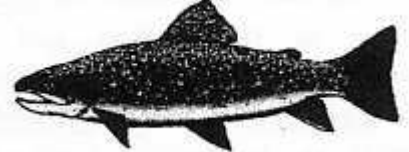


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President's Message

This is being written September 23rd Margaret and I are back from our cruise to Alaska. It was a very enjoyable trip for me, Margaret didn't feel all that well on the ship and was glad when we got to different ports so she could get off and get her feet back on solid ground. I did get a couple of opportunities to fish on the trip, once in salt water at Ketchikan and once in the Susitna River at Talkeetna. I caught fish both times and had a good time.

We had Gary Towns from the DNR Fisheries Division at the August membership meeting. He put on a presentation on the new regulations that the DNR is studying for next and future years. They seem to be very interested in getting input from the anglers in the state before making any decisions. This seems like a break from their past practices. In any case it was a good presentation and if you missed the meeting you missed some good information.

I'm not sure who the next speaker will be for October maybe Glenn Uhl with some slides from his Platte Bay OCSA non tournament fishing expedition in early September and possibly a report on his bear hunting trip near his cottage in Alcona Co.

I fished the first August Arcadia/Frankfort tournament out of Arcadia with Warren Newsted, we only got out on Saturday, Sunday the wind and waves were too high for anyone to fish. Margaret and I rented a cottage at Sunset Valley Motel and Resort; it was a very nice quiet comfortable place to stay. While Warren and I fished, Margaret and Marti Newsted hit the garage sales, craft stores and shows in the area. We had an enjoyable 3 or 4 days gadding about with the Newsted's when we weren't fishing.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Walt and Pat and the Eastman's for their hospitality in having this tournament and the luncheon. Walt and Pat run a top-notch tournament and the Eastman's should be thanked for putting up with the crowd at their house for the luncheon.

The club is going to participate in the Novi Expo Fishing Show put on by Show Span Productions. This will be January 13 thru 16, 2005. We will be looking for ideas and for volunteers for the show.

The Christmas Party will be at The Newsted's house on December 11th. The same place as last year. Plan on attending it's a great party.

We will be electing new officers in December we could use your help. Why not volunteer for one of the posts.

We still have Silver Streak 25th Anniversary spoons available. The price is \$3.00 each and any member can purchase as many as they want.

Good fishing to all and hope to see you soon,

Bill Purves

Tournament Insight

ARCADIA TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 21, 2004

BOATS/CREWS:

Adventure II - Walt/Pat Van Conant, Howard Norris, Claudia Haid, Dave Greshem (lunch)

Bounty Hunter - Bob Schultz, Brandon Schultz, John Faxton (lunch)

Die Hard - Ed Matusko, Greg Patyk, Kristine Patyk

Fish Dinner II - Steve/Jeff Loehr, Mark/Teresa Morris

Fish 'n Again - David/Carolyn Burtch, Cathy Beman, Bill Dawson

Hawg Slayer - Geoff/Mary Kay White

Jolly F - Harry Day, Robert/Kathy Hazelett, Josh Fortine

Last One - Bill Purves, Warren Newstead, (Marti Newstead, Margaret Purves-lunch)

My Princess - Robert Karagosian, George Fisher

My Way - Bill Anglebrandt, Lynn Anglebrandt, Jim Johnson, Rich Johnson

Reel Adventure - Steve/Michael Bruford, Greg Elliott, Michael Caudrey

Reel Lease Me - Jerry/Judy Rank, Ed Duncan

Teddy Bear III - Larry Ross, Larry Eastman, Ron Robbins, Brad Ross

(Ann, Judy, Sydney, Connor Ross, Mike/Sue Odle, Nileen Robbins, Jan Eastman-lunch only)

Uncle Bill - Jack McFarland, Dick Ward, Dick Robb, Mark Robb, Lee Townsend

SATURDAY:

We were looking forward to the tournament because the fishing season has been really good this year.

The water was up, the fish were biting and that makes for happy anglers.

The captains meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. at the Van Conants on Saturday. The anglers were happy, excited in anticipation, and were enjoying each others company. After information was shared and the tournament guidelines were given everyone set out to get the FISH.

Actually, the radio was fairly quiet, but some fish were being caught first thing out. Adventure II had to head in after about an hour of fishing because one of our passengers was turning green. Too many rolling waves.

Everyone met at the Eastman's for weigh in and lunch. 34 fish were weighed in and then cleaned.

Thank you very much Larry for the great cleaning station.

Place	Weight	Angler	Boat	Captain
1 st	23# 6 oz	Greg Elliott	Reel Adventure	Steve Brufore
2 nd	19# 0 oz	Rich Johnson	My Way	Bill Anglebrandt
3 rd	17# 3 oz	Josh Fortine	Jolly F	Harry Day

The mystery fish was 5# coho, but no coho were caught.

We had a nice lunch with coleslaw, corn, and a casserole dish. Jan's blueberry dessert was a big hit. Thanks Jan and Larry for having us again this year and doing such a good job.

SUNDAY:

The captain's meeting was again at 5:00 a.m. Only a few of us attended. Ed Matusko, Bill Purves, Steve Bruford, Greg Elliott, Steve/Jeff Loehr, and us had to make the big decision. Was it too rough, should we or shouldn't we. We decided to cancel. Steve Bruford and Greg Elliott said they would go out and check it out, then call us on the radio. Their call came: CANCEL TOO ROUGH OF WATER. Everyone left except Ed. So we had a 3 person conference for about an hour. A lot of us went out to breakfast.

A big thank you to those who joined us. Without you, there would be no tournament. Look at the fun we'd miss. We appreciate your support.

Walt/Pat Van Conant
Arcadia Tournament

Harbor Beach Tournament

September 18th & 19th 2004

There were only 2 boats for the tournament on Saturday the 18th.

The boats were "Dad's Toy", Captain Glenn Appel and "The Last One", Captain Bill Purves, fishing started at 6am on Saturday and lines were pulled at noon. The seas outside the harbor were fairly rough although we could troll along the wall outside the harbor. Most of the fish marked were inside the harbor so that's where most of the fishing took place. Later we were able to go out to 100' deep water, but we caught nothing out there.

The winners were:

1st Place ~~~~ King Salmon ~~~7 1/8 # -- Ryan Nims ~~~~ "The Last One"
 2nd Place ~~~ King Salmon ~~~5 # ~~~ Ryan Nims ~~~~ "The Last One"
 1st Place ~~~~Brown Trout ~~~7 5/8 # ~~~ Stacy Nims ~~~~ "The Last One"

There were no other fish caught in the tournament; "Dad's Toy" came up empty handed.

We met back at Forest Bay Cottages near Port Hope for our luncheon of burgers and etc. This was cut short as the "Dad's Toys" crew had prior commitments and needed to get back home.

Tom Ott and myself went out again in the late afternoon for the evening bite, but no one appeared to be catching any fish, including us.

On Sunday Ryan and I went out again and fished for about 6 hours and caught only 1 King Salmon it was fairly large for the Harbor Beach area, at 12 1/8 #.

Bill Purves

ATTENTION ON DECK !!!!!

The Polo shirts are in!!!!

The following people have not picked up their shirts:
George Plant, Bob Campbell, Mark Darbe AND, Steve Bruford.
Please pick up your shirts at the October 20th membership meeting. If you can't be at the meeting please call Mike Odle at 248-933-4424(cell ph.) and make arrangements to pick up the shirts. Thanks Mike Odle

AT LAST THE TROPHY TAGS FOR LAST YEARS FIRST AND SECOND PLACE WINNERS ARE IN. I have tags for inland lakes and great lakes tournaments for last year. The people who have not yet received their tags are as follows:

Jerry Rank, Walt VanConant ,Mark Morris , Larry Eastman, Jean & Tom Goodhew Kathy Hazelett , Steve & Michael Bruford , Derek Brown , Robert Appel , Ron Robbins , Codi Mattinson , Dan Schellhase and Vaughn Augsburg.

There are some tags won by nonmembers. They can be picked up by friends who are members as I have now way of contacting these people. The tags will be at the October 20th membership meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting please contact Mike Odle at 248 933-4424 (cell ph.) and make arrangements to pick them up

Thanks Mike Odle



Up Coming Events:**December 11, 2004 MARK YOUR CALENDAR December 11, 2004**

- What: Oakland County Sport Fishing Association Christmas Party
- Where: Newsted's House, 5250 Marvin Road, Clarkston
(Dixie to East on Maybe Road to Marvin to Newsted's.
Maybe is the first traffic light south of M-15 on Dixie)
- When: Saturday, December 11, 2004, Social hour at 6 PM, Dinner @ 7PM
- Provided: Meat, table service, ice, soft drinks, punch and coffee
- Bring: Yourselfes in a holiday mood
Dish to share
- Optional: \$5 gift to exchange marked male or female
Your own liquor if desired
- Call: Marti Newsted @ 248 625 3762 to reserve your place
and to give me an idea of what dish you'd like to bring.

Environmental Issues:

This is an E-mail received by Bill Purves from Debbie Stabenow. Bill thought everyone may want to have this information.

Dear William E.,

Knowing of your interest in stopping the dumping of Canadian trash in Michigan landfills, I want to update you on the latest developments regarding this issue.

Toronto has a "Plan B" so why don't they use it!

Last week, we learned about a shocking admission by Toronto Mayor David Miller. In his comments to reporters about Canadian trash, Mayor Miller stated, "There is a plan B. The (waste hauling) company is obliged to find us alternative landfills. They have commercial arrangements with other landfill operators."

<http://stabenow.senate.gov/mlive.htm>

This is the first time the City of Toronto has admitted that they have always had alternative agreements with other landfills to dispose of their trash. Unfortunately, because of the EPA's inaction on stopping Canadian trash, Toronto has never been forced to switch their trash disposal to these non-Michigan landfills. I have sent a letter to EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt expressing our great frustration and once again asking the EPA to stop the Canadian trash shipments and force Toronto to send their trash to these other landfills.

Michigan trash petitions force EPA to announce a pilot program,

but proposal falls short. As you may know, more than 165,000 people signed my on-line petition urging the EPA to stop Canadian trash shipments by enforcing an existing treaty with Canada called the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste. Residents from all 83 Michigan counties have signed the petition - an unprecedented response.

I personally presented these petitions to EPA Administrator Leavitt during an October 1, 2003 meeting, and he promised to examine the issue. In response, the EPA recently announced a "pilot program" to implement this treaty. Unfortunately, the EPA pilot program falls far short and will do nothing to stop the Canadian trash shipments. The proposed program would not begin until February 2005 and would be completely voluntary, without any penalties or incentives to encourage Canadian trash companies to participate. In addition, the objections under the pilot program would be "non-binding." So even if the EPA were to object to a shipment, that wouldn't stop the trash shipment from coming into Michigan.

I will not stop fighting until the EPA agrees to stop these Canadian trash shipments from coming into Michigan. Thank you for your continued diligence on this important issue threatening our beautiful state.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow

United States Senator

Salmon & Steelhead Colors for Lake Michigan Kings

Does the color of the lure you use on the big pond make a difference to the Chinook salmon? You bet it does, and you don't even have to be a scientist to figure it out.

By Mike Schoonveld

King salmon can see color quite well. Nearly every Chinook angler has proved that personally by observing how some days the kings will readily attack lures painted a certain color but will snub similar lures of a different color. Sometimes color only serves to make lures more visible. Anglers in areas where water clarity is diminished know a bright chartreuse or hot-red lure is likely to elicit more strikes simply because the fish can see the lure more easily. Glow-in-the-dark lures often work well in dim light conditions because they shine against the dark background. Sometimes lures that match the prevailing forage work the best. The salmon are keyed in on eating silver-sided 4-inch alewives, and silver 4-inch spoons are the hottest lure in the lake. At other times, nearly the opposite game needs to be played. When fishing around massive schools of baitfish, a winning ploy (sometimes) is to use a lure that looks different enough to attract attention away from the thousands of real minnows in the school. A silver spoon might go untouched, but replacing it with a purple one allows the salmon to pick it out of the crowd. Finally, some colors seem to excite fish and goad them into biting. A perfect example is that steelhead are suckers for a bright-orange-colored lure. It doesn't matter if the water is clear or stained, and it matters not if there are a lot of baitfish around, because there's nothing swimming around in the Great Lakes that is this color, so it's not a preference born of experience. But show a steelie a bright-orange spoon and it's yours - most of the time. With Chinooks, I'd pick a bright green color over most other hues.



You choose whether to use a plug, spoon or fly, but the fish and the science of light can help you select the right color. Photo by Mike Schoonveld

Knowing these four "color theories" makes a person a better angler. Out on the lake, however, when it comes to color, what you see isn't always what the fish see. Let's review an experiment I remember from my seventh-grade science class. On a sunny day, Miss Kroft closed all the shades in the schoolroom, including one with a small hole in it. The sunbeam that came through that hole was directed to a white movie screen and we all agreed that the light on the screen was white. When the teacher positioned a prism in the path of the sunbeam, the white spot of light on the screen transformed into a multitude of colors - a rainbow of colors, one could say - since rainbows are prismatic arrays on a giant scale. The colors that showed on the screen were red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Miss Kroft taught us to remember those colors by remembering the name Roy G. Biv, with each letter of Roy's name corresponding to a color of the rainbow. According to the science lesson, these colors make up the visible spectrum that humans are able to see. All the colors we see are combinations of these seven colors. Why is a stop sign red? When sunlight beams down on the sign, all the colors of the spectrum are hitting the red paint. All of the colors are absorbed by the paint, except for red, which is reflected and that's the color our eyes perceive. Green-colored grass absorbs all the colors of the spectrum except green, which it reflects and we see grass as green. Write this lesson on a clean blackboard and we see the white-colored chalk marks as white because the chalk reflects all the colors of the spectrum back to our eyes while the blackboard absorbs all the colors, reflecting none, and we see the absence of any color as black. This science lesson might be interesting, but how does it relate to fishing for salmon or trout on the Great Lakes (or any fish for that matter)? Not much until you factor in the color-filtering properties of water. Again, let me take you back to my school days, this time on a field trip to a place where we could view divers working underwater,

thanks to a glass window in the side of the tank where they were swimming. Two of the divers swam to the window to give us an easy view of their swimsuits. One wore a red swimsuit and the other wore blue swimwear. As the divers retreated toward the rear of the tank the red-colored swimsuit darkened, and by the time the diver was 15 feet away from the glass, the swimsuit looked as though it were made of black cloth. In contrast, the blue suit still looked blue. The lesson learned was this: As visible light passes through clear water, the water molecules absorb some of the light, but they don't absorb all the colors of the spectrum equally. The colors at the top of the spectrum are the most easily absorbed - the red, orange and yellow components. The ones at the bottom are the most resistant to being absorbed - the blue, indigo and violet light. By the time the red reflection off the red cloth passed through 15 feet of water, all the red was absorbed. No more red light - our eyes saw only black.

So let's take a fish's-eye view of all this science. Imagine a fish swimming along about 25 feet below the surface. Up above let's put an angler who will lower a red lure down to the fish's depth. Above that, let's have the sun beaming its white light down into the lake. As the sunlight penetrates down into the water, the red portion of the light starts being absorbed, and from the example of the red-suited diver, we know that all the red part of the spectrum is filtered out in the first 15 to 20 feet of water. Therefore, there is no red light left to reflect off the red surface of the lure; the red paint absorbs all the other colors of the spectrum and so the lure appears black to a fish.

Orange light is absorbed next. In perfectly clear water, there may be enough orange "energy" left for an orange lure to be seen at 40 feet, but figure that your best orange-colored lure will lose its color somewhere in the 30-foot range. Yellow light will persist as deep as 60 to 70 feet, while water filters green, blue, indigo and violet parts of the spectrum poorly and those colors will remain visible on down into the depths. These figures are for lures painted with conventional pigments, but glow-in-the-dark and fluorescent pigments don't play by the same rules of science. Luminescent (or glow-in-the-dark) lures are covered with a paint or a taped-on appliqué that makes them glow. Without trying to explain why it works, the how is simple. The glow tape rapidly absorbs a quantity of light energy (from the sun, a flashlight, a camera strobe) and then slowly releases the light over a period of time. Water depth has nothing to do with this process. But since conditions darken as water depths increase, anglers may find lures that glow or lures with glow highlights work better when fishing at extreme depths, on cloudy, dark days or early in the morning or late afternoon. Fluorescent colors are somewhat similar in that they glow, but the physics behind the glow is different. Instead of fluorescent pigments storing light energy and releasing it over time, the fluorescent properties react to being hit with light energy by "glowing" or producing light. Turn off the light source and the pigment stops glowing instantly. The trick is to look at a lure and decide if it's been painted with a bright hue of conventional paint or painted with fluorescent paint. The best way is to purchase a "black light" bulb and view your lures in its light. Most of the light these ultraviolet bulbs produce is outside the visible spectrum, so human eyes don't see it. Still, the light energy is there and will cause the fluorescent pigments to glow. The results will be surprising to you. Many of the lures and lure highlights you may think are fluorescent are merely bright paint. Since both fluorescent-painted lures and glow-in-the-dark lures actually radiate light, instead of merely reflecting light, depth has nothing to do with the color of the lure - only the brightness. A glow lure may appear brighter as the lure descends to the dim depths; a fluorescent red lure will still appear to be red, but the brightness will diminish as the amount of light penetrating deep water decreases. Now that you've had your science lesson for the day, school's out and it's time to put the knowledge to work. Grab your gear and head for the lake. This time instead of choosing your lures wisely, choose them scientifically - or at least with an understanding of the science that makes them work.

Editor's Note:

Now that Salmon fishing is winding down, please send to me any submissions (Advertisements, photos, announcements, notices, or recipes) that you have for the *Downrigger* please send them to me via e-mail at 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 or at the address on the cover to this Downrigger

Scott

SALMON PAN DOWDY

1 Medium onion diced
 2 Small carrot, shredded
 2 stalks celery, diced
 2 Tablespoons butter
 3 Cans condensed cream of mushroom soup
 3 Tablespoons dry white wine or juice from the salmon
 1 1/2 Cups cooked rice
 2 Pints salmon, drained and flaked
 3 hard boiled eggs, diced
 Pastry for two crust pie

Sauté the vegetables in the butter. Whisk together the soup and wine or juice. Add all of the remaining ingredients except the pastry. Mix gently. Put mixture in a 9 X 13 casserole dish. Roll out pastry to fit casserole and place on top. Bake at 400 degrees until pastry is golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes, then cut into squares. Top with packaged lemon dill sauce if desired.

FRIED FISH

Fish (Blue gills work really well)
 Beaten egg
 Dry Betty Crocker Potato Buds
 Oil

Dip fish first in egg, then roll in the potato buds. Preheat oil to 350 degrees or until a dry potato bud bubbles when dropped in the oil. Fry fish until golden brown.

May be used to deep fry, or pan fry the fish. We've used this method for everything from Florida grunts to Alaskan halibut with good success. Other brands of potato buds work and if deep frying are maybe even better, but for pan frying the Betty Crocker seem to be crisper as they are thicker.

Coupon Corner Chris Temple from the Gander Mountain, located at the Summit Place Mall in Waterford, has agreed to give a 10% discount to all OCSA members. You must present the coupon below with your OCSA membership card at the time of purchase to obtain the discount. The discount doesn't apply to firearms, electronics, gift certificates, or licenses.



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Your E-Mail address.

The Club would like to compile a list of member e-mail address so that we can quickly and easily communicate with one another. If you have an e-mail address would you please inform Bill Purves wpurves@pobox.com or Scott Lewis lewisscott@yahoo.com Thank you.

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Calendar of Upcoming events

October	13	Board Meeting at DPNS 7pm
October	20	Membership Meeting at DPNS 7:30 pm.
November	10	Board Meeting at DPNS 7pm
November	17	Membership Meeting at DPNS 7:30 pm.
December	11	OCSA Christmas Party at the Newsted's home. Contact Marti Newsted to RSVP