



MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS THUMB CHAPTER

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President's Message

October, 2016

Wound Tight Wheelhouse

Hello All! The past few months have been fairly busy for our club members. We had great weather for the Kids Fishing Day, and many boats caught plenty of fish to keep our young crew members busy. Vice President Aaron Pfaff has done a fantastic job with this event through the past few years. Thanks you for all your hard work!! There have been discussions of altering the event in some way to take the "Mother Nature Variable" out of the planning and possibly turn it into a shore event that is not as dependent on good weather. We realize that traditions are hard to change, but also have had a tough time collecting boats for the event. We are open to suggestions, so please start to brainstorm and let your fellow board members know of any ideas you may have!

The annual Pig Roast at Stafford Park was down in attendance from previous years. We believe that it could have been due to the fact that we changed the day to a Saturday (which was only done to make cleanup easier for those who have to work on Monday mornings.) Although the crowd was smaller, the event was still a success as far as earnings for the club are concerned. I believe that it has a lot to do with the great job done with the raffle prizes. Thanks to the LePeaks and their helpers for keeping raffle tickets flowing with their awesome prizes! Also, thank you to Tony and Jodi Essenmacher for bringing the cooker and giving us a great pulled pork dinner!

As we start to wind down for the summer, it is fun to look back at all of the successful ventures we took part in throughout the year and start preparing for early events in the spring... We began 2016 with a great Whitetails Unlimited banquet at the Port Hope AmVets hall. Board member Brandon Stanton has given us a great avenue to build funding by spearheading this event. With all the positive feedback, we have decided to pursue the event at least one more year. We have told Whitetails Unlimited representatives that we wish to book a Friday or Saturday night which should sell more event tickets (hopefully making our club even more than this year!). We will keep everyone posted as to a date, but expect a weekend in March. Thanks for all your work Brandon! Remember, it takes 115 tickets sold to make a profit and continue this event.

We all need to pitch in and help Brandon sell these tickets. Even if you may be out of town or just aren't interested, there may be people that you can get to help us meet that mark! Everything is easier if we work as a team!

The Can 2 Can will hopefully be as successful as it has in the past, as Treasurer Phil Allen has been taking on much more responsibility with the setup which has made our club a little extra money as well! Thanks Phil for not only being a superb treasurer but also being a standout member for the Thumb Area Steelheaders! We look forward to another huge turnout and keep in mind that we will be searching for members to check coolers and work in the morning and at the weigh in.

Kevin Ramsey, President

P.S. > Remember that we will have a swap meet throughout our October 20th meeting so bring outdoors items that you wish to sell!

Just another reminder if you are receiving the newsletter through the mail and would like to receive an electronic copy please see the back page for directions! You could save the club around \$40 per year.

Upcoming Events

October 20th Regular Meeting 6:30 @ Ugly Foxhunters. Also will be yearly swap meet!

2016 Kids Fishing Day



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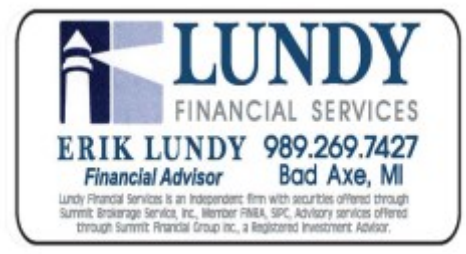
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Committee Chairmen for 2016

- Newsletter**– Aaron Pfaff
- Net pens**– Jerry Lawrence
- Fish fry**–
- Pig Roast Raffle**– Bob Golochowicz
- Speaker Coordinator**– Ken Merckel
- Raffle Table**– Cherie & Steve Lepeak
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- Kids Free fishing day**– Aaron Pfaff
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- Ladies Night**–
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