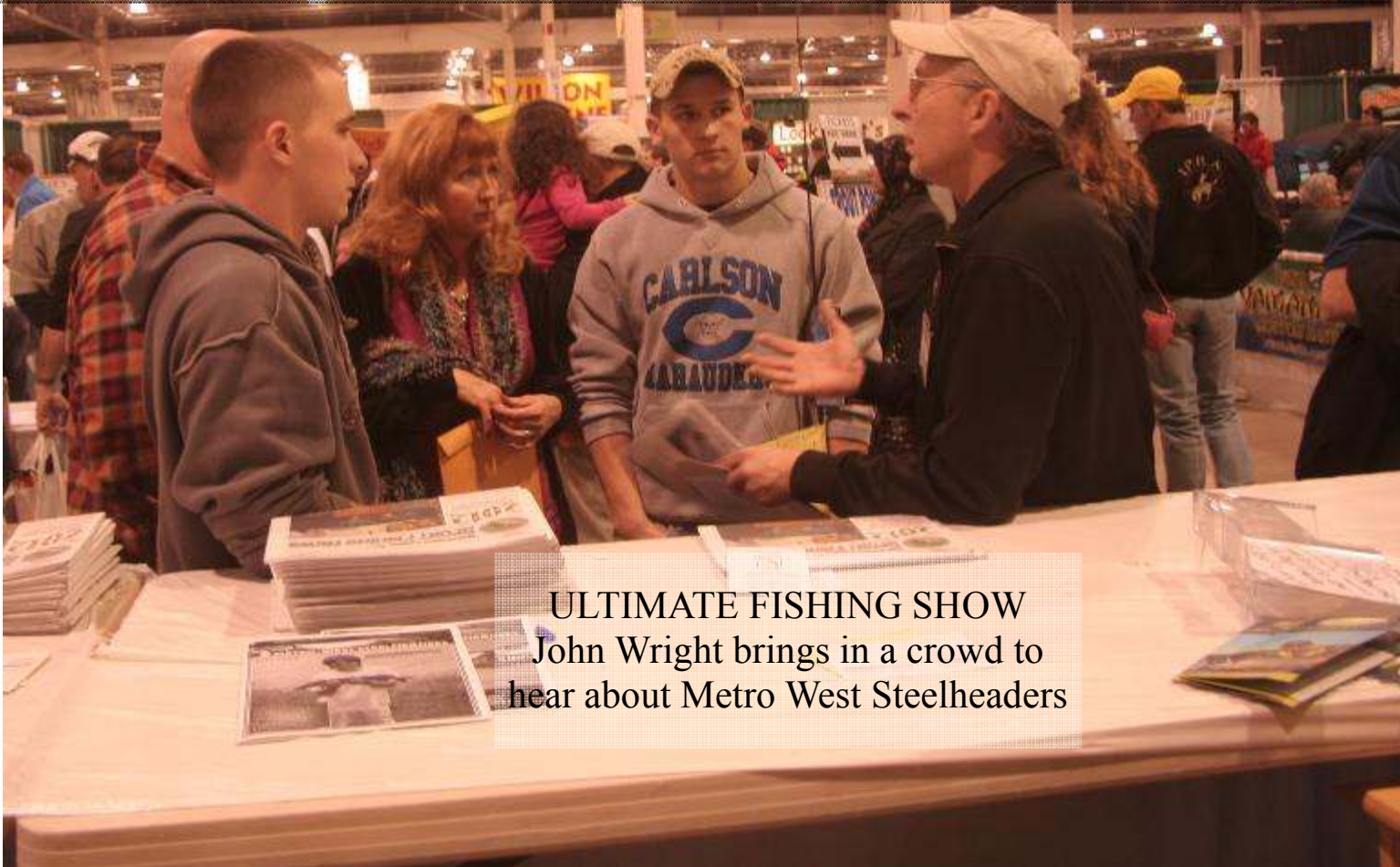




February 2012



ULTIMATE FISHING SHOW
John Wright brings in a crowd to hear about Metro West Steelheaders

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The Prez Sez

Hello All,

Red fish, green fish, big fish, blue fish, I do not like green eggs and ham, I do not like them Sam I am. Well folks, there has been a lot of discussion this month about the big fish contest by our big fish committee headed by Karen Westphal. I had written about wanting to get more members involved in the contest for 2011, and apparently it happened. Now we need to get more members to get involved to really keep the competition going. It was good to see Greg Ruggles walk off with a nice payoff for Big Fish of the Year at our Christmas Party in December. Now it is time for more members to step up and get in the Big Fish Contest to add excitement to our fishing experience in 2012. The anticipation through the year adds an additional dimension to your club experience. Once again, get involved. You never know what might be on the end of the line, and if you don't play you don't get paid. See Karen before the end of our April club meeting and enter the fun and excitement before you miss out.

We had a very successful Ultimate Sport Fishing Show in January, signing up 11 new members for our club. I want to give a big welcome to those new members and look forward to your attendance at our club meetings. We also received many new e-mail contacts at the show. I am hopeful that those of you who said you would stop by our club meetings follow up and give us a try. Once again, we are a family orientated club, and your interest and a visit to our club meeting would be appreciated.

Now as you all know, we have some of the biggest names in Great Lakes fishing coming to speak over the next few months at our club meetings, so don't miss out on these learning opportunities. Our club has so many great things planned this year; there surely has to be something for everyone.

Again, your help is going to be needed for a few more of the boat and fishing shows coming up in February and March. You did a great job for Jim Roberson at the Ultimate Sports Fishing Show in January, and I hope you will continue to participate in the next three shows.

It is not too early to start planning for our Sportsman's Banquet, March 24th at Burton Manor. As most of you know, this is our biggest fund raiser of the year and the club needs your participation to be able to support the kids and the other activities we provide. See Marty Drum and make your reservations early so he can better plan for the banquet. Our banquet is always one of the highlights of our entire year and I want to encourage all the new members to join the fun and excitement. In short, don't miss the party; you will be sorry if you do. Take my word for it.

As I mentioned in my January article we are a powerful force so let's mix it up and have some real fun with our fellow members in 2012.

Fish on
Clyde Schoen – Your President





The Vice's View

FUTURE SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY 7, 2012

Capt. Jerry Lee who was the most well received speaker at a MWS meeting in 2010 is back in FEBRUARY to teach us new tricks for catching salmon and walleye.

One of Michigan's most experienced and beloved professional fishermen, Captain Jerry Lee will be on hand to share his vast knowledge of open water fishing tactics for salmon and steelhead. Captain Jerry is a member of the Lowrance Electronics, Wolverine Silver Streak, Shimano, Big Jon, Precision Trolling, Offshore Tackle, Pure Fishing, Strong Flies and Maui Jim pro staff with over 30 years of fishing and guiding experience on the Great Lakes.

Presented by Capt. Jerry Lee

Seminar visitors will learn the hottest tactics, including the use of lead core, rotators, cut bait, in-line boards and the latest downrigger savvy. This presentation will include the tips and tactics it takes to consistently boat limits of fish for his customers day after day.

Capt. Chip Cartwright will also be on hand in FEBRUARY to show us the latest from Wolverine Tackle.

Capt. Chip is one of the most experienced anglers on the water. He was born to be a great fisherman, his family owns Wolverine Tackle, maker of the world famous Silver Streak. He has honed his skills over countless hours on the water perfecting the design and use of fishing tackle and special techniques for maximizing the productivity of lures.

MARCH 6, 2012

Best Chance Too Charters , Captains Bill Bale and Dave Engel were well received at our February 2011 meeting and will return in March to bring MWS members up to date on the newest gear and latest techniques to help us catch more fish in 2011.

Learn all about Lake Michigan charter boat fishing for King and Coho Salmon, Steelhead, Lake Trout and Brown Trout on board the Best Chance Too. If you are looking for the absolute best Lake Michigan charter fishing experience, a trip on Best Chance Too is for you. Captain Dave Engel and Captain Bill Bale of Best Chance Too are the winningest Salmon and Trout tournament fishing team on Lake Michigan. Best Chance Too is the only team to win tournaments in all four states surrounding Lake Michigan. They travel the entire Lake Michigan tournament circuit and fish from Michigan City, Indiana at the south end of the lake to Manistee, Michigan in the northern part of the lake. Charter with them out of their home port of Saugatuck, as well as Michigan City, St. Joseph, South Haven, Holland, Grand Haven, Waukegan, Muskegon, Ludington and Manistee.

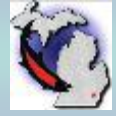
April 3, 2012



Mike Schultz is the Owner of Schultz Outfitters, a fly fishing guide service specializing in South Eastern Michigan warm-water angling, instruction and destination travel. Over the past few steelhead seasons Mike has turned his attention to the Ohio Tributaries of Steelhead Alley. Mike guides these world class tributaries throughout the fall and spring runs through his partnership with Greg Senyo's Steelhead Alley Outfitters. Mike is a member of the Scientific Anglers, Rainy's Fly Company, Patagonia and Ross Reels National Pro Staffs'. In 2010 Mike was honored to become a member of the Simms Fishing Products Ambassador program. Several of his smallmouth, steelhead & bonefish fly patterns are available through the ORVIS Company.

Jim Robertson , Vice-President





NEW MSSFA LOGO

If you attended the Ultimate Fishing Show, you may have noticed a NEW MSSFA logo in the Great Lakes Sports Fishing News. It had been about a year since we heard about a possible new logo, so I wrote to MSSFA to find out the status. Below are the three replies I got

Matt Lubaway, Editor

Hi Matt, What I know is.....

Dennis Eade rolled out the new log early 2011 as a possible replacement and it's been kind of just out there circulating. At the time it was introduced, we were more interested in the feedback on it, good, bad, and so on.

To answer both questions, there was no official vote but I think that is going to happen at the **Presidents Meeting on the 28th**. The small window decals will still be the old logo for this year. I had to have that order in to restock the chapters on the 28th. You may have noticed that when you see the new logo, a smaller copy of the old logo is nearby. This is intended to get people to associate the new logo with the old. The old logo has been around 30 years and people are very familiar with it. Using a new logo and adding words is a new look and we wanted to keep the confusion down as much as possible. From what I've been hearing the new logo will get approved on the 28th so it will be official. The new logo is already being used on some of the MSSFA's letterhead. I'm sure once it becomes official a formal announcement will be made.

Greg Gumbrecht

Hi Matt, As Greg said, the new logo was something that was tossed around last year. I attended several of the meetings when the logo was unveiled and talked about.

I really wanted to do something more upbeat and professional looking to start out 2012 with a fresh start and a bang. I asked Dennis and Rick and sent them a couple of preliminary front pages. They approved the one that is in this last issue. It really cleans up that front page and gets a person's attention.

But as Greg said...we didn't want the old logo to completely go away until we have a permanent decision. So I did include it, just a bit smaller so people wouldn't freak out too much.

We knew that we would get feedback one way or another.

I do have a really nice hi resolution copy of the new logo and once it's approved formally I can send it out to everyone.

Would be nice to see everyone use it and show solidarity to our peers.

So hang tight till after the meeting on the 28th. I will be sure to bring my laptop with a flash-drive so if anyone wants to download to their computer they can or Dennis or Rick can send out a blanket e-mail.

Glad you like it Matt. That's a wrap.

Deb French, Sales Manager, The Great Lakes Sport Fishing News

January 19, 2012

Matt I looked at my notes from last year and the new logo was brought out in January. I brought a color copy to our board meeting and passed it around for comment. It got a mixed review much like the state board. Many thought it would be good on clothing and maybe in the newspaper but that the current logo would have to be kept especially for the boat decals as it is recognizable from a distance on the water and on vehicles. I don't recall the state board adopting it so I was kind of surprised to see it in the show paper. I think it looks fine in the paper, a little more modern and colorful but the old logo does have a history with the membership.

Lenard Pietila

We will pass on any new information as we get it, Matt

(See the back cover for more logos.)





2012 RIVER FISHING OUTING AT THE FARM

The River Fishing Outing at the Farm will be **Friday February 10 thru Sunday February 12**. "The Farm" is the club house of *THE GREAT LAKES SPORTSMAN CLUB* in Copemish, Michigan north of Manistee our host for the outing. The cost for this event is \$60.00 cash that includes your lodging and food, three meals a day! Saturday will be are day to fish. From the Farm we branch out and you can fish the Manistee, Platte, Bear Creek, and Betsie River. Or ice fish on the Portage, Manistee, or Crystal Lake. If you have a special spot that will be fine too. After the day of fishing we come back to the Farm to enjoy full course steak dinner. To keep the cost down we did not hire a cook or dish washer so we all help out in preparing the meals and cleaning up. If you would like to attended, I will be only taking sign-ups at the Tuesday February 7th general membership meeting were I will have information and maps about the outing. We are limited to the first 20 members paid in cash.

If you have any question contact:

Phil Bustos, Your Stream & River Chairman

cell 313 670-2309 e-mail pbauer227@comcast.net





THE 54th ANNUAL DETROIT BOAT SHOW

The Metro- West Steelheaders will have a booth at Michigan's Premier Boating Event! 54th Annual Detroit Boat Show Saturday February 11 thru Sunday February 19 at the Cobo Center in Detroit, Michigan. The hours for the show are Thursday February 16, 3pm - 9pm, Friday February 17 & Saturday February 18, 11am - 9pm and Sunday February 19, 11am - 6pm.

We will need club members to volunteer and help out at the show. This is a great way to meet other members in the club and to talk to the people that visit our booth. Who you can talk to about having the same interest for the sport of fishing here in Michigan. This is not a very hard job. All you have to do is talk to people and answer question about our club and what we do for the fishing and share a couple of good fish stories. This is a good way for new members to learn about our club from our established members and maybe join up some new members too. We will also have a fishing simulator machine to run for the children and adults who visit our booth to have the fun of fighting a fish!



If you are interested in helping out at the show contact the show chairmen and tell them what day and the hours you would like to help. Or you can sign up at the Tuesday February 7th general membership meeting. All volunteer get in to the boat show for free.

Show Chairmen: Chris Christoph cell 586 405 4828

e-mail SilverFox245@sbcglobal.net

Phil Bustos cell 313 670-2309

e-mail pbauer227@comcast.net

Thanks to everyone who participated in our comedy for a cause fundraiser! We had 130 Paid. guests, not a sell out as I had hoped, but better that last year!

A special shout out to the members who contributed their help. **Rodger Hinchcliff / 1ST Class Entertainment**, donated his time as D.J. and also provided the sound system. **Marty Drum** handled the 50/50 raffles, and **Joyce Pietila** helped sell 50/50 tickets for the event. I would also like to thank my **Husband Chuck & Son-in-law Ryan Denes** for selling the drink tickets. My sister **Diane Darga** worked the door, my brother-in-law **Lance Darga** sold dinner plates, my niece **Lindsey Darga** cleared tables, and my **Daughter Melissa Denes** was one of the bartenders. My friend **Bernie Chesnut** helped sell 50/50 tickets, and generally helped out where ever needed as well.

All these folks donated their time to help raise \$1,650 for the MUCC kid's camp! We surpassed our intake from last years \$1,137. Yea!!

We had alot of laughs for a good cause! I am looking forward to next year, every little bit helps.

All smiles,

Karen Westphal



Please submit all contributions for the March newsletter by

February 18th 2012

**Do you have an announcement or information for club members?
Contact: Matt Lubaway at (248)790-0386 or mattman353@comcast.net**



BIG FISH CONTEST RULES

- Participant must be a member in good standing, spouse or child of a member of Metro West Steel headers.
- The contestant must be registered before the fish is caught.
- The entry fee of \$5.00 must be paid by the April membership meeting. A new member of Metro West must pay the entry fee within 30 days of the membership registration date to qualify.
- Fish must be caught in Michigan waters or during an official Metro West Tournament in Ohio, New York or Canadian waters.
- Fish must be caught by sport fishing method only. All DNR rules apply. During tournaments out side of Michigan, the local sport fishing rules will apply.
- The length of the contest is from Jan. 1st through Dec. 1st 2012. Each entry must be submitted within 30 days of catch. Entry form must be complete with picture attached.
- Eligible species include Walleye, Coho and Chinook salmon, Brown or Lake trout, and Steelhead trout.
- There are two divisions, lake and river; the above species can be entered in either one or the other division, not both!
- In case of a tie, the first fish entered will win. Post mark on mailed entries will be the entry date. Entries can be mailed to: BIG FISH CONTEST/ 32160 W. 11 MI. RD. FARMINGTON HILLS, MI. 48336, OR TO: kclipper2004@yahoo.com.
- All money will be distributed equally among winning fish.
- A registered scale with serial number, or the Metro West scale must be used to weigh the fish, and signature of witness must be given.
- One person may win a maximum of two categories.

BIG FISH JACKPOT

Separate contest

- Entry fee \$5.00; largest fish wins.
- All regular Big Fish rules apply except for 8, 10, & 12.

(Prizes will be awarded at the Christmas Party)



Karen Westphal

Sign Up Now!

BIG FISH ENTRY FORM

NAME			
ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	
CATCH DATA:			
Date of Catch:	Fish Specie:		
Lake or River Entry:	County:		
Name of Lake or River::			
Method:	Bait Used:		
FISH STATISTICS:			
POUNDS	OUNCES	LENGTH	
Registered scale # or Inspectors name:		Picture of Fish Enclosed: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Witness to Weigh In:		Date	
I hereby state the above is true. Remember, form must be turned in within 30 days			
Angler's Signature:		Date	





Raising Salmon

From: Sheeran, Margaret [mailto:msheeran@novi.k12.mi.us]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 1:18 PM

Hi Matt,

First, an update....Paul came in on Monday; we changed the water and used the plastic tube to suck out the mucky stuff on the bottom. He will be in again today or Saturday to do the same again. Unfortunately we have lost 23 fish this week; the kids have been quite concerned to come in finding dead fish every morning. Paul said this is normal as it has something to do with Early Mortality Syndrome and that this occurs regularly in nature.

- ◇ Overall this project is incredible because it provides a hands on, personal experience for the students as we watch the fish hatch and grow. It ties in well with our 7th grade science objectives regarding environmental systems and human interaction with nature.
- ◇ It is a huge benefit that this program takes several months to complete because the students get a chance to watch a work in progress, and see the end results.
- ◇ Our school (and many others) could never afford to do this program on our own, so the support of your group for the equipment and mentoring is truly a blessing.
- ◇ My students are very excited about the fish. Every day the students go to the aquarium to see how the fish are doing. They love feeding time as we have discussed how we needed to train the fish to eat as if they were in nature and on their own. We have had many times where we add "fish" to our daily class agenda and just talk about the overall progress of the fish, maintaining their habitat, what would happen if they were in a real river right now, predators, etc. The fish have become our classroom pets!

Comments from the kids:

"This is cool"

"I hope they are ok"

"Why aren't they swimming yet" -comment made during the sac fry stage.

"Why are they swimming upside down?"

"Can I take few home over break?"

"I've never fished before."

"My fish at home don't do that"

Hope you are able to use this information. I will send you a copy of the Novi News article when it happens. Thanks!

Maggie

To: 'Sheeran, Margaret'

Subject: Salmon Mortality

Hello Maggie,

This is a great time to point out the hazards the fry and the fish face in nature, and direct that lesson towards the kids. This is part of the lesson we want them to learn.

As fry the salmon face every other species in the water, pike, perch, turtles, walleye and others. In Michigan in our area the biggest predator is the cormorant, an invasive species, which can almost eat half its body weight (of fry) in one sitting. Later the salmon face eagles, bears (grizzly, brown and black), and another invasive sea lampreys. Interestingly enough in Michigan and the Great Lakes they become the top in the predatory chain. Also did you know there have been studies of early mortality in Lakes Michigan and Ontario.

About the classroom, it sound like you may have had a battle with the Nitrate / nitrogen cycle. I do not know if these articles were passed on to you, if not I hope they are helpful. Feel free to call and ask for help any time. I work in Waterford, but we are a big club and can find someone to help change the water. Do you need some help this weekend? If so let me know.

Thanks for the article info, I will include it in the February Newsletter.

Matt Lubaway



Ultimate Fishing Show Report



The Ultimate Fishing Show came off very well. We had great club participation; 48 members were involved! it was great to spend time with many members and to get to know them better. We had a minimum of four in the booth at all times and as many as ten on a few occasions. I want to thank all of those members who helped out, it was a great effort we talked to folks passing by and about the many benefits of our Club and about our tournaments and outings. For the first time our board of directors decided to give out a MWS hat to those who joined during the show. This was well received as we signed up nine new members and two prior members rejoined. Our fish cleaning effort netted us \$164.

Jim Robertson, UFS Chairman



Membership Renewals



Please see **me** at the General Meeting to pay your dues. You can renew by credit card, cash or check. If you do not plan to be at the meeting, mail check to MWS, 1689 Norfolk, Birmingham, MI 48009 or call credit card info to 248 225 4964. The Expiration date is YY MM.

Thanks, Henry Nabors, Membership Director

Last	First	Exp	Dues
Ashcraft	Dave	12 01	40
Blankstrom	Gregory	12 02	15
Bolton	Fred	12 02	40
Boulter	Al	12 01	40
Braden	Eric	12 02	40
Caldwell	Jim	12 02	40
Cook	John R	12 01	40
Corden	Christopher	12 01	40
Cruz	Billie Jo	12 02	15
Daniely	Dele	12 02	40
Douglas	Jerry	12 01	40
Flavin	Steve	12 02	40
Graham	John	12 01	40
Grunlund	Regan	12 01	40
Hart	John	12 02	40
Hartford	Brett	12 01	40

Last	First	Exp	Dues
Hesch	Dave	12 02	40
Holden	Peter	12 01	40
Kolody	Richard	12 01	40
Kovacs	Dennis	12 01	15
Makowski	Scott	12 02	40
Marcinkiewicz	Charles	12 01	40
Molner	Jim	12 01	40
Prokes	Steve	12 02	40
Reese	Eric	12 01	40
Roehler	Joe	12 02	15
Roman	David	12 01	40
Spilos	James	12 01	40
Thomas	Bob	12 02	40
Van Fossan	Martin	12 01	40
White	Lenard	12 01	15
Wood	Jared	12 02	40
Wood	John	12 02	40



2012 New Member Introductions

The Club is off to a roaring start! **Ten new members** have joined in January. Nine were invited and joined during the Ultimate Fishing Show in Novi. President Clyde Schoen enlisted four, I added two and Dave Skrobot, Jim Robertson, Gary Towns and Jim Maddux each sponsored new members! I expect there will be more to join at our Feb. General Meeting based on their introduction to Metro West at the UFS . Keep up the great work!! We now have **175 members in Metro West!!**

Welcome New Members!



Carl Snyder: Carl said "... it was a pleasure chatting with you at the Ultimate Fishing Show. I have been an outdoors-man all of my life and truly enjoy all things outdoors. So as you know it did not take much arm twisting to get me to join the club. However you are probably gifted in persuasion being the membership director. But that is a good thing for the club with the times we live in. Work done by sports men's organizations are what has kept the wild places the treasure of our nation.

The Great Lakes water ways are the gem of our natural resources. But of course you know this being an angler I read the newsletter you attached by link to your email. I found a wealth of information on many topics within it. However, I did come up with questions that I will be looking for answers to at the Club meetings. You had some questions ... in your email ... here are some answers. I will find out in ... ways I will want to participate in club functions when I become more familiar with the activities of the club at the meetings. However, you can help me if you would in aiding me in finding the photo I told you about at the show. This is vary important to me as it was the first time Dad and I fished Lake Erie for Walleyes and we had a great time." Carl and his Dad won a Metro West fishing raffle in the mid '90s with Greg Blankstrom.) Dad started the outdoors spark inside me as a small boy fishing inland lakes for Bluegill and Bass. We only got to fish two of the Great Lakes together, but when you know how to catch all kinds of Salmon, Stealies, and Lakers in Lake Huron and can almost pull a limit of Wall-eyes out of Erie well those are the kind of memories that last a lifetime. Over my young 49 1/2 years I have gathered a wealth of knowledge in almost every aspect of fishing. However I am always a good student willing to learn something new. So if given a chance to be a crew member on an outing I believe I would be a valuable asset for any captain. ... We try to take photos all the time and the latest one I have is of a large Walleye I caught in the Huron river last spring. I need to find that photo because it is the first Walleye I had ever caught on a fly I tied. I have taken up fly fishing and tying flies as one of my latest hobbies. I am still skunked at Tippy dam that I fish every year for a couple hours in late November for the past few years. Having been a Life Member of the Michigan United Conservation Club for some number of years and a dual Life Member in the North American Hunting and Fishing Clubs I pride myself in our outdoor heritage. I always try to do some thing new each year! Last year was the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy and the feral hog issue. The year before that I successfully completed the U. S. Coast guard Auxiliary Boating Skills and Seamanship Course. So I look forward to working with ... the Club on the Fisheries issues the club is involved with."



Kim Benbow: Kim, wife Liza and their three children live in Royal Oak. Kim said "(The kids) are good pan-fish anglers at the moment - hoping to move the older two up to river fishing this summer. I would like help learning (from the club how) to find and catch steelhead in Michigan. I am willing to help out with club activities. I am mainly a fly fisherman and suffer with sea sickness but would like to try going out on a salmon trip (as a crewmember)!" Tell me about your Fishing experience and when you started. Kim replied, "(Salmon and Trout) I started a few years ago as a way to get out into the woods

and to meet people. (Walleye) Have never fished for walleye. (Other) Grew up fishing saltwater species in Australia and trying to stay out of the way of Crocs - sometimes the best spots have a resident saltie - lowers the fishing pressure. (Do you fly fish? Where?) Yes I do - Clinton, Paint Creek; Au Sable down to the south branch, Pere Marquette has become one of my favorites. Caught my first chinook in September and my first chromer in November on the PM. Looking forward to learning a lot from the club and its members." Kim added "I am an Australian - met my wife in Japan where I was working and she was holidaying - I am the most expensive souvenir she ever

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brought home!"



Jerry Phillips: Jerry joined the Club at the UFS; his sponsor was Clyde. In answer to a few questions, Jerry said "My wife Brenda does fish - sometimes. My daughter, Michelle will also go out fishing with me if she has time. By joining MW, I am just looking for more like minded people that love to fish and in joy the outdoors. Yes, I would like to be a crewmember for salmon or walleye outings if a slot is available. I do have a boat: 16.5'Black Alumacraft Classic 165CS. I could use a crew member on outings sometimes. I started fishing a few year ago for bass then found how good the walleye and perch are to eat. Fishing experience: Salmon/ Trout -1 time last year on Lake Michigan; Walleye -yes on Lake Erie and Belleville lake; Other - perch on Lake Erie; fly fish - I have a fly rod." Jerry added, "I've been married 23 year in March and I have a 19 year old daughter who goes to Schoolcraft college." Jerry and wife Brenda live in Taylor. Welcome Jerry and Brenda!!



Peter Jonik: Welcome Peter, Claudia and there three boys, Evan 16, Meredith 15 and Brian 13. Peter said "The boys love to fish for bass, walleye, crappie and bluegill. Claudia likes to eat fish - especially salmon! I am looking forward to attending club seminars and learning about fishing techniques. I want to make contact with experienced anglers so I can learn. I would love to be a crewman on a club boat if I can find some free time; ... I like to be with my family either fishing or boating. I have a 2007 18' Starcraft Superfisherman w/ 90 HP and GPS controlled trolling motor." Regarding Fishing experience Peter said "I am new to

fishing, It's taken me a while to get a boat and all the gear I need for walleye. Now that I have everything, I am ready to go! Salmon/Trout - I planned a fall trip to the Manistee but the weather did not cooperate; Walleye - Breast Bay and Belleville Lake have caught a few walleye and sheephead; other - I do like to bass fish on Woodland, Orchard, Chemung and Belleville. I like structure fishing near docks, seawalls, and bridge pilings; and fly fish - I do have a fly set-up but don't use it very much. I purchased my first boat in 2007 as my kids were getting into fishing. We use the boat a lot. We started out on inland lakes but have ventured out in Lake Erie two times. We even went to Kelly's Island from Sandusky Bay. I want to go to the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair and maybe Saginaw Bay. I want to go fishing in Manistee, Ludington and Muskegon but have never been. ... I am a test Engineer at Chrysler and my wife is a dental hygienist. As a family we camp, boat and fish a lot."

Bob Merchberger: Bob lives in Goodrich. Bob is a Captain and has a 26' boat. He does a lot of fishing on Lake Huron. He remembers the GOOD OL' DAYS. Henry Nabors is his sponsor.



Dan Crowley: Dan is from Northville. Dan's favorite fishing partner is Jane Funfgeld. Dan's sponsor is Clyde Schoen.

Jimmy Bajra: Jimmy lives in Livonia. Jim Robertson is his sponsor.

John Ruppel: John is from Pinckney. He is a member of Huron Valley and is joining MW as an associate member. Dave Skrobot is his sponsor. John is the captain of a 22' fishing boat and we look forward to seeing him on the water this spring and summer.

Ralph Brown: Ralph join Metro West at the January meeting after visiting with several of our members; Gary Towns is his sponsor. Ralph learned about the meeting and our speaker from the newspaper. Ralph lives in Livonia.

Roger Maddux: Roger was invited to join the Club by Board Member Jim Maddux, Roger's brother. Guess who the sponsor is on this one!! Roger and his wife Laura live in Romulus. Roger likes to go by the name Butch.

Metro West Members, find a new member and talk to them about our fishing events. Look for them and learn more about them! Make them feel welcome.



Metro West Chapter, MSSFA

Board Meeting Minutes: 12/13/11

Attendees: Clyde Schoen, Jim Robertson, Carmen Zirles, Mark Platt, Henry Nabors, Lenard Pietila, Bob Olari, Matt Lubaway, Tom Taylor, Mark Davis, Jim Maddux, Bob Shepard, Jim Drews.

Absent:

Guest:

President, Clyde Schoen: Called the meeting to order at 6.59pm and asked for approval of last month's minutes. Lenard made motion to accept them after adding three names to the attendees which would be Jim Drews, Carmen Zirles and Me. Seconded by Bob Olari and passed.

Vice President, Jim Robertson: Best Chance Two Charters for our March speakers and the swap meet for April. Jim is also working on some newer pictures for the backdrops at the shows.

Secretary, Mark Platt: Will correct the November minutes and check into previous minutes to see if we set up anything for a free membership to members that make the club money over a certain amount.

Treasurer, Carmen Zirles After a quick review of his report Lenard made motion to accept, Bob Olari seconded motion passed. Cooler raffle report was done (Mark did a fantastic job making a 1,472.00 dollar profit) but the rest of the Christmas Party report was not quite ready.

Directors Reports: Refer to Organizational Chart.

Membership, Henry Nabors: 163 members at the end of December or 2011. Jim Robertson is leading the new membership drive.

MSSFA Rep, Lenard Pietila: The President's meeting is January 28th. Lenard did get our order in for the show papers, Mark Platt will be picking them up on January 6th. See Lenard's written report on the happenings throughout the state and the December 4th MSSFA meeting.

MUCC Rep, Robert Olari: MUCC district 1 Club meeting. The district clubs have a few objectives. One is to support the MUCC organizations. Two support MUCC financially. Spread the information from MUCC to the Districts and then to the Clubs that make up the district.

The last meeting was held on December 12, 2011 at the Wolverine Sports & Conservation Club.

Reports from the MUCC board meeting for region 4 were given.

The Corps of Engineers is taking a long time to study the Carp issue. The board feels that because of the federal government, not wanting to upset the Whitehouse political machine in Illinois, is taking its time in doing a study on the situation. They say that it will take until 2014 for them to come up with a recommendation. If the federal government changes, it will take less time to complete the study.

MUCC is looking for a 12 passenger van for the camp

The camp is working up a wish list for next year. They will have the list of things they need in January. They will make it available to the clubs.

New youth hunting rules are going into effect next year. And a complete set of rules will be forth coming. A fee of \$7.50 will cover a fishing, deer, small game, trapping, and turkey license.

District 1 will have a fund raiser in March of 2012. This will be a banquet not unlike the one we have to generate some dollars for MUCC to use as they see fit. MUCC has trimmed their budget and staff to bring their finances in line with their income. They had a 90K surplus this year.

The banquet will cost \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple. They also have an 8 person table price of \$145.00. Would like to get at least 8 guys from our club to go to this banquet. The meal will be at least 4 meats and all the trimming. They will have auction items and buckets with various prizes in them. They will have a cash bar.

I will have more information as I am attending a meeting on this at 1:30pm on Tuesday.

MUCC will be having a gun and bow raffle to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the organization.

Submitted by Bob Olari your District 1 rep.

Mark Davis: Bob Thomas will be joining the River & Stream Committee.



Jim Drews: A big round of applause for Jim and all his elves for the wonderful Christmas Party. Final numbers were not ready yet.

Matt Lubaway: Printed copies of the newsletters will be late this month due to the holidays. Metro west is the proud Grandparents of 188 Salmon fries (CONGRATS) to us all. Bob Shepard made a motion to buy a \$180.00 dollar pump to transfer water for the little guys and the motion was passed.

Jim Maddux: Steady as she blows!!! (Jim is the liaison for Mike Hartrick who handles Metro West Wear) Bob Shepard suggested using some club apparel in the raffle at the general membership meetings. Jim will talk with Marty and Mike to figure out how to make it work.

Tom Taylor: What do we do about all the vacancies with the Port Captains for the tourneys in 2012, ideas ?? Guess this will be Mark Platt's dilemma seeing how Tom's term is up. THANK YOU Tom for all the hard work

Bob Shepard: Will check into fishing machine, new backup rod and reel.

Old Business: Need to revise Organizational Chart for the New Year. Need a new hot dog cooker, Bob was only temporary, was filling in for Mitch who went back to work.

New Business: Received two thank you letters, one from Grand Haven Steelheaders for our 500.00 dollar donation to the net pens and one from Seasons Hospice Foundation in behalf of Mike "POPS" Napoli. Looking for new meeting place for board meetings. Clyde will keep proceeding with The Wounded Warrior Tourney and maybe a special Thank You To that Jolly Old St Nick.

Meeting adjourned: 9.29pm



Respectfully submitted,
Mark Platt, MWS Secretary

Metro West Steelheaders 2012 Calendar Livonia, Michigan

FEBURARY	7	General Membership Meeting	Contact: Phil Bustos/Jeff Bustos Contact: Phil Bustos/Bill King Chair: Mark Platt
	10 - 12	River Fishing Outing (Limit 20 @ The Farm)	
	11 - 19	Outdoor Recreation Expo/Detroit Boat Show	
	23 - 26	OUTDOOR- RAMA Showplace Novi	
MARCH	6	General Membership Meeting	Contact: P. Bustos Contact: Marty Drum Contact: Mark Platt
	15 - 18	SPRING BOATING SHOW Showplace Novi	
	24	SPORTSMAN'S BANQUET - Burton Manor	
	31	Mich. Steelhead Challenge/River Tournament	

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- ◆ Huron Pines Resource Conserv. - Grayling stormwater project
- ◆ Masistee County Library - Conservation, ecology and fly fishing books
- ◆ Lake Superior State University - Educational Studies Grant
- ◆ Conservation Resource Alliance - Pere Marquette Bank Stabilization
- ◆ Huron Pines Resource Conserv. - Au Sable River In-Stream Habitat

For a link to the event program go to: <http://www.midwestflyfishingexpo.com/documents/2010%20Midwest%20Fly%20Fishing%20Expo%20Program.pdf> and to the club's main webpage: <http://www.mffc.org/>.

Mark Davis, Director, Stream Committee





Midwest Fly Fishing Expo - Speakers

March 10th & 11th, 2012

Skip Morris is among the most prolific fly-fishing and fly-tying authors alive—his name is known to anglers around the world.

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Bob Jacklin has been serving West Yellowstone fishermen for thirty five years out of the fly shop. A world class fly fisherman, fly caster, and fly tier, Bob has taught countless people how to fish and cast with flies. He is the President of the Rocky Mountain Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers(FFF), is one of the first certified master casters, and one of the finest people and fishermen you could ever meet. Here Bob sits at his fly tying room at home where he still ties his patterns for his shop. On October 23, 2004 Bob Jacklin was inducted into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame.



George Daniel began fly fishing at age 6 while growing up in Potter County, PA and credits Joe Humphreys for the bulk of his knowledge along with many national and international industry professionals. George has been seen on ESPN and OLN while competing in the Great Outdoor Games and the Fly Fishing Masters and is a certified FFF Fly Casting Instructor. George's passion is in Fly Fishing Education and teaching others to enjoy this leisure activity. He logs over 200 days a year on trout waters near and far from his home in Lock Haven, PA. George is currently working on his first book with Headwaters Press and will be available January 2011.

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