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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER MEETING-MONDAY JANUARY 25, 2010-7:30 PM  
SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 - 7:30 PM

## JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

### ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

THE JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM IS THE AWARDING OF THE CHAPTERS FISHING AND HUNTING AWARDS. THE TROPHIES AND CASH AWARDS FOR THE YEARLY FISH CONTEST, SMALL FRY CONTEST, SPRING RIVER CONTEST, AND THE BUCK CONTEST WILL BE AWARDED.

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN ARE RECEIVING AWARDS IN THE SMALL FRY CONTEST: BLAKE HENDRICK, ZACK STREK.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE RECEIVING AWARDS IN THE YEARLY FISH CONTEST: LINDA HIGHWAY, GERALD BOELMA, RICH WILSON, NANCY WOOD, DARRYL HIGHWAY, STEVE PHILLIPS, KRIS GUILLES, STEPHANIE WOOD, ZACK STREK., DAVID FIGG, MARTY KUKS, LENNY KURELLO, RENEE DAVIS, WARREN GALINSKI, JON HENDRICK, MIKE WOOD, ANDREW SKRZYCKI, BLAKE HENDRICK, BRIAN BOOMSMA, NORM TOW, BOB ANTZAK.

THE ARE NO BIG LAKE CONTEST AWARDS DUE TO CANCELLATION OF THE CONTEST.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBER IS RECEIVING AN AWARD IN THE SPRING RIVER CONTEST: TOM MROCZKOWSKI.

BUCK CONTEST PARTICIPANTS, REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DEER RACKS.

IF YOUR NAME IS LISTED PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, OR HAVE SOMEONE PICK UP YOUR AWARD FOR YOU. 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 AND SELL IT AT THE SWAP TABLE. *BRING YOUR FAMILY, FISHING BUDDIES, SIGNUP A NEW MEMBER.* SEE YOU ON MONDAY JANUARY 25.

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#### 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

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE PUBLISHED IN THE "TROUT TALK", SEND IT TO US BY THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH THAT YOU WOULD LIKE IT PUBLISHED. SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO DAVE NOWICKI, 2471 ANCIENT S.W., WYOMING, MICHIGAN, 49519 OR CALL 616-532-7727, OR E-MAIL polander@hotmail.com

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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## **2010 ULTIMATE SPORT SHOW REMINDER**

THE INFORMATION IN THIS ARTICLE IS A REFRESHER FOR THE MEMBERSHIPS HELP WITH THE SPORT SHOW.

THE ULTIMATE SPORT SHOW IS MARCH 18-12, 2010 AT DEVOS PLACE. THIS SHOW IS **OUR CHAPTERS ONLY FUNDRAISER FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR**. HELP FROM OUR **ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP** MAKES THIS PROJECT A GREAT FUNDRAISER. FOR THOSE THAT ARE NEW TO THE CHAPTER, AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS FOR YEARS, I WILL TRY TO EXPLAIN HOW YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS.

THIS MONTH AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING WE WILL HAVE DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR MEMBERS TO SELL TO THE SHOW. WE HAVE ADULT AND CHILDRENS TICKETS. A PORTION OF EACH TICKET THAT YOU SELL GOES DIRECTLY TO **OUR CHAPTER**. THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO MAKE MONEY FOR YOUR CHAPTER. ADULT TICKETS ARE \$9.00 AT THE DOOR. OUR ADULT TICKETS ARE \$7.00. CHILD TICKETS (AGES 6-14) ARE \$4.00 AT THE DOOR. OUR CHILD TICKETS ARE \$3.00. CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE. THESE TICKETS ARE GOOD EVERYDAY OF THE SHOW. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE EXCHANGED AT THE BOX OFFICE. NO WAITING IN LINE TO GET IN. YOU CAN SELL THESE TICKETS AT WORK, TO FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, STRANGERS, ETC. THEY ARE VERY EASY TO SELL, IF THE BUYER REALIZES THEY ARE SAVING \$2.00 ON EACH ADULT TICKET. THE TICKETS ARE IN GROUPS OF 10, IF YOU SELL THE 10 TICKETS YOU WILL RECEIVE A \$5.00 GIFT CARD TO A LOCAL SPORTING GOODS STORE TO SPEND AS YOU PLEASE. THE MORE GROUPS OF 10 THAT YOU SELL YOU CAN GET A \$5.00 GIFT CARD FOR EACH 10 TICKETS THAT YOU SELL. THE MORE YOU SELL THE MORE YOU CAN MAKE. WHEN YOU TURN IN THE ENVELOPE THAT YOU RECEIVED THE TICKETS IN, WITH THE MONEY FOR 10 TICKETS, THE ENVELOPE WILL BE PUT INTO A DRAWING FOR A GIFT CERTIFICATE. THERE WILL BE FOUR WINNERS. THE DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING. IF YOU NEED TICKETS/POSTERS CONTACT BOB STREK 616-453-3109, OR DAVE NOWICKI 616-532-7727.

THE NEXT PART OF OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SHOW IS PROVIDING SECURITY AND A EXHIBITORS TABLE WORKER. THERE ARE 5 DOORS THAT WE PROVIDE SECURITY FOR. WE NEED ONE WORKER TO WORK AT THE EXHIBITORS TABLE FOR THE STEELHEADERS. THERE ARE DAILY CHAIRPEOPLE FOR EACH DAY THAT HANDLE SCHEDULING. THE CHAIRPEOPLE ARE, THURSDAY DICK GROMKO 455-1336, CO CHAIRMAN BOB ESTELLE 616-453-9609, FRIDAY AMY HEINTZELMAN 616-784-5686, SATURDAY VIKKI, KRIS GUILLES 616-677-3442 AND DAVE ANDERSON 616-453-5513, SUNDAY NORM VAN SICKLE 532-5845. THERE WILL BE SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS TO SIGN UP TO WORK. SIGN UP EARLY TO GET THE HOURS YOU WANT.

THE CHAPTER DOES THE FISH CLEANING FOR THE TROUT POND AT THE SHOW. THE CHAIRMAN IS BILL NEWELL 616-897-6949. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO CLEAN FISH, AS THERE ARE SEVERAL AREAS IN THE FISH CLEANING BOOTH THAT DO NOT REQUIRE CLEANING. HOWEVER ANYONE WITH FISH CLEANING SKILLS IS ASKED TO HELP CLEAN. THERE WILL BE FOOD AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS THAT WORK AT THE SHOW. RENEE DAVIS IS THE CHAIRLADY FOR THE KITCHEN. IF YOU CAN HELP IN THE KITCHEN OR WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A DISH OF FOOD CONTACT RENEE AT 363-3564. AGAIN THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE A FISH CONTEST FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW. ANYONE THAT BRINGS IN A FRESHLY CAUGHT FISH (NOT FROM THE TROUT POND) WILL BE ENTERED INTO A CONTEST FOR THE LARGEST FISH. IF YOU ARE FISHING THE RIVER, JUST BRING YOUR FISH TO THE EXHIBITORS ENTRANCE AT DEVOS PLACE AND TELL THEM YOU ARE TAKING IT TO THE STEELHEADERS FISH CLEANING BOOTH. SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO SIGN UP TO WORK.

WE ALSO HAVE A MEMBERSHIP BOOTH. IN THE BOOTH WE SELL MEMBERSHIPS, RAFFLE TICKETS, RENEW MEMBERSHIPS, BUILD AND SELL SPINNERS, INFORM POTENTIAL MEMBERS ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS PROGRAM, AND EXPLAIN WHAT THE CLUB IS ALL ABOUT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN THIS AREA CONTACT DAVE NOWICKI OR BOB STREK AT THE ABOVE NUMBERS.

WE ALSO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS AT THE SHOW. STEVE HEINTZELMAN 616-791-7009 IS THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE RAFFLE TICKET SALES. TICKETS ARE \$1.00 EACH OR 7 FOR \$5.00 AND ARE ONLY SOLD AT THE SHOW. PRIZES ARE- A CHARTER FISHING TRIP ON SNAFU CHARTERS, 2 NASCAR TICKETS TO THE JUNE 13, 2010 RACE, \$150 CASH. TO SIGN UP TO SELL RAFFLE TICKET AT THE SHOW CONTACT STEVE AT THE ABOVE NUMBER.

GENERAL INFORMATION - FREE PARKING AT DASH LOT#9. PLEASE USE THIS LOT IF YOU ARE WORKING THE SHOW. IF YOU CANNOT PARK IN THE DASH LOT, AND HAVE TO PAY FOR PARKING, YOUR PARKING WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE CHAPTER, IF YOU HAVE A SCHEDULED TIME TO WORK. WHEN YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO WORK AT THE SHOW, YOUR PARKING, ADMISSION TO THE SHOW, AND CHAPTER SUPPLIED REFRESHMENTS ARE ALL SUPPLIED TO YOU AT NO COST. YOU MUST HAVE A SCHEDULED TIME AND PLACE TO WORK FOR THE CHAPTER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS. WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT DEVOS PLACE, USE THE EXHIBITORS ENTRANCE, A BADGE WILL BE THERE. YOU MAY NEED TO SHOW I.D. YOU MUST SIGN IN AT THE MEMBERSHIP BOOTH WHEN YOU ARRIVE, AND SIGN OUT WHEN YOU LEAVE. BRING YOUR DATED PARKING LOT RECEIPT TO THE MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND GET YOUR PARKING PAID FOR.

A MEMBERSHIP DRAWING IS HELD FOR SECURITY/EXHIBITORS TABLE, MEMBERSHIP BOOTH/RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS, FISH CLEANING/KITCHEN WORKERS. FOR EACH HOUR THAT A MEMBER WORKS IN AN AREA FOR THE CHAPTER, THEIR NAME IS PUT INTO A DRAWING FOR THAT AREA FOR A YEARLY MEMBERSHIP (STATE AND CHAPTER). YOU CAN ONLY WIN ONE MEMBERSHIP PER YEAR. AT THE MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD FOR EACH AREA.

WHERE CAN YOU GO TO GET ALL THIS AT NO COST? -PLUS YOU ARE HELPING **YOUR CHAPTER ONE TIME A YEAR**. SELL TICKETS, SIGN UP TO WORK, OR IF YOU ARE CALLED BY ONE OF THE CHAIRMEN, PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP. YOU WILL GET FREE ADMISSION TO THE ENTIRE SHOW, FREE PARKING, FREE REFRESHMENTS AND FOOD, PLUS MEET YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS IN YOUR CHAPTER, AND HELPING SUPPORT YOUR CHAPTER.

REMEMBER - SELL AS MANY DISCOUNT TICKETS AS YOU CAN, HELP WITH SECURITY.EXHIBITORS TABLE, MEMBERSHIP BOOTH, RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS, FISH CLEANING, KITCHEN. YOU WILL ENJOY WORKING THIS SHOW. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT DAVE NOWICKI 616-532-7727, OR BOB STREK 616-453-3109.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

RON LARSEN

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED IN OCTOBER 2009:

JEFF HOOD HOOD	JEFF KEIZER	GREG PRICE
TOM MROCKOWSKI	ANDREW ROSS	LUKE TRIPLET
BRIAN VANDER KLOK		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN NOVEMBER 2009:

JOHN DECKER	DAVE VAN MALE
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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN DECEMBER 2009:

BILL ISENBERG	NORM VANSICKLE
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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE THIS MONTH:

JOHN GARDNER	MIKE HERRICK	LARRY MAREK
STEVE PHILLIPS	ANDRIS SALKA	NORM TOW
HENRY SLUIS III		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE IN FEBRUARY 2010:

ANDY BLYSTRA	WARREN GALINSKI	MIKE GROMKO
RUGG HARRINGTON	PAUL SKRZCKI	MATT WING

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

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Thanks to all that helped at the New Year's weekend Texas Hold'em tournament for the foundation - we had the lowest payout ever for one of these tournaments, BUT it was still great. The money is earned toward sending kids to camp, supplementing the salmon in schools program, buying a new net for the spring fingerlings out of Grand Haven or any of the other miscellaneous causes our foundation has been supporting. We have been able to do a lot this last year, including buying a virtual fishing machine in conjunction with the Grand Haven Chapter for the kids (and adults) to enjoy at our gatherings and fundraisers.

The next Texas Hold'em will be held March 1, 2, 3 and 4 at Spectrum Lanes. This will be just before the Sports Show and we have approval to sell our sports show tickets at the Spectrum Lanes! I hope all our best salesmen will come out there to optimize on this opportunity. Thank you for all you do to help - - and if you have any questions or ideas, please let us know. Just remember; this foundation is established to support education and conservation!

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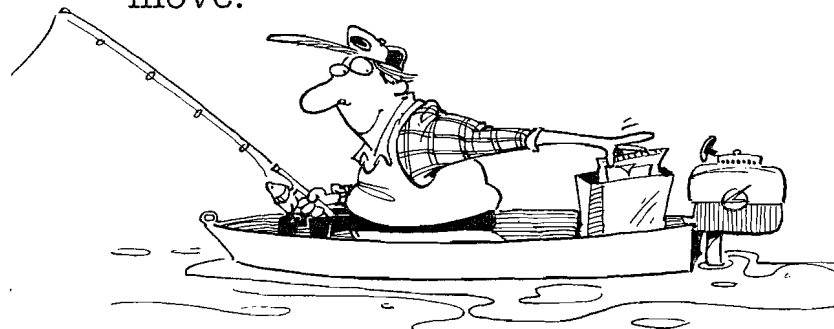
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**ANGLING:** The art of bending your arm completely behind your body so as to grab a snack from the back of the boat without actually having to move.



## THE YEAR LONG SMALL FRY FISHING CONTEST

FOR ALL BOYS AND GIRLS UP TO 15 YEARS OLD WHOSE 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 WEIGHED 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 2<sup>ND</sup> 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  
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ADA, MI. 49301  
616-363-3564

- 7) THE 2010 CONTEST BEGINS DECEMBER 1, 2009 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2010.

### 2009 SMALL FRY CONTEST FINAL RESULTS

PERCH --	ZACK STREK	
STEELHEAD	BLAKE HENDRICK	7.2 LBS
	BLAKE HENDRICK	5.5 LBS
	BLAKE HENDRICK	31"
LAKE TROUT	BLAKE HENDRICK	7LB 2oz.
CHINOOK	ZACK STREK	11.00 LBS
SHEEPHEAD	ZACK STREK	5.75 LBS

### IMPROVED BLOOD KNOT

The Improved Blood Knot is used for tying two pieces of monofilament together of relatively equal diameters.

1. Overlap the ends of your two strands that are to be joined and twist them together about 10 turns.

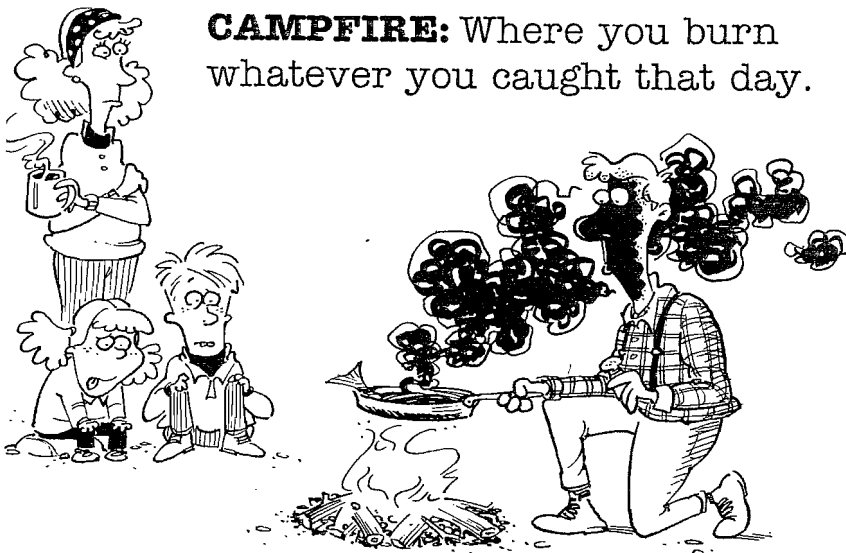


2. Separate one of the center twists and thrust the two ends through the space as illustrated.



3. Pull knot together and trim off the short ends.

**CAMPFIRE:** Where you burn whatever you caught that day.



**live bait** Something slimy, smelly, or sickening put on a hook to attract fish, as opposed to something shiny, sharp, silly, or stupid.

## FISHING PARTNERS

THE CHAPTER HAS A 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.

## 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 GUILLES 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.

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MEETING SET UP-DICK GROMKO, BOB STREK, STEVE H.  
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## 2009 YEARLY CHAPTER FISH CONTEST

### FINAL RESULTS

#### BIG LAKE

STEELHEAD -	LINDA HIGHWAY	12-10	T \$20
	KRIS GUILLES	12-09	
	GERALD BOELEMA	12-00	T
BROWN TROUT -	RICH WILSON	12-08	T
	NANCY WOOD	09-11	T
	LENNY KURELLO	07-00	
LAKE TROUT -	DARRYL HIGHWAY	13-06	T\$50
	STEVE PHILLIPS	12-12	T\$30
	MIKE WOOD	11-08	
COHO -	KRIS GUILLES	12-11	T\$50
	DARRYL HIGHWAY	10-07	
	STEPHANIE WOOD	10-05	T\$30
	ZACK STREK	09-02	\$20
CHINOOK -	DAVID FIGG	22-03	T\$50
	MARTY KUKS	21-08	T\$30
	LENNY KURELLO	20-06	\$20
	NANCY WOOD	20-03	
WALLEYE -	RENEE DAVIS	06-01	T\$50

#### RIVER

STEELHEAD -	WARREN GALINSKI	12-08	T\$50
	JON HENDRICK	09-09	T\$30
	LENNY KURELLO	09-08	\$20
BROWN TROUT -	BRIAN BOOMSMA	11-12	
	MIKE WOOD	05-01	T
	ANDREW SKRZYCKI	04-10	T
LAKE TROUT -	NO ENTRY		
COHO -	BLAKE HENDRICK	05-12	T\$50
	WARREN GALINSKI	04-02	
CHINOOK -	BRIAN BOOMSMA	18-07	T\$50
	WARREN GALINSKI	15-03	
	NORM TOW	13-04	T\$30
WALLEYE -	BOB ANIZAK	04-01	T\$50

FINAL RESULTS OF THE 2009 CONTEST. T=TROPHY \$= CASH AWARD. TO ENTER THE 2010 CONTEST CONTACT BOB ANIZAK 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.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER JANUARY 4, 2010

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

1. DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM.
2. A MOTION WAS MADE AND SUPPORTED TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARY'S REPORT AS PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER.
3. BOB STREK HANDED OUT REPORTS FOR YEAR END.
4. MEETING PREP WAS COVERED BY DICK GROMKO AND TONY NIKODEMSKI.
5. STEVE HEINTZELMAN REPORTED RAFFLE PRIZES ARE SET UNTIL MARCH.
6. RENEE DAVIS COVERED MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS.
7. DAVE NOWICKI REPORTED PROGRAMS ARE SET THRU FEBRUARY.
8. KRIS GUILLES REPORTED ON MUCC ISSUES.
9. DAVE ANDERSON REPORTED THAT MEMBERSHIP IS DOWN. NEED TO GET MEMBERS TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIPS.
10. BUD POTTS REPORTED ON THE SALMON IN SCHOOLS PROJECT. STONY CREEK'S TANK CRASHED AND NEEDS REPAIR.
11. JOHN STAUFFER REPORTED SWEATSHIRTS ARE READY AND SOLD WELL AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.
12. NORM VAN SICKLE REPORTED THAT THE FOUNDATION DID WELL WITH THE TEXAS HOLD'EM CONTESTS. THANKS TO ALL THAT HELPED.
13. THE NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING IS JANUARY 16. IT WILL BE COMBINED WITH THE PRESIDENTS MEETING.
14. THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS A SUCCESS. THANKS TO ALL THAT HELPED.
15. BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS WERE TAKEN. THOSE NOMINATED ARE DAVE NOWICKI, BOB STREK, KRIS GUILLES, BUD POTTS, IRV BYXBE, JOHN STAUFFER, DAVE ANDERSON, BRIAN BOOMSMA, RON LARSEN. CONTACT DICK GROMKO OR RENEE DAVIS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN FOR THE BOARD.
16. THE ICE FISHING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 20 AT MUSKEGON LAKE.
17. THE ANNUAL TACKLE SALE IS MARCH 6 AT DIAMOND HALL. CONTACT STEVE HEINTZELMAN FOR DETAILS.
18. THE SPRING RIVER CONTEST WILL BE CHAIRED BY BILL NEWELL.
19. DAVE NOWICKI COVERED THE SPORT SHOW AND DUTIES.
20. A MOTION WAS MADE TO HAVE A RECOGNITION FOR VOLUNTEERS. THE MOTION WAS TABLED.
21. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

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### Northwest Indiana Forum wants waterways open

The Northwest Indiana Forum opposes Michigan's lawsuit to force Illinois to close Chicago-area locks to keep Asian carp out of the Great Lakes.

The Forum called for a long-term approach to eradicate Asian carp in the Inland Waterway System and Great Lakes, according to a news release. Closing the locks would have, "an immediate and profound impact on Northwest Indiana commerce without providing a permanent solution to the invasive species," the release states.

The group has asked Indiana to withdraw its support for the closure of the Chicago lock system. In December, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said he would file a brief supporting Michigan's efforts.

The Forum opposes closing the locks because the system regulates water flow between the rivers and the Great Lakes and reduces flooding issues, said Karen Lauerman, a spokesperson for the organization.

The group noted eliminating access to Chicago waterways would have a negative impact on large-scale regional projects, jobs and operations, including Ports of Indiana - Burns Harbor.

"The locks control the entrance and exit of barge traffic from the Great Lakes into the Inland Waterway System," said Kay Nelson, director of environmental affairs. "If the locks are closed, barge traffic can't come out to the ports and industries with raw materials and then take those finished products to various markets."

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Ice Fishing Outing

The annual ice fishing outing will be held February 20, 2009 at Muskegon Lake. Kris Guiles and Steve Heintzelman are chairing the event and will send around a signup sheet at the next meeting, along with further details and directions - save the date on your calendar! We plan to make every event as challenging and fun and possible this year; so help us in our resolution by resolving to attend - show or shine. Any suggestions for competitive challenges, perks & ideas are welcome to help grow the attendance for all fishing outings. Contact Kris Guiles (616-745-0903) or Steve Heintzelman (616-617-8092)

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS. DAVE NOWICKI. BOB STREK, KRIS GUILLES, BUD POTTS, IRV BYXBE, JOHN STAUFFER, DAVE ANDERSON, BRIAN BOOMSMA, RON LARSEN. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD CONTACT DICK GROMKO OR RENEE DAVIS. THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

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# GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY	25 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM –DIAMOND HALL
FEBRUARY	1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM – DIAMOND HALL 20 ICE FISHIGN OUTING –MUSKEGON LAKE 22 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM – DIAMOND HALL
MARCH	1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM – DIAMOND HALL 6 ANNUAL FISHING TACKLE SALE AT DIAMOND HALL 18-21 ULTIMATE SPORT SHOW – DEVOS PLACE 18-20 ULTIMATE SPORT SHOW FISHING CONTEST –DEVOS PLACE 27 SPRING RIVER CONTEST 6:00 AM GRAND, ROGUE, MUSKEGON RIVERS 29 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM – DIAMOND HALL
APRIL	5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM – DIAMOND HALL 19 REGION II MEETING 7:00 PM AT SOUTH HAVEN 26 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM – DIAMOND HALL

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<b>GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS 2009 FINANCIAL RESULTS</b>
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## REVENUE

GRAND RAPIDS MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 705.00
DONATIONS	\$ 816.65
SPORTS SHOW	\$ 14,418.53
ADVERTISING	\$ 320.00
50/50 RAFFLE	\$ 695.00
CONTEST/OUTINGS	\$ 342.00
BOAT DECALS	\$ 3.00
FISHING TACKLE SALE	\$ 569.00
CLOTHING	\$ 628.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,497.18</b>

## EXPENSES

NEWSLETTER	\$ 2,831.95
MEETINGS	\$ 3,734.34
SPORTS SHOW	\$ 5,722.01
CONTEST/OUTINGS	\$ 1,709.70
CHRISTMAS PARTY/PICNIC	\$ 452.19
STATE LIC. & FEES	\$ 20.00
CLOTHING	\$ 176.00
FISHING TACKLE SALE	\$ 229.84
POSTAL CHARGES	\$ 748.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 217.32
MUCC FEES	\$ 80.00
MILEAGE	\$ 96.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 16,017.60</b>

DIFFERENCE \$ 2,479.58

DECEMBER 31, 2009 CHECK BOOK BALANCE \$ 5,942.05

## Hoekstra wants time to study offshore wind farm proposed for Lake Michigan

U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, like many others, was taken by surprise by the proposal for a 100-square-mile wind farm offshore from Ludington south to Silver Lake State Park.

"This came out of the blue," he said noting he had some heads up on the B.P. White Pine Wind Farm proposed for in the Manistee National Forest north of Ludington before those meetings.

He said his office isn't getting much comment on it, perhaps because constituents see it as a state issue.

His sense from constituents so far?

"The people I've talked to are overwhelmingly against it," he told the Ludington Daily News editorial board in an interview Wednesday.

Hoekstra, a candidate for the nomination for governor of Michigan in this year's Republican primary, was asked what trumps economy and jobs in Michigan at this difficult time.

"There are a couple of things that are sacred in this state," Hoekstra said. "One of those on this side of the state is Lake Michigan."

He said Michigan residents on the shorelines of other Great Lakes probably feel the same way about their lakes.

Another trump issue, he said, is national security, thus he opposes moving Gitmo — the Cuba-based American prison housing enemy combatants captured in the war on terror — to U.S. soil, including a once-proposed facility in Standish.


Yet, he said, he wasn't ready to state a stance on the offshore wind farm proposal saying he hasn't studied it enough, hasn't seen enough of the facts to make a determination.

"I'm open to sitting down with the folks involved and the citizens in the district to determine where they're at," he said.

He said the number of potential new jobs and amount of investment will be important factors, too, as he and west Michigan residents as a whole make their decisions about whether it would be beneficial for the area.

In principle, he said he isn't opposed to wind energy development in the lake, noting he successfully earmarked funding for Grand Valley State University to test the practicability of wind turbines placed in the lake.

Lake Michigan winds have potential, he said, but there's also a question that needs to be answered about the cost differential between building turbines close to shore as in the current proposal 2 to 4 miles off the shoreline vs. placing them farther out where they are less visually distracting.



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## YEARLY CHAPTER FISH CONTEST RULES

1. THE GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER FISH CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SEPARATE CONTESTS, BIG LAKE AND RIVER. YOU WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST FISH CAUGHT FROM THE SAME WATER THAT YOU FISH. HARBOR LAKES (MUSKEGON, MANISTEE, ETC.) ARE TO BE CONSIDERED BIG LAKE WATERS.
2. THE CHAPTER FISH CONTEST WILL RUN FROM DECEMBER 1, TO NOVEMBER 30, OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
3. ALL FISH CAUGHT MUST BE LEGALLY CAUGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FISHING REGULATIONS. NO FOUL HOOKED FISH ALLOWED.
4. ALL FISH ENTERED IN THE CONTEST MUST BE CAUGHT BY THE ENTRANT, AND MAILED OR HANDED INTO THE CONTEST CHAIRMAN, WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF BEING CAUGHT.
5. ONLY GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THE CONTEST.
6. ALL LAKE CONTEST FISH ENTERED MUST BE CAUGHT FROM A BOAT LEAVING AND RETURNING TO A MICHIGAN PORT ON THE SAME DAY. ALL RIVER CONTEST FISH MUST BE CAUGHT IN MICHIGAN WATERS.
7. FISH SPECIES IN THE CONTEST WILL BE: LAKE TROUT, STEELHEAD, BROWN TROUT, COHO SALMON, CHINOOK SALMON, AND WALLEYE.
8. TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST AND SECOND PLACE FINISHERS IN EACH CATEGORY IN BOTH CONTESTS.
9. NO MORE THAN (1) ONE TROPHY, AND (1) ONE CASH PRIZE PER PERSON WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH CONTEST.
10. CASH PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED FOR THE HEAVIEST TROUT, HEAVIEST SALMON, CHINOOK AND COHO, AND HEAVIEST WALLEYE IN EACH CONTEST.

TROUT	SALMON CHINOOK	SALMON COHO	WALLEYE
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11. A PRE-REGISTRATION FEE OF \$5.00 PER FAMILY IS REQUIRED. THIS IS PAYABLE AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OR BY MAIL. YOUR CONTEST BEGINS UPON RECEIPT OF THE ENTRY FEE.
12. AN UP-TO-DATE LIST OF THE LEADERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER. WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED THEIR TROPHIES AT THE JANUARY MEETING.
13. ALL FISH ENTERED WILL BE JUDGED BY WEIGHT ONLY.
14. TO ENTER A FISH: FILL IN THE ENTRY FORM. IF POSSIBLE TAKE ANOTHER STEELHEADER (WITNESS) AND GO TO A CERTIFIED SCALE, (BAIT/MEAT MARKET) FOR WEIGH-IN. PORTABLE SCALES ARE NOT ALLOWED. IF YOU CANNOT GET A STEELHEADER TO WITNESS THE WEIGH-IN, TAKE THE FORM AND FISH TO HIS HOUSE AND HAVE HIM SIGN THE FORM. FILL OUT THE FORM SO HE CAN IDENTIFY THE SPECIES. DO NOT SEND IN AN INCOMPLETE ENTRY FORM.
15. MAIL ENTRY TO: BOB ANTZAK - 10377 WHITEWOOD DR. - WEST OLIVE, MI. 49460

### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER STEELHEADERS YEARLY FISH CONTEST

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIES ENTERED \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CAUGHT \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION CAUGHT \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CAUGHT \_\_\_\_\_

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