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Reel Affair, 2011 Holland, MI  
Photo by Eric Braden

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## From the Editor

Matt Lubaway



While reading Readers Digest, I came across a funny special section called the “**The World’s Dumbest...**” I liked the part that made me laugh out loud called Dumb Warning Labels. One of the best described a label on a brass fishing lure which said “**Harmful If Swallowed**”. So I thought, what a great idea, I can put together a collection of my own “dumb fishing warnings”. My mind started out with a flash of ideas...have you ever seen an outboard pop off the transom when it was not tightened down? Now that is SAD and funny all at the same time.

I also found many *funny* videos fishermen falling or walking off docks or stepping off their boat to the dock and falling in between. How about the one where the guy reaches to bring in the BIG catch and instead goes into the drink along with the it.

As I continued along with my thoughts, I began to hunt for more and more ideas. However, my search changed my mind dramatically. I discovered that the most frequent fishing accident is of course being caught by an errant fishing hook. To top that off, the most tragically frequent occurrence is a fish hook in the eye. I tell you one set of photos (surgery to remove a treble hook from the eye) really made me think. I tell you nothing irks me more than a fellow fisherman who does not look behind, before he swings back and casts. Thank goodness I just got a hook in a finger, hat or in my jeans.

But as I looked at them from a different perspective, I realized that any one of them could have been a serious accident if the circumstances were just a little different. Then it would not be funny. It reminded me of what my carpenter dad used to say “Measure twice and cut once.” Maybe we can translate this wisdom to sport fishing. Take the time to look at what you are doing before you make a mistake. I remember the old adage, “**Look Before You Leap**”, which makes perfect sense out on the water.

Take a few moments the next time you go out fishing and remember to look for those simple acts that you take for granted and ask yourself, “**What can I do to make this a safer trip?**”

1. **Plan your trip to fish in permitted (legal) areas.**
2. **Check the weather and water fronts often.**
3. **Wear appropriate clothes and shoes for the conditions.**
4. **Wear a life jacket.**
5. **Wear a waterproof sunscreen.**
6. **Bring layers of weather gear to stay dry, warm and protected.**
7. **Bring insect repellent for protection.**
8. **Keep fishing knives sharp and covered when not in use.**
9. **Take safety items such as, map, whistle, flashlight, compass, radio, and cell phone.**
10. **Handle fish with care.**
11. **Consider safety glasses when casting.**
12. **Use caution with bait and hooks.**

**ENJOY in safety.**

**CAUTION:  
HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED**





### The Prez Sez

Rain, rain, rain; when will it ever end? What a spring we are having – and the fish catching sure seems to be slow to go along with it.

Well last month was about trailering so this month I think I'll talk about launching and docking that boat you're going to get on.

Once again, launching and docking a boat is not only the boat owner's responsibility, but also the responsibility of the entire crew. When arriving at the boat launch, there are a number of things for the crew to help with before backing down and dropping the boat in the water. The crew should help attach dock lines to the cleats so the boat can be secured to the dock when it is launched. Check to make sure the drain plug is **in place** before it is too late. All the equipment and gear that is to go out on the trip should be loaded and stowed. And above all, don't forget to unplug the trailer lights before launching. There is no such thing as a totally water proof light fixture on trailers, especially on Michigan roads. If fenders are going to be used to protect the boat from the dock, they should be made ready. Now that everything is in place, someone should be holding the dock lines while the boat and trailer are backed down to the water. Remember, all this "getting ready" should be done before you tie up the launch ramp so others can use the ramp as well. One additional courtesy, when backing down in the dark, is to turn off your head lights; your parking lights are sufficient for visibility in the dark and the person trying to back down next to you won't be blinded by your headlights.

Returning to the dock is another matter. Normally people on board are more than willing to help, so captains, give them something to do before you come crashing into the dock and damage your boat and equipment. Give the crew some instructions and they will be glad to help. Get the dock lines attached to the cleats and have the fenders out and ready. A dock pole should be out and ready to fend the boat off the dock or pull it to the dock if needed. Crew people: ask the captain where the equipment is if he hasn't already told you and be ready long before docking takes place. How often do you see people come to the dock and everyone on board lunges for a piling or the dock itself with nothing but their bare hands and arms. Your hands and arms were not made for such use and they will often lose when pinched or crushed by a dock. No person on the boat should ever attempt to leave the boat until it is secured to the dock. Once the boat is secured, you are ready to load it on to the trailer for the return trip. Once again, use dock lines and boat-hooks to help load the boat on the trailer as quickly as possible.

After loading the boat, pull away from the launch ramp so others can use the ramp. In the parking area, unload the boat, secure the equipment, remove the drain plug, and tie the boat down to the trailer. A chain should be attached to the bow of the boat; do not use the winch strap or cable to secure the bow of the boat to the trailer. If the winch breaks or vibrates loose, the boat will try to fly and you can imagine the trouble it can cause.

As with the trailering assistance in last month's article, the launching and docking is everyone's concern. Everyone should get involved and help with the task at hand.

Remember to keep your hands and arms out of the way, use dock lines and poles and have a safe and enjoyable trip.

See you on the water and at our June 7<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

Fish On

**Clyde Schoen**

MWS President

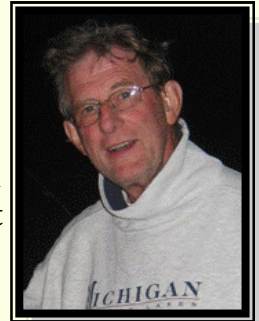




## The Vices' Corner Kid's Fishing Outing

**Metro West Steelheaders** will be hosting our eleventh annual Kid's fishing outing at the shore fishing area of **Kensington Metropark** on Saturday June 11, 2011. Registration and applications for youth fishing licenses will start at 9am. Admission is free and every child will receive a free rod and reel kit or other fishing equipment as well as a youth sportsman card from the **Michigan Department of Natural Resources** and crawlers from **Walt's Crawlers**. At 11:00am we will be entertained by Mark Rosenthal of "**Animal Magic**" with his animal/reptile show. After the show we will serve a lunch of hot dogs, chips and drinks. After lunch you are free to continue fishing or just enjoy **Kensington Metropark**. All families, Moms, Dads and kids are welcome, we do need to know how many adults and how many kids will be attending so **please** Contact Jim Robertson 734 383 2790 E-mail [jimerpi04@comcast.net](mailto:jimerpi04@comcast.net) Or Bob Olari 248 787 1582 E-mail [rolari@netscape.com](mailto:rolari@netscape.com) and let us know how many in your family will be attending.

Outing Chairmen  
**Jim Robertson**, Vice President



For more information contact Jim Robertson @ 734-383-2790.

## Metro West Steelheaders Picnic Saturday 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](mailto:kclipper2004@yahoo.com)  
Or call(313) 535-1445. Please confirm your attendance by July 5<sup>th</sup>





**METRO WEST STEELHEADERS  
KIDS' FISHING OUTING  
KENSINGTON METRO PARK**

Date: SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Show: 11:00 am Critter Show

***ANIMAL MAGIC, INC***

Check them out at [www.iwantanimalmagic.com](http://www.iwantanimalmagic.com)

Lunch: 12:00pm

**FISHING GEAR FOR KIDS  
KIDS FISHING LICENSE  
BAIT, Walt's Crawlers  
ANIMAL MAGIC SHOW  
LUNCH**

**Free Free**



**Directions:**

TAKE I-96 TO EXIT 153 KENT LAKE ROAD. TURN EAST TO ENTER KENSINGTON METRO PARK. WE WILL BE AT THE **SHORE FISHING** AREA ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MILES AFTER THE PARK ENTRANCE. LOOK FOR THE METRO WEST BANNER AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE **SHORE FISHING** AREA ON THE LEFT.

**PLEASE ADVISE HOW MANY KIDS AND ADULTS WILL BE IN YOUR PARTY .**

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## Thousands of Walleye Dying in Lake Erie

Yes, we are aware of the die-off of walleye recently in the west basin of Lake Erie and are pursuing causes currently. We've been out on directed surveys, and other undirected surveys (both boat and aircraft) and the kill appears to be in the 1,000s of fish based upon public reports and our field inspections. The kill was found primarily from Davis Besse to the islands (although some have been reported in Maumee Bay), suggesting that it involves primarily reef-spawning walleye. With an estimated population over 20 million fish, a few thousand walleye deaths will likely not have a population level impact. Every year we do have some walleye mortality after the spawning season, which is normal as it is highly stressful on the fish, however, this year the mortality event appears to be unusually high. However, given the unusual spring weather that we've had during the spawning season, this could potentially be the reason. We think we are on the backside of the mortality event, as dying fish are not showing up with the frequency that they were earlier in the month.



We have collected a few individuals that were suitable for testing for VHS and have sent the samples to UT for screening, however, the VHS outbreak that occurred in '06 appears to be significantly different than this one. First, it affected primarily freshwater drum and yellow perch, we really didn't see any walleye mortality associated with the outbreak. Second, most of the individuals that died during that outbreak were obviously affected by VHS (through external evaluation of hemorrhaging) and the fish appeared to have died quickly (there were no signs of fungal infection etc.). During this event, most of the individuals referenced as "dazed" are obviously affected by other factors - such as excessive fungal growth.

In short, we hope to know more once the screening is done, it doesn't appear that it likely is having a population level effect, and lastly, in spite of the reports from Maumee River larval sampling, we cannot draw any conclusions on the size of the walleye hatch. We have a number of spawning stocks in the lake that are differentially affected by weather and larval survival. Until the young walleye grow large enough to sample with the bottom trawl, we will not be able to assess the hatch strength.

Aside from all of the above, I do agree that Lake Erie has significant issues (first and foremost the excessive phosphorus and algal blooms) that hopefully we can collaboratively address in the future.

Call if you have any additional questions.

Regards,

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### Update...

- The kill appears to be in the 1,000s of fish based on public reports and DNR field inspections (boat, aircraft).
- The kill was primarily found from Davis Besse to the islands, suggesting it involved reef-spawning walleyes.
- With a population of over 20 million fish, a few thousand deaths will not have a population impact.
- While it is an unusually high mortality event, it happened in the face of unusual spring weather during the spawning period when some fish die each year.
- We are on the backside of it ... dying fish are not showing up in unusual numbers any longer
- We are testing fish to see if a pathogen (like VHS) was involved, but we suspect that isn't the case and fish viruses are not transmittable to humans.

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The poor fishing in the Western Basin right now is not related to the kill; anglers are marking fish on sonar and healthy fish are being caught.

In short, the issues appear to be more aesthetic than biological from a fish population standpoint. We will continue to monitor the situation and believe that the worst is behind us. Weather is affecting the fishery more than any other factor right now and we expect to see improvements in both over the ensuing weeks.

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*Knight doubts the die-off will have any lingering effect on the lake's walleye population. There are about 20 million walleye in Lake Erie, and up to 30 percent can die in year, he said.*

**Editors Note:** While searching the Network, I also saw many bloggers who surmise that that walleye kill was a result of a massive 'poisonous' algae bloom. Conspiracy theory anyone?

**From:** Dan Keifer

**Sent:** Friday, May 27, 2011 8:38 PM

This issue was covered in the LELSCFCA meeting a few weeks ago, regarding source of funding for Great lakes cormorant control. Given the interest of MWC Club members about this subject, this is worth distributing.

This is a "rob Peter to pay Paul" sort of thing. The message below explains it, what the consequences are for Michigan DNR's fish and game funding, what the urge for concerned anglers to contact their U.S. Congressional delegation about it.

The attachments can help guys figure out who to contact, if they don't already know.

Dan

**From:** Bob Neely

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2011 3:27 PM

**Subject:** Fw: Cormorant Funding Problems

FYI.....

**Subject:** Cormorant Funding Problems

Members and Others,

The United States Department of Agriculture has lost funding for cormorant control in Michigan for 2011. In the attached Michigan State substitute Senate Bill on page 9 line 25, \$100,000 will be taken from the Michigan's Fish and Game Fund during 2011 and will be used to fund cormorant control for this year. Controlling the birds is a federal responsibility and if other federal funds are not found for 2011 and a permanent federal funding source is not implemented in 2012 and beyond the heavy drain on Michigan's fish and wildlife funding will continue. This could impact such items as fish surveys, hatchery production and other programs. I would urge those that are interested to contact their federal representative and senators and let them know that cormorant control is very important in protecting the fisheries of the Great Lakes and it is a federal responsibility to fund the program. Attached is a map of Michigan's Congressional Districts and the addresses, phone numbers and website links to the Michigan's federal representatives and senators.

Frank



## Region III Walleye Tournament - June 4th & 5th



Jeff Kruszewski , Metro West Outing Chairman

Metro West - Get out your Reef Runners, Hot n Tots, Crawler Harnesses, Bottom Bouncers, Mini-Divers and Small Spoons and lets go have some fun in Luna Pier! Launch and retrieve in Michigan waters, but you can fish Ohio if you wish, just make sure your cooler is in line by 2:00 p.m. No rod limit for Region III, so a 4 man crew can run 12 rods in Michigan and 8 rods in Ohio. This is still a 2 day tournament with lunch provided both days, be sure to bring a chair and your own drinks as pop/water is **NOT** provided for this event.

Weigh in will be same as last year – Travel trailer and tent down by the boat launch. Weather and rain permitting. I am also sending the club waiver. Please make sure it is filled out before going fishing on Saturday.

**Region III tournament rules:** Go to [huronval.michigansteelheaders.org/images/newsletter/NL052010.pdf](http://huronval.michigansteelheaders.org/images/newsletter/NL052010.pdf) (page 7) to get the details.

Luna Pier Harbor Club, 10420 S. Harold Dr. Luna Pier, Michigan 734-848-8777. Dock space is available. Party Store, Bait shop and Fish Cleaning Station.

Port Chairman - Jeff Kruszewski Call 248 921 1123 or Email [Kruszewski.Jeff@TowerAutomotive.com](mailto:Kruszewski.Jeff@TowerAutomotive.com) to sign up for the Tournament.

Metro West's Ray Fraser said "OK Metro West, time to put the club colors on and win one for OUR team. We took 4 of the top 10 last year and had big fish on Saturday. New ruling this year you can fish 3 rods per person in Michigan but only 2 rods per person in Ohio. You can catch more fish in Michigan but the tournament is always won in Ohio. This is a 2 day tournament with your best catch determining your place of finish."

**Metro West - here is the article Huron Valley received! We need a strong team this year!**

Port Chairman: Dave Varitek & Jeff Kruszewski

OK Huron Valley, time to put the Club colors on and win one for the team!

We are talking about the Region III Walleye tournament of course. Region III is open to all MSSFA members and is usually well attended by our sister club Metro West. There are different rules in this tournament. Most notable is the weigh-in time, your fish must be present for the weigh in at 2:00pm SHARP. If you're fish are not in line by 2:00pm you cannot weigh your fish.

In addition, there is no rod limit for Region III other than the fishing regulations of legal number of rods per fisherman aboard. Interesting twist with the new regulation of 3 rods in Michigan, a 4 man crew may run 12 rods when fishing in Michigan but only 8 rods when in Ohio. Region III is a two-day tournament with your best one day catch determining your position of finish.

The crawler harness guys have been pretty much dominating the summer walleye tournaments for the past decade including Region III. The 2009 season saw resurgence in the success of spoons and body baits however. On Fish On!! we ran something other than crawlers on just one trip but **Thundersticks** dramatically out-fished crawler harnesses that day fishing the same way point. As we all know it is all about location. While it is way too soon to know where the 'hot' spots are going to be this June, Region III winners most frequently fish between Sputnik and West Sister Island.

Weigh in will be held at Luna Pier Harbour Club. It will again be in the camp area at the south end of the marina and not next to the office where the weigh-in was held in previous years.





## Michigan Steelheaders Challenge Tournament in Holland - May 21st, 2011

**Challenge Results:** This was the second annual Michigan Steelheaders Challenge hosted by the Holland Steelheaders. There were 40 boats participating this year from 5 different MSSFA chapters: 23 - Holland; 1 - Grand Rapids; 6 - Metro West; 5 - Flint River Valley; 2 - Mid Michigan; 3 - unknown (late entry). There were approximately 120 crew for the event. 115 fish were caught for 728 lbs. The Big Fish was a 14.2 lbs. King. Only 8 boats didn't weigh fish this year. Weather - Gorgeous! Fish were scattered but most fish were caught unusually deep for this time of year. The top four finishers were all from Holland Steelheaders as was the case in 2010. Big Fish was won by Hammerhead from the Flint River Valley Steelheaders.

**Team Challenger Results:** The intent of the new team approach was to have Holland captains help the out-of-town boats succeed. The objective was to share port information, lures, tactics, locations, speed, depths, etc. Communications through out the tournament was permissible and promoted between team boats. The TEAM CHALLENGE had 11 teams involved. Metro West Captain Mike Hartrick and Holland Captain Dennis Eads won The Presidents Cup for 2011. (See the Metro West results below.) In general, the team approach worked as intended in the pre tournament and early stages of the tournament but communications during the tournament turned out to be more difficult. Holland Captain Tom Fox on Double Down was The Alternative's team mate; Tom shared the suggested area information, loaned some special tackle and provided some of his venison sausage. Tom and I lost contact (as he suggested would happen) when he moved to deeper water so we were unable to share information on tactics and locations for the rest of the day. Our team placed second in the team event. There were no money prizes involved in the Team Challenge. Congratulations Captain Mike and crew Steve Flavin and Dick Hartrick on bring home the President's Cup award.

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# METRO WEST STEELHEADERS

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**Metro West Tournament Results:** Seven MWS boats (Captain Doug participated for MW and Mid Michigan) participated in the Holland Tournament with 22 crewmembers. 'Willy Joe's Captain Mark Platt and crew took first place with two fish. 'The Alternative's Captain Henry Nabors placed 2nd with two fish. The remaining boats caught one fish each. 'Fin Addition's Captain Mike Hartrick caught the Big Fish for the MWS boats with a 12.5 pound King.

Submitted by Henry Nabors, MWS Port Coordinator

Metro West Results:										Other Fish					
Last	First	Boat	Place	Total	Weighted	Lbs	Points	Total	Big Fish	Thur	Fri-day	Sat pm	Sun	Crew	C of Y
Platt	Mark	Willy Joe	1	2	2	13.6	10	23.6	10.0		yes	1	na	4	13
Nabors	Henry	The Alternative	2	2	2	11.5	10	21.5	8.4	na	1	0	1	3	10
Hartrick	Mike	Fin Addiction	3	1	1	12.5	5	17.5	12.5		na	na	na	3	10
Herbruck	Doug	Fishical Therapy	4	1	1	6.0	5	11.0	6.0		na	yes		3	6
Christoph	Hermann	Reel Affair	5	1	1	4.1	5	9.1	4.1		2	na	na	3	4
Schoen	Clyde	Fishin' Machine	6	1	1	2.4	5	7.4	2.4		na	2	na	3	3
Robertson	Jiim	Picture This	7	1	0		0	0.0	4.0	1	0	na	na	3	2
7 Boats				<b>Total</b>		9.0	8.0	50.1		47.4	1	3	3	1	22

**Team Results** (12 teams - One Holland Boat and one out of town boat)

Last	First	Holland Boat	Team #	Place	Total	Weighted	Lbs	W pts	Big Fish
Hartrick	Mike	Pier Addition	9	1	11	11	69.5	168	12.1
Nabors	Henry	Double Down	4	2	9	9	58.6	149	11.0
Christoph	Hermann	Got Fish?	12	4	7	7	48.4	118	13.8
Platt	Mark	JJ	2	6	7	7	41.3	111	7.0
Schoen	Clyde	Lakavea	7	11	1	1	2.4	12	2.4
<b>Total</b>					35.0	35.0	220.2		46.2

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## Detroit River Fishing Report

The Walleye fishing has been tough on the Detroit River. Went out Thursday afternoon; fished around five hours. Five of us fished in front of Mud Island 25 to 30 FOW.

Caught 8 fish released 3 that were under size.



Ron Witte was the man, with a 9 pound 10 ounce walleye.

**Phil Bustos, Wet Burrito**

## Manistee Brown Trout Tourney April 29 & 30 2011

Captain Ted & First Mate Hunter Ringer of the Fish Eye invited me to fish the 20+ annual Lake Shore Motel Brown Trout Tourney up in Manistee, MI.

Friday:

No hits in the AM, but once the wind pushed the river plume up around the North pier we started to get into some action. The sun hit the stained plume water and surface temps went up from 44 to 47+. We had a 10# king rocket straight out of the water like a steely on a black spoon w/ red tape (in about 14 FOW w/ a visible temp break at 8'). Two more hits on Lt Blue Frenzy body baits. One was a nice king that charged the boat and fowled in the outside board line. The third fish on was a nice brown in the 8# range that shot the hook at the net. 11.5 hrs of trolling for the day.

Saturday:

Wind kicked up around 10AM to around 25 steady with gusts up around 40. I had never been on the water with winds that high, but they were out of the SE and we were able to hide in tight to the high banks and didn't see much above 2 footers out to 20 FOW. Really tough on boat handling trying to maintain a good 2.2+ speed. The current out of the North was really strong and we fought boat crabbing the whole day. After we logged 8.5 hrs of trolling w/o a sniff, we did scratch up a new orange/black dots Dream Weaver spoon that had some meat attached, and a perfectly good slide diver that was stuck in a clay area.

Many Thanks to Darci & Paul Stewart of the Lake Shore Motel for their great Hospitality and another fun Tourney.

See you in the Fall for Beach Steelies!!

Eric Braden



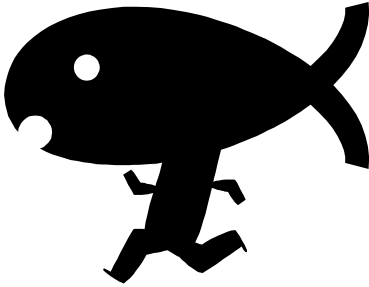


Only one entry for the "Big Fish contest" so far, as of 5/16/11. Phil Bustos caught a 1.80 lb. Brown Trout on the Manistee river 2/12/11.

Make sure you enter your big fish within 30 days of the catch date. Contact Karen Westphal at [kclipper2004@yahoo.com](mailto:kclipper2004@yahoo.com) with your completed entry form and a picture of your catch, or turn it in to me at the meeting. Good luck!!! Karen Westphal

### BIG FISH ENTRY FORM

NAME			
ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
<b>CATCH DATA:</b>			
Date of Catch:		Fish Species:	
Lake or River Entry:		County:	
Name of Lake or River::			
Method:		Bait Used:	
<b>FISH STATISTICS:</b>			
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	
<b>I hereby state the above is true.</b> Remember, form must be turned in within 30 days			
Angler's Signature:		Date	



#### 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

### Metro West Events

**Saturday June 5 - 6, 7:00am - 3:30pm**

Walleye Tournament, Luna Pier

Contact: Jeff Kruszewski

**Tuesday June 7, 7:00pm**

General Membership Meeting

Livonia Senior Center

**Saturday June 11, 8:00am - 2:00pm**

Kids Fishing Outing, Kensington Metropark

Contact: Jim Robertson, Bob Olari

**Tuesday June 14, 7:00pm**

MWS Board Meeting

Bakers of Milford



## Metro West Chapter, MSSFA

### Board Meeting Minutes for May 10 2011

**Attendees:** Clyde Schoen, Bob Olari Matt Lubaway, Mark Davis, Henry Nabors, Jim Robertson, Bob Shepard, Jim Drews, Tom Taylor, Mark Platt.

**Absent:** Lenard Pietila, Carmen Zirles. Unexcused was Greg Ruggles.

### Guest:

**President, Clyde Schoen:** Started meeting at 6.59.

**Vice President, Jim Robertson:** Roy Bishop of Warrior Spoons will be our speaker, Kids Outing is on track.

**Secretary, Mark Platt:** After adding Bob Shepards name in helping with the outing for the wounded vets, Bob Olari made motion to accept the minutes, Matt seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Treasurer, Carmen Zirles:** Treasures report tabled until Carmen gets back.

### Directors Reports: Refer to Organizational Chart.

**Membership, Henry Nabors:** Total membership stands at 175, 25 of them new this year to date.

**MSSFA Rep, Lenard Pietila:** No report

**MUCC Rep, Robert Olari:** No response for MUCC's fundraiser (Dinner and Raffle). MUCC's general convention coming up, Bob Olari and Matt Lubaway plan on attending.

**Mark Davis:** No response from last year's Tracks Magazine recipients, looking for new schools that would be interested. Rules and regulations are complete for the River and Stream Anglers.

**Jim Drews:** No report

**Matt Lubaway:** In regards to advertisement Henry made motion that anybody that is responsible for making the club \$500.00 or more receives free business card advertisement for the year. Bob Olari seconded, motion passed. Release of Liability Waiver form on back of Tournament Registration / Weigh-In form must be filled out by Captain **BEFORE** leaving port. Dennis Kelly and Matt Lubaway agree this is the simplest solution. If form is not completed, the Captain and Crew are no longer valid participants in the tournament.

**Gregg Ruggles:** No report

**Tom Taylor:** Tom would contact Phil for more info on these outings that MacRay Marina is hosting.

**Bob Shepard:** No report

**Old Business:** Loaning out club equipment: Matt has drawn up proposed policy, Tom Taylor made motion to accept after changes of (The borrowing organization or individual assumes **by agreement** responsibility for the equipment) and (consensus may be reached by e-mail vote from a quorum of **7 board members**). Bob Olari second it and motion passed. Matt will than insert this policy in with the other club policies.

The idea of Wounded Veterans Outing has been cancelled. The proposed date was filled up with two other outings on the Wounded Veterans side. Clyde still thinks this is a good cause so his group of volunteers will get a jump on it for next year.

MUCC Kids Camp sign-up. \$7000.00 budgeted, Bob Olari will coordinate with Jeff Bustos. Henry Nabors would like to send two kids from Jenson Center, one sponsored by Metro-West and the other by his group. He will coordinate this with Jeff Bustos.

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MUCC membership and payment process. Tabled.

**New Business:** Organizational Chart still needs to be corrected

Request for fishing machine from MacRay Marina for June 10 (Celebrate the Lake event) denied by a vote of 5 to 4. Their request for Kids day, August 13<sup>th</sup> should be ok providing the requirements are met in the new policy concerning loaning out club equipment.

June news letter deadline May 21<sup>st</sup> 2011

**Meeting adjourned:** 9.10pm

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



**Please submit all contributions for the  
 July newsletter by**

**June 20, 2011**

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## 2011 Captain and Crew of the Year Contest — Rules Change Results

The following is a detailed report of the voting results on how to score the C of Y. In summary, our club has voted to keep the point scoring system the same as it was last year except, members have agreed we want to recognize our captains and crew members who are good anglers and give of themselves to run club events. Therefore, the C of Y scoring system will include up to 10 points for those who give their time and energy. The following are the rules and the vote results:

### Current Rules:

1. Only Boat Events Count
2. Best Six Tournaments Count
3. Point values for positions and big fish are agreed & posted each year
4. Any member on a non-member boat is the Captain and charter boats not allowed
5. Captains fishing on another boat get 1 point regardless of position in the event
6. In case of a Tie, the seventh best event is included, then 8<sup>th</sup>, then 9<sup>th</sup> until the tie is broken
7. Tournaments must be identified by April 1 each year and cannot be moved and count as C of Y event
8. All Lake Tournaments count if identified as a Tournament by April 1
9. Include up to 10 bonus points for service to the Club, ie, port captains and assistance; show participation and fund raiser events.

### Vote Results for New Rules for C of Y process (see ballot on page 15 in April Newsletter):

Select one of five scoring processes for 2011 - Proposal A won with 53% - same process as last year.  
 Select one of five scoring processes for "Big Fish" - Proposal A won with 56% - same process as last year.  
 Add additional point for crews that catch the limit at the tournament - Proposal was rejected 49% to 51%.  
 Include Bonus Points for Service to the Club for specific volunteer work - Proposal was accepted 59% to 46%  
 All three bonus categories were accepted by a large majority of yes votes cast.

### Vote Result Detail:

#### 72 members voted - Detail votes are available for review.

**Place Points:** Choice A - 53%; B - 0%, C - 0%, D - 25%; E - 20% after choices for B and C eliminated.

**Big Fish Points:** A - 56%; B - 0%, C - 0%, D - 44%; E - 0% after choices for B, C and E eliminated.

The ballot and details of the proposals are in the April Newsletter on page 17 and 18. Some votes were cast for the same proposal for all three choices; that is the reason there is still votes for c in the third round after previous selections were eliminated. In fact there were several that put the same proposal for all three choices or repeated a proposal more than once in the choice section.

Bonus Points will be counted for all 2010 items detailed on the ballot until the last lake tournament. The Christmas Party will go toward 2012 points.

Votes	Point Scoring	A,B,C	D, E	Abs
<b>Captains</b>	24	9	5	10
<b>Crews</b>	27	11	11	5
<b>Stream Only</b>	6			6
<b>Others</b>	15	2	2	11

Votes	Bonus Awards	Yes	No	Abs
<b>Captains</b>	24	9	6	9
<b>Crews</b>	27	11	10	6
<b>Stream Only</b>	6			6
<b>Others</b>	15	3	1	11

Place Scoring	40 Votes 31 Abstain	a	b	c	d	e	For
	Round 1	17	4	3	10	7	41
	% of For Votes	43%	10%	5%	25%	18%	
Eliminate c	Take 2nd Choice	18	5	1	10	7	41
		43%	13%	3%	25%	18%	
Eliminate c & b	Take next Choice	22	0	1	10	8	41
		53%	0%	3%	25%	20%	
Place Scoring	<b>A wins - No change</b>						

Henry Nabors  
 C of Y Coordinator and Record Keeper



## '2011 New Membership Drive' Status

**Total New Members through May - 27**

**16 Members have Signed up one or more new members**

### Most New Members for the Club

**Jim Robertson - 4 Members**

**Way to go Jim!! Working the shows provides lots opportunities.**



### Metro West prizes to be Won

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MWS Status: Jim Robertson - 4.3 New Members; Henry Nabors - 4.3; Bill King, Mark Platt and Matt Lubaway- 2; Herman Christoph - 1.5 and the following sponsored one new member - Phil Bustos, Mitch Curbey, Jim Fox, Jerry Hesch, Lance Hinatsu, Keith Hooper, Larry Leciejewski, Mark Makowski, Ted Ringer and John Wright. Assisted above - Jeff Bustos - .5 and Dan Keifer - .3.

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Cook	John R	Waterford
Corden	Christopher	Grosse Pointe Farms
Daniely	Dele	Detroit
Engel	David Lee	Saugatuck
Fischer	John	Farmington Hills
Graham	John	Westland
Grunlund	Regan	Howell
Holden	Peter	Milford
Kolody	Richard	Wayne
Kopja	Ray	Howell
Macek	Ken	Troy
Makowski	Mark	Livonia

Last	First	City
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Roman	David	Browns Town
Rossetti	Remo	Redford
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Thanks, **Henry Nabors, Membership Director**

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Comfort	Jerry	11 04	40
Cook	Howard	11 06	40
Edgington	Roger	11 06	40
Ferlito	Joe	11 05	40
Frazee	Gale	11 06	40
Griffith	Alan	11 05	40
Grosswiler	Eric	11 06	40
Homayed	Nick	11 06	40
Jackson	Phil	11 03	40
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Kraydich	Thomas	11 05	40

Last	First	Exp	Dues
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Platt	Mark	11 06	40
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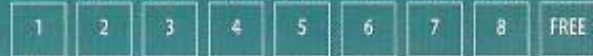
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