



# On the Water

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## Members Only Contest

from Elaine Randolph, Contest Chair

As the 2003 season is starting to wind down, the following entries were received for October. Using a brown Eagle Tail, Steve Proskin released a 50" on Minnetonka. Matt Olson released a 30" and a 36" on Harriet and a beautiful 46" fish with a 26" girth, estimated 38 pounds on Leech Lake. The Hedenstens fished West Battle Lake on October 4 where Wendy released a 38" and Steve released a 37" and a 38". Kevin Clouse fished Sugar Lake and released a 39" and a 42". Carol Heath released a 45" and a 34" on Mille Lacs. Brent Hirsch fishing on Minnetonka reported a 37" release on October 2. Kurt Hostager has been busy releasing fish on Lake Elmo and White Bear – 38", 37" and 32". Lake of the Woods was the place for George Selcke to release a 44". Tom Becker released a 37" on Minnetonka on October 4.

September fish entries include two for David Cotter, a 46" and a 33" release on Leech Lake. Patrick Cotter released a 53" muskie on Leech Lake. Dianne Dahl released her first muskie, a 33" incher, on the St Croix River on September 1 and a second one, a 37.5" also on the St. Croix River on September 20. Jim Doyle released a 45" and a 39" on Minnetonka and a 38" on Calhoun. Mark Fredrick also added 3 fish to his list, a 48", 42" and 39". Phil Goth released a 33" on West Rush Lake, a 33" on the St. Croix River and a 46" on Plantagenet. Lake Minnetonka produced a 47" and a 38" for David Gustafson. Dennis Heath released a 36" on Mille Lacs while son Jake released a 40". Brent Hirsch fishing on Minnetonka reported a 41" release. Kurt Hostager released 2 hybrids on Lake Elmo, a 37" and 35". On September 19, Bobby Johnson fished a lake in Itasca County where he released a 42" caught on a figure 8 and a second 42" that broke his St Croix rod on the hook set. Mark Sewald added 5 fish to his list from Lake of the Woods, a hybrid from

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## Chapter Outing at Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods



Shane Kadrlik shows off a 49" beauty that was the second-biggest fish caught during the Twin Cities/North Metro outing at Red Wing Lodge in August.

from Terrie DuBe'

Well, it's too late for the many of you who had thoughts of going with the other 21 of us to Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods during our annual Twin Cities/North Metro chapter outing the week of August 16th thru the 23rd!!!! But here's an update on what you missed!!!!

We had varied weather. The first part of the week was HOT!! HOT!! HOT!! Temperatures in the high 90s, reaching 101 degrees by Monday – and dead calm!!! Wednesday the weather changed and we had high winds and rain. By Saturday morning you could see your breath!!!! Even in August it pays to bring everything from shorts to long johns!

It seemed like everything east of Red Wing was pretty green and everything west was clearer the farther west and north you went!! There were 27 fish caught with the biggest being a 54" x 25.5" monster caught by Dave Stanoch on almost the last day of the trip. (Sorry guys no picture!!!)

Shane Kadrlik was next with a 49" beauty, and Dave and Matt Hotchkiss each caught four fish as did Chris and Julie Johnson. There were 27 fish over 30" and eight fish over 40", sixteen fish caught before 12 pm and eleven fish after 12pm.

On Tuesday night, Mike, Anne and Betty Bartlett of Red Wing Lodge served us a great

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## From Our President

I often hear the question asked, "What is Muskies Inc. going to do for me?" or, "What am I going to get out of being a member?" Initially these kind of questions overwhelm me a bit. I ask myself, "What is this person looking for?" And then I realize I don't know what they want and most often they don't really know either. So, my response is a litany of benefits that I have received from Muskies Inc. membership.

First of all, there is the reduction of the learning curve about the do's and don'ts of muskie fishing. When I first started out, I really didn't know anything about muskie fishing. (Quiet in the peanut gallery!) I joined Muskies Inc. to get information in hopes of learning enough to help my son fulfill one of his dreams – to catch a muskie. Now we share the dream. Incidentally, we both have 50-inch fish to our record. Mine came in my second year of fishing and my son's came in his third year. Now, I'm not saying this to brag, but to illustrate the benefit of what we've learned.

Another benefit was the opportunity to get a lot of free – or almost free – stuff. I bet in my first year I received over \$1000 in tackle, gear and trips. Now I can't make any kind of guarantee when it comes to this sort of thing, but who can tell what might happen?

The biggest benefit of all to me is the friends that I've made in the past five or so years. People I would have never met if it wasn't for this magical fish and this club. As the commercial says "Priceless"! In the past I could count the people I could call to go fishing on one hand. Today I need both hands and my toes!

Now, if I hadn't shown up to that first meeting, the only thing I would have gotten from Muskies Inc. would be my membership card and the monthly magazine. Or if I had signed up at the right time of year, I might have gotten a hat and a lure. But, if you really want to get something out of Muskies Inc., show up at meetings and events. And if you want even more, ask what it is you can do for Muskies Inc. In the end, for me, it's about giving back to the people who've built the muskie fishery to its present standard by carrying on the work they started, and giving back to the resource and the fish itself. Opportunity, that's what I get!

Speaking of opportunities, now is the time to start thinking about serving on our Board of Directors. If you have ever considered serving on the Board, but up until now have not taken the steps to make this a reality, now is the time. Brad Coyne is heading up the nominating committee. If you're ready to participate just let him know. As things are right now anyone willing to be nominated would automatically become a Board member because there are more seats available on the Board than there are people to fill them. Come on, stick your neck out just a little and step up to the Board. I think you'll be glad that you did – and the Board would be glad to have you. If you have any questions concerning this step, give Brad a call (612-724-6697).

If you're not ready to serve on the Board, think about showing up for meetings and helping out with the different projects we have throughout the year. You may be amazed at what you get out of it.

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

**Joe DeMars**

## Muskie Award

A very special award – the Twin Cities Chapter Muskie Award – is presented every year at our Winter Picnic/Awards Banquet. This distinctive honor is conferred upon a most-deserving member, who has consistently and unselfishly devoted time and energy over the years to promoting and improving the goals of Muskies, Inc.

Nominations for this award will be accepted until the first Tuesday in December. Everyone is strongly encouraged to participate. Nominations must be made *in writing* and must include a history of the person's involvement with the Twin Cities Chapter over the years. Current Board members will select the winner by secret ballot.

The Muskie Award was first awarded in 1974 to Gil Hamm. Other past recipients include Darrell Trumbauer, Hugh Becker, Rich Ruhl, Pete Hadley, Larry Ramsell, Frank Schneider, Jr., Lou Cook, Vince Rakow, Jeri Glander, Lynn Trombley, Tom Meyers, Roger Klingensmith, Smokey Swenson, Rick Hartz, John Newman, Dave Griffin, Turk Guderjan, George Wahl, Dan and Lynne Kline, Russ Peterson, Ken Kirk, Terrie DuBe', Greg and Elaine Randolph, Patti Slack, Paul Hartman and Juris Ozols.

Send your nominations to Elaine Randolph, 1039 Wedgewood Lane N., Eagan, MN 55123 or email to e-rand@umn.edu. If you have any questions, call Elaine at 651-452-1209.

*The Frank Schneider, Jr.  
International Tournament  
raised \$10,878 to be used for  
the chapter General Fund.*

## Crow Lake Muskie Trip

This fall's return outing to the crystal-clear Canadian Shield waters of Crow Lake produced great memories for all 16 chapter members on the outing. This trip to Muskie Bay Resort introduced us to true fall fishing for the first time this season. The group arrived with a bang on September 27 with Heath Burris catching his personal best muskie – a fat 48-1/2" on a deep trolled 16-inch Basin Bait. This fish, earned Heath the trip for free as a gift from the resort in a contest rewarding the group's largest muskie release. The cool temperatures made casting uncomfortable most of the day and the cold night dropped water temperatures to 52 degrees – the start of turn-over on Crow.

Despite arriving during turn-over (the toughest fishing of the season), the group landed a muskie 44" or larger every day of the outing. All the fish were taken by trolling the deeper water – from 30 to 50 feet. This depth range held huge concentrations of pre-spawn Lake Trout and the muskies were always near by. All the muskies 46" and larger

were taken by trolling large deep-diving crankbaits such as the 16" Basin Bait, 18" Wish Master, and the 16" Uko.

There were several days with mixed snow flurries and September 30 greeted us with a couple of inches of snow in the boat. The up-side of the cold weather was the warm hospitality of Paul and Chris, owners of Muskie Bay Resort. They were very accommodating with great dinners served at 9 each night, allowing the group to stay out past 8 pm and get in a bit of night fishing (after a long day of fishing). As always, the meals were excellent with the quantities being on the excessively large side. The group extends a big thank you to our hosts.

If you would like information on ice fishing for trout this winter, you can reach them at 807-484-2332. They are open year round.



### Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Mr. Frank Schneider

Dear Frank,

On behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, I would like to thank the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc. for its donation to our muskie stocking program. As requested, we will use these funds to purchase forage for our muskie rearing ponds.

Muskies Inc. has played a major role in making Minnesota the top muskie fishing destination in the United States. I greatly appreciate the dedication of your organization and look forward to continuing our productive partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald D. Payer".

Ronald D. Payer, Director  
Division of Fisheries



*Above: Snow greeted the sixteen chapter members on the chapter-sponsored fishing trip to Crow Lake in Ontario late one September morning. Below: Paul Hartman caught this 48-1/2" fish on a 16-inch Basin Bait trolling deeper Crow Lake water.*



*The chapter donated \$3,000 – primarily from our Project and Rearing Fund – to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The money was given during the Awards Ceremony of our International Muskie Tournament. An additional \$7,000 from the Project and Rearing Fund will be used to purchase fingerlings that will be stocked in White Bear Lake this fall.*

## Members Only

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Weaver Lake and a 46" and 43" from Lake Minnetonka. Tony Sommerfeld released 3 fish in Lake Minnetonka and one fish on Grindstone Lake in Wisconsin. Also fishing Lake Minnetonka was Duff Thury, who released a 35".

Late August releases include a 43" by Lois Harvey on Lake of the Woods, a 37" by Dennis Heath on Mille Lacs and a 42" by Jake Heath also on Mille Lacs. Steven Parker released 4 fish on Lac Seul – 39", 45", 46" and 47" – and a 45" on Vermilion.

### MEMBERS ONLY STANDINGS: (AS OF 10/15/2003)

#### JUNIOR'S DIVISION

- 1 Evan Nicolai – 4 fish – 63 points
- 2 Gary Wolff – 1 fish – 15 points
- 3 James Hedensten – 1 fish – 8 points

#### WOMEN'S DIVISION

- 1 Lois Harvey – 6 fish – 96 points
- 2 Terrie DuBe' – 3 fish – 39 points
- 3 Linda Knutson – 2 fish – 36 points
- 4 Elaine Randolph – 1 fish – 18 points
- 5 Pamela Carroll – 2 fish – 15 points
- 6 Dianne Dahl – 1 fish – 12 points  
Wendy Hedensten – 1 fish – 12 points
- 8 Liz Sewald – 1 fish – 5 points

#### MEN'S DIVISION

- 1 Jeff Melton – 21 fish – 292 points
- 2 Brent Hirsch – 17 fish - 236 points
- 3 Bob Culbertson – 19 fish – 208 points
- 4 Matt Olson – 19 fish – 176 points
- 5 Duff Thury – 14 fish – 172 points

- 6 Jim Doyle – 13 fish – 163 points
- 7 Kevin Clouse – 10 fish – 135 points
- 8 Jake Heath – 8 fish – 129 points
- 9 David Gustafson – 8 fish – 100 points

#### MASTER'S DIVISION

- 1 Mark Sewald – 19 fish – 261 points
- 2 Tony Sommerfeld – 20 fish – 205 points
- 3 Brian Hanson – 9 fish – 165 points
- 4 Kurt Hostager – 9 fish – 111 points
- 5 Carol Heath – 6 fish – 82 points
- 6 Mark Fredrick – 4 fish – 75 points
- 7 Chris Swentkofske – 6 fish – 72 points
- 8 Sharon Swentkofske – 1 fish – 11 points
- 9 Cindy Hegdahl – 2 fish – 10 points

#### HYBRID DIVISION – (MINIMUM LENGTH FOR CONTEST IS 45")

No entries

#### RELEASE OF THE MONTH

- May John Newman, Jr. – 49" – Cave Run Reservoir – May 18
- June Chris Mueller – 52.5" – Lake of the Woods – June 23
- July George Wahl – 52" – Lake of the Woods – July 19  
Richard Wolff – 52" – Mille Lacs – July 31
- August David Nicolai – 55.5" – Leech Lake – August 9
- Sept unofficial – Patrick Cotter – 53" – Leech Lake – Sept 20
- Oct unofficial – Steve Proskin – 50" – Minnetonka – Oct 8

*Reporting all fish, big and small*

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## Red Wing Outing

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meal of burgers and potato salad and of course Betty's famous pie for dessert!!!! Each person received a door prize and Larry Proskin won a rod and reel. (The rod and reel went to the first person catching a fish and guess who?!! – the guy who never catches a fish!!!)

Mike gave away a free trip for one guest during the outing and it was won by Mary Villnow. Congrats Mary. We were not sure Mary and Paul were going to make it but fishing won out and they were there Saturday night!!!

And of course, you have not lived till you have seen the Northern Lights from a Canadian dock!!!! We had two of the most beautiful nights watching those lights dance across the skies. It is like watching the fireworks on the 4th of July!!!

Here is the breakdown of who and how many fish were caught. Chris Johnson – 44, 41, 36, 36, 33, 33; Julie Johnson – 39, 34; Matt Hotchkiss – 43, 39, 33, 31; Dave Hotchkiss – 42, 40, 36, 32; Don Kretzman – 36, 35, 33; Shane Kadrlík – 49, 40; Dave Stanoch – 54; Terrie DuBe' – 40.5; Larry Proskin – 40; Tom Kenefick – 39; Pat Miller – 33; John VanIngen – 32.

OK everyone, as you can see MUCH FUN was had by all. Dates for next year's outing will be August 14th thru the 21st, 2004. A deposit of \$50.00 will be needed by March of 2004 to reserve your spot. For more info contact Terrie DuBe' at 763-786-9656 or see me at a meeting.

A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO MIKE, ANNE, AND BETTY for all their wonderful hospitality and a wonderful week of fishing at RED WING LODGE, MORSON, ONTARIO.

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## NOVEMBER 11

General Meeting.  
Speaker Josh Borovosky

## DECEMBER 9

General Meeting.  
General Election of Board members

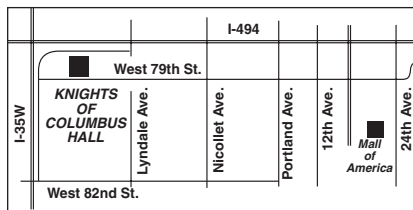
## JANUARY 13

General Meeting.

## FEBRUARY 10

General Meeting.

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