

# Manistee County Sport Fishing Association



## Fishin' Line

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Welcome Aboard!

How fitting and timely to welcome aboard two new sponsors for this year's MCSFA Budweiser PRO/AM Tournament. It is exciting for the Board of Directors to share with you the support of Cannon Downriggers and FlatOut Flatbread.

FlatOut Flatbread has donated \$1,000 to the Captain who weighs in the biggest fish over the course of this year's tournament which takes place on June 20<sup>th</sup> (Ladies') and June 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> (Men's). With the support of Cannon Downriggers, we will offer a *Second Day Second Chance* for the largest box of day two with \$500 going to the PRO division and \$500 going to the AM division.

We are excited to have FlatOut Flatbread and Cannon Downriggers teaming up with the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association. Watch for Cannon Downriggers display during the tournament. Again, Welcome Aboard!



### 2014 MCSFA Events

**Annual Spring Banquet**  
Saturday, May 3  
Little River Casino Resort

**Salmon & Trout Derby**  
Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

**Kid's Fish Day**  
Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

**Ladies Classic Pro/Am**  
Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

**Budweiser Pro/Am**  
Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>  
and  
Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Small Boat Big Fish  
Tournament**  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Golf Outing**  
August 16<sup>th</sup>

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## Get Involved with Kids

Each year the MCSFA hosts Kids Fish on the shores of manmade lake in Manistee and each year it is a huge hit and my personal favorite event. To me there is nothing more important to the future of our sport than to have our younger generation interested and involved. Kids Fish is the perfect time to help young people who may not have been brought up fishing to become interested and involved. In order to accomplish this, it always takes the efforts of many volunteers and sponsors and a great organizer like Pat Bentley. Pat will once again be helping get this event underway even though he decided not to run for another term on the MCSFA board. During this transition we will be looking for others to step up and help out either with their time or their pocketbooks. If you would be able to help out with this worthy event please let me know and we will get you involved any way we can. This year's event will take place on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9AM and in the midst of this bitterly cold winter we really look forward to seeing you there. For volunteer opportunities please contact me at [kilntime@tm.net](mailto:kilntime@tm.net).

Capt. Craig Kent

## Great Lakes Fishing Class in Onekama

Onekama High School in Onekama, Michigan will be the site of the annual spring fishing instructional class.

The class, coordinated by MCSFA members will begin Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and run four weeks on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM.

Planning is underway for speakers and topics. Classes include demonstrations of equipment and techniques by expert professional and amateur fishermen.

The class is open to all. Men, women and kids accompanied by adults are welcome. The class fee is \$30.00 for all four classes.

Special features in 2014 will include fly casting, fishing on Lake Michigan, stream fishing, walleyes on Saginaw Bay, and caring for your outboard motor,

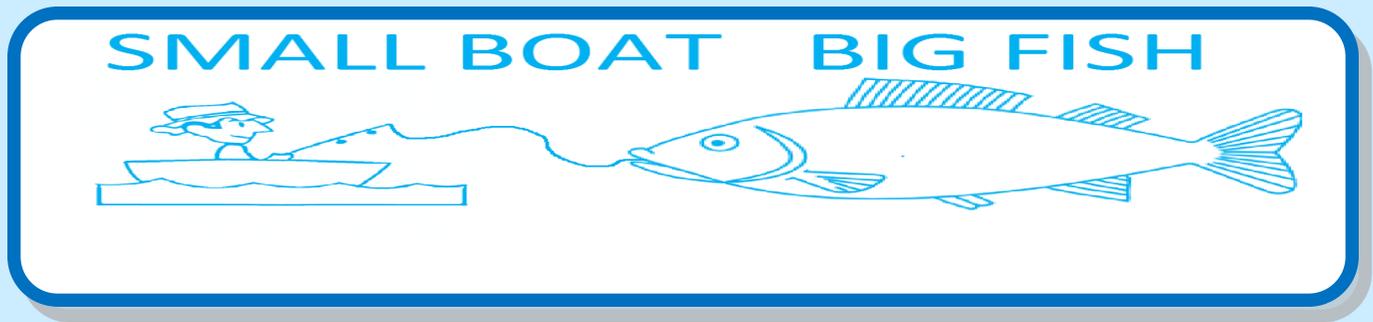
Anyone interested in class membership can call Mary @ 889-4251 or Dave @ 231-645-9056 to enroll.

MCSFA membership is included for any first-time association enrollments.

## Annual Membership Meeting and Spring Banquet

Each year many of you ask how you can help with the prizes for the banquet. It was suggested that we put a short note in our newsletter and welcome any donations from our members. We encourage you to send them or bring them to the Banquet. We do our best to provide a wide array of prizes, but your help with soliciting or making donations is a welcomed gesture. If you have any questions, please contact us at 231-887-4474 or email us at [mcsfa@mcsfa.org](mailto:mcsfa@mcsfa.org).

Thank you!!



## **Annual MCSFA Small Boat Big Fish Tournament August 2, 2014**

This is a big fish tournament being held by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association, for amateurs only. Weigh in your biggest fish only. Limit of 1 prize per boat.

Boats must be less than 25 feet and have an VHF radio. The entry fee is **\$60.00**. At least 1 person on each boat must be an MCSFA member. Anyone joining for this tournament will have their membership validated through December 31, 2015. Registration for the tournament will be between 6 pm and 8 pm on Friday August 1, 2014 at the village park in Onekama. Advance registration by mail or in person must be received by the MCSFA no later than August 1, 2014. Registration forms are available at: [mcsfa.org](http://mcsfa.org).

All DNR rules and regulations apply to this tournament and there is a limit of 9 rods in the water at one time. Sliders may be used; however, you are limited to 1 per rod. The maximum slider length is 72".

Fishing starts and ends at the ports of Manistee, Arcadia and Onekama, and is limited to Lake Michigan and Lakes Arcadia, Manistee and Portage.

Weigh-in stations will be located at the Onekama Park Boat Launch and the Arcadia Municipal Marina Boat Launch and Ship Watch Marina in Manistee. A tally board will be located at each site and information will be updated via telephone. Stations will be open for weighing from 11 am to 2 pm. It is the fisherman's responsibility to have their fish at the scales within the allotted times.

This is a one day tournament beginning at 6:00 am and concluding at 2:00 pm. The weather back-up date is Sunday August 3, 2014. In the event both days are canceled, all entry fees will be refunded. In case of bad weather, a tournament committee of MCSFA members will determine a go/no go status at 6:00 am and will make appropriate announcements on VHF channel 68. After that time, responsibility will be assumed by each captain, for their boat and crew. In case of early termination all fishing is to cease and all boats must return.

Payout will be for the 5 largest fish. 1<sup>st</sup> place is a guaranteed \$500 prize. Remaining prizes are determined by the number of entries. In the event of a tie, the 1<sup>st</sup> fish weighed in is the winner. All fish must be weighed by an MCSFA member. All fish weighed will require a signed affidavit that the fish was caught on your boat.

Fish will also be entered into the MCSFA Derby. There will be no award ceremonies. Winners will receive their prize checks in the mail.

Questions should be referred to Ken Franklin, 231-889-4048, Dave VanEerden, 231-645-9056 or Tom McCraner 231-631-4613.

## GOLF OUTING 2013

Our fourth annual golf scramble was held on August 17 at Chestnut Hills Golf Course. The day started out just beautiful and stayed that way throughout the event. There were several teams for this event and everyone apparently had a wonderful day.

First I would like to thank Carole Porter for coordinating this event. She masterminded the layout and was instrumental in obtaining most of the door prizes and hole - sponsors. Without her undying drive and love for the association, this event never would have happened. The members and board of directors would like to thank you for your sacrifice and unselfish efforts making this effort such a great success.

Secondly I would like to thank Doug Carter, of Chestnut Hills, for hosting the event again and contributing to the association as a hole-sponsor. Chestnut Hills has made numerous improvements. The layout is both beautiful and challenging.

I would like to thank all of those who contributed to the outing through effort, door prizes and hole-sponsorship. These contributions exceeded \$3000 in prizes with no expense incurred by the MCSFA.

We are looking forward to the continued success of this event and your participation. Please feel free to contact us if you have any prizes to donate or would like to become a hole sponsor.

**This year's event will take place on August 16, 2014. Mark your calendar today.**



## Sponsorship Opportunity

We are looking to secure 3 individual or business sponsorships at this year's banquet. We are looking for appetizer sponsorships at a cost of \$100. Your donation of \$100 entitles you to

- Advertisement in the Program
- Recognition at the Banquet
- Certificate of Appreciation

Please indicate your commitment on the enclosed membership application or give us a call.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Please feel free to contact us at any time. Our phone number is 231-887-4474.

Our email address is [mcsfa@mcsfa.org](mailto:mcsfa@mcsfa.org).

Check us out on FACEBOOK.

## MCSFA Membership Application

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Docked At: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Charter Boat Membership \$50.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Charter Boat Membership \$100.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Business Membership \$100.00

*(Note: All membership levels enter you in the Salmon Derby.)*

|  |                 |   |
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| Membership (as indicated above)        | \$ _____        |   |
| Spring Banquet Tickets (\$35.00 ea.)   | \$ _____        | NOTE: RSVP is required for accurate planning. |
| Raffle Ticket Stubs (Separate Mailing) | \$ _____        |   |
| Donations (_____)                      | \$ _____        |   |
| <b>Total Enclosed</b>                  | <b>\$ _____</b> |   |

Please make checks payable to: **MCSFA** and mail to **PO BOX 98, Manistee, MI 49660**

**Volunteers Needed!!** Please indicate the events at which you could be helpful.

**Tournament weekend**

\_\_\_\_\_ Kid Fish Day  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ladies Classic Pro/Am  
\_\_\_\_\_ Budweiser Pro/Am  
\_\_\_\_\_ Weigh-in  
\_\_\_\_\_ Clean-up

**Spring Banquet**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sell raffle tickets

**Net Pen Project**

\_\_\_\_\_ General help

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I would accept a nomination for a board seat.**

### Go Green

Please take this opportunity to complete the above membership application and your email address. *Going Green* is easier than you may think and saves money. America is shifting to a *Go Green* attitude and many citizens are embracing this responsibility with open arms. You can do your part by signing up to receive your Newsletters via the internet and/or email. We will continue to do our part to post our Newsletters on our web site. Again, please provide us with your email address and your commitment to *Going Green!*

Office use: Date Pd: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

# Annual Membership Meeting and Spring Banquet

Saturday, May 3, 2014

**Little River Casino Resort**

Doors Open at 5:00 pm

Cash Bar at 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm  
until 7:30 pm

Guest Speaker/Drawings  
to follow.

In house raffle, door prizes, guest  
speaker plus more!! Make your  
reservation today!

## Prize List

Ruger Custom Super Redhawk .44  
MAG with Leupold Scope

Weatherby Vanguard Synthetic .240  
MAG

Remington 870 Express Super Mag  
12 Gauge

Savage Axis Synthetic 22—250 with  
Scope

Ruger 10/22 Black on Black

Penn Fathom FTH60LW

Shimano & Daiwa Saltist reels (4  
total)

1/2 Day Charter Trips (5 total)

**15 Total Raffle Prizes!!!**

To reserve your dinner tickets, please mail your check to the  
Manistee County Sport Fishing Association, PO Box 98,  
Manistee, MI 49660. See the enclosed membership application for  
additional information.

Please reserve your tickets **prior** to MAY 1st.

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The MCSFA depends on  
your support. Please  
mail in your registration  
today.

Your application is  
enclosed.  
Thank you.