



Fish Tales Newsletter

Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen
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SAGLSF Newsletter Spring 2004

SAGLSF Fishermen's Swap Meet March 27, 2004, Sheboygan South High School

2nd ANNUAL SWAP MEET — Last year's swap meet was a smashing success and we are looking forward to an even more successful event this year. If you haven't made your plans to attend or reserved a table, it's not too late. Here again are the details:

Open to the public 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Sheboygan South High School Cafeteria
3128 S. 12th Street, Sheboygan, WI
Cost: \$2.00 per person (free to club members)

Featuring:
The Wharf Fly Tying Demonstrations
Muskie's Inc.
Sheboygan Walleye Club
NWRP Sheboygan Roosted Gobblers

Call Don at (920) 457-4995 to reserve a table (\$10.00),
setup time 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. 🍷

Knowledge = More Fish

Have you been to a meeting lately? If not, then you've missed out on a bunch of informative presentations as well as great camaraderie and of course—a few Fish Tales!

In **November** we had the privilege of having **Captain Randy Even** of **Sorry Charlie Charters** and inventor of the Slide Diver speak with us about diver fishing techniques. Plus, he handed out some very useful—and **FREE**—laminated charts on the Slide Diver and how to run an “Out & Down.”

Chief Michael Synder, the new **Sheboygan Coast Guard Officer in Charge**, joined us in **January** for an informative discussion on the standing up of the Sheboygan station, documentation and safety require-

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ments, security issues, and how to deal with the low water reef located across from the Coast Guard Station.

In **February** **Mike Thun**, first mate on **Sorry Charlie** and all around good guy, gave an excellent presentation on “Pump Handles” and wire line fishing. Mike brought in some rigs for us to play with, covered entry level equipment, and also discussed how smaller boats can successfully run wire along with riggers and other equipment.

And then just as we are all thinking about pulling our boats out of storage, **Scott Senkbeil of Mobile Fiberglass Repair** joined us in **March** to talk about, you guessed it, fiberglass repair. He also had many useful tips and insights about maintaining your boat to avoid preventable damage and helping it to last a lifetime.

Many thanks to all of our recent speakers and **Russ Kleinert** and company for all of their hard work in coordinating the presentations. Wondering who will be at the next meeting? Well, you'll have to stop by and find out. 🍷

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President's Note

I think all who attended our banquet had a good time. I wish more people had been able to make it. We had little heart shaped boxes of chocolates for the ladies, chocolate kisses wrapped like flowers in cup centerpieces for door prizes, and we had some nice prizes for a raffle. Allen Reisterer won the hand held GPS. We will do our best to get the first

Saturday in February next year as some had other plans for Valentines Day.

Don't forget to attend our Swap Meet at South High on March 27th. Hope to see some of you there. If some of the ladies want to make a desert we could sell for .75c, that would be nice. All the materials have been than care of that are needed to put up some new life rings by the river on the Blue Harbor side. Our thanks to Scott Wunsch, Jenn, Earl Mehre, and all other members that helped on this project.

Well it's beginning to warm up so we are all beginning to think of Spring Fishing. When getting your boat ready if you don't have a garden hose attachment for your engine I suggest you get one and run you engine at home before putting it in the water. By the way, Jenn and I are Certified by the USGC to do Vessel safety Checks and give you USCG stickers for your boat. Call me at 452-9660 and we can do it before you put your boat in the water. Make sure your flares are up to date, and your life jackets are in good shape. All boats that have the gas cans under cover require a fire extinguisher. Make sure all your lights, horn, and blower fans are working.

See ya'all all at the next meeting.

Lyle E. Peschke (President)

Torke Receives Special Recognition

Our club along with the Wharf presented Ward and Jay Torke (see picture below) of Torke Coffee with a special award of appreciation for their tireless effort in helping to promote and maintain our outstanding fishery. This past year when The Wharf took over the Coho Derby, Torke Coffee also stepped up to the plate and not only became a major sponsor but also lead the charge in recruiting additional sponsors. The result—\$10,000 was donated t to Camp Y-Koda's Outdoor Skills and Education Center.

Thanks again to Torke Coffee.



Pictured, left to right, Jay Torke, Ward Torke, SAGLSF President Lyle Peschke, and Jeff Brown, board member and owner of the Wharf.

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Board of Directors Meetings

Our monthly Board of Directors Meetings are always held the second Tuesday of the month at the Sheboygan Outboard Club. Members are always welcome and encouraged to attend. If interested in joining the board or sponsoring one of the many activities, please contact a current board member. Requirements for joining the boards are club membership for at least one year and a genuine desire to protect this resource for future generations. Sign up now and participate.

Treasures Report

Our books are always open for inspection at the monthly meetings for all club member to review. Larry Freitag, our treasurer, announces our clubs balances at each monthly meeting.

SAGLSF CALENDAR 2004

The club is involved in a number of activities this year. The following is a list of events and the club volunteer members who are responsible. Mark your calendars now and plan to participate.

SAGLSF Swap Meet

March 27, 2004

Don Bauman

South High School Cafeteria

Sheboygan's Big Fish Board 2003

January 1, 2004, to December 31, 2004

Jim Schlegel

Register at the Wharf

Club Fishing Contest

May 31, 2004, to September 6, 2004

Ed Kalmerton

Sign up board at the Wharf

Junior Coho Derby

June 26, 2004

Sponsored by the Wharf

Big Brothers Outing

July 10, 2004

Troy Burmesch

Ozaukee / Sheboygan Inter-Club

Fishing Contest

July 11, 2004

Port Washington

Scott Wunsch & Ken Mueller

Powder Puff Derby

July 21, 2004

Sponsored by the Wharf

Family Contest

August 14, 2004

Paul Voss and Jim Gruber

Coho Derby

August 28 & 29, 2004

Sponsored by the Wharf

Saturday Morning League

June 19, July 17, Aug 7, Sept 11

Calendar Updates

Spring is right around the corner and we're gearing up for another spectacular season of fishing. Our 2004 Event Calendar is also set, so cut out the box above and tape it to your refrigerator because we've got a lineup of derbies, activities, and fishing fun for you and the entire family.

Looking over the calendar you will notice many of our favorite annual events along with some new additions. Please note the date change for the Coho Derby because of the PGA event in town, the derby will return to the second weekend in August next year. Troy Burmesch has agreed to take over organizing the Big Brother's Outing, a truly worthwhile event. If you would like to help out or can take some kids fishing, please contact Troy at (920) 331-7284 and look for a sign up sheet at the Wharf.

Some very exciting additions this year include a Junior Coho Derby on June 26 and a new SAGLSF Saturday League. Look for more information soon about the Junior Derby and read about the Saturday league in this newsletter. Plan on attending one—or all—of our 2004 events. Take a kid fishing, have fun, and make some new friends. See you on the water!

SAGLSF Donates Life Ring Boxes

The club approved donating six new life rings and boxes to be installed along the South Pier Districts riverfront boardwalk in 2004. Our club has provided and maintained all the life ring boxes along the Sheboygan River dating back to 1984. Your membership in this club has provided this safety added service to the community.

Coast Guard Station Sheboygan

Our membership had the privilege of meeting Chief Michael Snyder, the new Sheboygan Coast Guard Officer in Charge. As our guest speaker in January, he had some good news for Sheboygan boaters. Station Sheboygan will once again become a full service Coast Guard facility complete with a new 45-foot vessel and round the clock manned station. Some of the topics discussed were a review of the requirements for charter fishing vessels. Information on documentation and safety requirements were addressed. Other concerns were security issues, additional patrols, and how to deal with the low water reef located across from the Coast Guard station. Chief Snyder stuck around and answered individual concerns after our membership meeting was concluded.

SAGLSF Club Accomplishments for 2003

With the boating season right around the corner, it's worth the time to reflect on our club's progress the past year. Our membership is up, our club is financially sound, and many new faces are attending our monthly meetings. The following is a list of the projects that have been organized and supported by members of our club:

SAGLSF Swap Meet, SAGLSF Banquet, SAGLSF Cookbook, Club Fishing Contest, Big Fish Board, Family Contest, Big Brothers Outing, Photo Fly Over, Inter-Club Fishing Contest, Kids Contest, Life-Ring Box Project, Fish Mount Donations, Sponsorship students for DNR Skills Workshop, Guest Speakers, Quarterly Newsletter... and more.

SAGLSF Big Fish Board 2003

The "Sheboygan Big Fish Board 2003," sponsored by the Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen Club is officially over. This years winners are as follows:

Chinook Salmon	30.25lbs	07/12/03	Bill Hunter	Sorry Charlie
Coho Salmon	18.50lbs	08/17/03	Richard Bell	Beach Baby
Rainbow Trout	7.25lbs	06/22/03	James Schaefer	Captain Lucky
Brown Trout	18.85lbs	10/03/03	Guy McNutt	Sea Dog
Lake Trout	18.60lbs	08/09/03	Bryan Gruenke	Hi-Tech

The Sheboygan Great Lakes club would like to thank all those who participated, and would like to congratulate all of this year's trophy winners. If you haven't picked up your trophy yet, please make certain you do so in the near future. All entries must be officially weighted at the Wharf. Standings Board is posted at the Wharf and can be found on the web at www.fishsheboygan.com, click on fishing reports.

Wild Rose Hatchery Renovation

The state budget approved for 2004-05 included \$12.5 million of funding for Phase I of the renovation of the Wild Rose State Fish Hatchery, the workhorse of the state propagation system.

"This work will allow the aging hatchery, which is a critical component of Wisconsin's fish stocking program, to meet environmental laws written since its construction and replace worn out facilities," says Mike Staggs, director of the Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Management and Habitat Protection program. "Renovation also would allow us to expand production of trout and Great Lakes salmon."

Primary funding for the project would come from sale of fishing licenses and Great Lakes salmon stamps and DNR's federal Sport Fish Restoration grant, Staggs says. DNR also would use funds from the Fox River environmental restoration settlement for parts of the hatchery that produce fish for restocking Green Bay and surrounding waters. The settlements stem from paper mills' historic discharges of PCBs, polychlorinated biphenyls, into the Fox River.

If work goes according to plan, detailed blueprints will be drawn up during 2004 and groundbreaking would occur in spring 2005, Staggs says. The work would be done in phases through 2008 to spread out the costs and minimize disruptions in fish production. The hatchery, which the state bought in 1908, produces fully 27 percent of the trout and salmon, 64 percent of the northern pike, and 100 percent of lake sturgeon and spotted musky stocked statewide.

Reduction in Steelhead Production

DNR will cut production of three strains of steelhead at Kettle Moraine State Fish Hatchery by a combined total of 150,000, or 30 percent, for spring 2004 stocking because the groundwater flow has decreased due to drought conditions. The lower flows result in a reduced capacity to raise fish. "To reduce stress and the potential for disease, we stocked some of the fish out earlier in 2003 than normal and will reduce the number of fish stocked in 2004," says Bill Horns, Great Lakes fisheries specialist. "We'd rather have 350,000 large healthy steelhead than 500,000 smaller unhealthy ones." Steelhead production in future years will depend on the availability of groundwater at the hatchery.

DNR Stocking Info Available Online

Wisconsin's fish stocking database is now online, giving anglers and others a quick and convenient answer to the question of where the state stocks fish. The Web site can be found at www.fishingwisconsin.org, then look under "Wisconsin fish" and select "stocking." The Web site features an interactive map of Wisconsin that allows people to easily retrieve and view or print a stocking report for a particular county, all counties at once, Lake Michigan, or Lake Superior. The stocking reports contain information on the county, waterbody, species, strain, location and average length of the 45 million fish stocked in 2002 by DNR fish hatcheries, ponds, rearing stations and co-op ponds. Older stocking information is expected to be added to the database in 2004.

Lake Michigan Fishing Forecast

Chinook fishing in recent years has been very good in open water. With more than 1.4 million chinooks stocked annually, there is no reason this trend shouldn't continue. In summer 2003, many fish in the 15- to 20-plus pound range were reported. Excellent growth indicates fish managers have achieved balance between the number of salmon stocked to available forage.

In spring 2003, coho were abundant but relatively small. They attained faster growth rates as the summer wore on, and 8- or 9-pound fish became more and more common. In 2004, coho fishing is expected to be as good as, if not better than, 2003. Spring coho fishing can be some of the fastest salmon action on Lake Michigan, with multiple strikes common. Wisconsin's Lake Michigan coho fishery begins in the south (Kenosha and Racine) in April and May. The coho fishing gradually moves north as water temperatures rise, typically reaching Milwaukee in May and Port Washington and Sheboygan by June.

The lake trout season was good in 2003 when anglers chose to target them. Recent stockings of nearshore sites have contributed to the strong lake trout fishery, and this trend should continue in 2004. Steelhead catches in recent years have been average at best. Because of the excellent chinook fishing close to shore, anglers haven't been as inclined to search for steelhead out in deeper water.

Nearshore fishing—Shore anglers enjoyed some very good fishing in July and August working harbors and river mouths for Skamania steelhead. These fish are staging in anticipation of their early fall spawning run. The Chambers Creek and Ganaraska strains should also provide some action for anglers in late winter and early spring.

In recent years, two additional rainbow trout strains have been stocked on an experimental basis. The Arlee strain was

stocked in 2001, 2002, and 2003, along with the Kamloops strain starting in 2003. The Arlees have quickly been reaching catchable size and have been caught in Sheboygan, Milwaukee, and Kenosha. We hope that these strains of rainbow trout will continue to augment the nearshore fishery in coming years.

Brown trout fishing was hit-or-miss in spring 2003 but improved in the fall. Browns provide a consistent nearshore fishery during the cold months, especially at warm-water discharges and near river mouths. Dependable returns on domestic brown trout have been seen, while the fast-growing, hard-fighting Seeforellen strain continues to add excitement to the brown trout fishery. The DNR annually stocks about 190,000 Seeforellen and 400,000 domestic brown trout in southeast Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan.

Tributary fishing—Extreme drought conditions throughout the summer and early fall greatly reduced fall tributary spawning runs. A record low number of chinook and coho salmon were processed at the Root River Steelhead Facility in Racine. Early November rains helped bring spawning cohos and some Skamania strain steelhead to the facility, but it was too little too late. The shortfall of coho eggs was made up with the help of other Great Lakes states, and the egg quota for chinook salmon was met at the Strawberry Creek weir in Door County.

Spring and fall steelhead runs have not been strong in recent years. Anglers can generally look for Skamania as water temperatures start to cool in mid-September. Chambers Creek usually follows in late fall and can be found through March and early April. Ganaraska enter the streams as early as late November and December and again from late March to April.

As always, the tributary fishery depends on water temperature and flow conditions, which trigger the upstream migration of salmonids. If flow conditions improve in 2004, expect to see a better tributary fishery.

2004 Saturday Morning SAGLSF League One Saturday a Month (June 19, July 17, Aug 7, Sept 11)

Entry fee is \$20.00 a boat

Payout will be 80% of the intake that Morning (20% will go to the SAGLSF)

Sign-up every Saturday Morning at 4:00 AM or after at the Wharf, first 25 boats

1. Every one on board must be a club member.
2. Must follow Wisconsin-fishing regulations.
3. There will only be nine (9) lines allowed. Meaning "nine (9) baits in the water"
4. The bag limit per boat is fifteen (15) fish.
5. There will be a size limit this year. The length of any species fish will not be shorter than eighteen (18) inches. This rule is to let the babies grow-up so there will be fish to catch in the years to come.
6. Boats must be at the dock and contestant in line at the wharf to register for fish weigh-in by 1:00 pm. Anyone coming in after 1:00 PM will not be eligible for the award that Day.
7. No Charters
8. The species of fish must be trout and/or salmon.

SAGLSF Cookbook



Zesty Great Lakes Fillets

3 lbs. trout or salmon fillets
1 T. sugar
3 c. thinly sliced onions
¼ to ½ t. red pepper sauce
2 c. thinly sliced carrots
1 large bay leaf
6 T. butter or margarine
1 T. salt
1 ½ c. green pepper, 1" squares
1 ½ t. cornstarch
1 ¾ c. water
3 T. chopped parsley
6 T. vinegar
2 T. lemon juice

Thaw fillets; separate and cut into serving sized portions. Sauté onion and carrots in 3 T. butter until onion is soft. Add green pepper, 1 ½ c. water, vinegar, sugar, red pepper sauce, bay leaf and 1 ½ t. salt. Cover and simmer until vegetables are tender, 10-15 minutes. Remove bay leaf. Mix cornstarch and ¼ c. water. Add to mixture, cook and stir until thickened, add parsley. While sauce is cooking, arrange fish in a single layer on a well-greased broiler pan. Combine remaining butter, lemon juice and remaining salt. Brush over fish. Broil about 4 inches from heat source until fish flakes easily, about 10 minutes, depending on thickness of fillets. Baste during broiling with remaining butter mixture; remove to serving dish and spoon vegetable sauce over broiled fish. **Serves 4.**

SAGLSF Cookbook Revival

Last newsletter we announced an effort to revive the SAGLSF Cookbook. Well, we are happy to report that the project is well underway. The classic "Fish Cook Book" has been scanned in and proofread. We've collected some tasty new recipes, started designing the book, and are now in search of sponsors. There's still time to submit your recipe or become a sponsor!

Submit your recipes and they will be published in the new edition of the SAGLSF Cookbook—email them to ddortman@yahoo.com, give them to any board member, or just drop them off at the Wharf.

Weber A King

1 small King Salmon (3-8 lbs.)
Butter
½ lemon
4 bay leaves
Salt
Pepper
Worcestershire sauce
Paprika

Gut and gill a fresh salmon. Wash thoroughly in cold water. Place fish on its back, dorsal fin down, and with a sharp knife cut along backbone and through ribs to tail. Open as planked. Place skin side down on tray made of aluminum foil. Place in hot Weber kettle for 10 minutes and then add butter by brushing. Add a few drops of Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper, paprika, bay leaves and lemon slices. Cook in Weber for 30 minutes with Weber cover on and fish exposed to smoke.

Sponsors Needed!

Now is the time to lend your support and sponsorship to the SAGLSF Cookbook. Many members and local business have stepped up and donated generously, but we still need more. Remember, you don't have to be a member to advertise—so tell your family, friends, and colleagues!

"How much does it cost?" you ask. That's the best part! It's **only \$25** for a business card size ad. Where else are you going to get this quality of advertising at this price?

If you or your business have not yet committed to taking an ad, please consider doing so now. Our goal is to have books available by early summer as the fishing heats up—act now before all the good spots are taken!

For more information, contact Dave Dortman at (920) 451-7053 or ddortman@yahoo.com

SAGLSF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Annual Dues

Family - (husband, wife, two or more children)-----	👤	\$30.00
Husband & Wife-----	👤	\$25.00
Individual-----	👤	\$20.00
65 or Older (Individual or Husband & Wife)-----	👤	\$15.00
Junior-----	👤	\$5.00
New Member (Initiation Fee)-----	👤	\$5.00

Member Name _____ Spouse's Name _____
 Family's Name _____ Family's Name _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Occupation _____ Radio FM/CB _____ Call Letters _____
 Boat Name _____ E-mail _____
 Telephone _____

Unless otherwise noted, the SAGLSF general membership meetings are always held the third Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 PM at the Sheboygan Outboard Club. Meetings are every month of the year except the months of July and August. The public and guests are always welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. The board of directors meets every second Tuesday of the month all year round at the same time and location. Any member of the SAGLSF is welcome to attend a board meeting. Any comments and concerns are welcome. For the latest newsletter and membership information, send a self addressed letter to the address above.

Our clubs purpose is as follows:

- 1.) To unite individuals interested in sport fishing in the Great Lakes.
- 2.) To promote educational programs in sport fishing and water safety.
- 3.) To exchange fishing information.
- 4.) To advance the quality of Great Lakes fishing and to assure pure fishing water, specifically in the Sheboygan area.

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