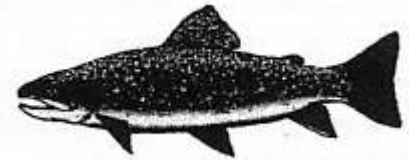


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Presidents Message

Dear Club Members

Well, do you know the answer, how many tries did it take to make the light bulb? While, the Internet is a wonderful thing, the more I researched, the more answers I found. The number of tries was said to be between 130 to over 10,000 tries. One could even argue that they are still trying to invent the perfect light bulb. Let's talk fishing. I sure hope you took an opportunity to get out this winter and enjoy the hard water. I spent numerous days on the hard ice this year, but did not have great success. However, thanks to Glenn Uhl, I received a great lesson in fishing for bluegills on Cass Lake and using a fish finder/flasher. I did have a great day on Lake St. Clair just before one of our big snow storms that produced a nice perch dinner for the family. With the ice finally giving way it will be time to get the boats out of storage. I'm looking forward to trying a little fishing on the Detroit River this spring for those hog walleyes, any tips will be welcomed. **As a reminder for those fishing walleyes on Lake Erie, the limit will be changing effective May 1, 2011.** You will need to watch for more information on this as Ohio and Michigan are meeting to determine a limit that will be the same for both states.

Don't forget, we are seeking new members and what better way than bring a friend to a meeting to meet the club members. The next two months would be great opportunity. April's meeting guest speaker will feature Ron Levitan (Lake Erie walleye charter captain) and May will be the annual boat safety inspection, fishing swap meeting and streak dinner (cost T.B.D.).

Don't forget to post any fishing reports to our new Facebook page and invite people to be friends of the fishing club. Hope to see you on the water this summer.

Respectfully,

Robert Schulz
Club President

Tournament Insight

Tippy Dam Fishing Report

I arrived Friday around 3:30 p.m. at the wonderful J&R Resort to find Bill Anglebandt, Ryan Ferdon and his brother Rob Ferdon standing outside of the cabin. They claim they were just getting ready to head to the river after taking a little break, but as the weekend went on, I'm not sure that was the reason.

We finally packed up and headed to the river for a little fishing on Friday evening. Rob and Ryan hooked up on a couple of fish, while Ryan was the only one to put a fish on a stringer thanks to my excellent netting skills. On Saturday morning, Ryan landed the only steelhead caught all day in our group, giving him an early points lead for the inland lake fishing tournament. On Sunday, we only fished for a few hours and no fish were caught. Water was cold with plenty of ice still above the dam and snow on the ground.

But with any tournament outing, a good time was had by all with plenty of good food and laughs. By the way, on Sunday we left camp around noon and by the time I reached M-115 and US-10, there was about 3 inches of snow on the roadway. Sure made for an interesting ride home.

2011 Tournament Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Port</u> | <u>Chairperson(s)</u> | <u>Telephone</u> |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| April 30 | Pontiac Lake | Steve Loehr/Mark Morris | Steve: 248-685-3933, Mark: 248-634-8104 |
| May 7/8 | Arcadia | Need Port Chairperson (s) | |
| May 14 | Detroit River/ Lakek. St. Clair | Ed Kretch/Bart Hopkins | Ed: 248-879-1899, Bart: 810-599-2986 |
| June 25/26 | Saginaw Bay | Bob Schulz | Bob: 248-471-7844 |
| July 23 | Cass Lake | Steve Loehr/Mark Morris | Steve: 248-685-3933, Mark: 248-634-8104 |
| July 30/31 | Ludington | Glenn Appel | Glenn: 248-431-3796 |
| August 13/14 | Arcadia | Need Port Chairperson (s) | |
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Glenn Appel,
OCSA Tournament Director

Angler Connection for 2011

Oakland County Sportfishing Association now has a Facebook page. You can access the page with this link

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Oakland-County-Sportfishing-Association-OCSA/181778361855561>

It is the hope of the club that this will become the main method for communicating information about tournaments and other club events.

Thank You to Bart Hopkins for setting this up for us.

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Missing a past issue of the *Downrigger*? Past issues of the *Downrigger* are available on-line at the clubs web site www.OCSFA.org and will be available on the club's Facebook page.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Oakland-County-Sportfishing-Association-OCSA/181778361855561>

These sites include photos of past tournaments and activities, a rather large list of relevant links and can be used to communicate with fellow members. Check out these sites.

If you would like to receive the hard copy of the *Downrigger*, please e-mail me at michiganbasser@yahoo.com or call me at 248-310-4009

Scott Lewis
Editor

Editor's Note:

Time to get read for spring fishing! 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

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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Up Coming Events:

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| Apr. 20 | OCSA Board meeting 6:30pm Membership meeting 7:30pm @ Oakland County Sportsman's Club |
| April 30 | Pontiac Lake tournament see schedule for contact information |
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| May 18 | OCSA annual boat show and swap meet 6: 30pm @ Oakland County Sportsman's Club |
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