

# Pentwater Sportfishing Association, Inc. News

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## Notice all members!!

### "Big Fish Contest" Ends on August 19th

### Don't forget Saturday, August 25th...

*PSA Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner*

*~ Presentation of "Big Fish" Awards ~*

*Join us at the Friendship Center*

*Starts at 3:00pm*

## You are all invited!!

After we eat, join us as "Big Fish" awards are presented and important officer elections are completed for another year. If interested in running for director, contact a PSA officer. Anyone and everyone can run for office.

The PSA provides the meat dish for the meal, so bring a dish to pass and an appetite. You can bring tableware, or use what is provided. We always have a good time and want you to join in on the fun! Bring your spouse and bring a friend who hasn't been to the meeting before. See you there!

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## Membership Sign Up

Reminder to please sign up for the 2019 fishing season while it is fresh in your mind. Renewal is due January 1st each year. If you would like to receive your monthly newsletter via email, please check the box on your application form.

If you have any questions contact a board member or e-mail [info@pentwaterpsa.org](mailto:info@pentwaterpsa.org)



## 16th Annual Ladies' Classic Fishing Tournament Results

**1ST Place** – Big Fish – “Topless Tailcatcher” – 20 lb. King Salmon

**2ND Place** – Most Fish – “Producer” – 5 Fish

**3RD Place** – Mystery Weight – “Sculpin” – 7.6 lb. fish (closest to 7.35 wt. chosen)

### Species Winners

**Biggest King** – “Reel Dancer”

**Biggest Coho** – “Highwayman”

**Biggest Steelhead** – “Just Lookin”

**Biggest Laker** – “Fish Eagle”

**Youngest Captainette** – Zoe, age 7,  
“Toymaker”



The Ladies Classic had an excellent turnout this year. Sixteen boats entered reflecting our 16th year of hosting the tournament. Eleven boats weighed fish for a total of 271.95 pounds. Some may remember that last year's tournament was cancelled due to rough lake conditions which made this year's fishing that much sweeter! The lake and weather cooperated to create perfect fishing conditions.

The weigh in was exciting as each cooler was opened to show the morning's catch. It was wonderful to see so many young women fishing too as one of our purposes for the tournament is to get more women involved in recreational fishing. And this year our participants demonstrated there are many women and girls who love fishing on the Big Lake. Our Youngest Captainette was Zoe on the Toymaker boat who is just 7 years old. Way to go Zoe!

Everyone had a great time fishing the Ladies Classic this year & once again. The winning prizes and consolation prizes were outstanding and everyone was thrilled with the outcome. Please remember to thank our sponsors and all those business and individuals that donated to The Ladies Classic to make it an awesome summer event for PSA. THANK YOU LYN, PAM, PAT-SY AND SHARRI FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS. THIS IS A GREAT EVENT FOR PSA AND EVERYONE ENJOYS THE LADIES CLASSIC. GOOD JOB ..... ONCE AGAIN.

And.... If you haven't participated ..... Let's make the 2019 Ladies Classic the Largest Ever!!!!

**PENTWATER REVISITED**

George L. Cornell, PSA Secretary

Well .... I would assume most of you have heard of Retch Sweeny .... A character featured in Patrick McManus's stories, but I don't think most of you realize that for years, Retch's first cousin ..... Gag McFarfle fished out of Pentwater. For those of you with long memories .... and longer in tooth, Gag could be found during the Hey-Day of the Salmon fishing years walking the docks at the Municipal or Pentwater Pointe begging for a ride on a fishing boat since his boat was mostly under repair or taking on too much water .... Or not registered in time for the season .... I'm sure you get the picture. Ole Gag was a colorful character in his plaid Bermudas and tie dyed tees. He was usually sporting red Converse High Top All-Stars on his size 14 feet too. Those were the kind of feet that could get you in trouble on the back end of a fishing boat when a double was hooked up and a third rod went off!

I remember all too well the day I invited Gag to join us on an afternoon trip to fish down in front of the Dunes. My regular crew was a bit incredulous that I invited Gag ... but I assured them he was mostly talk and generally harmless. It was a sweltering August afternoon .... Not much of a breeze but the fish were marshalling in their usual and accustomed places and they were stacking up pretty well. We left the dock about 6 p.m. and Gag was "tickled pink" as he said, to be on board and heading south on "Big Blue" as he called Lake Michigan. We settled in out front of the Big Dune in 90 feet of water and got set up. Our plan was to troll in and out and cross water until something happened. The old paper graph was printing marks and we knew, eventually, something had to happen. As the sun started to crank over ... the first rod went off .... and Gag about broke everyone's toes getting to the rod hollering "I got er, I got er". After a short tussle we landed the big King with Gag exclaiming .... "I got room in the freezer for a couple more boys .... I got room." He was like a hound without a bone after that ... pacing the back of the boat waiting for another strike and talking to himself the whole time. "One more bitsy bite for ole uncle Gag ..... Fishy .... Fishy ... just one more itsy bitsy bite." It was at that point .... After the 15<sup>th</sup> reiteration of the "itsy bitsy bite" song my regular crew starting starring – I mean glaring - me down with what I thought resembled the Evil Eye or their best impression of Linda Blair in the Exorcist. What a surly crowd they had become! My crew was turning on me and Gag was singing up a storm now .... Lost in his own reverie of "Itsy bitsy bite" lyrics. Needless to say .... Things were getting a bit tense on the backend of the Amberjack. I decided to concentrate on driving to put us over fish and let the crew work it out by themselves. On a broad, sweeping turn in 110 feet of water, rods starting popping. Calvin beat ole Gag to the first rod and was fighting a good fish when a second rod went off and Jimmy B. raced Gag across the boat to get that one. Just as they started to fight over the rod, a third rod went off and Ole Gag decided it was easier to jump back across the boat than to fight Jimmy B. Gag took 3 short, quick steps to the Port Side rigger rod, tripped over his own Size 14 Red Converse All-stars, hit the low gunwale of the Amberjack and went head over into the drink ..... grabbing the drag stripping rod as he went!

"OH MY GOD" was all I could utter. My crew looked on in disbelief ..... as if the moment were frozen in time. Then from some guttural recess of an ancient mariner's voice .... Jimmy B. started hollering just as Gag surfaced ..... "Don't you let go that rod Gag ..... you hold tight and tread that water .... Hear! We gonna fetch you soon as we land these two fish." Looking behind the boat all I could see was ole Gag a kickin up a wake of his own with those rudder size All-Stars and holding that rod up in the air. His eyes were bulging out of his head when it was above water ..... but I could easily keep track of him by that arm in the air holding that ugly stick and swishing it back and forth for all he was worth while his other arm helped to keep him somewhat afloat.



**PENTWATER REVISITED , cont.**

To this day .... I'm not sure if I ever saw 2 King Salmon landed with such finesse and speed ... all the while making a short turn to get the boat back to where ole Gag was brilliantly treading water and fighting an oversized fish. I can still hear Jimmy B's ringing vibrato in my ears .... "Don't you let go that rod Gag ..... we coming around." Thank God the water was warm on the surface. I couldn't help it but I started laughing manically as I glanced over at Gag. He looked just like some bathtub water toy ..... thrashing, kicking and bubblin in that deep blue water .... all the while holding that pulsating rod up with a good fish still on it. Well, we landed those 2 salmon and eased the boat into neutral as we came round for Gag. Calvin reached over and grabbed the rod while Jimmy B. leaned over and reefed on Gag's belt to help him back into the boat. Gag was speechless as Calvin finished playing the fish and Jimmy B. netted it. As Jimmy slid the King out of the net and into the cooler ..... he calmly looked over at Gag. "Not another damn word about an "itsy bitsy bite" ya hear ..... not one word!" With that, I took my cue and turned the boat toward the Pentwater channel ..... we cleared our remaining lines, stowed the gear and motored home. Funny how quiet a fishing boat under power can be sometimes ..... it was a stone cold quiet ride back to the dock.

I think that was the last trip ole Gag Mcfarfle was invited on with the regular crew. Over the years though, I've run into Gag on the docks numerous times and he always starts the conversation the very same way ..... "Remember that trip I landed that King while treading water off the Big Dune?" And I always reply, "Yep Gag ..... who could forget that trip. The boys still talk about it all the time. Say ..... are those the same lucky shoes you were wearing that fateful day? Well ... gotta run Gag."

And with that said I just stroll off down the dock chanting "one more itsy bitsy bite ..... fishy, fishy. One more itsy bitsy bite."



## **FIRST PSA YOUTH CLASSIC FUN FOR ALL!!**

The first PSA Youth Classic for member boats was held on Saturday – August 4<sup>th</sup> and we had an excellent turnout for the inaugural event. We had 11 boats and 21 kids who were supervised by 25 adult crewmembers to assist the kids and teach them a bit about Great Lakes fishing!

The fishing was difficult but the kids maintained a great outlook and “that’s why they call it fishing and not catching” was heard more than once at the Weigh-In. The kids gathered with their boat crews at the Village Gazebo for the “Official” Weigh-In and cook out where they enjoyed a bit of visiting and hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and light desserts. Then the business turned serious as boat by boat the kids dragged their coolers up to the scale! After a brief introduction of Boat and kids crew ..... the fish hit the scale with the assist of lunker lifters. The kids were dead serious as the competition unfolded. Only 6 of the 11 boats entered had fish to weigh so the kids had a keen interest in “who had what!” When the final results were in the Big Fish went to the crew of “Afternoon Delight” with a 23.45 lb. King!! Mystery Weight was won by the crew of



“Reel Dancer” with a 8.75 lb. King. Every boat that weighed fish did win a major prize with “Fish Eagle” taking the largest King (19.20 lb.) after the Grand Prize winner – and “Never Enough” took home the 2<sup>nd</sup> place King (13.50 lb.). The Largest Lake Trout was landed by the “Lineman” crew with a 15.75 lb. lunker that also went up on the board for the Big Laker in the PSA Annual Big Fish Contest. Second place Lake Trout went to “Just the Beginning” with a 2.40 lb. fish. Even though the fishing was TOUGH ..... underline **TOUGH** .....the kids had a great attitude and everyone had a GOOD TIME. The 6 boats only weighed 9 fish and hopefully we’ll have a better catch next year. Every kid that participated received a goodies bag of prizes – and there were lots of smiles and fishing stories to be seen and heard. “Yeah ..... you should have seen the one that got away ..... Geezshhhh ..... it was a MONSTER!”

We would like to thank our sponsors and donors for making the event possible. Special Thanks to “John’s Custom Rods” – John donated 2 custom rods for the event ..... he’s been a great supporter over time. Walmart down at Whitehall donated rods and reels and tackle boxes and Cabela’s provided T-shirts and tackle boxes. Special thanks to Jameson Farinosi from the MDNR for gathering up bobbers, measuring tapes and fishery information for the kids. PSA provided the Fishery ID books and the luncheon.

A big thank you to all the Volunteers and organizers ..... Rob Bannink – hot dog chef extraordinaire, President Dean Jessup and Jan J. for set-up, serving and general organization of event, Bruce and Judy Koorndyk – Committee members and help at luncheon, George and Pam Cornell as Committee member and help at event and Kristy Sauser for taking pictures to record the event.

This was a truly fun event and hopefully we can make it even better next year. It was a great start for the first time out!!!! If you have any interest in working on this event next year ..... please get in touch with a PSA Director or contact Dean J. The date of the event will be listed on the PSA calendar for next year.

## **PENTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING – JULY 21, 2018**



### **PENTWATER FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

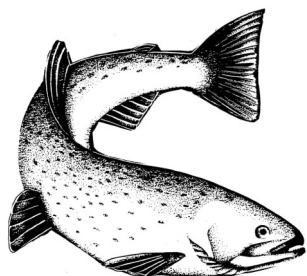
Directors present: Dean Jessup, George Cornell, Bruce Koorndyk, Steve Sauser, Lyn Snider and Rob Bannink. Absent: Brad Smith (excused) conflict and Dan Gettings (excused) visiting young grandson.

- Secretary's Report: George C. briefly went over minutes of June 16<sup>th</sup> PSA meeting – it was moved by Lyn Snider and supported by Steve S. to approve the minutes as written and printed. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report. Lyn S. passed out written report to Directors on PSA financials. PSA is in excellent shape and we currently have 73 paid members and families. We can never have too many members ..... work to boost our membership. Steve S. moved, supported by Rob Bannink to accept the Treasurer's Report as handed out and presented. Motion carried.
- No Wake Buoy's: All are in place. We have 3 lighted buoys with amber blinkers. Bruce reported on buoys and also covered the channel lights. We need to replace some brackets for channel lights and we will probably need to expend a few dollars to improve them for next season.
- Website: Dean J. reported that everything was ship-shape with website. Members should submit pictures every now and then ..... we can always use pictures.
- Newsletter: Kristy S. is doing an excellent job with the newsletter but is having some problems with the software to produce the newsletter. It was discussed and everyone was in agreement that we needed to do everything possible to make this job easier and less time consuming. We should buy the needed software that will make the job easier. **THANKS AGAIN KRISTY .... EVERYONE REALLY ENJOYS THE EDITIONS. IF ANYONE WANTS TO HELP WITH THE NEWSLETTER ..... CONTACT DEAN JESSUP AND MAYBE WE CAN TAG TEAM THIS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO PSA.**
- Ladies Classic: Lyn S. reported on the up-coming ladies tournament. We are in very good shape going into the tourney. The Committee consists of Lyn Snider (Chair), Pam Cornell, and Patsy Gettings this year with Sharri German assisting. The Brown Trout category has been eliminated this year since no prizes have been awarded in 3 years. Brown Trout will still count in 10 fish limit for weight and are eligible for Big Fish and Mystery Weight. It looks like a very good number of boats is preparing to fish the event. **THANK YOU LYN, PAM, PATSY AND SHARRI FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS. THIS IS A GREAT EVENT FOR PSA AND EVERYONE ENJOYS THE LADIES CLASSIC. GOOD JOB ..... ONCE AGAIN.**
- Community Relations and News Release Reports: Bruce and Dean reported that dredging of the channel will likely take place next Spring. Dean reported that the Oceana Herald would like an article on the Ladies Classic this year and that in the past the paper has done a good job of covering the Memorial Day Derby. There is also a very good article in Lakeland Boating on Pentwater proper.

**PSA Meeting Minutes Continued — July 21, 2018**

- Home-Coming Parade: Steve Sauser and family have agreed to haul their boat in the Home-Coming Parade this year. **THIS IS A GREAT THING FOR PSA ..... THE EXPOSURE FOR OUR ORGANIZATION IS HUGE!!! THANKS AGAIN TO THE SAUSERS AND ANY OF THE KIDS THAT HELP THEM OUT ON PARADE DAY. THANKS AGAIN TO ROB BANNINK AND CREW FOR DOING IT THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS!**  
George C. agreed to get the sign up form for PSA and get our \$10 entry fee paid.
- Village Signage: PSA events will be advertised on the new signs that have been constructed at the North and South entrances to town. The signs will be general in nature – “PSA Derby and date,” but the electronic sign in town by Gull Landing and the water tower will be much more specific as to description and dates. The signs are a wonderful addition to the community and it’s good that PSA is included. **THANKS BRUCE K. FOR YOUR EFFORTS ON THIS ONE ..... AND BE CAREFUL ON THOSE LADDERS!!!!**
- **NEW BUSINESS –** President Dean Jessup appointed Dan Getting and George Cornell as the Election Committee for the coming Annual Meeting elections. Two (2) Director seats are up for election ..... Steve Sauser and Rob Bannink. Should you have an interest in serving contact Dan or George.
- Youth Mini Tournament coming up. Dean had appointed a committee of Dean, George and Bruce to flesh this event out. This will be our first time out with this event and we have some nice prizes for the kids (16 and under). The committee will meet to get a flier formalized and some basic rules and guidelines for the event out to membership. Dean will do an email on the event to our PSA list.
- **REMEMBER ..... BIG FISH CONTEST ENDS ON AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> ..... IN TIME TO PREPARE FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> THIS YEAR!!!! MAKE SURE TO GET THAT ON YOUR CALENDER ..... A GREAT MEAL WITH PSA PROVIDING MAIN DISH (POTLUCK), ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS AND PRESENTATION OF BIG FISH AWARDS.**
- **BANNINK’S LINE DOWN TOURNEY WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR... GET THAT ON YOUR SCHEUDLE TOO.**

Meeting adjourned at 4.21 p.m.



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*You can't tell — maybe a fish goes home and lies  
about the size of the man he just got away from.*  
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## **WIN AND BETTE MATTESON Annual "Big Fish" Contest**

May 26 to August 19, 2018

Thanks to the generosity of Win and Bette Matteson, a plaque PLUS a cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to the winners of our Annual Big Fish Contest, listed below. These cash prizes are given in recognition and memory of our numerous PSA members who have contributed so much to our organization and our fishing family in Pentwater. Remember those who have passed with kindness and keep their memories alive with fish stories of past fishing exploits and great days on the Big Lake.

### **Current Standings**

<b>King Salmon</b>	<b>Lake Trout</b>	<b>Brown Trout</b>	<b>Steelhead Trout</b>	<b>Coho Salmon</b>
Last Cast	Carpe Diem II	Highway Man	Highway Man	Little Windy
Steve Bandkau	Ken Wegner	Darryl Highway	Darryl Highway	Win Matteson
32.10 lbs.	16.50 lbs.	9.70 lbs.	14.75 lbs.	8.05 lbs.

As of August 20, 2018—FINAL STANDINGS



Carpe Diem II - 16.50# Lake Trout - 8/13/18



Highway Man - 9.70# Brown - 7/11/18



Highway Man - 14.75# Steelhead - 7/5/18



Last Cast - 32.10# King Salmon 8/10/18

### **Official PSA Scale Locations / Contacts for Weighing Your Catch**

George Cornell—Reel Dancer Boat—(517) 490-4322

Capt. Dave German—Bad Habits Boat—(616) 889-4300 (at City Marina)

Lyn Snider—Producer Boat—(616) 291-2568 (at Charlie's Marina Long Dock)

Capt. Brent Daggett—Sportsman Charter (at City Marina)

The Pines Motel—(231) 869-5128 (North of Town)





# **PSA/BANNINK'S END OF SUMMER LINES DOWN TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, September 1, 2018**

Rain / blow date Sunday September 2, 2018 will be determined by judges.

Entry fee per boat \$25.00 (\$35 if not a PSA member) - non-PSA entry will include a 1- year membership  
\$5.00 of each entry will go back to the Pentwater Sportfishing Association.

**\*\* All Entry Fees Must be Paid by 9pm, Day Before Tournament \*\***

Weigh-in AT 1:00PM – Pentwater Village Marina Gazebo – Must be in line by 1pm – No Exceptions

## **Weigh-in Prizes Are !!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Biggest Salmon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Biggest Trout (Either: Lk Trout, Brown or Steelhead)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Combo Weight (Either 2 Salmon / 1 Trout or 2 Trout / 1 Salmon)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Mystery Weight** (CLOSEST FISH WEIGHING TO THE PICKED WEIGHT – FROM 3-6  
POUNDS CAN BE EITHER UNDER OR OVER WEIGHT – WHATEVER IS CLOSEST)

## **\* RULES \***

**Projected Payout on 15 Boats: 1st \$100.00, 2nd \$90.00, 3rd \$80.00, 4th \$30.00**

**Same boat cannot win in both categories of Biggest Salmon and Biggest Trout.**

**Start time at 5am. (Honor System) Non-member receive one year membership with entry.**

**Boundries: South to 2 Miles south of Little Sable Point Lighthouse (N 43-37-00) and North end Consumers Project (N 43-54-45) and east to Longbridge.**

**All DNR rules apply, except all Fish must be at least 18"**

**There is a max 9- pole limit per boat. In case of a tie the first one to weigh-in wins.**

**All Judges Decisions are final.**

**Not responsible for any accidents that occur from anyone!**

**Contact Info: Rob Bannink Home 1-231-788-1650 / Cell 1-231-327-0841**

**Or Any PSA Officer / Director**

## 2018

### **Pentwater Sportfishing Association**

#### **Calendar of Events**

PSA Meetings are held at the Pentwater Friendship Center at 3:00 p.m. ~ Everyone is welcome!

Mini Tournament Weigh-Ins will be held at the Village Marina at 1:00 p.m., any member can participate.

Boater Safety Classes are free & held at the Pentwater Yacht Club.

May 5: Install Channel Lights

May 19: PSA Board Meeting @3pm

May 26: Start of "Big Fish Contest"

May 26—28: Memorial Weekend Fishing Derby

June 16: PSA Board Meeting @3pm

June 23: PSA Mini Tournament

July 12 & 13: Boating Safety Class

July 21: PSA Board Meeting @3pm

July 28: Ladies' Classic Fishing Derby

Aug 2 & 3: Boating Safety Class

Aug 4: Youth Mini Tournament

Aug 10 - 12: Pentwater Homecoming

Aug 19: End of "Big Fish Contest"

Aug 25: Potluck Dinner / Annual Meeting @3pm

Sept 1: Bannink's Lines Down Fishing Derby

Sept 2: Rain Date for Derby

Sept 15: PSA Board Meeting @3pm

Oct 6: Remove Channel Lights

Dec 31: Pay 2019 PSA Membership Dues (Reminder)