



MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS

THUMB CHAPTER

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President's Message

April, 2022

March 27th 2022

As I sit here compiling this letter, I look outside my window only to see some of that white stuff still on the ground.

I'm sure that not only myself but everybody has had their fill of snow for the year and is ready to start hitting the lake fishing again.

It's too early to tell what kind of year it will be, but so far mother nature isn't being too kind. I personally have not done much fishing over the past couple of seasons, mainly due to the loss of my fishing partner John Mausolf (my father-in-law) who was also a member of the Thumb Steelheaders. John passed away approximately 2 years back and my love for fishing was put on hold. I spent the last 11 years prior to his death fishing with him about 95% of the time he went out. We had a great time and worked very well together to achieve our fishing goals, which was limiting out on Walleye each trip. I have finally come to terms with his death and I know in my heart that he wouldn't want me to quit fishing, so I have gone out and purchased a new rig (2018 Nitro ZV18) so that I can get back to doing one of the things I truly love, and that's fishing. Things will be different for me, but I am looking forward to making new memories with the friends I will be fishing with. John's memories will last a lifetime for me and I can't thank him enough for teaching me the things he did. I truly believe that life is too short and you must live each day like it's the last. I have been blessed to be a part of the Steelheaders the past several years and have some big shoes to fill as the President, Kevin Ramsey did a great job as President prior to me taking over but sadly he has moved out of the area but is still on our board. I want to personally thank Kevin for all he has done for our organization, it's greatly appreciated by many. I have begun getting some gear ready for the upcoming season and can't wait to hit the lake this year. I hope that everyone gets the opportunity to fish tons this season and has their best season ever.

I look forward to seeing all of our members at upcoming monthly meetings. We will have some great speakers this year and have finalized the great Lance Valentine to return to our club for another great workshop in June. The rest of the speakers will be posted very soon.

Please try to attend meetings whenever possible, the more members that show up...the more fun it is!!

Thank You & Tight Lines!!

Dan Gonzales

President

WHY BE A THUMB STEELHEADER?

Joining the Thumb Steelheaders is more than going to monthly meetings. The speakers we bring in educate our membership on the issues of the great lakes along with fishing tips & tricks. Many times I have sat in meetings and listened to speakers and I can honestly say that the Thumb Steelheaders are one of the most informed chapters in Michigan as we try to bring an array of speakers from all over the state. We do not just talk about trout and salmon, we talk about all species of fish and through the years are evolving into more of a fishing club. If anybody knows anyone that fishes, then they should become a member. We will be having a membership challenge to all current members, Starting April 14th. The person that brings in the most new members this year will be rewarded with a prize at the end of this year. We hope that everyone participates and brings in several new members in the process. If there are any questions feel free to reach out to

Walt Godzwon 810-404-5826 or Dan Gonzales 989-551-5314 for assistance.

2022 Can2Can Fishing Tournament

We are looking for volunteers to check boats the morning of the tournament on May 7th. If you are willing to help please contact Walter @ 810-404-5826.

Upcoming Speakers for 2022

Board Member Joe Mausolf has taken over the speaker chairmen. We have some exciting speakers already scheduled for this year. If you have any ideas or suggestions please let Joe know.

- April— Paul Zelenka / Membership
- May—Jason Gostiaux / Southern Lake Huron Fisheries Biologist
- June—Lance Valentine / Walleye
- Also have Andy Gorski, US Coast Guard, and Joel Anderson, but still need to schedule dates.

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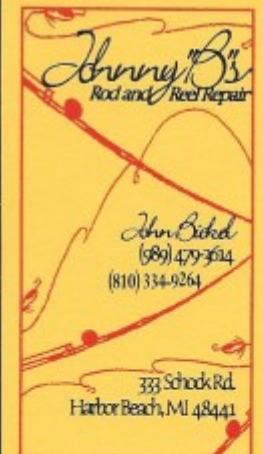
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April, 2022



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- Vice President**– Bill Loss
- Recording Secretary**– Aaron Pfaff
- Treasurer**– Phil Allen
- State Rep**– Scott Stanke
- Director**– Walter Godzwon Expires 12/31/2022
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- Director**– Fred Greziak Expires 12/31/2022
- Director**– Scott Stanke Expires 12/31/2022
- Director**– Rodney McLean Expires 12/31/2023
- Director**– Joe Mausolf Expires 12/31/2023
- Director**– Barry Brockaert Expires 12/31/2023
- Director**– Dan Nichols Expires 12/31/2023

Committee Chairmen for 2022

- Newsletter**– Aaron Pfaff
- Postcards**– Aaron Pfaff
- Avian predator control**– Walter Godzwon
- Fish fry**– Rodney McLean
- Pig Roast Raffle**–
- Speaker Coordinator**– Joe Mausolf
- Raffle Table**– Darla & Elaine Loss
- Vets Fishing** – Kevin Ramsey
- Pig Roast**–
- Ladies Night**–
- Membership**– Walter Godzwon

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Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Ubyl Fox Hunters Club on M-19, two miles south of M-142. Board of Directors meet @ 6:30 PM and Regular meeting comes to order @ 7:30



Upcoming Events

- 4/21/22 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Ubyl Foxhunters
- 5/7/22 Can2Can Fishing Tournament
- 5/19/22 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Ubyl Foxhunters