



On the Water

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St. Paul Sports Show

Volunteer to help our chapter at the St. Paul Sports Show, held January 12-16, 2005. Our chapter will have a booth at the show and we need volunteers to man the booth each day during the show. This is the only opportunity our chapter has to showcase our organization. The North Metro chapter is the Muskies Inc. representative at the Minneapolis show.

Generally, sports show hours are from 10 am to 10 pm. Shifts are approximately from 10 to 4 or 4 to 10. Daytime hours are hardest to fill. Consider playing hooky from work for a day to meet interesting people and, yes, talk fishing the whole time. Anyone helping at the booth will get a free exhibitors pass to see the entire show.

At press time, there were only two volunteers for the duration of the show and a minimum of ten people are needed. Brad Coyne will be heading up the show booth for us again this year. Contact him at 952-884-2268 or booya626@yahoo.com to volunteer. See the rest of the show for free!!!

Members Only Contest

ALL ENTRIES DUE ON JANUARY 6, 2005

The 2004 Members Only contest ends on December 31 and ALL entries must be postmarked by January 6, 2005. Everything must be entered on the web and the winners names turned in to the international chairman by January 10. No exceptions! Time is short! The Winter Picnic/Awards Ceremony with our chapter's awards is February 19!

I am sure by now everyone has seen the picture or at least heard about the big fish Paul Hartman released on Mille Lacs on November 20. The first one was 53.5" with a 26.5" girth and the second was 54" with a 27" girth. These fish are beautiful! Chris Swentkofske was fishing with Paul and released a 50.5" with a 25" girth. These fish were caught and released within three hours.

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Three fish caught within three hours of each other on Mille Lacs, November 20. Top: Paul Hartman's 54"; middle: his first fish, a 53.5"; and bottom: a 50.5" caught buy Chris Swentkofske.

From Our President

Put another fishing season in the books, it's time to start a new year. I hope you all met some or all of your fishing and personal goals in 2004. There were some very nice fish caught in 2004, even with the strange weather patterns we experienced throughout the summer.

2004 also signified the last year that Joe Demars served us as President of our chapter. Joe put in 3 years of hard work serving us and I think we all should thank him (and his wife) for his gift of leadership he gave us. He will continue to serve on our Executive Board for the upcoming 2005 season as well. Thanks for your hard work Joe.

Since Joe is gone, who's the new guy taking his place? My name is Shawn Kellett and I've been fishing for muskies in one degree or another since I was 8. I've been a member of Muskies Inc for about 4-5 years now. Last year I served as the VP in order to learn more about how the chapter works and find out what I was getting myself into.

One of the things I'd like to see accomplished during my presidency is to see some additional Minnesota lakes receiving muskies. There is a glaring need to add lakes in the south and west part of the state. I've spoken with some DNR officials and a plan has been begun to accomplish this goal. More to come later on this.

Another goal I have it to get more people involved in the chapter. We have a membership of around 600 people, but only typically see around 50 or so at our meetings. I have some ideas, but am open to any suggestions. If you are a member and there's something that keeps you from joining us the second Tuesday of every month, I'd love to know so we can get it corrected. Feel free to email me at windgods@msn.com or give me call at 952-380-1218.

Before I finish, I wanted to remind everyone to get their Winter Picnic tickets. This is always a great time and it's a great opportunity to win some new baits to add to your tackle box. Talk to Patti Slack at the next meeting or get a hold of her to reserve your seat.

Think spring!!!

Shawn Kellett, President



Cindy Hegdahl sent this picture of the 55 inch muskie she caught in October on Lake Bemidji. It is the longest release turned in to our chapter so far this year.

Winter Picnic and Awards Banquet is February 19

Our chapter's annual Winter Picnic and Awards Banquet is just around the corner. This event will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2005, at the Knights of Columbus Hall (lower level), 1117 W. 79th St, Bloomington, MN 55420. Games start at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm.

Again this year, there will be a variety of "muskie version" games of chance and raffle packages for everyone to try. Be sure to bring your kids as there will be areas geared toward them. All entrants in the Kids Only Contest will be honored, as well as the winners of the Members Only Contest. The recipient of the chapter's the Muskie Award for this year will also be announced.

Anyone who joins us on February 19 will have a GREAT time. Tickets will be available at our January meeting or you can contact Patti Slack at 952-808-1469 to make your reservations. **TICKETS MUST BE RESERVED BY FEBURARY 8.** Tickets are \$12.00 per person. Hope to see you all there!!!!

Bring Your Receipts

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.

Muskie Award for 2004

A very special award – Twin Cities Chapter Muskie Award – is presented every year at the Winter Picnic. This distinctive honor is conferred upon a most deserving member, who has constantly 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 January 11, 2005 and 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.

Since 1974 winners include Gil Hamm, 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, Juris Ozols, Tom Glander, John Olson and Larry Proskin

Nominations can be sent to Elaine Randolph, 1039 Wedgewood Lane N., Eagan, MN 55123 or e-mail e-rand@umn.edu. Questions, call Elaine at 651-452-1209.

Chapter Officers

New officers for the Twin Cities chapter were elected at December's general meeting. The new chapter President, taking over for Joe Demars, is Shawn Kellett. We all want to thank Joe for the wonderful job he did in that capacity for three years – longer than he promised himself he would serve. He certainly has left Shawn some big shoes to fill.

Other officers are: Brad Coyne, 1st Vice President; George Selke, 2nd Vice President; Paul Villnow, Secretary; and Eric Schultz, Regional Vice President. Steve Hedensten will remain as Treasurer.

Kids Fishing Contest 2004

The purpose of the KIDS FISHING CONTEST is to have fun, to go fishing with your child and to help your child learn about the different species of fish. Children who are members or have a parent or guardian who is a member of the Twin Cities Chapter and are age 12 or younger as of January 1, 2004 are eligible to participate. The rules are very simple. Children who catch any fish other than a muskie will qualify for an award. Muskies of 30 inches or more that are caught qualify for the Junior Division in the Members Only fishing Contest IF that child is a member of Muskies, Inc. Muskies of less than 30 inches do not qualify for any contest.

Fill out this simple form – one entry per child for the entire fishing season – including anything special about a fish or a trip (first fish, biggest fish or most fish in one day, Grandpa's secret spot, caught more than Dad, etc.) Both the child and parent or guardian must sign the contest form. All awards will be made at the Winter Picnic and Awards Night on February 19, 2005.

All entries must be received no later than JANUARY 28, 2005. Questions: email e-rand@umn.edu or call 651-452-1209.

ENTRY FORM (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

I, _____,

age _____, caught and kept or released the following fish during the 2004 fishing season.

_____ bluegill, perch, sunfish or crappie

_____ walleye or sauger

_____ catfish, bullhead or carp

_____ smallmouth or largemouth bass

_____ northern pike

_____ other species – please specify

Name of Child

Signature of Child

Name of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Send all entries to: Elaine Randolph
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Phil Groth released a 40" on Harriet on December 5 and Jim Doyle released 3 fish on December 11 – 2 at 42" and a 43" – all on Minnetonka. Phil Peterson released a 49" on Eagle Lake in Hennepin County on October 31.

After "too many days of fishing to count," Matthew Virnig released his first muskie on White Bear on October 2. The 40" fish came up and hit right by the trolling motor. On November 7, Matt got his second one on Sugar Lake – a 41". Congratulations!

Junior members J.T. and Samantha Doebler had a final outing of the year on Cedar Lake and despite the cold, they both caught fish. Samantha released a 36" and a 30.5" hybrid within an hour J.T. released a 40".

Reporting all fish, big and small

Elaine Randolph, Contest Chair

MEMBERS ONLY STANDINGS: (as of 12/18/2004)

WOMEN'S DIVISION

1st Place – Terrie DuBe' – 9 fish – 94 points
2nd Place – Linda Knutson – 3 fish – 46 points
3rd Place – Diane Dahl – 3 fish – 39 points

JUNIOR'S DIVISION

1st Place – Evan Nicolai – 5 fish – 78 points
2nd Place – J.T. Doebler – 4 fish – 38 points
Samantha Doebler – 4 fish – 38 points
4th Place – James Hedensten – 2 fish – 24 points
Cody Wolff – 1 fish – 24 points
6th Place – Andrew Hedensten – 2 fish – 22 points
7th Place – Megan Doebler – 2 fish – 21 points
8th Place – Zachary Weyland – 1 fish – 19 points
9th Place – Dallas Nicolai – 1 fish – 18 points
10th Place – Eleni Wolff – 1 fish – 12 points

MEN'S DIVISION

1st Place – Jim Doyle – 30 fish – 403 points
2nd Place – Shawn Kellet – 23 fish – 358 points
3rd Place – Bob Culbertson – 26 fish – 291 points
4th Place – Brent Hirsch – 18 fish – 237 points
5th Place – Peter Moller – 17 fish – 234 points
6th Place – Dean Roll – 16 fish – 221 points

MASTER'S DIVISION

1st Place – Tony Sommerfeld – 19 fish – 285 points
2nd Place – Cindy Hegdahl – 12 fish – 193 points
3rd Place – Kurt Hostager – 13 fish – 174 points
4th Place – Brian Hanson – 8 fish – 163 points
5th Place – Chris Swentkofske – 7 fish – 131 points

HYBRID DIVISION

minimum length for contest is 45"

1st Place – none

RELEASE OF THE MONTH

minimum length for contest is 45"

May – official – no entries greater than 45"

June – official – Shawn Kellet – 51" – Minnetonka – June 5

July – official – Greg Randolph – 52" – Eagle Lake, Ont. – July 3

August – official – Kurt Hostager – 53" – White Bear – August 25

September – official – Dennis Heath – 54" – Mille Lacs –
September 13

October – official – Cindy Hegdahl – 55" – Bemidji – October 24

November – unofficial – Paul Hartman – 54" – Mille Lacs –
November 20

December – unofficial – no entries over 45"

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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.

JANUARY 11

General Meeting. Speaker: Lance Christensen.

FEBRUARY 8

General Meeting.

FEBRUARY 19

Winter Picnic and Awards Ceremony.

MARCH 8

General Meeting



Junior member Zachary Weyland sent in this picture of his first-ever muskie – a 45-incher from Lake Mille Lacs last September 19.

Watch for information about the Project and Rearing Fund Raffle in Next Month's Issue

Lance is Pure Fishing's muskie tackle consultant. He has been instrumental in the redesign of Fenwick rods. Lance is the Number 1 muskie tournament angler for Minnesota. Learn about techniques and tactics he uses to catch muskies when no one else is.

LANCE CHRISTENSEN SPEAKER:

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