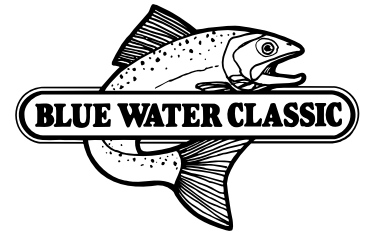




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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - TUESDAY,
 OCTOBER 7, 7:00 AT MCMORRAN**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY,
 OCTOBER 15, 7:30 AT MCMORRAN**

OUTDOOR STORIES

Attention Club Members – We are looking for images and pictures of your recent fishing and hunting trips to place in the newsletter. If you have a great story about a recent outdoors outing that you want to brag about, contact Mike Rymar at (586)-215-3972 or at mrymar@hotmail.com. We would love to publish your story.



Cooley's 36 lb Lake Trout taken in the U.P.

BIG FISH CONTEST

Here is the current standing for the Big Fish contest as of 9/10. If you have any questions or comments about the contest, please direct them to the Big Fish Chairman Bob Roskey. We also encourage you to give Bob a photo of your catch so that we can show it in the newsletter.

ADULT DIVISION

King Salmon		
1st	Jim Frazer	28 lbs 8 oz
Coho Salmon		
1st	Jay Korneffel	6 lbs 6 oz
Steelhead		
1st	Al Gaulin	10.25 lbs
2nd	Bob Roskey	6 lbs
Brown Trout		
1st	Bill Rotondi	13 lbs 7 oz
2nd	Jay Korneffel	12.51 lbs
3rd	Al Gaulin	10 lbs
Lake Trout		
1st	Dr. Rich Cooley	36.55 lbs
Walleye		
1st	All are open	
Atlantic Salmon		
1st	Al Gaulin	3.70 lbs

JUNIOR BIG FISH

King Salmon		
	Bradley Hieber	23 lbs
	Trevor Phipps	22 lbs 12 oz
	Rebecca Jackson	20 lbs
	John Decker	7 lbs 8 oz
Steelhead		
	Tyler Jackson	8 lbs 7 oz
Lake Trout		
	Billy Ogden	9 lb 6 oz



GEORGE RICHEY 1939-2003

We've lost a pioneer and a Reel-Luminary in our fresh water Great Lakes Salmon Fishery. George Richey passed away on September 10, 2003. This is a major loss to all Great Lakes salmon fishermen, because George blazed the trail on attractor fishing and taught most of Michigan how to fish dodger, fly and squid presentations correctly. If you've ever attended an early season fishing sport show, you could have run into this quiet, unassuming man at the Richey's Custom Flies display. George always had the time to share and impart his wisdom to anglers of any skill level. His flies were his creations and not imitations. He broke new ground with the introduction of the Sparkle Fly in the later 70's. His product still surpasses and sets the standard of superiority over the current multitudes of those selling flies, or squids nowadays. He was a featured speaker at several "Sport Shows" and always put on an enlightening lecture on salmon fishing with attractors. George was born in Clio, Michigan in 1939 and lived there until moving to Honor, Michigan in 1979. This was befitting, because Honor is touted to be the "Coho Capital of Michigan," because of its close proximity to Platte River (site of the first successful Great Lakes salmon planting program started in 1966). His legacy included being one of the best barbers who ever cut my hair. In 1995 he wrote "Made in Michigan Fishing Lures." This book covers all the antique lures and baits produced in our state. He recently put out an updated version of this same book with the recommended prices of antique lures. He was a member of the Outdoor Writers Association and wrote another book called, "Dodgers and Flies." George helped Pete Sandman update his historical book about Frankfort's famed Frontenac Hotel called "Frankfort's Royal Frontenac Hotel." He was instrumental in founding

the Flint River Valley Steelheaders Chapter and wrote more for several outdoor publications. George was deeply involved in the National Fishing Lures Collector Club and served as their president. A couple of more little known facts is that George was a expert river guide during the late 60's and very early 70's and at one time raised Labrador Retrievers.

He is survived by his two daughters Dawn and Diane, by his son Casey, his wife Ginny, his twin bother Dave, along with his father Lawrence. George was very close to his step daughter, Janie Parotte who was of tremendous assistance with her computer and organizational skills.

I had the grand opportunity to know George both on a professional and personal level. This was a definite bonus for me. He enriched my fishing knowledge and instilled ethics that I live by everyday. One thing I must mention, is that he had a superb sense of humor and we always could find a major laugh about any subject.

In closing I'd like to leave you with a small poem that gives room for plenty of thought about the passing of George Richey 1939-2003.

Capt. John King – Manistee Charter Captain

Treasured Seasons

*For everything there is an appointed season,
And a time for everything under heaven—
A time for sharing, a time for caring.
A time for loving, a time for giving.
A time for remembering, a time for parting.
You have made everything beautiful in its own time.
For everything you do, remains forever.....*

Great Lakes 2002 Report

August 28, 2003

Governor Granholm Releases 2002 Report on the State of the Great Lakes.

Today, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm announced the release of the 2002 Report on the State of the Great Lakes.

This annual report focuses on numerous issues impacting the Great Lakes ecosystem including water quality, resource management, and aquatic nuisance species. It features guest authors from education, government, and the environmental community.

The report highlights programs that address exotic species, habitat conservation, pollution prevention, and water conservation to prevent the threat of water exports.

"Geography not only distinguishes Michigan on a map, but has also given us an unparalleled source of beauty and

economic opportunity in the Great Lakes," said Governor Granholm. "We must fulfill our responsibility as environmental stewards of these Great Lakes to develop policies permanently protecting the health of this unique ecosystem."

The 2002 annual report also features articles on the 30th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, the Great Lakes Legacy Act, water resources management, and the Lake Erie "dead zone." A large portion of the report is dedicated to the topic of aquatic nuisance species including articles on Asian carp, snakehead, the Chicago dispersal barrier, and Coast Guard standards for ballast water.

The report is available online at:

<http://www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-ogl-SOGL02.pdf>



SPECIAL DEER SEASON PLANNED FOR YOUTH

September 19, 2003

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources encourages all young hunters age 12-16 to participate in the special youth firearm deer season scheduled statewide Sept. 27-28.

A youth, properly licensed to take a white-tailed deer with a firearm, is allowed to take one deer during this two-day hunt. This is the fourth year for the youth-only hunt in Michigan. Last year over 17,000 youngsters participated in the youth firearm deer season, harvesting over 5,000 deer, about one percent of the total 2002 white-tailed deer harvest.

Youth-only hunts have been established across the U.S. in recent years in response to concerns about the declining national trend in hunter numbers. Such hunts are an opportunity to provide beginning hunters with training and mentoring, helping them develop interest, skills and firearm safety awareness.

“Mentoring is a vital component of the youth hunting program,” said DNR Wildlife Chief Rebecca Humphries. “This special weekend hunt provides mentors the opportunity to teach, share experiences, and help instill in our young people a respect for animals and their habitat.”

Young hunters, age 12 and 13, are restricted to using archery equipment to participate in the weekend hunt. Hunters age 14 to 16 may use a firearm or archery equipment to take a deer. Both public and private lands are open to the youth firearm season.

All young hunters participating in this special hunt must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age. The accompanying adult does not need a deer hunting license and is prohibited from carrying a firearm or bow during the special youth firearm deer season. Hunters may not use bait during this season.

All youth hunters required to wear hunter orange.

MI DNR Press Release



AGENCY SEEKS SCIENTIFIC, ECONOMIC INFORMATION ON BIGHEAD CARP, A POTENTIAL INJURIOUS SPECIES CANDIDATE

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service served notice today that it will begin to collect scientific and economic information on bighead carp to help determine if the fish should be placed on the list of injurious species, which would prohibit their importation into the United States and their shipment across state lines.

Part of the service action is in response to appeals from 25 members of Congress who represent districts near the Great Lakes, which has a \$4 billion fishery at stake, and 10 state conservation and other organizations that favor the bighead carp’s listing. The same inquiry was initiated for the silver carp on July 23, 2003.

Bighead carp are already established in the Mississippi River basin. Biologists are concerned that the fish could slip through a man made canal into the Great Lakes, where the voracious eaters would threaten the food supply available to native fish. Great Lakes fisheries already are struggling against other invasive species, including the sea lamprey, round goby and zebra mussel, among others.

If the bighead carp were placed on the injurious species list, it would be illegal to move them across state lines or to import them into the United States without a permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Bighead carp have been used by catfish farmers because they feed on phytoplankton, zooplankton and detritus that they filter out of the water.

Bighead carp were imported into the U.S. in 1973 and stocked for phytoplankton control and as a food fish. By the mid-1970s, carp were being raised at six federal, state and private facilities and had been stocked in municipal sewage lagoons. Silver carp have been recorded in 12 states.

Comments on the notice of inquiry, published in today’s Federal Register, must be submitted within 60 days by mail, to: Chief, Division of Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 322, Arlington, Virginia, 22203; or transmitted to the same address via fax at 703-358-1800; or comments may be sent by Email to: bigheadcarp@fws.gov. Public comment will be evaluated after the 60-day cutoff and biologists will determine if bighead carp warrant listing as injurious wildlife. - USFW Service

If you are interested in writing a letter on this subject to the DEQ, please contact Mike Rymar and he can help you do this.



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