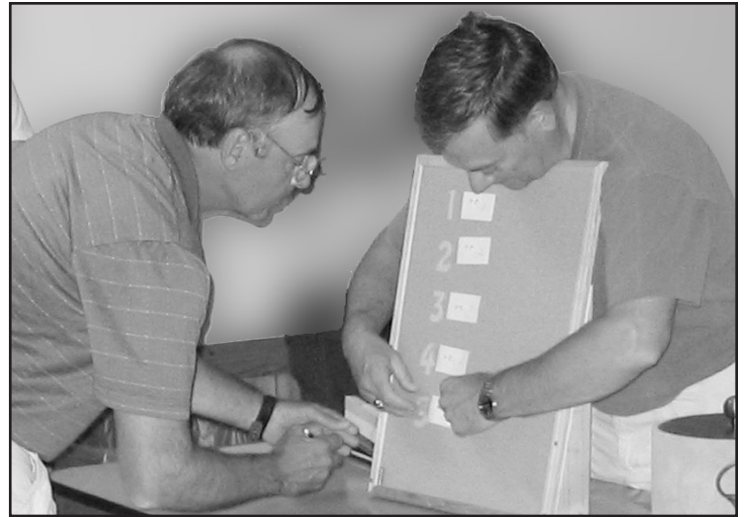
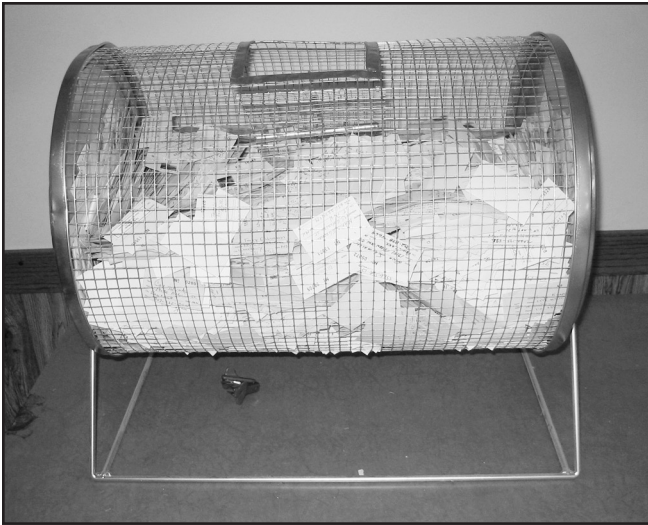




# On the Water

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## Project and Rearing Fund Raffle

It's now history! The 2005 Rearing Fund Raffle officially ended Tuesday, July 12th following the final collection of the ticket sales money and the prize drawings.

How did the Twin Cities Chapter do? When we started this journey back in March, John Newman, our committee chairperson, established a goal of \$12,500. That would allow us to stock 500 Muskies into White Bear Lake. Thanks to the hard work of all of our members who supported the fundraiser, we raised over \$14,500, exceeding our goal by over \$2,000.

There are so many people that need to be thanked. All of the members who sold their tickets, our top ten sellers who represented over 30% of our total dollars raised, the Rearing Fund Committee – Bob Culbertson, Greg Ide, Brad Coyne, Joe DeMars, Eric Schultz, Bob Junghans – and especially the committee chairperson, John Newman. John's leadership and drive kept the momentum going throughout the entire effort. We also want to thank all of our sponsors who donated prizes for our efforts.

A list of all the winners and sponsors next month will be published next month. Thanks again, for all of your support.

**IMPORTANT:** If you did not sell all your tickets for the fund raising effort, **ALL** unsold tickets **MUST** be returned. Minnesota State Law requires that each non-sold ticket is returned and accounted for.

Mail all unsold tickets to: John Newman, 1031 S Howell Street, St. Paul, MN 55116. *Thanks for your help.*

*Scenes from the Project and Rearing Fund Raffle on Tuesday, July 12. Left: All the raffle ticket stubs waiting to have the winner's name drawn. Right: Chairperson John Newman, left, and committee member, Bob Culbertson, post the winners of the drawing before they were announced.*

### DON'T FORGET

**THE AUGUST 9 MEETING WILL BE OUR ANNUAL POT LUCK SUMMER PICNIC AT MINNEHAHA FALLS PARK.**

*Burgers, brats, buns and pop will be provided. Everyone should bring a dish to share. This is an enjoyable night for the whole family, so bring the kids. Everyone is invited to share fishing stories, some great fishing spots and good fun. If you have questions, call Shawn Kellett at 952-380-1218.*

## *From Our President SHAWN KELLETT*

All right, who forgot to pay the air conditioning bill?????

I hope it cools down for our annual picnic. It'll be held at the Minnehaha park (same place as last year) at 6 pm August 9th. The chapter will provide burgers, brats and pop. Show up with a side dish or a dessert to share, as well as any fish pictures and stories.

I want to throw out a WAY TO GO to the people on the project and rearing fund raffle committee and special thanks to their leader John Newman. Preliminary results are that we netted approximately \$14,000. I think that all the members who participated in selling and buying tickets should give themselves a pat on the back as well. We have big plans for this money.

Just the other day I had a conversation with the Minnesota Muskie Farm. I informed them that we had approximately \$20,000 for stocking this year. Let me tell you, his ears perked up and seemed VERY motivated to get fish for us this year. He informed me that he has a pond he "forgot about" that has fish that survived the winter. I told him to put our name on them for White Bear this fall.

I also spoke to him about the future stocking efforts of this club. It's my vision that we either get back into the rearing business or find someone to partner with to rear the fish for us. I'm of the opinion that it's easier to pay a professional for a job than find volunteers when possible. Rob from the MN Muskie Farm seemed very receptive to working with us in the future to rear fish specifically for us. This would mean he's open to holding fish over the winter so we can stock 18+-inch fish yearly or every other year. If we were to enter such an arrangement, we would need to produce the spectacular results from our raffle committee on a yearly basis. I have faith in the membership of our club that we can do this.

What could this do for us on the large scale? It's my belief that if we can show the DNR that we can provide a steady supply of fish, they may be more receptive to letting us start new lakes. From what I've gathered, in the past, our club would start a lake and over time the DNR would pick it up when it was apparent muskies were a good fit.

One other thing I want to touch on. Pay close attention to the water temperatures of the lakes you fish in the summer. We've been seeing many lakes with surface temps in the mid-80 degree mark. Releasing fish when the water is this warm is VERY difficult and hard on the fish. When the water is this warm, DO NOT take the fish out of the water during the release or for photos! The dissolved oxygen drops very low in warm water which makes it very difficult for fish to "catch their breath". It's also detrimental to be fishing deep, cool water and bringing the fish up to these warm surface temps.

I bring this up because I've seen more dead fish floating on Minnetonka this year than I've seen in the last 3 years combined. I've also been hearing of people who are trolling deep and are not having successful releases. Ask yourself: are the conditions such that being able to practice successful catch and release possible? If it's not, go to a body of water where it will be. The fish will still be there in the fall, next spring, next summer, the summer after that and so on if we all approach fishing that way.

## **2005 International Muskie Tournament**

Our chapter's 38th Annual Frank Schneider, Jr. International Muskie Tournament will take place September 9th, 10th, and 11th. Twenty-one lakes in the area will be open to fishing. We welcome Pure Fishing as a sponsor this year. Their line of products include Fenwick, Abu-Garcia, Berkley and Spiderwire. You will notice their sponsorship in the prizes for top place finishers and the door prizes.

The Grand Prize this year is a Ranger 618T Fisherman, with a 90 hp Mercury motor. Any contestant who catches and registers a muskie during the tournament is eligible for the grand prize drawing held at the Sunday Banquet and Awards Ceremony in Walker City Park. The Sunday event also includes a great roast pork meal and door prize drawing with lots and lots of prizes. Anyone who witnesses a fish can enter a separate witness prize drawing.

Tickets will go on sale at Thorne Bros. and Joe's Sporting Goods starting August 1st. You can also purchase them at Reed's in Walker and Baxter/Brainerd and at Jerry's One Stop in Longville. Individual adult tickets are \$70.00, juniors \$30.00.

You do not have to be part of a "team" to fish this tournament. There are no judge boats. However, every fish entered must be witnessed, and the witness must sign the registration form. A picture of the fish is also required for verification.

Prizes are awarded on a point system similar to our Members Only contest and include rods and reels, fishing tackle, and a ton of other fishing stuff. First place winner will receive a trip to Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods. Prizes are given to the top 10 adult anglers and the top three juniors. Top prizes also include stays at Loe's Resort, Huddle's Resort, Spirit of the North Resort, and New Leech Lake Campground on Leech Lake; Sunset Cove Resort or Sah-Kay-Tay Resort on Cass Lake; Vermilion Dam Lodge on Lake Vermilion; or Maple Beach Resort on Big Lake. The person who enters the biggest fish will get a graphite replica of the fish from FiberTech

New to the tournament this year is the Mary Villnow Memorial Award. A total of \$1000

**Tournament** *continued on page 3*

# Members Only Contest

Elaine Randolph, Contest Chair

As of July 15, 37 Twin Cities Chapter members have entered 103 fish ranging from 30" to 52". In 2004, 27 members had released 70 fish, and in 2003, 31 members had entered 103 fish. Because I don't enter all the fish, I didn't think are numbers were this high.

Andrew Olsen released his very first muskie – 47" – on Lake of the Woods on June 18. What a great way to start!

Pete Moller released 8 muskies in June – 7 on Waconia and 1 on Mille Lacs. Tony Sommerfeld released 2 fish on Minnetonka and 3 in Canada in June. Brent Hirsch went to the Winnipeg River in June and released 7 muskies – the longest was 52". A PINK and yellow jig and lizard had to be John Olson's favorite bait on LOW because he caught 2 fish – 45" and 47". Todd Doebler has released three fish on Calhoun in July – 51", 42" and 41".

Greg and I don't do much trolling so when I won a Slammer at the Winter Picnic I traded it for 2 baits that Matt Olson had won. On July 8, Matt took Wendy Hedensten fishing on Cass Lake where she released a 36" muskie using that Slammer. Now who owns that Slammer?

## STANDINGS: (AS OF 7/15/2005)

### JUNIOR'S DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE – J. T. Doebler – 1 fish – 10 points
- 2ND PLACE – Andrea Doebler – 1 fish – 5 points
- 3RD PLACE – Samantha Doebler – 1 fish – 4 points

### WOMEN'S DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE – Carole Janik – 2 fish – 24 points
- 2ND PLACE – Amy Orr – 1 fish – 14 points
- 3RD PLACE – Wendy Hedensten – 1 fish – 10 points

### MEN'S DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE – Adam Greengard – 13 fish – 158 points
- 2ND PLACE – Shawn Kellett – 8 fish – 113 points
- 3RD PLACE – Brent Hirsch – 7 fish – 111 points
- 4TH PLACE – Pete Moller – 8 fish – 89 points
- 5TH PLACE – Bob Culbertson – 7 fish – 87 points

### MASTER'S DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE – Adam Walsh – 8 fish – 51 points
- 2ND PLACE – Tony Sommerfeld – 5 fish – 44 points
- 3RD PLACE – Kurt Hostager – 3 fish – 40 points
- 4TH PLACE – Jim Doyle – 1 fish – 5 points

### HYBRID DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE – Kurt Hostager – 47" – Lake Elmo – June 15

### RELEASE OF THE MONTH

- MAY – official – no entries greater than 45"
- JUNE – unofficial – Brent Hirsch – 51" – Winnipeg River – June 29
- JULY – unofficial – Todd Doebler – 51" – Lake Calhoun – July 6

Remember, entry forms must be entered or postmarked within 30 days of the catch. Several fish have been disqualified over the years. Don't let it happen to you!

Enter your fish yourself at the Muskies Inc. website or mail your entry to:

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1039 Wedgewood Lane North  
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## Tournament *from page 2*

cash will be awarded to the top three female anglers – including juniors – registering a fish. Mary's husband, Paul, developed this award not only to honor his wife who was an avid musky angler, but also to encourage female anglers in the sport of muskie fishing.

Abu-Garcia and Lindy-M/G-Beckman are each giving awards of up to \$1000 for top muskies caught using their products. Details will be in each tournament packet.

Even if you don't make it to the top 10 places, you will still have a chance to win a great resort

stay at Nielsen's Fly-In Lodge, Rowan Lake, Ontario or Trail's End Lodge, Clearwater/ Pipestone, Ontario in the new Tournament Raffle. Tickets will be on sale only at the tournament and only 1000 tickets will be sold, so your chances of winning a great resort stay are 1/1000 or better. Other prizes include a MinnKota trolling motor, MarCum Technologies fish finder, Basin bait, Big Woody bait, Phantom lures and TrueGlide baits.

Participating in the tournament is an excellent way to support our chapter and get in a lot of muskie fishing. We hope to see you there. It is always a great time.

**In order to make this year's tournament a success, the committee needs the help of at least 20 more people on Sunday. Please call chairpersons Stu McIntosh and Dianne Dahl at 651-699-9817 to volunteer.**

- Pick up registration forms from registration stations at 10:30 and promptly deliver to Tournament Headquarters (one person for each registration station).
- Set up at Walker City Park Sunday morning
- Set up Leader Board and maintain standings
- Deliver film from top winners to be developed and pick up when ready
- Man table selling tournament raffle tickets and merchandise
- Collect drawing stubs for door prize drawing and hand out packets
- Collect and sell meal tickets
- Help keep garbage cans emptied
- Help clean up park at end of day



# — this 'n that —

## Muskie Tales

Now that the fishing season has actually started, remember that if you have an unusual, hard-luck, or entertaining "muskie tale," send or tell it to Jim Kroupa. He will be at the welcome table. Or you can call 952-474-5967 or email to [jkroupa@ties2.net](mailto:jkroupa@ties2.net).

## Chapter Fishing Trip to Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods

Join MIers from our chapter and the North Metro chapter for a great week of fishing at Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods and experience great fishing, beautiful scenery, and great

hospitality. The outing is August 20-27th. Chapter member Scott Crawford will be at the outing with his boat, but needs someone to fish with during the week. If you have the time, but no boat, and want to join the trip, call Scott at 612-708-3063. This is always a great week of fishing and fun!!

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# upcoming chapter 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.*

## **AUGUST 9**

Annual Picnic – Minnehaha Falls Park

## **AUGUST 20-27**

Chapter Trip - Red Wing Lodge.

## **SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11**

38th Annual Frank Schneider, Jr. International Fishing Tournament.

## **SEPTEMBER 13**

General Meeting.

## **OCTOBER 11**

General Meeting.

## **Tournament Help**

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## **Keep In Touch**

Visit [www.caringbridge.org/visit/frankschneider](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/frankschneider) to find out about how Frank Schneider is doing and leave messages for him and his family.

## **TC Chapter to Host International Meeting**

The Twin Cities Chapter will be hosting the Muskies Inc. International Board Meeting scheduled for April 2006. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, contact Greg and Elaine Randolph 651-452-1209. They meet monthly on the third Tuesday at the Bloomington Knights of Columbus.

## **Bring Your Sales Receipts to Meetings**

Save your receipts from Joe's Sporting Goods, Thorne Bros. Custom Rod & Tackle, or Reed's Sporting Goods. Bring them to the General Meeting and you'll get one free entry in the rod and reel drawing per receipt. Receipts must be dated within 30 days of the meeting.

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ANNUAL PICNIC  
MINNEHAHA FALLS  
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