



# On the Water

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Tom Bastian helps a young lure-maker with a spinnerbait at the Expo.

## Muskies Inc. Lures Youth to the Expo

from Juris Ozols

We've got that new Muskies Inc. logo now, with the themes – "Youth, Fisheries, Research." And maybe the hardest for us hard-core fishermen to deal with is the "Youth" part. Being out on the lake, hours on end, rain, wind, cold, all that, sometimes makes it hard to bring in our youth to the Muskie things that we do. But last month, at the Minnesota Muskie Expo, we did it. Our Twin Cities Chapter had a booth, probably the most popular one at the show, that brought in kids by the dozens. It was spectacular.

George Wahl, Expo promoter, came up with the idea of putting on a "tackle clinic" to teach our youth how to create and tie bucktails and spinner baits. He talked Tom Bastian, past master of that fine art, into running

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## Annual Raffle for Project and Rearing Fund Kicks Off

from Dick Halvorson, Raffle Chair

Once again it's time for our chapter's annual Project and Rearing Fund Raffle. This is our primary source of funding for all the projects we contribute to for the muskie resource. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this event go directly back into the resource. Buying equipment, and/or minnows to feed musky fingerling for the state DNR's muskie program, research, and spawning habitat restoration are a few projects that this raffle has helped fund.

This year we have some great prizes for you to win in the raffle. And

again this year, they are all fishing trips and guide time – no tackle, no toys – just fishing! I would like to emphasize that every single prize was donated cost-free to our chapter.

Some big changes have been incorporated into the raffle for this year. The raffle will be run more or less as an "in house" fundraiser. You will not be asked to sell any tickets. However, you ARE being asked to buy a ticket (or two, or three, etc.) And, if your friends, neighbors or fishing buddies, would like to enter, they are more than welcome.

The raffle will run until the chapter general meeting in June. No entries will be accepted after June 10, 2003. Here's the way it works. A \$5 donation gets your name in the drawing one time. A \$20 donation gets your name in the drawing five times. A \$50 donation gets your name in the drawing

twelve times, and a \$100 donation gets your name included 25 times. The more you enter, the better your chance of winning – and the more we have to put back in the resource. Just fill in one of the forms in this issue and mail it with your check (made out to Muskies Inc.). The second form is included for your friends or neighbors. Make another copy if you need more.

**FIRST PRIZE:** A three-night stay for two people at Horseshoe Bay resort on Leech Lake, Spetember 18-10, 2003. The trip includes a full day of guided fishing with Jack Shriver Sr., a half day guided fishing with Ted Gwinn, and a half day guided fishing with Jim Murphy.

**SECOND PRIZE:** A one-week stay for up to 8 people at White Birch Lodge on Whitefish Bay, Lake of the Woods.

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## From Our President

*At the last board meeting, details were worked out for the three issues that were designated the previous month to receive funding through 2002 surplus funds.*

*Youth programs was designated as an area to receive funding. We hope to expand our youth programs this year and this funding will help make it possible. \$1,000 was allocated, and \$350 was used to supply materials and the expertise of Tom Bastian at the "Make Your Own Lure" booth at the Minnesota Muskie Expo. Incidentally, according to Tom, the booth was a big success and Tom really enjoyed working with the kids. Tom says thanks to all those that helped him with this booth.*

*The Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc. a few years back, originally donated the dock at the public access on White Bear Lake. Initially, the dock served that ramp adequately. But due to the sand moving in to that area as fast as they can dredge it out, it doesn't take long before the dock is standing in only about a foot of water. The board elected to allocate \$1,000 to the improvement and extension of that dock. Hopefully, this new addition will make life a little easier for those accessing White Bear Lake.*

*The remaining surplus funds of \$2,000 have been allocated to raising and stocking fish in 2003. We most likely will be working with Minnesota Musky Farm to get what we can for the money we have.*

*Currently, we have \$2,200 due to a member donation marked specifically for fish. I'm personally going to match that \$200 donation bringing our total to \$2400. I'm asking other chapter members to consider a donation to be used specifically for the 2003 fish stocking project. If you consider what value it is to be able to muskie fish in the metro area and then contribute proportionally, this effort will be better for it. Send donations by May 1, 2003 to:*

*Muskies, Inc. Fish Stocking  
c/o Joe DeMars  
5704 Wentworth Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55419*

*Or – bring your donation to a meeting and leave it at the welcome table. Remember, donations to Muskie Inc are tax deductible.*

*I want to thank all those involved with the chapter booth at the Minnesota Muskie Expo – especially Brad Coyne for heading up the show booth this year. Our Expo effort resulted in 35 new members. Thanks a lot, folks!*

***Come to meetings; share your stories and ideas.***

***Joe DeMars***

## Upcoming Twin Cities Chapter Events

### Vet's Home Opener

Saturday, May 3rd marks the "Fishing Opener" at the Minnesota Veterans Home. Twin Cities chapter members will again be treating residents of the home to their own fishing opener – complete with fishpond stocked with trout and a tasty "shore lunch" of freshly caught fish.

Once the pond has been set up and stocked, volunteers from the chapter will help residents catch their fish, clean them, and cook and serve a lunch of fish with all the fixin's.

The Veterans Home Opener is one of the more memorable traditions of our chapter. Residents who join in to catch fish and enjoy the tasty lunch, as well as the MI volunteers, have a great day!

Volunteers are needed to set up, help the residents with fishing, cook the meal, and cleaning up. Please call Terry Hagstrom, 763-561-9399 to volunteer.

### Capable Partners

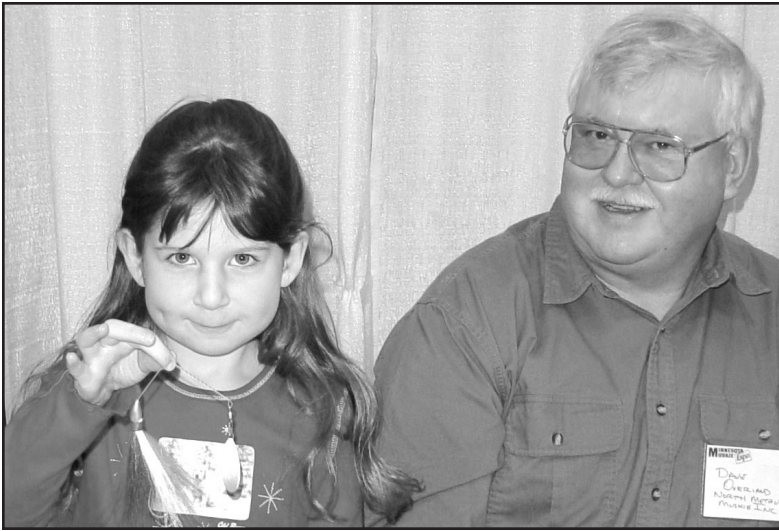
The TC Chapter's annual outing with Capable Partners will take place on Sunday, June 14 at Lake Independence. Capable Partners is an organization of physically-challenged individuals. Volunteers from the chapter will guide a group of Capable Partners anglers whose challenges vary from blindness to paralysis for a morning of muskie fishing. At noon the anglers will be treated to a "shore" lunch. Anyone who wants to is welcome to go back out after lunch for more fishing.

The Capable Partners anglers are so appreciative of our efforts because they can't just go fishing any time like we can. This is a great way to spend a day fishing and get to know other muskie anglers. About eight more boats are needed to host all the Capable Partners who want to participate. To volunteer your time and/or boat for this outing, contact Paul Hartman at 651-488-9017.

### Kids Fishing Outing

Again this year the Twin Cities chapter has planned an outing for kids who may not otherwise get a chance to spend time fishing. The outing is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th at Lake Nokomis. The day will begin with a mini-workshop showing the kids how to rig up their equipment with a little discussion about safety, strategy, and technique. The rest of the time will be spent attempting to catch that "big one." and a lunch will be served.

Please call Curt Ellis, 952-830-1498 to volunteer for this fun day.



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the booth for three days. Tom got his buddy Tom Frings to come all the way down from Grand Rapids to help. Ken Kirk, Joe DeMars, and Tony Vold from our chapter were present to lend a hand and take pictures. And Al Jacobson, Dave Overland, and John Van Ingen from North Metro also pitched in. Our chapter donated the components – blades, bodies, hooks, and all kinds of colors of hair. So lots of participation from our Muskie community.

And did it ever draw a crowd of kids!

Tom reports there were more than two hundred eager young folks that lined up over the three days to learn the secrets of making beautiful baits. At times a dozen or more kids ranging in age from six to sixteen surrounded the booth, waiting to try their hand at making a bucktail. He had two stations going simultaneously, and they were continuously full.

Some of his students came from organized groups. A couple of Boy Scout troops showed up, and the Fishers' of Men brought some special youth. But most of the kids were just tagging along with their parents at the show, and jumped at the chance to make that "Secret Lure." All free, and all professionally mentored.

And a bunch of grown-ups – parents and show attendees alike – stood by in amazement and watched the goings on. (Tom notes that he had some requests from the older folks to try their hand too, but it didn't fly; this was for the kids.) In some cases the parents tried to tell the kids what colors to use and how to make the lure. And that didn't fly either. It was the kids' choice and design, and a proud achievement at that.

So – did we convert those kids into future muskie fishermen? Well, who knows, but for sure there wasn't a frown to be seen, and ever so many intent faces and smiles. You can bet that those kids took with them fun-filled positive memories of a day at the Muskie Expo, not to mention a lure of their own creation. Look at the pictures.

Tom made it a point to tell each kid to go out and catch a fish with his or her own lure, and to bring in pictures and stories next year. For of course, we'll do it again. It was a huge success, something that's very positive both for our youth and for Muskies Inc. We'll obviously have lots of help next year too, and some manufacturers have already volunteered to donate components.

So we'll see how many stories of fish caught with those "personal" lures come back, and how many more kids we get to build those beautiful bucktail and spinnerbait lures. I bet it's a bunch, and both Muskies Inc. and the kids will be better off because of it.

## Muskie Expo

One-hundred and eighteen exhibitors strutted their stuff at the recent Muskie Expo held at the National Sports Center in Blaine. Promoter George Wahl said that attendance was down a little because, unfortunately, it was the same weekend as the Northwest Sports Show in downtown Minneapolis. Next year, and on the schedule for the next several years, the Muskie Expo will be held the weekend after the Minneapolis show.

All in all, the Expo was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended. Following are excerpts from a letter received by the chapter. I'm sure we can all agree with him.

*I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Muskie Expo last month in Blaine. I'd like to congratulate you on a well-run show. I'd wanted to attend for the past several years, but this year's line-up of speakers was the clincher.... I wrote an article in the last issue of Esox Angler about muskie fishing's need to expand the angler base from the traditional white male. I was pleasantly surprised to see a few non-traditional muskie fans at the Expo.... Your raffle booth was run by an enthusiastic woman who ... seemed to be the perfect example of what we need more of in muskie fishing.... Keep up the good work....*

*Danny Kurtilla  
Nashville, TN*

# Members Only Contest

from Elaine Randolph, Fishing Contest Chair

Here we are April 2003 and a new fishing season will soon be upon us. For those of you making the trip to Kentucky (or other areas with early openers), remember to read the contest rules carefully on the entry forms. The most important rules are:

- having your membership up-to-date prior to catching the lunker,
- making sure the name of the state or province and the type of lure are listed on the entry form, and
- getting your entry form to me within 30 days of the catch.

According to Jim Bunch, chairman of the International Contest, new forms are being prepared for this year. Until they are available, the old ones will be accepted. Watch the *Muskie Magazine*, the web page ([www.muskiesinc.org](http://www.muskiesinc.org)) and the welcome table at the meeting for the new forms.

*Here are the final standings for 2002.*

## WOMENS DIVISION

1st	Sharon Swentkofske	4 fish	53 points
2nd	Lois Harvey	2 fish	22 points
3rd	Kay Cotter	1 fish	6 points

## JUNIORS DIVISION

1st	Gary Wolff	11 fish	207 points
2nd	Evan Nicolai	6 fish	89 points
3rd	Jake Heath	5 fish	85 points
4th	David Cotter	5 fish	72 points

## HYBRID DIVISION

1st	Jeremy Knutson	1 fish	21 points
2nd	Kurt Hostager	1 fish	17 points

## MENS DIVISION

1st	Mark Fredrick	21 fish	329 points
2nd	Robert Culbertson	18 fish	207 points
3rd	Warren Hartman	11 fish	183 points
4th	Adam Dalum	9 fish	157 points
5th	John Olson	10 fish	155 points
6th	Richard Wolff	6 fish	134 points
7th	Patrick Cotter	7 fish	94 points
8th	Phil Groth	6 fish	86 points
9th	Bruce Opp	4 fish	78 points
10th	Brent Hoffstedt	5 fish	65 points

11th	Chris Mueller	6 fish	64 points
12th	Curtis Ellis	6 fish	54 points
13th	George Wahl	2 fish	49 points
14th	Kendall Klaus	2 fish	47 points
15th	Scott Eckert	4 fish	46 points
	Gregory Ide	2 fish	46 points
17th	Carl Phillips	2 fish	45 points
18th	John Newman	3 fish	42 points
	Greg Pirritano	3 fish	42 points
20th	Lonny Hess	3 fish	41 points
21st	Steven Parker	3 fish	36 points
22nd	Dennis Heath	2 fish	35 points
23rd	Terry Slattery	3 fish	34 points
24th	Stu McIntosh	2 fish	30 points
25th	Ken Stassen	3 fish	28 points
26th	Curtis Baier, Sr.	1 fish	26 points
27th	David Gustafson	2 fish	23 points
28th	Kolt Ringer	2 fish	22 points
29th	Jeremy Knutson	1 fish	21 points
	Loren Schomaker	2 fish	21 points
31st	Robb Meyers	1 fish	18 points
32nd	Dennis Dammen	1 fish	17 points
	George Selcke	2 fish	17 points
34th	Tim Fairclough	1 fish	14 points
35th	Paul Villnow	1 fish	12 points
36th	Turk Guderjan	1 fish	7 points
	Jay Kalsbeck	1 fish	7 points
38th	Larry Proskin	1 fish	5 points

## MASTERS DIVISION

1st	Michael Cookas	43 fish	533 points
2nd	Chris Swentkofske	22 fish	350 points
3rd	Mark Sewald	20 fish	317 points
4th	Tony Sommerfeld	27 fish	283 points
5th	Don Pursch	14 fish	260 points
6th	Cindy Hegdahl	14 fish	207 points
7th	Brian Hanson	11 fish	185 points
8th	Kurt Hostager	9 fish	124 points
9th	Mark Tietjen	1 fish	27 points
10th	Carol Heath	1 fish	22 points

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THIRD PRIZE: A one-week stay for four people at Shingwak Resort on Whitefish Bay, Lake of the Woods.

FOURTH PRIZE: A three-night stay for four people at Vermillion Dam Lodge, Lake Vermillion.

FIFTH PRIZE: A two-night stay for two people at Sportsman's Lodge with a half day guided fishing with John Myhre at Moose Lake, Wisconsin.

SIXTH PRIZE: A two-night stay for two people at Daisy Bay Resort on Lake Vermillion after Labor Day.

*Thanks and good luck!*

## Chapter Fishing Trips

Member's fishing trips to Canada this summer still have openings. Make plans now for some great fishing trips with fellow Twin Cities chapter members.

### BARKER BAY OUTPOST, MANITOU LAKE SYSTEM JUNE 21-29, 2003 (CANADIAN MUSKIE OPENER)

This is our first trip to the 50-mile long Manitou Lake system. The Manitou has fine season-long fishing with 50-plus-inch fish caught from June through October. The boat-in outing will cost \$250 (tax included). If you wish to arrive on Friday June 20th, there will be no additional charge. The group will be limited to 14 people. A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your spot. Call Greg Ide 612-331-5034 evenings, or e-mail [gregide@aol.com](mailto:gregide@aol.com) to make reservations or for more details.

### PARADISE COVE RESORT, WINNIPEG RIVER JULY 12-19, 2003

This is the chapter's tenth season on the Winnipeg River. A number of past participants think this is the club's best outing of the summer. The weather is typically nice, camaraderie is great and the maps have all the best spots marked. The cost is only \$180 per person for the week. To reserve a spot, send a deposit of \$50 to Paul Hartman, 1159 Galtier, St. Paul, MN 55117. Contact Paul at 651-488-9017 to check availability, as the trip fills fast with such great fishing.

### RED WING LODGE, LAKE OF THE WOODS AUGUST 16-23, 2003

Join Twin Cities and North Metro MI members for a fun-filled, action-packed week of fishing at Red Wing Lodge! Call Terrie DuBe' at 651-636-3441 to sign up. The cost is only \$180 per person with a deposit of \$50. There are still a few spots available, but it will fill up fast.

### MUSKIE BAY RESORT, CROW LAKE SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 4, 2003

An overwhelming response has nearly filled the trip to Crow Lake. The cost is only \$150 US, with a \$50 deposit due now. Please call Paul Hartman at 651-488-9017 as soon as possible if you are interested in reserving the last spaces.

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Muskie Inc Member:  Yes Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_  No

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Mail with check (payable to Muskies Inc.) to:

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## Raffle Donations

The following resorts and guides support our chapter through their donations to our Project and Rearing Fund Raffle. The next time you're planning a trip, consider supporting them by using their services.

- Horseshoe Bay Resort, Leech Lake, 218-547-1366
- White Birch Lodge, Whitefish Bay, Lake of the Woods, 1-888-776-1057 or 1-888-659-3333
- Shingwak Resort, Whitefish Bay, Lake of the Woods, 807-226-5630
- Vermillion Dam Lodge, Lake Vermillion, 218-666-5418
- Daisy Bay Resort, Lake Vermillion, 218-753-4958 or 1-800-449-8306
- Sportsman's Lodge (John Myhre) Moose Lake, Wisconsin, 715-462-3847
- Jack Shriver, Sr., Leech Lake Guide, 218-894-2094
- Ted Gwinn, Leech Lake Guide, 218-547-3514
- Jim Murphy, Leech Lake Guide, 763-566-1237

## Volunteer for MinnAqua Events

The Minnesota DNR MinnAqua program needs volunteers for its Spring Fishing Clinics. The MinnAqua program teaches over 20,000 kids a year state-wide to fish and understand our fish habitat through seminars at lakes, in schools and at parks. They have a small cadre of full time workers but rely mostly on volunteers. If you would like to donate your valuable time to helping out at the clinics, please contact Roland Sigurdson, MinnAqua Aquatic Education Specialist at 612-625-1291.

**Water Fest**  
May 17, 2003

Lake Phalen, St Paul  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mississippi River Neighborhood Coalition River Clean-Up and Community Celebration  
May 17, 2003  
North Mississippi Regional Park, Minneapolis  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Eagle Scout Project: Fishing Program For Those With Disabilities  
May 31, 2003

Trapp Farm Park, Eagan  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Take A Kid Fishing  
Powerhorn Park, Minneapolis  
June 7, 2003  
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Buffalo Days Fishing Clinic For Kids  
Sturgis Park on Buffalo Lake, Buffalo, Minnesota  
June 14, 2003  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.


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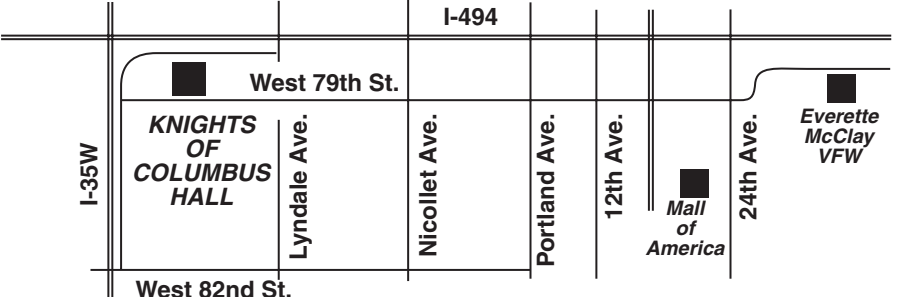
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## APRIL 8

General Meeting: Speaker, Ted Gwinn

## MAY 3

Vets Home Opener

## MAY 13

General Meeting: Manufacturers Night and Swap Meet

## MAY 17

Kids Fishing Outing, Lake Nokomis

## JUNE 7

Minnesota Muskie Opener

## JUNE 10

Drawing for Project and Rearing Fund Raffle

## JUNE 14

Capable Partners Outing, Lake Independence

## JUNE 21-29

Chapter Fishing Trip: Barker Bay Outpost, Manitou System

## JULY 12-19

Chapter Fishing Trip: Paradise Cove Resort, Winnipeg River, Ontario

## AUGUST 6-8

Chapter Challenge, Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods

## AUGUST 16-23

Chapter Fishing Trip: Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods

## SEPTEMBER 6-8

Frank Schneider Jr. International Tournament

## SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 4

Chapter Fishing Trip: Muskie Bay Resort, Crow Lake, Ontario

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## next meeting

**MARCH 11**

**SPEAKER:  
TED GWINN**

*Leech Lake guide Ted Gwinn will talk about Leech Lake fishing and having a successful muskie opener. It should be an evening chock-full of great information.*



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