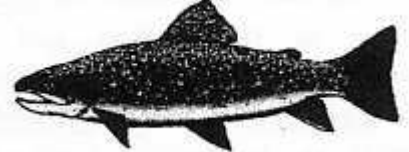


DOWNRIGGER



Presidents Message

Greetings and Happy New Year to all of you snow bunnies down south! You are missing some great hard water fishing. I've been out a few times so far and haven't brought home a meal yet. I've been seeing fish on the underwater camera but that only makes you hungry. At least one good thing, I'm staying on top of the ice so far. If anyone comes across a sure catch while out on the ice, give me a call.

This month we had our booth at the "Ultimate Fishing Show". It was well staffed by our members. Thanks to all who showed up and volunteered. Our next event will be at Bass Pro Shops. We've been asked again to help staff their "Reel Exchange" booth while trying to solicit new members. The dates on that are three weekends; Feb. 29 to March 2, March 6 to 9, and March 13 to 16. Give me a call at 248 672-3022 if you would like to work the booth along with a time this is most convenient for you. Oh yeah, you will also get a 15% off discount coupon to use the day you work the sale. That's always a nice perk.

An important notice: The kitchen will no longer be open during meeting nights only during special events like the Show and Tell meeting or if we have any other special get-together. Please make a note of it.

Speaking of meetings, Capt. Ron Levitan will be our guest speaker for February, talking about fishing for Brown Trout so bring a friend.

OK, enough for now, time to get back out on the ice. Be careful and safe. See you at the meeting or on the water

Gary

Tournament Insight

If you would like to host a tournament please come to the meeting or contact Jeff Loehr at 248-685-3933.

2008 Tournament Committee Meeting Minutes November 27, 2007

Attending:

Steve Loehr, Jeff Loehr, Gary Mobley, Pat Larsen, Glenn Appel

Minutes from the February 21, 2007 Tournament Committee Meeting were reviewed.

Fees:

Fees will remain at \$7.00 member, \$10.00 non-member, \$5.00 for just lunch, with Sundays being a flat fee for everyone of \$5.00 w/o lunch.

Guest/Promotional Incentives

- 1.) The previous suggestion of holding a tournament open to the public was rejected due to insurance issues. (The Club's liability insurance won't cover a public event).
- 2.) There was discussion about the lack of attendance at the tournaments. It was suggested that 1 point per boat be awarded for showing up at the tournaments due to the expenses of trailering and operating a boat, and doubling the points awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place to 6 points, 4 points and 2 points respectively. This suggestion will be presented to the OCSA Board for action. This was voted upon at the January Board meeting with the following amendments approved.
 - a. All participants will be awarded 1 point for participation in a scheduled tournament
 - b. The point value for the 1st place fish is now 4 points up from 3, the value of the second place fish is now 3 points up from 2 and the value of the 3rd place fish is now 2 points up from 1.

Communication Issues

- 1.) Previous idea of setting up our website to allow participants to sign up electronically for tournaments and to find crews/captains. *A message board has been set up on the OCSA website to help members find crews/captains.*
- 2.) Previous idea of having participants provide cell phone numbers in case the tournament gets canceled. *It was decided that just captains are to provide cell phone numbers. It would be the captain's responsibility to contact his crew in the event the tournament was canceled or delayed.*
- 3.) Previous idea of having tournament information, (port location w/map, weigh-in location and time, port chairperson contact information, etc.) more readily available. *It was decided that maps to tournament locations will be published in the Downrigger.*
- 4.) Previous idea of having sign-up sheets at the membership meeting prior to the tournament date. *It was sign up sheets will be available at the membership meeting prior to the event.*
- 5.) Previous idea of establishing a deadline for signing up for tournaments to allow port chairpersons time to order food. Persons signing up after the deadline would not be eligible for lunch. *It was decided that 72 hours advance notice will continue to be required unless other arrangements have been made with the port chairperson.*
- 6.) Previous issue of finding a deep water port for Lake Erie tournaments. *A deep water port with direct access to the lake has not been found.*
- 7.) Previous idea of having a Lake St. Clair tournament. *It was suggested that this could be a fall "all species" event.*
- 8.) Previous issue of reminding guests on boats to offer to help pay for gas, food, launch fees, etc. *OCSA president agreed to remind members at the membership meetings to help pay for costs.*
- 9.) Maintaining the approximately 7 tournaments a year or cutting back. *Approximately 10 tournaments are scheduled for 2008.*

Respectfully submitted,

OCSA Tournament Committee

2008 SCHEDULE			
INLAND & GREAT LAKES			
Date	Port	Chairperson	Telephone
April 5 & 6, 2008	Tippy Dam	Bill Anglebrandt	(248) 391-0670
May 3 & 4, 2008	Arcadia	Pat & Walt VanConant	(248) 693-4389
May 10, 2008	Pontiac Lake	Steve Loehr & Mark Morris	(248) 685-3933 (Steve)
			(248) 623-0651 (Mark)
May 17 & 18, 2008	Lake Erie	Margaret & Bill Purves	(248) 625-3617
June 14, 2008	Loon Lake	Gary Mobley	(248) 674-0747
June 21 & 22, 2008	Saginaw Bay	Pat Larsen	(248) 625-9669
July 12, 2008	Cass Lake	Steve Loehr & Mark Morris	248-685-3933 & 248- 623-0651
August 16 & 17, 2008	Arcadia	Pat & Walt VanConant	(248) 693-4389
August 23 & 24, 2008	Arcadia	Marti & Warren Newsted	(248) 625-3762
September 13, 2008	Lake St. Clair	Robert Schulz (inland Lake)	(248) 471-7844
September 14, 2008	Lake St. Clair	Robert Schulz (make up day)	

New for 2008

Any angler without a boat who would like to fish a tournament can contact the Downrigger and have their name added to a list of anglers looking for a boat to crew on for a tournament.

Any captain who needs a crew can also add their name to a list of captains looking for a crew for a tournament. If you want to be placed on this list contact Scott Lewis either by e-mail michiganbasser@yahoo.com or by phone 248-887-8201

Please leave your name and contact information along with the tournament(s) you would like to fish.

Captains looking for crew members:

Captain	Tournament	Contact information
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Boatless anglers looking to fish in a tournament:

Angler	Tournament	Contact information
Scott Lewis	Any this season	248-887-8201 michiganbasser@yahoo.com

Angler Articles:

2007 Angler of the Year and Captain of the Year Awards

Congratulations again to Mark Morris for earning Angler of the Year honors and to Geoff White for Winning the Captain of the Year award..

The Captain of the Year and Angler of the year points earned by all participating members

<u>Boat</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>COY Points</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>AYO Points</u>
Hawg Slayer	Geoff White	16	Mark Morris	13
Reel Adventure	Steve Bruford	13	Glen Uhl	9
Hey Jude	Larry Ross	13	Ron Robbins	8
Southern Comfort	Dan Schellase	10	Steve Loehr	6
Fin-Icky	Pat Larson	9	Gary Mobley	6
Adventure II	Walt VanConant	9	Pat Larsen	5
Bounty Hunter	Bob Schulz	6	Scott Lewis	5
Dad's Toy	Glenn Appel	5	Ryan Ferdon	5
Big Enough	Warren Newsted	4	Bob Schulz	3
Fish Dinner	Steve Loehr	1	Camden Nancarrow	3
			Joe DelDuco	2
			LeRoy Brown	1

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Our member number is GA 81183B I have Applications at our membership meetings

Mike Odle

Editor's Note:

Time to get prepared for the Spring. I ask that if any of you have submissions for the *Downrigger* please send them to me via e-mail at michiganbasser@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

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Scott Lewis
Editor

Up Coming Events:

- February 20 Board Meeting/Membership Meeting Waterford Sportsman's Club 6:30/7:30pm
- February Bass Pro Shops Spring Classic Reel Exchange booth
- March 19 Board Meeting/Membership Meeting Waterford Sportsman's Club 6:30/7:30pm
- April 5 & 6 Tippy Dam Steelhead Tournament Contact Bill Anglebrandt (248) 391-0670 banglebran@aol.com
- April 16 Board Meeting/Membership Meeting Waterford Sportsman's Club 6:30/7:30pm
- May 3 & 4 Arcadia Tournament Contact Walt VanConnant 248-693-4389 or 231-889-0031
- May 10 Pontiac Lake Tournament Contact Mark Morris 248-623-0651 or Steve Loehr 248-685-3933
- May 17 & 18 Lake Erie Tournament Contact Bill Purves 248-625-6317 wpurves@pobox.com
- May 21 Board Meeting/Membership Meeting Waterford Sportsman's Club 6:30/7:30pm

The 36th Annual Outdoorama, February 28 to March 2 at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi Michigan, is one of Michigan's most popular shows for hunters, anglers, campers, boater, hikers, conservationists, canoeists and other silent sport enthusiasts. More than 150 booths of new products, lodgers, outfitters, guided fishing and hunting trips and many other destinations for family outdoor recreation are in the show along with canoes, kayaks, deck boats, runabouts, ski and wakeboard boats, fishing boats and pontoons. Free hunting and fishing seminars by Greg Abbas, Denny Geurink, Theresa Maybrier, and Mark Martin are scheduled, along with special appearances by *Michigan Outdoors* TV hosts Jimmy Gretzinger and Kelly Gotch and MUCC magazine editor Tony Hansed. "Big Buck Night," "Wildlife Encounters" a daily fish fry and Milt Wilcox's "Ultimate Air Dogs" are among many special features. Kid's activities include a trout pond and a beach play area. The show will be held in conjunction with the 1st annual *Cottage and Lakefront Living Show* providing the public with tow major shows for one admission. Hours; Thursday and Friday, 2 to 9:30; Saturday, 10 to 9; Sunday 10 to 5. Admission: \$9 adults, \$4 children 6 to 14, free for children 5 and under. Information: www.Outdoorama.com or 800-328-6550

Recipe Corner:

I am always looking for some good recipes to publish in the *Downrigger*. These recipes don't have to be just for fish, any good recipe that you would like to share with your fellow club members would be appreciated. If you have a good one, please send it to me via e-mail at michiganbasser@yahoo.com

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