



METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

LIVONIA, MI



Kamron and I had a great time at the outing and he really enjoyed landing the big bass."

Dave Staniszewski

July 2011

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The Vices' Corner

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY AUGUST 2, 2011; LANCE HINATSU

Speaker Lance Hinatsu, is a manufacturer's representative and consultant for factory automation, hydro forming, tooling and dies. Lance is a long time steelhead and salmon fisherman and ***Metro West*** member, Two time International Game Fishing Association (IGFA) and Fishing Hall of Fame World Record Holder for Chinook Salmon for i6 kilo, 12 pound line class. 50 pound and 64 pound Chinook salmon on the Kenai River in Alaska. Lance is the holder of 4 World records. He Introduce the HotShooting for steelhead with the first drift boat east of the Mississippi in 1978. Pro staff for Luhr Jensen, Lamiglas, Rapala, Ande Monofilament Ross Reels, and Patagonia. Lance will speak on the techniques and gear used for river steelhead fishing for the novice to advanced back trolling combat plug fishermen.

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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2011; ERIN MCDONOUGH

Erin McDonough is currently Executive Director of the ***Michigan United Conservation Clubs***, serving in that capacity since 2009. From 2005-2009 she worked as MUCC's Conservation Education Director and as a member of its Resource Policy Team. Prior to working at MUCC she was a coordinator for the National Wildlife Federation, working with sportsmen's organizations around the Great Lakes Basin on the organization's Great Lakes restoration and protection program. She is a member of the Michigan Oil and Gas Advisory Council, Michigan Wetlands Advisory Council, Michigan Snowmobile and Trails Advisory Council, and is a Trustee of the Great Lakes Fishery Trust.

McDonough has her MS in Resource, Policy and Behavior from the University of Michigan and a BS in Hydrogeology from Central Michigan University. She is also a graduate of MSU's Natural Resource Leadership Academy and is currently a participant in the flagship year of MSU's Natural Resource and Environment Governance Fellowship.



Jim Robertson, Vice President

Conservation Pledge

**I give my pledge as an American
to save and faithfully to defend from waste
the natural resources of my country;
its air, soil, and minerals;
its forests, waters and wildlife.**



Michigan United Conservation Club
Metro West Steelheaders

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Upcoming Events and Tournaments

- JULY**
- 9 St. Mary's River Salmon Tournament Chair: Mark Davis
 - 10 Club Summer Picnic (Sunday) Chair: Karen Westphal
 - 14 Steelhead Tournament - Erieau, Canada Mid-Week Chair: Jim Robertson
 - 16 Steelhead Tournament - Erieau, Canada Chair: Greg Ruggles/Clyde Schoen
 - 30 Ludington Salmon Extravaganza Tournament - Day 1 Chair: Dennis Kelly
 - 31 Ludington Salmon Extravaganza Tournament - Day 2 Chair: Mark Platt
- AUGUST**
- 2 General Membership Meeting
 - 13 Salmon Tournament - Manistee Chair: Greg Ruggles
 - 20 Salmon Tournament - Frankfort Chair: Tom & Jerry Hesch/Henry Nabors
 - 27 Salmon Tournament - Grand Haven Chair: Jerry Douglas/Jim Caldwell/HN
- SEPTEMBER**
- 6 General Membership Meeting
 - 10 Salmon Tournament - Charlevoix Chair: Mike Hartrick

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Contact the appropriate Chairperson/Port Captain and let them know you are interested in participating in the tournament or outing. If you are new to these events, call and talk to the Chairperson. If you have participated in the past and know the process, send an email with your information.

Captains – if you need crew, let the Port Captain or Henry Nabors know which events and how many. If you have never participated in a MWS tournament, this is the time to do it. We can help you get a crew and we will help you while at the tournament; the most you have to LOOOOOOOSE is \$21 for a crew of four – the rest of the money is for food. Tournaments are \$10 per person and \$5 for big fish for the boat. This is a very reasonable price to learn how to fish on the Great Lakes!!

Crew – if you WANT to CREW for one of these events, send the Port Captain and Henry Nabors an email telling them which event you would like to join AND call the port captain and let him know you are looking for a ride!!!! You need to do both if you really want to be a crew member. Henry Nabors does not know all the info for the tournaments and the port captain does not ALWAYS know who needs crew. If you respond and want to crew, make sure you know you can go to that event.





Erieau O Erieau

There are 2 MWS Erieau tournaments scheduled in July, the midweek tournament on July 14th and the normal Saturday tournament on July 16th.

Our popular Midweek tournament, chaired by yours truly - Jim Robertson, is scheduled for Erieau on July 14, 2011.

RULES FOR MIDWEEK TOURNAMENT ONLY

Set lines one hour before sun rise.

3:00 pm pull lines.

4:00 pm weigh-in and dinner at the Erieau Marina pavilion.

\$10.00 per person entry fee, includes \$6.00 lunch and \$4.00 prize money.

\$5.00 per boat big fish *Steelhead or Salmonoid*.

\$5.00 per boat big fish *Walleye*.

In the event the midweek tournament is cancelled, it will be held on Friday July 15

All other MWS tournament rules apply.

ACCOMODATIONS

Erieau Motel and Marina, 519 676 2101 coxonjohn@hotmail.com
(formerly Johnston's Motel)

Bay View Bliss, cabins 519 6762238

Arn's B&B 519 676 4870 arnottfriar@hotmail.com

Molly & OJ's, cabins 519 676 8812 ojs@ciaccess.com

After crossing the Ambassador Bridge you will need to show the Canadian Customs either a US passport or a Michigan enhanced driver's license. You will also need to register your boat, no charge. You will then take Highway 3 about 8 miles to Highway 401 East. Follow Highway 401 about 40 miles to exit 81, Bloomfield Road. Turn left on Bloomfield Road and drive south about 10 miles to Highway 3, Talbot Rd. Left on Talbot Road about 5 five miles and turn right on Erieau Rd. which ends at the marina. For More Info and Fishing Reports go to the www.erieaumarina.com/index.htm and to the Metro West Steelheaders Club Info Tab and check out the Erieau Slide Show.

**To participate in the Mid-Week
Tournament, contact Port
Captain Jim Robertson at
734 383 2790**





Erieau Steelhead Tournament - July 16, 2011



Greg Ruggles

248 303 6718 Chargert70@wowway.com

Port Captains

&

Clyde Schoen

248-892-0315 ClydeSchoen@ameritech.net



Location: Erieau Marina in Erieau, Canada (50 miles east of Windsor)

Tournament Rules, Directions and Accommodations information - See Erieau O Erieau Mid-Week Tournament Article

For More Info and Fishing Reports go to the www.erieaumarina.com and to the Metro West Steelheaders Web Site and to the Club Info tab - check out the Erieau Slide Show.



If you have never fished for Steelhead at Erieau, you do not know what you are missing! Come and join us for an outstanding fishing experience that is within two hours of most of our Metro West Members!

Contact Erieau Marina for Slip Reservations at info@erieaumarina.com

Tournament Reservations: Contact Greg or Clyde



Big Fish: Karen Westphal

Not much happening so far in the big fish contest, with only 3 entries:

Phil Bustos entered his Brown trout weighing 1.80 lbs. (River entry).

Dave Skrobot caught a 7 lb.10 oz. Walleye on Lake. Erie.

Phil Drum entered his 7 lb. Walleye also caught on Lake. Erie.

Looks like Dave Skrobot beat Phil Drum by 10 oz's. Keep those entries coming in! Lets make this contest interesting.

Tight lines to all, and good luck!

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	



Grand Haven August 27, 2011 - A NEW Tournament Port

Come and explore a new port!



Jim Caldwell, Port Captain

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Jerry Douglas, Port Captain

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Grand Haven is a new tournament site for Metro West Steelheaders. Let's try out a new port and see how the Grand Haven Steelheaders' port works for Metro West. Jim and Jerry joined the Club in 2010. Both are captains and both have experience at Grand Haven.

Jim has had place in Grand Haven for several years and moors his boat "Porfolio" at the Grand Haven Yacht Club each year. He is new to salmon fishing and joined the Club to learn how to set up his boat and learn the techniques for catching salmon. Jim is in charge of setting up the tournament location and providing location information.

Jerry has been a long time walleye fisherman using the hand-lining method. Jerry trailers his boat "Jerry Rig" around the State to get the most out of the Great Lakes. Jerry joined the club to learn how to catch salmon and steelhead; he fished a few MW tournaments last year. Jerry said he is willing to give this Port Captain thing a try now that he has a feel for the process. He fished Grand Haven last year and is looking forward to spending more time in Grand Haven. Jerry is in charge of the picnic.

Tournament Location: Grand Haven Municipal Marina - they have 25 slips that will accommodate our boats. There are two large and four small picnic tables and 3 or 4 charcoal grills and it is near the cleaning station. The web site is grandhaven.org/recreation/municipal-marina-and-boat-launch; the phone number is 616-847-2757. The slips can be reserved through the Michigan DNR. Slips are \$28 per night for a 25 footer. www.midnrreservations.com/SearchHarborPark.aspx. **A overhead photo of the port should be on the DNR site; you can also go to Google map and take a look.**

The Grand Haven Yacht Club members own all the slips around Wharf Marina next to the Municipal Marina. They have slips available when their members are away. They have a club house, bathroom facilities and power. 616-846-6679 <http://www.grandhavenyachtclub.com/Site/Home.html>

Accommodations: The Chamber web site for hotels is www.grandhavenchamber.org/index.php?option=com_sobi2&catid=8&Itemid=107. There are a few nice B&B's in town; the Harbor House and the Kardomah Lodge are within a short distance. The first you can walk to. There are no walkable hotels but the Holiday Inn and the Days Inn are close as is the Beacon Best Western.. The Blue-water Inn is different but close as well - they have fixed it up quite a bit.

Grand Haven Steelheaders: Visit the Grand Haven Steelheaders web site to learn more about the port, get fishing reports and weather information. Jim had a nice chat with Roger Belter, Pres. of the Grand Haven Steelheaders. Roger said they are "happy to see us come"; Roger said they would be happy to help with any questions we might have.

Give Jim or Jerry a call to sign up for the tournament. There are four boats already on the list. Talk to Jim if you are available to crew and want to help with the tournament.

Jerry said "I plan to reserve Friday and Saturday (at Municipal) and possibly make a trip to GH in July to check things out with my crew. Last year fishing there was very enjoyable and I caught lots of fish very close. The public ramp is also very accessible and has a lot of room."

If you have any information or advice on fishing Grand Haven, send a note or call the port captains.

Submitted by Henry Nabors (Port Captain Mentor)



KIDS' FISHING OUTING - JUNE 11, 2011



The Shore Fishing area of **Kensington Metro Park** turned out to be a good choice for our 11th annual Kids' Fishing Outing. There was ample parking and the area provided at least 100 yards of flat grassy land with a gentle slope down to a quarter mile of shoreline.

People began showing up at about 8:15 am and were directed to the check-in area. Dave Haupt of the **MDNR** was on hand to get the kids signed up for a free youth fishing license and



sportsman's card, compliments of **Metro West Steelheaders**. After the sign-in process, each child was given their choice of a rod and reel combo or other fishing gift. With their new rod and reel in hand and a cup of crawlers (compliments of **Walt's Crawlers**), they were off



to catch that monster fish that awaits us all. By 10:00 am you could see people fishing along the entire quarter mile shoreline.

"Fish on" was the call of the day. Everyone caught fish, mostly blue gills, some not so big, some keepers, but mostly runts. I saw kids catch perch, sun fish, large mouth bass and rock bass. For some of these kids this was their very first fish ever. I talked with one little girl who told me she had caught 12 fish. I'm sure all of the fish caught were returned to the lake.



At 11:00 am everyone was treated to a wildlife show put on by Mark Rosenthal of **Animal Magic** in Belleville MI. The show lasted about an hour and a half and Mark who is a great entertainer, explained the habits, food and habitat of each of his birds and animals. The kids were a great audience and were called upon frequently by Mark to answer questions about the different animals.



After the show, everyone posed for a group picture with Mark. Bob Olari presented the first place trophy to Matthew Schifano for his 8" bass. The second place trophy was awarded to Dakota Kay for his 7.5" blue gill. Nick Stoltz took home the third place trophy for his 7.25" rock bass and was the winner of a **Remote Control** fishing boat donated by **RC Fishing World**. Congratulations to all. I hope you come back next year and do some more fishin'.



Lunch was served at about 12:30pm and included hot dogs on a bun with all the fixins, baked beans, chips, cold drinks, ice donated by **Holden's convenience store** on Milford Rd., and of course that long time Metro West favorite chocolate peanut butter brownies from **Gordon Food Service**. As is normal, for me, I thought we may have bought too much





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food, but when I saw the long lines I was afraid we would run out. We served lunch to about 178 people, slightly down from last year. I don't believe anyone went away hungry, but we did have a few leftovers, mainly drinks and hot dogs which were given to Mitch and Debra Curbey to be served at our membership meetings. We received many compliments from our fishermen guests about how much they enjoyed the day.



David Haupt of the MDNR was very complimentary to Metro West on the great job we did both on the outing and on the sales of the 99 total youth fishing licenses.



From our view point the day came together better than we could have expected. The rain held off, everyone caught fish, the animal show was great and we all had plenty to eat and drink. In addition we learned a few things that will hopefully help next year's event go even smoother.

I want to thank the many Club members who came out to help. As always, we couldn't have done the job without you.

Kids Outing Co-chairmen - Jim Robertson and Bob Olari

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Metro West Steelheaders Picnic

Sunday July 10th, 2011

Make sure to mark your calendars for the **Metro West Picnic**, held at the Westfall's home.

Members and their families are all welcome..

32160 West 11 Mile Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

3/10th's of a mile west of Orchard Lake Rd. on the north side at the hidden driveway sign.

Time: Start 2 pm

Dinner: Will be served at 4 pm

There will be fishing (barbless hooks only), and horse shoes. The main course will be provided along with soft drinks. Please bring a passing dish and lawn chairs. **If anyone would like to come at 1pm to help set up** that would be great! As always I could use some extra tables as well. I will be taking sign-ups at the June meeting.

Please RSVP by contacting Karen Westphal: kclipper2004@yahoo.com
Or call (313) 535-1445. Please confirm your attendance by July 5th





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KIDS' FISHING OUTING - JUNE 11, 2011

Comments from Members and Friends

Member Eric Braden said "We had a great time. My sister in law from Bay City & Michelle's co-worker from Swanton Ohio, were very impressed with the whole outing. They all felt welcome and a part of the MWS Family (Mission accomplished!)."

"The Animal show was great! Jen, my sister-in-law is going to check into his availability for her Bay City school for next year.

"The kids couldn't get enough fishing. We went back down on the bank until around 3:30PM, before we had to break camp to catch the last hay ride over at the farm center." Thanks again!!"



Member Dave Staniszewski said "You guys did a great job with the kids fishing event on Saturday. Thank you".

Member Joe Cruzen said "My son, Kamron and I had a great time at the outing and he really enjoyed



landing the big bass."

Member Teagan Sage Nabors: "I love fishing with Grandpa! This is my fifth Kids Outing and I turn seven at the end of the month! Mom needs more practice casting; I keep trying to show her how."



Katherine Steward and Mom Harriet Steward: Katherine said "This is my fourth outing with the Club here at Kensington. I really have fun brining my best friend and catching fish." Harriet said "Count us in for next year! We still have the Kid's Fishing License from last year and look forward to getting the new one in the mail. Thanks for inviting us each year!"



Henry Nabors said "It was great being part of the Kids Outing! So many kids with so many smiles when they catch their first fish. Many of the parents expressed their appreciate for the Clubs dedication to showing kids how to fish. Thanks Metro West!"



Please submit all contributions for the August newsletter by

July 23 2011

Do you have an announcement or information for club members?

Contact: Matt Lubaway at (248)790-0386 or mattman353@comcast.net



Luna Pier Walleye Tournament June 18th: Reflections of a Rookie Walleye Captain

Henry, I wanted to get back with you about how my experience turned out Saturday at Luna Pier. Tom and I went out Friday and got things set-up and a program planned and we went out to the area where many had success during Region III. While we didn't catch any walleye, we caught a white bass and a perch and based on a tip that the charter guys were going out to West Sister, decided to look at the lake the next morning to see if we should go out that far.



Saturday morning we headed out early. We could have gone out an hour earlier, but played it safe due to the large amount of debris in the water still. The lake wasn't too choppy, but enough that I didn't feel comfortable making a 17 mile run to West Sister, so we headed to the Raisin River mouth to try or luck and apply our meager skill. We set our 4 lines and after realizing that I didn't set the "flag" on 1 of the boards, I pulled it in and there was so many dead may fly carcasses, the spoon and line was fouled, so I decided then that we needed to go somewhere to find clean water.

So we pulled lines and headed out, eventually found the pack of boats out at West Sister and set up again and shortly after that hooked our 1st walleye, a barely legal 16" -17" but the skunk was out of the box and we were optimistic for the day! I kept working on finding a direction that I could use the wind to slow me down, as I was having a hard time getting down to 2.0 -2.2 and found a direction to troll that got me in that range finally.

Time flew by and we heard from Clyde a few times over the radio that he was having success and we knew other boats were having mixed success, but didn't know where they were, as we were hearing a lot of chatter from the Kelly Island area. Jim Robertson was reporting that they were trying every method (bottom bouncing, crawler harnesses and spoons) and were "picking at them" and Jeff K. said to check my voice mail (for info from him), but my phone had no service and the battery was almost dead. (Need to get a 12V charger!)



Hermann Christoff (Chris) was doing me a favor by asking all kinds of questions, Clyde was talking, so I was listening and waiting for something I hadn't heard prior - speed. Chris finally asked and Clyde answered. He was going faster than I was, so we bumped the speed up and shortly after we had Fish On! So with only 2 on board, Tom driving, I managed to bring in #2, but he crossed another line and I had a real mess on my hands. After getting him into the live well, I spent about 30 minutes trying to untangle the lines, finally cutting them. After getting them back out, I decided to check the lines that were out previously and one of the other lines had fish on! I switched with Tom so he could reel it in, and handled the net, getting #3 on board. By then it was about 10:30 and we had 3 in the box, but found out later the bite stopped about 11, so we missed some prime time with the tangled mess.

One lesson I learned that could have made for a better day: Don't judge the lake by the way the water is near shore. Once we got out a ways, it was way calmer and we had no problem cruising at 40, so we could have been in the hot spot much earlier.

Clyde ended up with 19 for 4 on board, weighed 6 at 22 + and took 2nd place, Robertson took 1st, I'm not sure how many total they had, but they had 28+ lbs. Some of the best walleye fisherman in the club struggled and may have ended up with less than 1 man's limit, so our 3 and 7lbs was pretty satisfying for me. So overall, I am happy with our success and feel more confident that I cannot only "go fishing", but can "catch fish" as well!

Thanks for your encouragement ...!

Bob Shepard



Cape Cod Fishing Report

My son Jonathan and family live on Nantucket. We have talked about arranging a Striped Bass fishing trip when the fish are running around Cape Cod. Finding the perfect time and good weather does not make this easy to arrange. We decided to give it a try this year by holding open June 3rd and June 11th weekends.



Jonathan's friend Ken invited us to give it a try on his boat off Cape Cod near Sandwich. "You should have been here yesterday!" The bait fish were everywhere on the North side of the Cape but there were NONE to be found on Sat. morning. Our success was not so good for those Striped Bass!



Ken's 19 year old son Dan, said let's try the south side of the Cape at Buzzards Bay for some sea bass. Dad said he had never tried that but he was willing to give it a go. We headed south through the Cape Cod Canal (8 miles long) for a 13 mile ride and set up in 25' of water. We enjoyed the boat ride and getting to see the waters around Cape Cod and the Cape Cod Canal. That was an experience in itself.

It was fun watching Dan show us how he fishes for (and catches) Sea Bass. I found it interesting that he uses the same technique we use here on the Great Lakes. The lead-core line worked very well getting the lure to the right depth. These fish are on the bottom - a lot like walleye. We put out 4 colors and started catching fish. I would say that catching 33 sea bass in the time we were on the bay was great success!! It was hard ending the day and having to go catch that 6:30 airplane back to Nantucket instead of going for those other seven fish. The sea bass is one good looking fish and it sure is good to eat. They fight a little better than walleye of the same size. Our fish were 3 to 7 pounders. I am looking forward to trying to catch striped bass one of these days but sea bass are fun to catch when the others are not biting. Just like catching walleye when the steelhead are not biting!!



Submitted by Henry Nabors

The METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Livonia Senior Center. Open to the public.

Location: Southeast corner of Farmington & Five Mile Roads.

Date: 1st Tuesday of each month.

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm

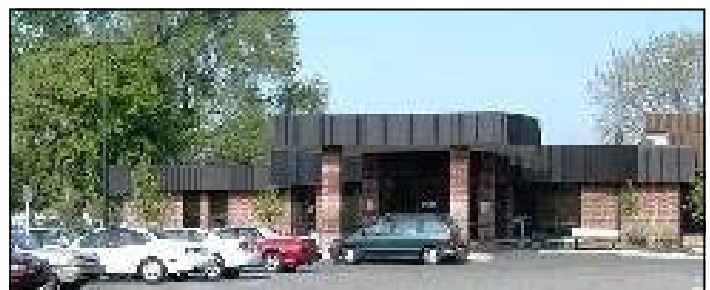
MWS WEB Site: www.metroweststeelheaders.org

Or State MSSFA WEB site:

www.michigansteelheaders.org

Go to Chapter Websites, then Metro West Home Page.

If you have questions, contact Henry Nabors - HHNabors@Ameritech.net or call (248) 258 5502





Metro West Chapter, MSSFA

Board Meeting Minutes for June 14th 2011.

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

Absent: Mark Davis (excused)

Guest:

President, Clyde Schoen: Started meeting at 7.00pm, called for approval of last month's minutes

Vice President, Jim Robertson: Next month (July) we have the club picnic, August we have our very own Lance Hinatsu (River Fishing) while in September we have MUCC's Erin McDonough (Executive Director). The kid's outing went very smoothly, sounds like there was rain a little south of us but we stayed dry. Had 178 total sign-ups, 99 of them being kids, Jim will do write-up for club with Thank You's.

Secretary, Mark Platt: May Minutes read needed a couple minor corrections; add a month and a date correction. Also this paragraph added to the request from MacRay Harbor Marina. Tom Taylor will follow-up with Phil Bustos for more information and the non-profit status of the event, then an e-mail vote by the board members could be used seeing how there was not another board meeting prior to the date of the event. Bob Olari made a motion to accept the minutes with changes, seconded by Matt Lubaway. Passed

Treasurer, Carmen Zirles: Motion from Bob Olari to accept the corrected combined treasurer's report for both April and May, seconded by Henry. Passed

Directors Reports: Refer to Organizational Chart.

Membership, Henry Nabors: Club Membership is 172. Two new members were added at the June General Meeting. A total of 27 new members have been added this year. The Club has lost 31 members over the same period; a few are expected to renew in the near future. Attendance at the General meetings has been 385; this is about the same number as last year for the same number of meetings. Attendance at tournaments is down; weather has been the main factor to date.

MSSFA Rep, Lenard Pietila: No report

MUCC Rep, Robert Olari: MUCC Convention coming up, 24th 25th 26th of June. Due to personal reasons Bob cannot attend so he asked Matt Lubaway to carry the MWS club's 4 delegate votes in his absence, since he was already attending the convention as a guest panel speaker. (Paperwork will be provided and has to be taken care of.) Lenard made a motion club pays for up to two delegates; lodging and registration. Seconded by Henry, passed.

We have 17 kids signed up for the kids camp. Clubs dues are paid.

Mark Davis: Tracks Magazine: We are confirmed for 120 students to receive Tracks Magazine. Sue Pride called about Tracks subscriptions. The cost for 120 is \$450. This is about 20% more than last year, but last year we missed two months and the bill was prorated to reflect that. Presented a request for donation

Jim Drews: No report

Matt Lubaway: presented a request for donation for Reeling & Healing Midwest. Tom Taylor made motion to fund 3 participants, and donate MWS three hats of promote the MWS donation. The cost is \$260 dollars each X 3 = \$780, plus the cost of hats. Seconded by Jim Robertson. Passed.

Salmon in the Classroom project moving ahead nicely. Scrutinizing of advertisement moving along nicely also.

Gregg Ruggles: Resigned—new job making it tough just to fish. In steps Jim Maddux appointed to replace him, Welcome Jim.

Tom Taylor: No report



Bob Shepard: Many compliments for The Kids Outing. The whole thing was great !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Old Business: Matt Lubaway has drawn up a contract that could be used in extreme cases, but decision stands that if club equipment goes out, it needs a board's approval.

New Business: Christmas Party has priority when board meets again in September. Organizational chart has been corrected. Updating of the web page has been tabled, no new pictures to update with.

Meeting adjourned:) 9.45pm

Respectfully submitted, **Mark Platt, MWS Secretary**



MUCC 2011 Annual Convention - Report; June 25 & 26

Matt Lubaway; for Robert Olari, MUCC State Representative.

Bob Olari was unable to attend the MUCC 2011 Annual Convention due to personal reasons. Since I intended to attend the convention, as a guest panel speaker, the Board of Directors asked me to carry our delegate votes on behalf of MWS. Here is a brief summation of the high points of my 12 pages of notes.

Attendees, Delegates and Representatives

Attendees included the MUCC Staff and Board, over 100 delegates, half a dozen MDNR / MDEQ representatives, and many speakers (Snyder' administration, MSU Fisheries & Wildlife, National Wildlife Federation, affiliated clubs and of course MUCC). To quote my wife, Renee, "They are just a great bunch of people". To that I can add I was thoroughly impressed with the experience and the dedication of the participants to conservation of Michigan's great natural resources.

Annual Report

The Annual Report shows that the MUCC met a tremendous challenge and is again operating in the BLACK and has made gargantuan expense cuts (\$480,000), as an aid to this result. At the same time, focus continues toward stemming the decline in membership; membership has already increased from 2009 to 2011 about 45% to over 42,000. MUCC introduced of a new website and multiple other communication venues (including social media) that resulted in increased web traffic by 900% in 2011. Fran Yeager, Treasurer, and Erin McDonough, Executive Director, are encouraged by the results and intend to focus on additional improvements in 2012 and beyond.



MUCC Youth Camp Update

MUCC completed significant repair, remodeling, construction and improvements and it's Youth Camp reopened Monday July 27, 2011 for the summer program. I spoke with Liz Roxberry, Camp Educational Director, and she indicated that not only is their **schedule full, they have a significant waiting list**. They have incorporated innovative ideas in their new plans, which include outreach and cooperative use of the facility to maximize utilization of the resources and expand their connection and visibility to the greater Michigan communities. The primary **mission of the program is to get as many kids outdoors in Michigan as possible**, educate them and **foster a commitment to conservation** for the future of Michigan. Liz said, this is "the direction they need to go." Some of their outside partners are;

- Chelsea Seniors
- Chelsea Public Library & Schools
- Lake Orion Public Schools

"Seniors Story Telling" (of their experiences with history and conservation) have been very successful. On a side note, Liz and Bob Borschak are looking for other affiliated clubs to **adopt one of the unclaimed dorm/cabins which need some TLC**; the friendly competition between clubs has reaped rewards on significant improvements.



Speakers, Panel Discussions

The educational portions of the conference were numerous. **Dan Wyant and Rodney Stokes, from Michigan DEQ and DNR** respectively, spoke about the **"Quality of Life"** under the recombined units under Governor Snyder. One notable comment was that communication between departments and with the Dept of Agriculture have increased nine-fold.

A panel discussion followed on the **"Science of Conservation (biological vs. social)"** with **Russ Mason (Wildlife MDNR), Jim Dexter (Lake Michigan MDNR), Shawn Riley (MSU Fisheries & Wildlife), and Amy Trotter (MUCC Resource Manager)**. Although the topics sometimes were to "scholarly", it was interesting to see how they confront and address political social policy and balance it with science based biological research to continue to protect our resources for hunters, fishermen and trappers (who pay the majority of the cost) with the general public. They challenged MUCC to provide the leadership to

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protect our great heritage and natural resources. **Erin McDonough, (MUCC Executive Director)**, asked for and received a resounding reverberation from the delegation to accept the challenge.

A later panel discussion with three successful affiliated clubs' brought a wealth of insight and new ideas for both **fund raising and membership recruitment**. MUCC offered to lend their help and ideas to adopt new campaigns of our own.

MUCC 2011 Annual Convention Resolutions

Interspersed throughout Saturday and Sunday, we deliberated, amended and voted on the resolutions listed below. **Resolutions at the convention provide additional direction, course correction, and focus for MUCC in the coming year.** However, I think it important to note the enthusiastic help that the DNR and MUCC gave to the authors and the discussion. I was particularly heartened by a statement from **Paul Rose, MUCC President**, lent considerable assistance and editorial talent to a new affiliated (fishing) club's FIRST resolution. He demonstrated that MUCC's board and staff are willing to help us voice our concerns and welcome us into the discussions.

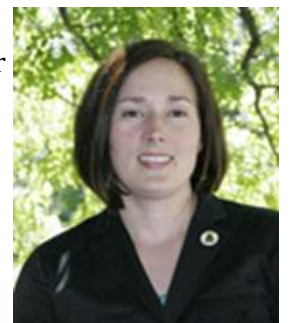
2011 Resolutions:

1. ESTABLISH A YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING LICENSE. Passed Unanimously.
 2. SIMPLIFY HUNTING REGULATIONS. Passed Unanimously.
 3. REEVALUATION OF EARLY ANTLERLESS SEASON. Passed.
 4. SWITCH EARLY ANTLERLESS SEASON AND THE YOUTH HUNT. Failed
 5. SPECIAL HUNTS. Failed
 6. U.P. DEER LICENSES. Failed Unanimously.
 7. STREAMLINE MICHIGAN'S SINGLE BUCK TAG SYSTEM. Passed.
 8. REINVENTING MICHIGAN INITIATIVE - FIREARM DEER SEASON. Failed.
 9. PRESERVATION OF THE MUSKELLUNGE SPECIES. Postponed, until MUCC board meeting.
 10. BROOK TROUT CREEL LIMIT IN THE UPPER PENINSULA. Postponed.
 11. FERAL SWINE TERMINOLOGY. Passed.
 12. CORMORANT CONTROL CONSOLIDATION; Passed Unanimously.
 13. STATE FUNDING FOR WOLF MANAGEMENT. Failed,
 14. MANAGING THE MICHIGAN WOLF POPULATION. Passed Unanimously.
 15. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE REMOVAL OF SABIN, BOARDMAN, AND BROWN BRIDGE DAMS ON THE BOARDMAN RIVER. Passed Unanimously.
 16. RESOURCE USE RULES. Passed
 17. OPPOSING PLACEMENT OF WIND TURBINES IN THE GREAT LAKES. Failed.
 18. MUCC BILLBOARD POLICY RECONSIDERATION. Passed.
 19. CONSERVE, PROTECT, AND ENHANCE - MI DNR PUBLICATION GUIDES PROMOTION. Passed.
 20. INACTIVATION OF RESOLUTION 20 (2008). Passed unanimously.
 21. STATE AND PRIVATE LAND FIELD TRIAL PERMITS FOR HOUND EVENTS (RESOLUTION #11 -2010). Passed unanimously.
- ◇ EMERGENCY RESOLUTION: OPPOSE SB 248; CAPPING THE STATE PURCHASE OF LAND TO 4.65 MILLION ACRES AND URGE ALL ALLIATED CLUBS TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THEIR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVE. Passed unanimously.
- ◇ 2011 BYLAWS AMENDMANT (Revised; REMOVE CEO REFERENCE FOLLOWING "The President shall be the CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS"). Passed.



Paul Rose, President

Erin McDonough, Executive Director





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Thanks, Henry Nabors, Membership Director

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Membership Report

Club Membership is **172**. Two new members were added at the June General Meeting. A total of **27** new members have joined this year. The Club has lost 31 members over the same period; a few are expected to renew in the near future. Attendance at the General meetings has been **385**; this is about the same number as last year for the same meetings. Attendance at tournaments and outings has been **537**; attendance is down about 30% from last year - weather has been the main factor to date. **Total attendance** for all Club events has been **1386** - that is a lot of participation. **Keep it up!**

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Club Communications using Email: What are your expectations?



Each of us have a different proficiency in using E-mail to communicate. Many in the Club assume everyone else is at their level of proficiency or better. Many want to send an email to ask a question or share information - and expect a reply. When members; event chair or port captain ask a question and they do not get an answer, they assume no one is interested in the subject or the question. That may not be the complete story because of proficiency and interest in Email – not the subject.

When asking for volunteers, email may not be the best way to get members to help on a project. Think of alternative ways of getting assistance if the email does not work. You can ask me for a list of possible candidates or ask for the updated phone directory and call people in your area or people you know - most will not tell you no.

Based upon my experience using email with MW members, I generally have ranked you and know what to expect. Other members do not know what to expect of their fellow members. An example would be in communications with Port Captains for Tournament information or asking for volunteers for help in a Club project. Some use email as a communications tool; others DO NOT! If you want to communicate with the latter group, you have to phone them.

An E-Mail survey was sent to over 160 members (ten members do not have email).

Survey Results:

Members - 172	172		
Email Addresses	162		
Responded to Survey	47		
Question	Daily	Weekly	Other
Read Email:	39	6	2
Reply to Email	33	8	6
Send Email	33	4	10
Reply to a Question	26	15	6
Read Club Email - Amount	All = 28	Most = 13	6
Email Quantity	Ok = 32	Too Much = 8	More = 6
Forward to Others	Frequent = 9	Some = 19	Hardly = 16

When I ask at meetings or talk to members at Club events, they almost always say they get lots of Club information by email - and they grin when they say that. As you can see from the numbers, our members CONSUME email; they do not use it to communicate on a regular basis.

Conclusion:

If you want to send information TO members, email is great!

If you want an answer to a request for help or an answer to a question, do not have high expectations but send the request. Some replies are better than no replies.

If you want to communicate with a port captain about a tournament, send an email AND THEN call and talk to them if you do not get a reply in 48 hours; only about half use email on a regular basis.

If you want to be a crew at a tournament, get to know the captains at the meetings or other events like shows, the picnic, the banquet and the Christmas party and then call them to let them know you are available for a specific event; most do not use email on a regular basis.

In addition to the 47 members that responded to the survey, there are approximately 45 other members that correspond with me when they want information or are asked a specific questions - including Board Members, port captains and event chairs. Think about your use of email and how you can improve communications within Metro West Steelheaders.

Thanks, Henry Nabors



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