



MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS THUMB CHAPTER

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President's Message

January, 2016

The Anonymous Wheelhouse

Hello fishermen and women! As seen above, I no longer will be on the Varmint Fishing Team... A sad day for sure, but a new dawn has come as the Ramseys look to name the new addition to their family. No, we are not pregnant, but this little girl is beautiful. Shes a little bigger than the last one. She came into our family on October 15th, 2015 and is 302 inches long and weighs in at 4,000 pounds. A real cutie!!! One problem, I cannot come up with a good name yet, so goes the title "Anonymous."

We have been discussing at recent meetings about taking on another venture to help fund our projects in the Thumb Chapter. BOD and past Vice President Brandon Stanton spear-headed this idea by introducing us to Jason Maraskine, regional representative of Whitetails Unlimited. Jason met with our Executive Committee and informed us that if we were to team up with them to host a banquet in our area, we would split all profits with their group. They take all liability and up front expenses, as well as line up the caterer and banquet hall. All we have to do is sell tickets to get people through the door. In general, Jason said that if we can get 125 people into the event, our Thumb Chapter will likely walk away with between a \$1,500 to \$2,500 donation from Whitetails (half of the profit).

The event is taking place on Thursday, March 17th at the Port Hope AmVets hall (located at 8162 Rubicon Rd, Port Hope, MI 48468) with doors opening at 5:30. Tickets will be available to sell at the end of February. Tickets are \$40.00 and include a one year membership to Whitetails Unlimited, a door prize, as well as a buffet style dinner. Also at the event, there are many gun raffles and a silent auction. Whitetails Unlimited brings their own staff to run the event, so there is nothing for us to do except sell these tickets to get people into the door!

Although we do not have the tickets to sell yet, it is important to call those who may be interested and let them know about the date. Brandon Stanton is the chairman of this event, so keep him informed on how many tickets you may be able to

help us sell ahead of time, so we can distribute these tickets when they show up at the end of February. Brandon Stanton can be reached at (989) 963-0215. Let people know that Randy's Hunting Center is the gun dealer that Whittetails is using for the event, which there will be many guns available in the raffles. Also, when people show interest, let them know that once tickets show up, there are mutiple packages available, giving people discounts on gun raffle tickets when they purchase more raffle tickets or also become a "Table Captain" (you buy 8 tickets for your guests and get entered to win a gun in a drawing for only "Table Captains"!!)

Any questions that you may have can be answered by Brandon Stanton, whose number again is (989) 963-0215. This is a great opportunity for our club to obtain funding, so please help us get people into this banquet!!

Thanks and have a great winter!

Kevin Ramsey, President

Magnetic Calendar of Events 2016

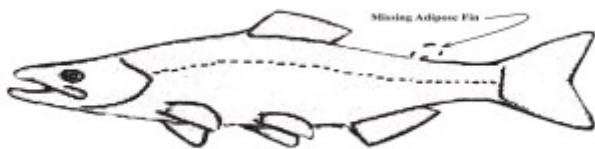
I will be trying to find magnetic card stock to make our calendar of events on a magnet that can be hung up on your refrigerator. We have had some requests to do this and it sounds like a great idea, however I did not get the right materials in time to send with this newsletter so I will hopefully get them made and they will be available at our first meeting

-Aaron Pfaff

Upcoming Events

March 16th	Regular Meeting Note: Meeting is on Wednesday due to Whitetail's unlimited banquet.
April 21st	Regular Meeting

Fish with coded wire tags in the noses are marked with a missing adipose fin



Please return heads from marked fish to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources



Thanks to our Vet's . Don't forget We always need Captains for our Veteran and Kids fishing outings.

It is critical that all fishermen return tagged fish. See instructions at all cleaning stations in the area.

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