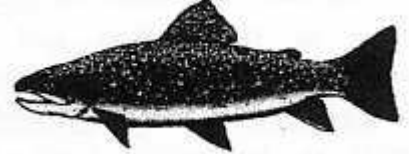


# DOWNRIGGER



## President's Message

Clem Luchtel a member since the clubs inception passed away on December 24<sup>th</sup> in Florida. He and Iris had been there for less than a week. They had planned on spending the winter there as they had in the past. I didn't know Clem well, but he was a true gentleman. He and Iris had been at the Newsted's for the annual Christmas get-together; and Clem looked to be much improved since his last bad spell of ill health.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Newsted's for having the club at their home for the annual Christmas Party, it was great. Warren and Marti are truly great hosts; everyone had a wonderful time. It was so much more enjoyable than a restaurant where we never have the opportunity to mingle and visit like we did at their home. Those who didn't come missed a great get-together.

The 2004 Officers elected at the December board meeting are President William E. Purves, Vice President Glen Appel, and Treasurer Sue Odle. We are operating without a Secretary at this time. Someone has to step forward and take on this responsibility soon. Also at the December board meeting Ryan Nims and Scott Lewis expressed an interest and were elected to the board. The officers and board members welcome them. In order for this to be a viable club, we need more volunteers on the board and a secretary. Please think about coming forward.

Ryan Nims' attempt to have Kids Ice Fishing Derby January 3<sup>rd</sup> was foiled by warm weather and little or no ice. He hasn't rescheduled as yet, but I'm sure its still on his mind.

I want to thank all of the members that showed up to help at the Silverdome Boat Show booth. I didn't have many turndowns in my request for volunteers, so I didn't get to ask all of the members. If anyone felt left out, please let me know and I'll be sure and ask you next time. The show seemed to be a bust just as it was last year, although we did sign up 5 new members. We had set up a free raffle with some very decent prizes, but

even that wasn't enough to slow many people down to look us over. We had the drawing at the January 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting. See elsewhere in the Downrigger for the winners.

We have firmed up some of the speakers for the next few months. February we have Ray Argyle; he is a biologist who is implanting recording devices in salmon and lake trout. These devices record temperature and depths that the fish has experienced for his studies. He needs the help of fisherpersons to retrieve the recording devices, and I understand he is setup to pay a bounty for the retrieved devices. Sounds like an interesting presentation.

In March we will have club member Bill Anglebrandt putting on a presentation on river fishing for steelhead.

Club member Glen Uhl will be our speaker for April. He hasn't decided on his topic as yet, but I'm sure it will be interesting and informative.

I talked to Lance Valentine at the Silverdome Boat Show, and he has set aside May 19<sup>th</sup>, our membership night for us. He will put on a presentation on some type of walleye fishing or either Sonar or GPS usage for fishing.

Lance will also be putting on his Walleye 101 Seminars again at the Waterford Gander Mountain store. Starting Monday February 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing for the next 5 Mondays. The seminars are free and are from 6 to 9 pm. Lance is an excellent and very knowledgeable presenter; I would suggest any club member interested in walleye fishing not miss these seminars. Gander Mountain has in the past offered some excellent buys on tackle during these seminars. It's a win-win opportunity.

I would like to update our website with more current photos, and the photo albums at the Boat Show seemed to get a lot of attention for our club. So if you have any past year photos of club tournaments or activities we could sure use them.

We have been given a free ad in the "Fish & Game Finder" magazine. Look for this free publication in sporting goods and bait stores in the area. K&D sports have it most every month.

We meet this week to firm up the tournament rules and dates for next year; they will be published in the Downrigger when completed. Any input from members will be listened to.

I'm sure most of you know we purchased a Silverstreak Silver Anniversary spoon for all members; we have been trying to give each member one of these lures since the picnic in September. We are only going to have these lures available for the next two membership meetings, January and February; if you haven't picked up your lure by the February membership meeting; you probably will be out of luck.

Hope to see you at a membership meeting soon,

President Bill Purves

## PETA's Anti-Fishing Campaign

(Michigan Outdoor News December 26, 2003)

This article (at right) was brought to my attention by fellow OCSA member Gene Pasquantonio. Gene writes "I think that our club should be aware of PETA's use of Walt Disney in its campaign to turn our children against fishing. I am sending a letter to Disney about this article and hope the club members will also send a letter."

## Up Coming Events:

The next Membership meeting will take place on Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>. The club will have as its guest; biologist Ray Argyle; to speak on electronic tracking of Great Lakes fish. In March Bill Anglebrant will be discussing river steelhead fishing and then in April Glenn Uhl will give a presentation which at the time of this publication is a mystery. Our May meeting will mark the return of Lance Valentine.

## Boating Safety course offered.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting a boating skills and seamanship course beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>. These classes will be held at a Pierce Middle School located on Hatchery Rd. in Waterford. Anyone interested can register for this course through Waterford Community Education at the Manly Campus located on VanZandt street.

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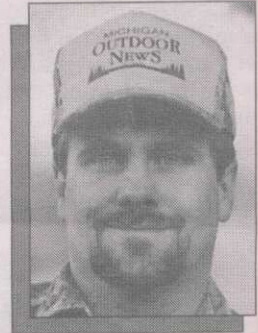
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## OUTDOOR OBSERVATIONS

**NOT NEMO!** My 13-year-old daughter recently saw the Disney cartoon/movie "Finding Nemo" and nearly had tears in her eyes from laughing so hard when she recounted some of the scenes to me. She said it was a very entertaining and funny movie, but took it for what it is — a fictitious Disney cartoon.



**Bill Parker**  
Editor

Fortunately, she didn't fall for the tagline, "Fish are Friends, Not Food," which was repeated throughout the movie, but actually originated from the anti-hunting/fishing/meat/dairy/circus/pets/etc. group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). She didn't embrace the catchy little phrase as reality because she's been brought up in a fishing household.

Unfortunately, not all kids are educated about the realities of fishing — that we *are* predators and that it's OK to eat fish. That's not what the people at PETA believe. Disney apparently feels the same way and is embracing the PETA message.

Disney has granted PETA permission to integrate the "Finding Nemo" characters into its anti-fishing campaign. A trip to the PETA web site brought me to a colorful, kid-oriented page featuring loads of anti-fishing propaganda highlighted by Disney's "Finding Nemo" characters. The page has links to all kinds of anti-fishing rhetoric and encourages kids to, among other things, stop eating fish, stop fishing, organize demonstrations, start a campaign to ban fishing at a local lake, ask the Boy Scouts to eliminate their fishing merit badge, even start an animal rights club — all with Disney's blessing.

This isn't Disney's first slap in the face to the outdoorsman. First it was "Bambi," whose mother was killed by a ruthless hunter. Then came "Beauty and the Beast," depicting a savage hunter as the villain stalking the helpless, misunderstood beast. Now Disney has decided to lend "Finding Nemo" characters to a staunch animal rights group. Disney obviously doesn't respect the American traditions and heritage of hunting and fishing. Maybe Disney needs to be reminded of just how many anglers there are in this country.

If Disney's latest attack on sportsmen raises your blood pressure as high as it raised mine, let the "big shots" know how you feel. Write to the Walt Disney Company, 500 S. Buena Vista St., Burbank, California 91521 or call (818) 560-1000. You can also send a fax to (818) 560-1930. Let the folks at Disney know how you feel about their affiliation with PETA and their disrespect for hunting and fishing. If you need a little fuel, check out PETA's "NEMO" page at [www.peta.org/feat/nemo](http://www.peta.org/feat/nemo) or [www.fishinghurts.com](http://www.fishinghurts.com).

## Gander Mountain Update

I talked to Chris Temple, Store Manager of the Waterford Gander Mountain and OCSA club member. He asked me to advise the membership of the upcoming “Walleye 101” Seminars at the Waterford store.

Professional Walleye Trail Angler Lance Valentine hosts these seminars

The Schedule follows:

Monday Nights 6-9 pm

Week 1 (Feb 16<sup>th</sup>): Walleye Habits and Behaviors/Baitfish/Lake Types

Week 2 (Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>): Walleye in Rivers

Week 3 (Mar 1<sup>st</sup>): Maximum Sonar Performance/Planning a Trip

Week 4 (Mar 8<sup>th</sup>): Walleye in Natural Lakes/Mid-Michigan Hot Spots

Week 5 (Mar 15<sup>th</sup>): GPS Basic and Advanced

Week 6 (Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>): Big Water Walleye

In the past Gander Mountain has offered special sales to attendees of these seminars. Also the store is adjusting their hours back but will remain open a couple additional hours for these seminars.

Later on this spring with Lake Erie being closed April and May to walleye fishing in Michigan waters; Chris is going to have seminars with a Lake Michigan Charter Captain, a Lake Huron Charter Captain and PWT angler Andy Kuffer.

I'll have updates as they become available in later “Downriggers”.

Bill Purves

### Sunshine Man Report

Recently we lost an old and respected member of our fishing club. As you may or may not know, Clem Luchtel died while in Florida. There are few details on how and when he died but suffice it to say that it was a sad day for all concerned. I normally don't write an article on this sort of occasion but Clem was a pretty close friend. I would like to say the Clem was probably one of the gentlest human beings I knew, always calm and quiet.

They say you reap what you sow in this world. In this case I believe it's true because Clem left this world in a very gentle calm way. He will be missed.

In other news, Ron Robbins' wife Nileen had a medical procedure done on her eye. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Sunshine Man  
Glenn Uhl

**Tournament Insight**

Pontiac Lake Ice Fishing Derby

Saturday – January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Due to unsafe ice conditions or actually the lack of ice the kids ice fishing event at Pontiac Lake, scheduled for Saturday January 3<sup>rd</sup> was canceled.

## O.C.S.A. 2004 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Great Lakes

<b>Date</b>	<b>Port</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
May 01, 2004	Arcadia/Frankfort	Pat & Walt Van Conant
May 02, 2004	Blow Day	
June 19, 2004	Lake Erie	Geoff White
June 20, 2004	Blow Day	
June 26, 2004	Lake Erie	Geoff White
June 27, 2004	Blow Day	
July 10, 2004	Harbor Beach	Glenn Appel/Bill Anglebrandt
July 11, 2004	Blow Day	
July 17, 2004	Harbor Beach	Tom Ott
July 18, 2004	Blow Day	
August 07, 2004	Open for suggestions	volunteers?
August 08, 2004	Open for suggestions	
August 14, 2004	Ludington	Geoff White
August 15, 2004	Blow Day	
August 21, 2004	Arcadia/Frankfort	Pat & Walt Van Conant
August 22, 2004	Blow Day	
August 28, 2004	Arcadia/Frankfort	Ed Matusko
August 29, 2004	Blow Day	
September 18, 2004	Harbor Beach (tentative)	volunteers?

Inland Lakes

<b>Date</b>	<b>Port</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
April 03, 2004	Manistee River	Bill Anglebrandt
April 04, 2004	Manistee River	Bill Anglebrandt
May 08, 2004	To Be Determined	
May 29, 2004	To Be Determined	
June 12, 2004	To Be Determined	
July 03, 2004	To Be Determined	
July 24, 2004	To Be Determined	
Sept.11, 2004	To Be Determined	

## Silverdome Boat Show Raffle Winners

January 7 through 10 the OCSA worked a booth at the Silverdome Boat Show. A raffle was held with the results drawn at the January board meeting. Congratulations to all of the winners and welcome to our new members.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> prizewinner | Gary Talarico of Petoskey, Michigan wins a fishing trip with one of the club members at a future tournament |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> prizewinner | Eric Corbett of Waterford, Michigan wins a \$100 gift certificate from Gander Mountain                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> prizewinner | Vicki Whittle of Sterling Heights., Michigan wins a \$50 gift certificate from Gander Mountain              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> prizewinner | David Jackson of Clarkston, Michigan wins a 1 yr. Free membership to OCSA                                   |

### Big Bucks

This article came from the December 1998 edition of Field & Stream and is probably still true today

You probably know that outdoor sports bring in a bundle. But for most of us, dollar figures expressed with nine zeros are a bit difficult to comprehend.

#### **So here are some facts that'll help put things in perspective:**

The Movie *Titanic* grossed \$375 million in nine weeks. The hunting and shooting industry generates that much in four days.

The entire motion-picture industry grosses \$5 billion annually. Hunting, shooting, and related activities gross that much in two months.

Hunting and shooting generate more annual sales than Coca-Cola, Anheuser Busch, McDonald's or RJR Nabisco.

The fishing industry supports 1.2 million jobs—more than 1 percent of the entire U.S. civilian labor force.

Fishing contributes \$3 billion in federal income taxes, which equals nearly one third of the entire federal budget for agriculture. —Celeste Marshall

(SOURCES: SPORTING ARMS AND AMMUNITION MANUFACTURER'S INSTITUTE, INC.; "THE ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF HUNTING", THE ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF FISHING")

## Lessons Learned

1. After 3 hours of trolling and marking fish but not catching anything, make sure the fish finder isn't in simulator mode.
2. Those "fish" that you are marking on your graph that keep following the cannonballs up and down as you adjust your trolling depth might just well be your cannonballs.
3. Don't use cheap terminal hardware. Use cross lock snap swivels.
4. Mishaps while attempting to dock or launch your boat only occur when there is an audience watching.
5. Make sure the rope doesn't wrap your thumb around the dock pile as the boat is coming off the trailer.
6. Don't put the dipsy diver set to run on the port side off the starboard side of the boat, and vice versa.
7. It doesn't matter how well you tie the boat in the slip. The wind is still going to change at 3:00 a.m. and cause the boat to bang the dock and wake you up.
8. And when you do manage to fall asleep you will be awakened by some jerk revving his 2-stroke outboard at 4:30 A.M. in preparation for leaving the dock.
9. Turn the bill of your cap backward or else the wind will grab it and send it into the lake.
10. Don't believe Mark Morris when he tells you how many fish he caught or where he caught them.

### Editor's Note:

Happy New Year, I hope that everyone had a great Christmas season and now are gearing up for ice fishing and getting ready for the Spring. Everyone should have received the Nov/Dec *Downrigger* sometime around Dec 15<sup>th</sup> I plan on mailing each edition sometime during the third/fourth week of the month. As I mentioned last edition, I plan on adding sections to the newsletter if there is interest. There has been some interest in a recipe section. I ask that if any of you have submissions for the *Downrigger* please send them to me via e-mail at [lewisscott@yahoo.com](mailto:lewisscott@yahoo.com) I will be working in Microsoft word so if your submission could be in that format it would be a great help.

Scott Lewis

## Recipe Corner

Here is an opportunity to share your favorite recipes for fish or game. If you have any recipes you would like to share please send them to me at [lewisscott@yahoo.com](mailto:lewisscott@yahoo.com) or at the address on the cover to this Downrigger.

Scott

### Baked Dijon Salmon

¼ cup butter, melted  
 3 tablespoons prepared Dijon mustard  
 1 ½ teaspoons honey  
 ¼ cup dry bread crumbs  
 ¼ cup finely chopped pecans  
 4 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley  
 4 salmon filets (4oz)  
 1 lemon, for garnish  
 Salt & Pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400° F. In a small bowl, stir together butter, mustard and honey. Set aside. In another bowl, mix together bread crumbs, pecans, and parsley. Place filet on fish poaching tray and brush each lightly with honey/mustard mixture. Sprinkle the top of filets with bread crumb mixture. Lower tray into poacher and bake salmon in preheated oven until it flakes easily with a fork, approximately 10-15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, and garnish with lemon wedge.





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Happy New Year

## Calendar or Upcoming events

- February 11 Board Meeting at DPNC 7:00 pm
- February 18 Membership Meeting at DPNS 7:30 pm Biologist Ray Argyle
- March 10 Board Meeting at DPNC 7:00 pm
- March 17 Membership Meeting at DPNS 7:30 pm Member Bill Anglebrandt
- April 14 Board Meeting at DPNC 7:00 pm
- April 21 Membership Meeting at DPNS 7:30 pm Member Glenn Uhl
- May 12 Board Meeting at DPNC 7:00 pm
- May 19 Membership Meeting at DPNS 7:30 pm Professional Walleye Angler Lance Valentine