



SHEBOYGAN AREA GREAT LAKES SPORT FISHERMEN

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President's Letter – March 2023

I would like to introduce myself as the new President of the Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishing Club. I have been a member of this club for many years, so many of you already know me – but for those who do not, my name is Jerry Fetterer. I am passionate about Lake Michigan fishing and preserving the fishery.

My goals as President are to try to increase participation from members, make it enjoyable to attend meetings, and drive new membership so that the club is sustained for future generations to enjoy.

We have a lot of great things planned for the next meeting scheduled for March 21st, starting at 7:00 pm, at Harbor Centre Marina. Topics we plan to cover include: a presentation about the history of our fishing club, the net pen project for Sheboygan, the SWAP Meet on March 25, and the Ride-a-Charter-Boat Day planned for Tuesday, May 16th beginning at 6:00 pm along the riverfront. It is also time to renew your support for the club and send in your membership dues. We hope to see you all there.

Feel free to check out our Facebook page at Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishing Club (or find the link at www.sheboyganfishingclub.com) for upcoming events, news, and other information.

Sincerely,

Jerry Fetterer, SAGLSF President



Club Meeting March 21st Club 7:00 pm Harbor Center Marina

Guest Speakers: John Repphun & Jim Schlegel long time club members will discuss the "Early Days of Salmon Fishing on Lake Michigan and the Clubs History and Contributions". Join us for an interesting look at how and why our salmon fishing started. Also why our Great Lakes Fishing Club started and has been instrumental in working with the DNR and local community to become the world-class fishing town it is today. Our port of Sheboygan is the most fishermen friendly port in Wisconsin, and is a testament to the hard work and commitment from our dedicated club membership over the years.

Ride a Charter Boat Day - May 16th 6:00 pm at the Sheboygan Riverfront

After several years of absence due to covid & high water issues, we are planning to bring back the always popular "Ride a Charter Boat Day". For those that are not familiar with the event, our club provides free boat rides to the light house and back to the general public, aboard club member's charter boats. Rides begin at 6:00 pm originating at the Wharf on Tuesday, May 16th and end around 7:30 pm. We provide those waiting to board free appetizers of smoked & grilled salmon. Boat ride guests will be assisted with the help of club members. The Sheboygan Coast Guard and commercial fishermen are also invited to answer questions and review their vessels. We are still working on the details but need volunteers to help load and unload our guests as well as with assist docking of boats. We will need help with food service and of course captains with charter boats to provide the boat rides. More information will be provided on our Facebook page as we get closer to the date.

Fishermens 18th Annual Swap Meet – Saturday March 25th at Lutheran High School

With the cost of everything going up lately including fishing supplies, this is a great opportunity to find some bargains. This has always been a good fundraiser for our club as well as a community service to all area fishermen and fishing related businesses. Cost of admission will again be \$5 per person and tables are renting for \$25 each. Doors open at 7:00 am for setup with the Leapin Lizards 4H club assisting you with your items. Russ Kleinert has been the coordinator of this event for many years and it has always been very popular event. Doors open to the public beginning at 9:00 am and closes at 1:00 pm. Please help us out by spreading the word to friends and family along with liking and sharing our Facebook posts for greater exposure. We would really like to see a great turnout this year. If you are still interested in a table or have any questions please contact Russ at 920-254-4485. Also thanks in advance to all the club volunteers and supporters who help make this event so successful every year.

Fish Net Pens

This season's fish net pens will be managed by club member Darren Meier. He will coordinate all the volunteers needed to oversee the day to day maintenance of the fish pens, care and feeding of these young hatchery Chinook salmon. It looks like it may be the second week of April when we will need to get the pens ready and in the water in preparation for the fish. These pens are located in the river on South Pier Drive near the fish cleaning station. Once in the water, it is our clubs responsibility to monitor these fish and net pens daily. Not only are we required to feed the fish but also check oxygen levels and report conditions to the DNR. Please call Darren if you are interested in volunteering to help out this year, have any questions or need to report an issue with the net pens at 920-627-1899.

Club Fishing Contest and \$500 Big Fish Challenge – April 1st to October 31st

It's hard to believe but our clubs annual fishing contest begins in just a few days. Fish registration is at the Wharf and the contest leader's board will again be managed by Ed Kalmerton and located in the fish cleaning room on the east wall. Last season's \$500 Big Fish Challenge winner was Dustin Groh with his 32.05 pound Brown Trout. It's time to join our club to participate. Best of luck to all this season.

Your 2023 Club Board Members

President: Jerry Fetterer, Vice President: James Schlegel, Treasurer: Ken Mueller, Secretary: Krystal Marquardt, Board Member at large: Russ Kleinert, Jamie Martin, John Repphun, Wayne Cwik, Neil Hildebrand, Art Marquardt, Gabe Salm and Tony Bliesner. Our board meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The meeting location is Harbor Centre Marina. Club members are welcome.

Your SAGLSF Club Membership Fees are Due as of January

Please take the time to fill out the enclosed membership form and renew your commitment to our local fishing club. Your membership does make a difference and helps finance all the fishing related projects right here in Sheboygan. If you've done so already, thank you for so much for your support.

Annual Awards Banquet January 28th at Al & Al's Steinhaus

Thanks to all that attended our annual awards banquet and congratulations to all of the contest winners. Also thanks to our clubs banquet committee along with the Outboard Club committee and our sponsors for putting together another outstanding event. It was a fun evening to gather and enjoy time with our fishermen friends and family. Al & Al's did a great job with the meal and accommodating our large gathering and all the raffle items. We are so fortunate to have so many sponsors who helped to donate the many raffle prizes. A list of the banquet sponsors is included. Please do your best to support these individuals and businesses that went above and beyond all expectations with their generous donations. The \$500 Big Fish Challenge winner was Dustin Groh with his huge brown trout. The \$1000 grand prize ticket winner was Jeff Hitchcock. Even though we experienced a snow storm that evening the turnout was good and we were glad to hear everyone got home safely. We had a paid attendance of around 140 people which is close to capacity at our current venue and would like to thank each and everyone for your support. After the expenses our clubs made a profit of over \$5000 which will be put towards community projects. Again the fishing/boating clubs appreciate the support.

Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen Club - Mission Statement

Coho salmon were stocked in Lake Michigan in 1964. Chinook salmon were stocked a year later and our fishery took off from there. Our club was started in 1968 by a group of business people to help with resources to better serve the increase of fishermen to our home port of Sheboygan.

- 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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We want to recognize the following banquet raffle prize sponsors. Please support these businesses and individuals whenever possible for their generous contribution to this year's awards banquet

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