



# On the Water

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Two young muskie fishermen who visited the Twin Cities chapter booth at the St. Paul Sportshow. The "sportshow fish" (inset) attracted much attention, especially from kids. More about the St. Paul Sportshow inside.

## Minnesota Muskie Expo March 12-13-14

Make plans now to attend the Muskie Expo March 12-13-14 at the National Sports Center in Blaine. This three-day event is devoted exclusively to the muskie. The Expo is open from 2 to 9 pm Friday, Saturday from 10 to 7, and on Sunday from 10 to 4.

There will be over 100 muskie-related exhibitors including lure manufacturers, guides, resorts, and retailers and boat dealers with show specials. All three days will feature seminars by top muskie pros. Terry Trane from KQRS radio will be on hand Friday evening.

Hospitality House will again sponsor a large "Kids Midway" area. Kids 12 and under are free, so bring the whole family. Adult entry for the Expo is \$8, a three-day pass is \$15.

The Twin Cities chapter will be hosting a booth at the Expo. If you want to see the Expo for free and get in some time "talking muskies", consider signing up to man our chapter booth. Contact Brad Coyne (612-724-6697) to volunteer your time during the three days.

See you there!

## Chapter Plans for Summer Fishing Trips

Each season the Twin Cities chapter plans a number of muskie fishing trips for chapter members. These trips have become an annual event for those who participate. There is room on all the trips, but they usually fill up fast. Make your summer plans early.

### WINNIPEG RIVER, ONTARIO

The trip to the Winnipeg River is scheduled for July 11 through 18 headquartered at Paradise Cove Resort. This resort, located in a sheltered bay, is a good drive-to destination. The staff is helpful and friendly. The cabins are clean. The water is everything you could ask for. Large fish roam these waters. Ask those who have been there why they keep going back.

The cost is \$180.00, with a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit required. There is room for up to 20 anglers and preference will be given to former attendees. Make reservations with Paul Hartman (651-488-9017).

### RED WING LODGE, LAKE OF THE WOODS

The annual outing to Red Wing Lodge, co-hosted with the North Metro chapter, is scheduled for August 14 through 21. That this water is so variable on fish location – they can be found on rocks, cabbage, muck, sand, boulders and rice. If you fish it they will come.

When you stay at Red Wing, it's like visiting family. The Bartletts will do their best to see that your stay is enjoyable.

This trip is well worth the effort to attend. The cost is \$180.00 US with a non-refundable \$50.00 deposit required. If you would like to attend, make your reservations with Mark Chatelle, North Metro Chapter (952-544-6466).

### CROW LAKE, ONTARIO

A trip to Musky Bay Resort on Crow Lake in Ontario at the end of September/early October is also in the works, but dates have not yet been finalized. Some very large fish have been taken from Crow Lake this time of the year. Those who have gone on this trip in the past had a great time. For more information, call Paul Hartman (651-488-9017).

# From Our President

*I would like to draw your attention to an article in this issue of On the Water authored by Ron Groeschl of the Milwaukee Chapter. Ron's article outlines some of the function and structure of the International and may be insightful for those unfamiliar with it.*

*If you are an aspiring writer or if you just have a story or idea you believe would be worth sharing, send it in to Denise Olson. She will do what she can to get it into our monthly newsletter. The easiest way to do it is to create a Word document and attach it to an email to Denise at [olson@3pete.com](mailto:olson@3pete.com). We are always interested in a good story.*

*I would like to thank Stu McIntosh and Dianne Dahl for volunteering to be Co-Directors of the 2004 Frank Schnieder International Muskie tournament. This is a big job and help is always needed and appreciated. If you are so inclined join them on the tournament committee and get a first hand look at what it takes to get the job done.*

*Another big event coming up is our annual Winter Picnic. There will be fun and games and prizes along with the banquet and Members Only Contest awards. The date for it is February 21st and it will be held at the K of C hall in the same room that our general meetings are held. For tickets and other details see Patti Slack at our next meeting.*

*While my boat is in hibernation and my fishing gear is stowed away waiting for open water my wife, Darlene, suggested that I use this time for The Honey-Do List. This list doesn't receive much attention during the open water season and she is very understanding in this regard. It's a great time to score some points and reduce the list so when the open water comes, I'm free to indulge myself in the more important things in life. Well, got to get to work. Talk to ya later.*

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

***Joe DeMars***

## Financial Report

By Muskies, Inc. bylaw definition, each individual chapter must be self-sustaining. Yearly membership dues go to the international organization not to our chapter.

Treasurer Steve Hedensten shared 2003 General Fund financial statistics:

Beginning balance	\$17,285.05
Ending balance	\$12,452.58
Total deposits	\$32,223.35
Total expenses	\$37,055.82

A total of \$9,221.00 was spent on the muskie resource, including funding DNR rearing pond forage, White Bear Lake dock improvement, White Bear Lake stocking, Five Mile Point land purchase, and youth-related projects.

Money to fund chapter operations comes from our tournament, welcome table raffles at monthly meetings, and donations to the club from the Muskie Expo. Chapter expenses include our Vets Home Opener, Capable Partners outing, Kids outings, and printing and mailing the newsletter.

Any questions about the chapter's finances should be directed to Steve Hedensten (651-765-2493).

## International Defined

*Editor's Note: Information taken from article by Ron Groeschl*

The following outline describes the International organization of Muskies, Inc. – a group of volunteers who are all committed musky “fisher persons” concerned about what we can contribute to the fishery and our families.

Each chapter elects a Regional Vice President (RVP), their representative to the International Board of Directors. At Large Director positions are elected by the entire organization membership.

The Executive Committee comprises six members who each oversee a number of committees.

### President – Perry Smith

- Political Advisor: advise the International Board of Directors and chapter officers of the legal and tax implications of proposed actions in the political area.
- Strategic Planning Committee: will construct a strategic plan for Muskies Inc. describing what we are trying to accomplish and how we will go about it. The plan will be

updated annually and encompasses financial goals, structure goals, membership goals and marketing goals.

- Corporate Partnership Committee: pursue financial partnerships with major corporations in an effort to develop a financial base that will strengthen the organization and allow for growth and improvement in the purposes of Muskies, Inc.
- Board Meeting Committee: solicit and evaluate bids from chapters for hosting the semi-annual International Board Meetings of Muskies, Inc.

### Vice President-Finance – Tom Robbins

- Finance Committee: advise the International Board of Directors regarding fiscal matters including preparing a financial plan, preparing an annual budget, reviewing budgets of other committees, reviewing salaries of employees, reviewing tax and legal requirements relative to operations and fund raising efforts, and collecting and processing all monies for insurance payments, tax preparations, chapter accounting audits etc.

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# Muskies Inc. at the 2004 St. Paul Sportshow

from Juris Ozols

By the time I showed up at 3pm on Saturday, Mark Sewald had already been manning our Twin Cities Muskies booth by himself since the opening bell. And he did look a bit peaked. But Mark had already talked to dozens and dozens of people, answered a bunch of questions, and signed up a bunch of new members. He stayed around for a while to get me started, and then I manned our booth until closing. It was fun stuff, really was. A lot of people came by and visited for a bit.

I got to talk with a chap who, as it turned out, also fishes Lake Waconia. He told me about the big one he caught on my favorite weedline. I told him about mine. He told me about an even bigger fish, a different place on the lake. You can bet I'll be after that one next year.

I got to talk to a fellow who had also fished Dryberry. Believe me, we resonated!

I got to see any number of kids come over and stare wide-eyed at our desk Muskie. A couple of them gingerly touched the teeth in the fish's mouth, their own mouths wide open too. I explained to them – really to their moms and dads – about how this wasn't a fish, it was plastic. The real fish was back in the lake, bigger now than the first it got caught. And if they wanted to, I knew just where they could go to catch it again.

I got to show some of the ladies that stopped by a preview of our February issue of *MUSKIE* magazine – the "Women's Issue." In talking to them it became obvious that some of those gals knew a lot more about muskies than I did, although hopefully I managed to hide that fact.

I got a chance to talk to Tim and Libby, and found out all about the latest doings of the Hoenes. Plus several of our own chapter members and a couple from the North Metro also stopped by, and it was sure nice to see their smiling faces.

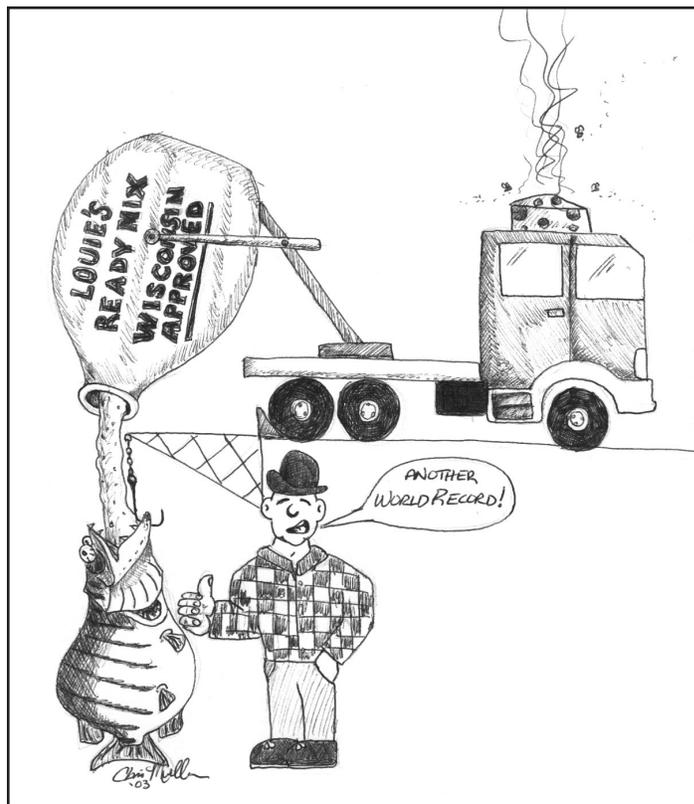
And I got to pass out various pieces of literature, hats,

newsletters, and even managed to give away my last MI 2004 calendar away to a fellow that signed up as a member.

So it really was a fun day, even if a bit tiring toward the end. But I signed up eight or ten new members myself, too, which made for a satisfying day.

Have you ever done it, manned the booth? This was my third time, and I look forward to it again. I forgot to mention, but a fringe benefit is that you get in for free, and get to wander around the Sportshow yourself to see all the new things and old friends.

Next year? Well, I'll take a turn in the booth again, and I recommend it to you too. Get a friend, and share the duty and time. It's a great way to spend a "Muskie Day" when the snow is flying outside and the water is frozen!



*Don't forget the February 21st Winter Picnic/Awards Banquet at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bloomington. Enjoy our own "muskie-version" games of Black-Jack, Wheel of Lures and Bingo. Our chapter's Members Only and Kids Only Contest winners will be honored and the chapter MUSKIE award will be conferred. Cost is \$12.00 per person. You MUST contact Patti Slack before February 10th (952/808-1469) to reserve your ticket.*

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## **International Organization** *continued*

- Gil Hamm Memorial Committee: manages the Gill Hamm Memorial Fund program and funds available from investments.
- Kermit Benson Scholarship Committee: develop a scholarship program to support the education of members' dependents.
- Merchandise/Online Store: maintain a quality and appropriate line of merchandise for sale to members.
- Fund Raising Committee: supplement the International treasury in amounts needed to maintain and expand the stated goal of Muskies, Inc., including the raffle at Spring International meetings, commemorative lure program, Fig Rig Rod program, and calendar fund raising program. Advises chapters of potential fund raising activities.

## **Vice President-Research – Bill Barkley**

- Habitat Improvement/Fisheries Committee: conserve, protect and restore North America's muskie fisheries. Goal is habitat preservation – assist fishery organizations in developing self-sustaining fisheries, developing alliances and partnerships with other organizations, distribution of funds such as the Gander Mountain Partnership.
- Research Committee: seek out, evaluate and recommend research programs involved in the muskie fishery for support by Muskies Inc.
- Muskies, Inc. History Committee: develop and maintain a history of Muskies, Inc. and its chapters.

## **Vice President-Membership – Greg Wells**

- Membership & Marketing Committee: promote awareness of Muskies, Inc., increase membership, and provide leadership to chapters to improve membership growth.
- Life Membership Committee: maintain an active and up-to-date Life Membership listing
- New Chapters Committee: seek out and develop chapters in areas that can support good chapter growth, act as mentor to new chapters.
- MI Hall of Fame Committee: present worthy individual's names to the Executive Committee for approval of induction into the Muskies, Inc. Hall of Fame.
- Youth Committee: coordinate a youth program for Muskies Inc. by producing a quality Youth Fishing booklet promote the future of the muskies fishery through youth activities and education, assisting in providing guidelines and suggestions for a broad scope of youth activities, assisting the International Board and local chapters in providing a quality program for young members, developing corporate sponsorships/relationships, and developing website listings of youth programs/websites/fishing days/DNR promotional materials.
- Big Brothers Committee: provide the chapters with a "go to person" trained to deal with chapter problems and mentor the chapter in a positive manner.

- Leadership Training Committee: seek out members with leadership potential and develop those qualities to assure a continuation of sound leadership of Muskies, Inc. and its chapters.

## **Vice President-Communications – Bob Osborne**

- Editorial & Advertising Committee: achieve a high level of support for Muskies, Inc. through advertising in the pages of "MUSKIE" Magazine, thus reducing the reliance on the overall budget to support the magazine.
- Photo Contest Committee: seek photos for possible publication in the "MUSKIE" Magazine, conduct annual contest for members, and recognize worthy and interesting photos.
- Website Committee: provide muskie information for both members and non-members using the Internet including www.muskiesinc.com website, membership database and its associated programs and reports, and the "Lunge Log" and its associated programs and reports.
- Non-Members Release Committee: develop and maintain a program to reward non-members for the release of legal muskies with the intent of recruiting new members.
- Members Only Fishing Contest: maintain records and provide information to the membership regarding fish submitted for recognition, and to acquire and dispense awards to those achieving honors.

## **Vice President-Internal Affairs – Paul Framsted**

- Insurance Committee: acquire cost-effective insurance for Muskies, Inc. including general insurance, tournament insurance, guide for a day insurance and outing insurance.
- Tournaments Committee: establish rules and procedures to guide the chapters in running fund raising tournaments that are consistent with the policies and principles of Muskies, Inc.
- Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge: establish and update guidelines for this annual "challenge outing" consistent with the policies and principles of Muskies, Inc., and assisting hosting chapters.
- Bylaws & Policy Committee: maintain and, as needed, modify the By-Laws and Polices in the best interest of Muskies, Inc. and create and maintain a current document.
- Nominations/Elections Committee: receive and publish ballots for "Directors At Large" elections to the International Board and conduct the annual elections for At Large Directors and officers of Muskies, Inc.
- Secretary: handles all duties involving memberships, dues, renewals, commemorative lures, Know the Difference posters, supplies, and minutes from the International Board Meetings.

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# calendar of events

*Muskies Inc. Twin Cities Chapter General Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 West 79th Street, Bloomington, MN (just off I-494 & Lyndale Ave.) at 7:00 pm.*

**FEBRUARY 10**  
General Meeting. Jeff Woodruff speaker.

**FEBRUARY 21**  
Winter Picnic/Awards Banquet

**MARCH 9**  
General Meeting.

**MARCH 12, 13, 14**  
Minnesota Muskie Expo. National Sports Center, Blaine, MN.

**Join Us For Chapter Fishing Trips!**

July 11-18 – Winnipeg River, Ontario

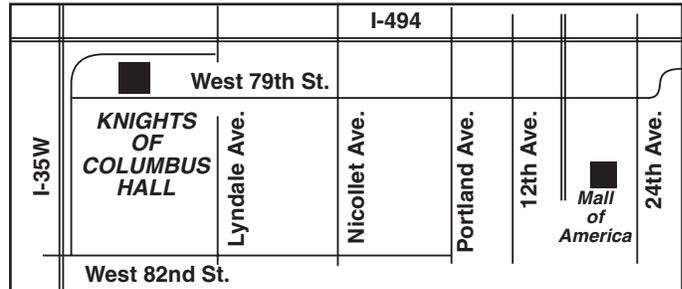
August 14-21 – Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods

**TWIN CITIES CHAPTER MEETINGS HELD AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL IN BLOOMINGTON**

The Knights of Columbus Hall in Bloomington is located just south of I-494 on West 79th Street just off Lyndale Avenue South.

To get there from I-494, exit at Lyndale Ave., turn south to the first light (W. 79th St.) and turn west (right). The KC Hall is about three blocks on the right side.

From I-35W you can exit at 82nd St., follow the east frontage road to 79th St. and turn east (right). The KC Hall is on the left. Or take 82nd St. east to Lyndale, turn north (left), go to the first light at 79th St. Turn west (left) and proceed to the hall.



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**FEBRUARY 10**  
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