROM MEMBERS.
11. NORM VANSICKLE UPDATED ON THE GRSF TEXAS HOLD EM. VIKKI GUILLES TALKED ABOUT A VIRTURAL FISHING MACHING.
12. JOHN STAUFFER IS SELLING CLOTHING LIKE HOT CAKES. CONTACT JOHN ID YOU NEED SHIRTS, HATS, ETC.
13. KRIS GUILLES RECAPPED THE BIG LAKE MEMORIAL OUTING.
14. BILL NEWELL AND JOHN GARDNER WILL CHAIR THE FALL RIVER CONTEST.
15. CHRIS EDWARD AND BILL NEWELL WILL CHAIR THE BUCK CONTEST.
16. STEVE HEINTZELMAN WILL HOST THE FISHING PARTNERS OUTING TO MANISTEE IN NOVEMBER.
17. PLANS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ARE BEING MADE.
18. THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 13.
19. GANDER MOUNTAIN IS HAVING AN APPRECIATION NIGHT. RENEE DAVIS IS GETTING THE DETAILS.
20. MEMBER BOB FIEBIG IS HAVING BACK SURGERY.
21. THE METING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 P.M.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2008

1. DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.
2. VIKKI GUILLES READ THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2008 MEMBERSHIP MEETING, AND THEY WERE ACCEPTED AS READ.
3. BOB STREK GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
4. FISHING REPORTS WERE SHARED, ALONG WITH FISHING STORIES.
5. VIKKI GUILLES RECAPPED THE CHAPTER PICNIC.
6. DICK GROMKO REPORTED ON THE LUDINGTON OUTING.
7. STEVE HEINTZELMAN REPORTED ON THE MANISTEE RON PLEKKER MEMORIAL OUTING.
8. BUD POTTS GAVE A STATE REPORT. A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS IN PROGRESS.
9. VIKKI GUILLES UPDATED ON THE GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS FOUNDATION. A TEXAS HOLDDEM IS SCHEDULED FROM OCT 10 THRU OCT. 19 AT SAM'S BISTRO, 1950 44TH STREET STREET SE. THE CHAPTER HAS SHIRTS FOR SALE, CONTACT JOHN STAUFFER.
10. KRIS GUILLES INVITED SIGH UP FOR THE MEMORIAL OUTING.
11. BOB STREK GAVE HATS TO KIDS AGE 14 AND YOUNGER.
12. CHRIS EDWARDS WELCOMED KYLE BUCK, KYLE GAVE A VERY INFORMATIVE PROGRAM ON SALMON FISHING IN THE RIVER.
13. THE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING WAS HELD AND THE WINNER WAS BOB FIEBIG.
14. THE TACKLE RAFFLE AND 50/50 DRAWING WERE HELD.
15. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:40.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

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

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

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ON AUGUST 2ND ALL STARTED OUT WELL. UNTIL WE GOT TO THE LAKE, THEN WE KNEW WE WERE IN FOR A "BIG WAVE DAY". THE DAY STARTED OUT CALM AT INSTA LAUNCH, BUT SOON I LEARNED THAT 20-30 MPH WIND WAS RIPPING ACROSS THE LAKE. IT STARTED WITH 2-4 FT. WAVES AND THEN BUILT TO 4-6 BY 10 A.M. NOT A GOOD DAY FOR THOSE WITH A BAD STOMACH, RIGHT CHUCK? THAT'S ALL I'M GOING TO SAY ABOUT THAT. A WORD TO THE WISE. DON'T BRING A SMALL BOAT ON WATER WITH BIG WAVES, IS THAT NOT CORRECT BOB SCHULTZ? NEED I SAY MORE. ANYWAY IT WAS A BIG SUCCESS. PIZZA WAS GREAT WITH BREAD STICKS AND WHAT EVER BEVERAGE YOU WANTED. EVEN THROUGH THE FISHING WAS HARD FOR SOME JOHN GARDNER IN INSPIRATION SMOKED EVERYONE BY 20 LBS WITH A TOTAL OF 42.15. DICK GROMKO IN RELAXER CAME IN 2ND WITH 22.30 FOR TOTAL WEIGHT. THEN IN 3RD WAS JOHN STAUFFER WITH A GRAND TOTAL OD 4.7 FOR OLD YELLER. INSPIRATION HAD 5 FISH, RELAXER HAD 3 FISH, AND OLD YELLER HAD 1. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AND MORE NEXT YEAR. SPECIAL THANKS TO DICK, GERRY, KRIS & VIKKI FOR ALL YOU'RE YOUR HELP.

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