

## Manistee County Sport Fishing Association

# Fishin' Line

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### Support the MCSFA - Join Today!!

It has been a busy winter and the new board of directors has been working hard to come up with ideas on how to keep our finances in tact in the current economic downturn. Luckily, we have been able to limp along and with you paying your dues and selling gun/charter raffle tickets is helping the cash flow. So please pay your 2009 dues and sell extra raffle tickets to help the overall finances of our group. Also, if you know someone who fishes in the county and is not a member encourage them to join to help in our many worthwhile projects.

Next, our last Board meetings have focused on getting ready for the Orsini Hatchery benefit dinner on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have a guest keynote speaker, Dave Mull, editor of Great Lakes Angler Magazine. He will be in attendance at the dinner and will share with us some of his experiences of fishing ports throughout the great lakes. We are limiting our seating to the first 160 people so please contact Lynn as soon as possible for dinner tickets. We are also soliciting gifts for the ever popular raffle where most everyone walks away with a prize. If you or your company has something to donate do not hesitate to bring it to the dinner, jewelry, golf balls, cigars, motel stays, sports tickets, hunting and fishing items are all welcome prizes.

Again, we are also preparing for Tournament week June 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. It starts out with Kids Fish Day on the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Ladies Classic Pro/Am on the 26<sup>th</sup> and the Budweiser Pro/Am on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the beach again and we are hoping for a good turnout as the projected fuel prices are much more affordable than a year ago. Also, with the new five King limit it will allow most boats to catch their ten weighers and not have to venture out to the deep offshore waters for steel-head.

Finally, I have spent the last couple of weekends polishing my boat and making sure all the things that need repair or maintenance are getting my attention. The ice went off Portage Lake yesterday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, and soon the Sandpiper III will be in the water for another fishing season on Lake Michigan. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the dinner on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Fish On,  
Kevin Hughes  
President, Manistee County Sport fishing Association

#### *Anyone have a Seine Net?*

To assist the MDNR with the annual Brown Trout plantings in Portage Lake this Spring, we're looking for a couple of 3 to 4 ft. high seine nets. Volunteers have recently assisted in this important function and a couple of nets to help guide the fish into deep water would be appreciated.

If you know of any nets we could borrow for a day please contact Dave Van Eerden at 231-645-9056. Thanks.



#### 2009 MCSFA Events

**Orsini Hatchery  
"Put Something Back  
Banquet"  
May 2nd**

#### **MCSFA**

**Salmon & Trout Derby  
May 23rd - Sept 7th**

**Kid's Fish Day  
June 24th**

**Ladies Classic Pro/Am  
June 26th**

**Budweiser Pro/Am  
June 27th & 28th**

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**Food, Fun, Friends and More**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Orsini Hatchery "Put Something Back Banquet" will be held Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at the Portage Point Inn in Onekama. This banquet is sponsored by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association and Friends of the Orsini Hatchery. All proceeds go directly to support the financial operation of the hatchery and associated expenses. This banquet is the largest fundraising event that we sponsor. With your support we can continue to make a difference in the goal of maintaining and promoting a healthy fishery in Manistee County.

This year the MCSFA has decided to do things a little different. Dave Mull, avid fisherman, writer and the editor for Great Lakes Angler Magazine will be the keynote speaker at the banquet. Mr. Mull, who lives in Niles Michigan, has given seminars on Sportfishing all around the Midwest and we are very honored that he will be attending this event. We are certain he will have some tidbit of information to make your 2009 fishing season more enjoyable and successful.

After Mr. Mull speaks we will get down to the business of the in-house raffle. The board of directors is currently busy gathering items for the raffle. If you have an item or service you would like to donate for the in-house raffle, please contact Lynn at 231-889-5769. Once the in-house raffle is complete we will be raffling off 5 charter fishing trips and 10 firearms. If you happen to see any of the captains who donated trips, please take a moment to thank them for supporting our fishery. Along the same lines, Brian Murphy, who runs the "Tackle Box" in Frankfort, does a tremendous job on the firearms. He not only purchases them for us, he brings them to the raffle, and then helps all the winners with their required paper work to take possession of their prize. So please pass along a thank you to Brian as well.

Advance reservations are required as a limited amount of seating is available. Tickets are \$25.00 each. To reserve your tickets please mail your check to:

MCSFA  
PO Box 98  
Manistee MI 49660 or call 231-889-5769.

Look forward to seeing you there. – *Pat Bentley, MCSFA Board Member*

**8th Annual Southwin Memorial Fun Fishing Tournament**

The 8th annual Southwin Memorial Fun Fishing Tournament was held on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The purpose of the tournament is to honor the Insta Launch fishermen and fisherwomen that have passed on. There were 43 boats for the tournament. This years-winning big fish was 20.3lbs and was nabbed by the "Great Albert Drawe" (aka Hap) aboard his boat Hap-p. Just under two hundred people attended the tasty fish fry, potluck dinner and raffle following the weigh in. The fishing and weather was excellent and a great time was had by all! This year's tournament set a new record by raising a whopping \$900. The proceeds will once again be donated to the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association. Thanks to all the volunteers that have made this a great annual event. Many thanks to the following businesses that donated prizes; Big-Jon, Franks Bait and Tackle, Fred MacDonald, Fish Dog, First Class Charters, Insta-Launch Campground, Jay's Sporting Good's, KRW Flies, Luhn Jensen, Moonshine Lures, Silver Streak and Stinger.

*Submitted by MCSFA member Jeff Livingston*

MANISTEE COUNTY SPORT FISHING ASSOCIATION

# **14th Annual Orsini Hatchery 'Put Something Back Banquet'**

*Featuring Guest Speaker*

**Mr. Dave Mull**

**Writer & Editor for Great Lakes Angler Magazine**

**Saturday, May 2nd, 2009**

**Portage Point Inn - Onkama MI**

**GUN RAFFLE**

1st Place Browning .270 or 30.06

2nd Place - Beretta 12 ga,

3rd Place - Remington SPS

4th Place - Thompson Omega

5th Place - Savage .270 w/scope

6th Place - Savage DBM 7mm w/  
scope

7th Place - Mossberg Ultra Mag 12 ga.

8th Place - Remington .22

9th Place - Marlin .17

10th Place - NEF Turkey Gun

11th -15th Places

1/2 Day Charter Boat Fishing  
Trips

Tickets \$5 each

Need Not Be Present To Win

**Cash Bar - 5:30 PM**

**Buffet Dinner 6:00 -7:00PM**

**Reserved Tickets \$25.00 each**



**Advance reservations required .**

**To reserve your tickets please mail your check to:**

**MCSEA, POB 98, Manistee MI 49660**

**or call 231-889-5769.**

## Behind the Scenes of "The Budweiser"

**Capt. Pat Bentley, MCSFA Board Member**

2008 marked my first trip behind the scenes as a director of the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association Budweiser Pro/Am. I had never paid much attention to the directors that came before me or the roles they played in putting on a successful tournament. I now have much more appreciation for the job that they did. The amazing thing to me is that there are these wonderful groups of people working together up and down the lake to promote our fishery and introduce people to fishing. My hat goes off to everyone involved on the tournament trail for the wonderful job you do running these tournaments.

Our tournament week is started with the kid's fish event on Wednesday. Being the father of two young children I was naturally drawn to this event. This event is where the MCSFA and local businesses provide bait, tackle, rods, reels, T-shirts and prizes for the kids. The best part of the event is that it costs absolutely nothing to participate! The kids just have to show up and we provide the rest. Prizes are awarded for the five longest fish in each of three age categories.

Kid's fish 2008 dawned gloomy and cold with some rain thrown in the mix for good measure. I arrived early to help the crew set up and was greeted by smiling youngsters ready and eager to go fishing. The smiles and attitudes of the young anglers seemed to lighten everyone's spirits, including mother natures. The rain stopped and more children showed up. Time just flew by as we measured fish, baited hooks and tabulated the results. We had some very happy children who won a prize for catching a fish. In some cases it was the first fish they ever caught. These children are the future of the sport we love. This event gives us a chance to reach and encourage children to become involved in fishing who might not otherwise have that opportunity.

Next, on Friday, is the Ladies Classic. This event is similar to Kid's fish in that it is set up to show the ladies how much fun fishing can be. Both ladies and kids events are making their way into more and more of the events along the tournament trail. What a wonderful way to promote our fishery and encourage families to go fishing.

Our 2008 Ladies classic came off without a hitch. The ladies showed up eager to have fun and catch some fish. The ladies, just like the kids, seem to have different ways of looking at things. As a charter captain we can sometimes get into a routine that is very familiar to us. On our boat, the ladies have a way of breaking up that routine and injecting a ton of fun. We laugh more on that trip than we do on most any other trip during the season. At the end of the day the crew aboard Almost Paradise won the ladies amateur title and bragging rights for the next year. The ladies on Hawg Tide took home another Ladies title in the Pro division.

Finally, tournament week concludes with the Budweiser Pro/Am on Saturday and Sunday. This tournament is a big hit among anglers for the bragging rights they can gain (or lose) in the two day tournament.

We were once again blessed with great weather over the two day event. Some coolers came in larger than others. The amateur title went to a first time winning crew aboard the Jeanne Marie. The winners in the pro division are mainstays in fishing our tournament and always seem to be in contention. The crew aboard Dreamweaver held off all challengers to claim another title. The 333 event was won by Reel Pleasure.

We have decided to make a few changes that we feel will make our tournament even better in 2009. We all hope gas prices remain low, but we also do not want to make our teams run all over the lake in order to catch the right mix of fish. New to our tournament this year is that we will now allow a team to fish only the 333 event. In the past, a team had to be registered in the Pro/Am in order to fish the 333 event. We hope these changes will encourage more participation in our event. Tournament week 2009 will kickoff on Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> with the Kid's fish event. The Ladies Classic will be held on Friday June 26 followed by the Budweiser Pro/Am on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please check our webpage [www.mcsfa.org](http://www.mcsfa.org) or give us a call at 231-889-5769.

So, while the cold weather is still around, we can go through our tackle, look at pictures to remind us of good times, or call a friend and exercise our right to brag about our 2008 finish. I can't wait to see old friends, and make new ones at the 2009 MCSFA Budweiser Pro/Am tournament week. I hope the winter months treated you well and I look forward to seeing you all there.

**REGISTRATION FORM - LADIES CLASSIC - JUNE 26th, 2009** (Please print clearly)

Captain's Meeting - Thursday, June 25th, at the Lions Pavilion - 1st Street Beach, Manistee

BOAT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DOCKED AT \_\_\_\_\_

CAPTAIN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CAPTAIN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Taxes on awards earned are the responsibility of the recipient. As required a 1099 will be issued to anyone who receives over \$600 in award checks.**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$200.00 PRO DIVISION

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150.00 AM DIVISION

**PLEASE SEND FORM AND PAYMENT TO: MCSFA, PO BOX 98, MANISTEE MI 49660**

Office use: Date Payment received \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FORM – BUDWEISER PRO/AM - JUNE 27th & 28th, 2009** (Please print clearly)

Captain's Meeting - Friday, June 26th, at the Lions Pavilion - 1st Street Beach, Manistee

BOAT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DOCKED AT \_\_\_\_\_

CAPTAIN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CAPTAIN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$400.00 PRO DIVISION (MEMBERS)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300.00 AM DIVISION (MEMBERS)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$450.00 PRO DIVISION (NON MEMBERS)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$350.00 AM DIVISION (NON MEMBERS)

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*For a complete list of tournament rules visit [www.mcsfa.org](http://www.mcsfa.org)*