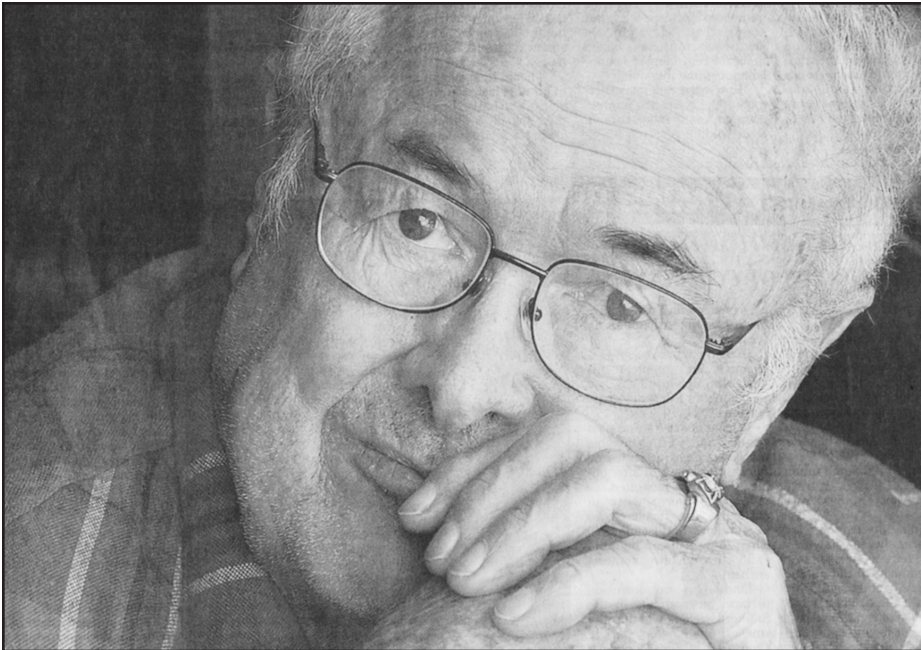




On the Water

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Outdoorsman Made Big Difference in State Policies

Doug Smith, Star Tribune
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He is, foremost, an avid angler and dedicated father and husband. But he's also a hunter, conservationist and citizen-activist who, for more than 35 years, has worked doggedly for Minnesota's hunters and anglers – for no pay and little glory.

Frank Schneider Jr., 86, of St. Paul is one of the state's conservation legends. If you fish or hunt, he has affected you.

Consider:

- Why does Minnesota have perhaps the finest muskie fishing in the nation?
- Why are commercial fishing nets no longer dipped into Rainy Lake and Lake of the Woods to capture walleyes?
- Why are most of the state's lakes dotted with public accesses or fishing piers?
- Why are lakes managed individually, with specific fishing regulations, rather than lumped altogether?
- Why do millions of dollars from the state lottery flow annually to the state's natural resources?
- And why does Minnesota's constitution say that hunting and fishing "are a valued part of our heritage and shall be forever preserved for the people?"

Frank Schneider, Jr. *continued on page 6*

Project and Rearing Fund Raffle Update

from John Newman, Jr., Raffle Chair

By the time you read this we will be in the final days of our raffle for 2005. Raffle prizes are a Lund 1650 SS, Yamaha 40 hp motor, Shoreland'r trailer/boat package; a MinnKota 55 trolling motor, courtesy of Nelson Marine; a \$300 gift certificate from Thorne Bros.; a Hummingbird Matrix 27 depth finder, also courtesy of Nelson Marine; and a \$150 gift certificate from Joe's Sporting Goods.

You have helped us raise enough money to pay for the raffle plus **\$7,000 for stocking muskies. That translates to 280 muskies.**

I want to thank everyone who has sold their tickets and turned in their money. Without your support we would not be where we are today. For those of you who are like me and wait to the last minute, don't forget to turn your money in. We still have over 200 members that we haven't heard from. If every one of them responded, we could hit over \$15,000. Add to that, the members who are battling for the top four incentives of fishing trips and we could have a record year!

Since our last update, the Raffle and Rearing Fund committee has been working hard. We have taken the first prize boat to several events which have helped us reach our current level: Joe's Sporting Goods Store over \$400; the Metro Muskie Tournament Awards Ceremony on June 12 over

Raffle *continued on page 7*

From Our President SHAWN KELLETT

Why are you reading this instead of being on the lake????????????????????????????????

OK, since you took time away from fishing to read this I better make it good.

I'd first like to give kudos to our raffle committee and all those that have sold/bought tickets for our rearing fund raffle. As of the last time I talked to John Newman we were over \$6,000 in the clear. Our goal is \$12,000 which is another 6 thousand tickets. If you have any tickets left, please buy/sell them and get us your money no later than the July meeting.

As you know by now, our esteemed member and ranking "old timer" Frank Schneider, Jr. is very ill. An aggressive brain tumor was discovered a few weeks ago (at the time of printing) and he's not doing that well.

You can send Frank and his family your well wishes via the internet by going to:

www.caringbridge.org/visit/frankschneider

The Minnesota House of Representatives took time out to recognize Frank just the other day.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2005 02:22 PM CST

Hi Frank,

The full Minnesota House of Representatives celebrated your life and thanked you for working so hard to protect and preserve our beautiful state and its wildlife.

The standing ovation can be reviewed by clicking below on our House TV Archives, June 23, 2005. The brief description of the Star Tribune article (a copy was on each of the Legislator's desk) occurred just before the Session adjourned for the day. So if you fast forward to the 1:33 mark you should be able to see the short presentation

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/htv/archives/HTV.asp>

Frank, we are thinking of you and wishing you and your family God's Peace as you travel through this challenge.

It is times like this that I look to my faith and get excited. I have an eternal confidence that God's tackle box, bait and catch will be something that we will all enjoy forever. I can only imagine what Muskies in a Heavenly Lake would be like to land. Lord willing, we will share that experience someday.

Thank you for all your help and advice.

Bye for now,

Dennis Ozment

You're in our prayers Frank.

Make Plans Now to Fish International Tournament

For 38 years the Twin Cities Chapter has held a muskie tournament in the Walker, Cass Lake, Bemidji, Longville area. This year is no exception. The International Muskie Tournament will take place September 9th, 10th, and 11th. Twenty-one lakes in the area will be open to fishing during the tournament. An average of 750 contestants participate in this event each year.

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.

Prizes are given to the top 10 adult anglers and the top three juniors. 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. You do not have to be part of a "team" to fish this tournament. Individual tickets are \$70.00 for an adult and \$30.00 for juniors. Tickets will go on sale starting August 1st.

Those who miss out on the top places and a chance for a resort stay will have the opportunity to participate in a special tournament raffle for a trip to Neilson's Fly-In Resort on Rowan Lake, Trail's End Resort on the Clearwater/Pipestone chain and a number of other great prizes this year.

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 packets.

New to the tournament this year is the Mary Villnow Memorial Award. A total of \$1000 cash will be awarded to the top five female anglers – including juniors – registering a fish. Mary's husband, Paul Villnow, developed this award not only to honor his late wife who was an avid musky angler, but also to encourage female anglers in the sport of muskie fishing.

Participating in the International Tournament is an excellent way to support our chapter. If you have fished this tournament before, you already know how much fun it can be. We hope to see you there. It will be a great time.

August Picnic

The Twin Cities Chapter August meeting will again be our annual Pot Luck Summer Picnic at Minnehaha Falls Park. The club will provide burgers, brats, buns and pop. 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 and good fun. Bring your maps to share some great fishing spots or just talk muskies! If you have questions, call Shawn Kellett at 952-380-1218.

Members Only Contest

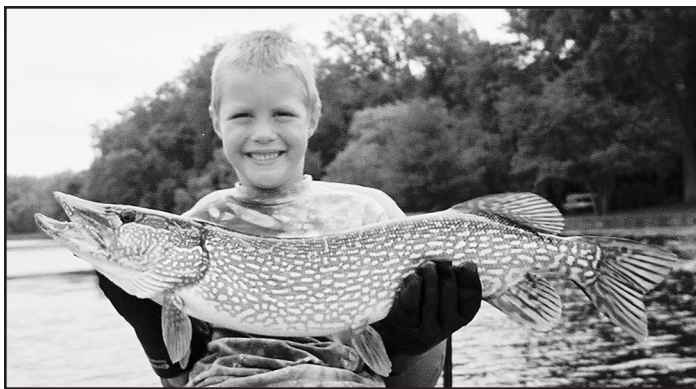
Elaine Randolph, Contest Chair

IT'S HERE!! The long promised direct entry of fish by you, the member in good standing and lucky – skillful – angler. Starting from the Muskie, Inc. home, page click on MEMBERS ONLY at the top and log in. On the LEFT SIDE BAR click on LUNGE LOG and finally FISH SUBMISSION. All the shaded areas must be completed or the submission will be rejected by the on-line edits. After you submit the entry, the id number for the fish you just entered is displayed on the top and bottom of the form. You might want to print the entire form for your records or at least record the id number in case you want to reference it on your pictures. The ID number is required for pictures submitted for publication. At least one verifiable side view horizontal photograph of the muskie is required for "Release of the Month" and "Release of the Year". Of course, I am still here to enter your fish. No matter which option you choose, entries must be submitted within 30 days of the date of the catch.

The International Awards have changed this year, but the Twin Cities Chapter awards will remain the same – Men's, Women's, Juniors', Masters', Release of the Month, Hybrid of the Year (must be at least 45"), and Release of the Year. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in the men's, women's and juniors' division. There is one award for the masters' division, hybrid of the year and release of the year.



Photos from the Doebler family. Above: 5-year-old Andrea's first ever muskie, a 31" hybrid caught June 11 on Cedar Lake. Below: JT caught this 34" northern pike on the same day.



Qualifying muskies for Release of the Month must be at least 45" and in case of a tie, duplicate awards will be made.

The point system is also very easy. A 30" release is worth 4 points and one additional point is awarded for each inch over 30". Half inch is rounded up for points, but tenth of an inch can be entered into the Lunge Log.

So much for the rules, now on to some of the highlights from May and early June.

Hybrid Division – I have a qualifying entry – a beautiful 45" release on Lake Elmo by Kurt Hostager on June 15. He was using a perch Grandma in 15 feet of water when she hit. Watch for the picture in next month's issue or on the Muskies Inc web site.

In the **Juniors' Division**, the Doeblers are at it again. On May 16 JT released a 36" and Samantha released a 30" on Escanaba Lake in Wisconsin. This is an experimental lake that is open all year. On June 11 it was 5-year-old Andrea's turn. She released her very first muskie – 31" hybrid on Cedar Lake.

Amy Orr has the early lead in the **Women's Division** with a 40" release on Waconia on June 11.

Leading the **Master's Division** is Jim Doyle who released a 31" hybrid on Lake Calhoun on June 8.

In the **Men's Division** Adam Greengard has released 6 fish for 57 points, Shawn Kellett has 4 fish for 50 points and Bob Culbertson has 4 releases for 46 points.

NEWS FLASH!! I was ready to hit enter and sent this report to our editor but decided to check my email first. Jim Kroupa – big fish. "I caught my biggest fish ever. I sent you the form but thought you would like to see the beauty. I am going to try to get another." I called Jim to get the following details – 47" on Detroit Lake on June 14. The bait was a George Wahl spinner. As the lure popped out, Lucky Jim and his net man managed to get the fish into a net that was too small.

If you have any questions or need NEW AND IMPROVED release forms, see me at the meeting or call me at 651-452-1209.

Reporting all fish big and small—



Jim Kroupa's biggest ever muskie, a 47" fish from Detroit Lake.

2005 Capable Partners Outing

from Juris Ozols

A great fishing day, our twelfth annual Capable Partners outing, and even just a bit of catching. Some forty people, the most ever, were on hand to help out and to enjoy a beautiful June day at Lake Independence. The morning started out cool, but then warmed up nicely, and we finally got sunshine after a week of rain. We took a dozen boats out with our CP friends, and also had a couple of spares. The fish cooperated, sort of. Many boats reported follows, and club president Shawn Kellett managed to snag a 38-incher.

Meeting new people is one of the fun things about these events our chapter puts on. This time I caught a ride with Dave Organ, and shared the boat with old-timer George Selcke and new Muskies Inc. member Mike McGrath. Dave had been out

Independence the day before and had seen a bunch of big fish. He took us out to a couple of his favorite spots, and can you believe it, we actually saw 8 or ten fish! Mike, fishing from a boat for the first time, had a follow from a healthy-sized fish on his second cast, which made for great excitement. (But go take a look at the collage to see what Mike finally caught. George and I did only slightly better than Mike, in that we didn't catch the rope.)

After the morning's fishing, the "shore lunch" of hamburgers and brats was great as usual, thanks to master chef Tom Lund and a number of helpers.

One thing different – Rod Guthier of the CP organization, who normally arranges the event and fishes with Paul Hartman, couldn't make it this year. It turns out that Rod had fallen off an ATV while turkey hunting and was banged up a bit.

When I found that out, I had to shake my head once again. The CP people that chase Muskies with us – and do ever so many other outdoor things – are truly an admirable bunch. Rod didn't get hurt by slipping in a bathtub, or getting caught in a revolving door, or any of those other mundane dangers of our lives. Nope – the man was out turkey hunting, living life to the fullest, and had a spill. But he'll be back next year, without question. He got a big bass and a northern last year, and is still looking for his first Muskies. And you can bet he won't give up until he gets one.

My friend Stan Koich, who was on the cover of the 2003 Muskies Inc. calendar, also came close this year. He was in the boat when Shawn got that Muskie, so he at least got to handle one. But – look at the collage again – Stan will get one "That Big" next year. Don't bet against him, either.

We had a lot of people help out. Special thanks to John Newman for the food and to Deb and Ron at the Osseo Bakery for the morning doughnuts. And

to Tom and all his associate cooks and picnic servers.

A fun morning, it really is, every year. Mark it down on your calendar for next year. It's always the next Sunday after Muskie opener. One of these times we'll hit the Muskies just right, and you could be on hand to see a lot of dreams come true.

PHOTOS:

1. Carol Heath resting up before the whole thing gets started. But she worked very hard later on.

2. Wayne Klemz with his buddies, the Anderson Kids, Nicholas, 9 years old, and Natalie, 10. He takes them out panfishing every year. Last year they almost got a Muskie doing that. Good story.

3. Dave Organ looking on as George Selcke makes a pretty cast. They were both skunked, as was I.

4. Paul Hartman ready to take out Keith Hamoben as Dennis Heath pushes them off. Kristy Hartman photographed the events with her new digital Canon camera.

5. Tony Vold's boat going out with a couple of CP folks.

6. Steve Hedensten hanging on to the boat that threatens to get away from him.

7. Mike McGrath, a relatively new Muskies Inc. member who normally fishes from shore went out for the first time Muskie fishing from a boat. Mike got three follows, one on his second cast. He was truly excited! But all he caught was the float rope.

8. The noon-time picnic crowd. We had some 40 people in attendance this year, the most ever.

9. This boat camped on this spot for a long time, making many casts. Now why do you suppose they did that?

10. Shawn Kellett out with Stan Koich. Stan has promised to catch one "that big" every year for the past five. At least this year he finally got to see a fish in the boat, a 38-incher caught by Shawn. But just wait 'til next year!

11. George Wahl explaining something very important to Tom Lund, and indeed Tom found it so fascinating that he neglected the smoking grill.

12. Dave Organ, just after his fifth follow of the day. Obviously a happy man, despite the lack of fish on the line. Fishing is always better than catching.

13. Stan congratulating Shawn on a great fishing day. See # 12.

If you missed our chapter's outing with Capable Partners, here's another opportunity for you. The Brainerd Lakes Chapter of Fishing Has No Boundaries would like to take 100 disabled people out for a day of fishing on August 27th. FHNB is an organization that works to provide assistance to people with disabilities so they can partake in all that fishing has to offer.

This year's event will be held at the Confidence Learning Center with fishing available both on Sylvan Lake and the Gull Lake Chain of Lakes. Meals are provided. They are looking for boat captains (fishing partners). Nisswa Area fishing guide Hank Ebert is coordinating fishing partners and can be contacted at 218-963-3492.

People interested in volunteering in other ways should contact Bob Slaybaugh at 218-828-2344, Wendy Johnson at 218-562-4127, Brian Ray at 218-829-3363 or Dave Anderson at 952-935-0106. Any other inquiries or questions should be directed to Ron Hustvedt at 651-335-2385.

Frank Schneider, Jr. *continued from page 1*

The answers point to Schneider.

While no one person can be credited with those accomplishments, Schneider was a driving force behind those and many others. He has worked tirelessly in the trenches at the state Capitol and at meeting rooms around the state for hunters and anglers.

“He’s a giant in Minnesota conservation, right up there with the big names,” said Gary Botzek, a longtime legislative lobbyist for natural resource issues. “Here’s a guy who never got a nickel for lobbying, and he’s influenced public policy more than most of us put together.”

“There’s probably no person who has done as much for fishing as Frank,” said Lance Ness, president of the Fish and Wildlife Legislative Alliance.

But that strong voice is fading.

Though he was at the Capitol this spring testifying in support of a measure that would raise money for public water accesses, three weeks ago Schneider began having health problems and was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. The tumor has affected his speech and mobility.

The prognosis is clear. His family hopes he’ll get a few more months at his cabin on Lake Vermilion.

Meanwhile, friends and well-wishers have been sending notes, calling or stopping by his St. Paul home to see him and June, his wife of 60 years.

“I visited him recently, and he said ‘Well, no matter what happens, I’ve had a good long life,’” said Jack Skrypek, retired Department of Natural Resources fisheries chief, who worked with Schneider often during his 40-year career.

Schneider could be blunt. And humorous. He never pulled punches. And the DNR sometimes was on the business end of those verbal fisticuffs. Yet it was the resource he was always concerned about, and he retained a good relationship with the DNR.

“You knew exactly where he stood. He was always honest with me. I consider him an ally and a friend,” Skrypek said. “He was a strong voice for anglers. The anglers of this state certainly benefited from Frank Schneider.”

Gene Merriam, former legislator and current DNR commissioner, has known Schneider for about 30 years. “He held firm beliefs, but he always treated everyone respectfully,” Merriam said. “He’s just a real class gentleman.

“For somebody who has never served in government or held elective office, he’s had a profound impact on public policy.”

The Muskie Guy

Schneider is probably best known as “the muskie guy” because of his long involvement in Muskies Inc., a national group spawned in Minnesota in 1966. Gil Hamm founded the group, but Schneider has been intimately involved as president and treasurer for most of its existence.

And muskies have been his passion, although he fished

— and fought for — all species. He pushed to ban winter spearing on some lakes to protect the muskie population — a controversial position that earned him some bullet holes in his fishing boat. (Today, 27 lakes have such restrictions.)

He also pushed the DNR to stock muskies in more lakes — which also remains a controversial issue on some lakes.

Schneider, once a self-acknowledged “meat angler,” also eventually championed catch-and-release fishing.

“Minnesota’s muskie fishing is arguably the best in the country, and he was very instrumental in that,” said Dave Overland a fishing buddy and natural resource activist who has served with Schneider on the DNR’s citizens budget oversight committees.

Muskies Inc. holds a large tournament in the Walker area each year, and four years ago renamed it the Frank Schneider Jr. International Muskies Tournament.

Upset over commercial walleye netting on Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake, Schneider launched the Minnesota Sportsfishing Congress in 1979. It lobbied successfully for a special fishing license fee increase, which was used to buy out commercial fishing operations on those two lakes.

“Anybody who has fished those areas over last quarter century recognizes what a significant difference that has made,” said the DNR’s Merriam. Added Overland: “Now it’s one of the most fantastic walleye fisheries in the world.”

Schneider also lobbied for more restrictive bass and walleye regulations to improve fishing. And he regularly supported funding increases for natural resources. Just this March, he testified in support of a bill that would boost boat license fees — some of which haven’t been increased since 1981 — to raise money to improve and acquire public water accesses.

“It’s a user’s fee — we’re all in favor of that,” he was quoted in Session Weekly, a legislative report. “I’ve been fishing actively since before World War II and don’t take our fun away from us. Us old farts, we need it.”

Public access is a recurring concern for Schneider.

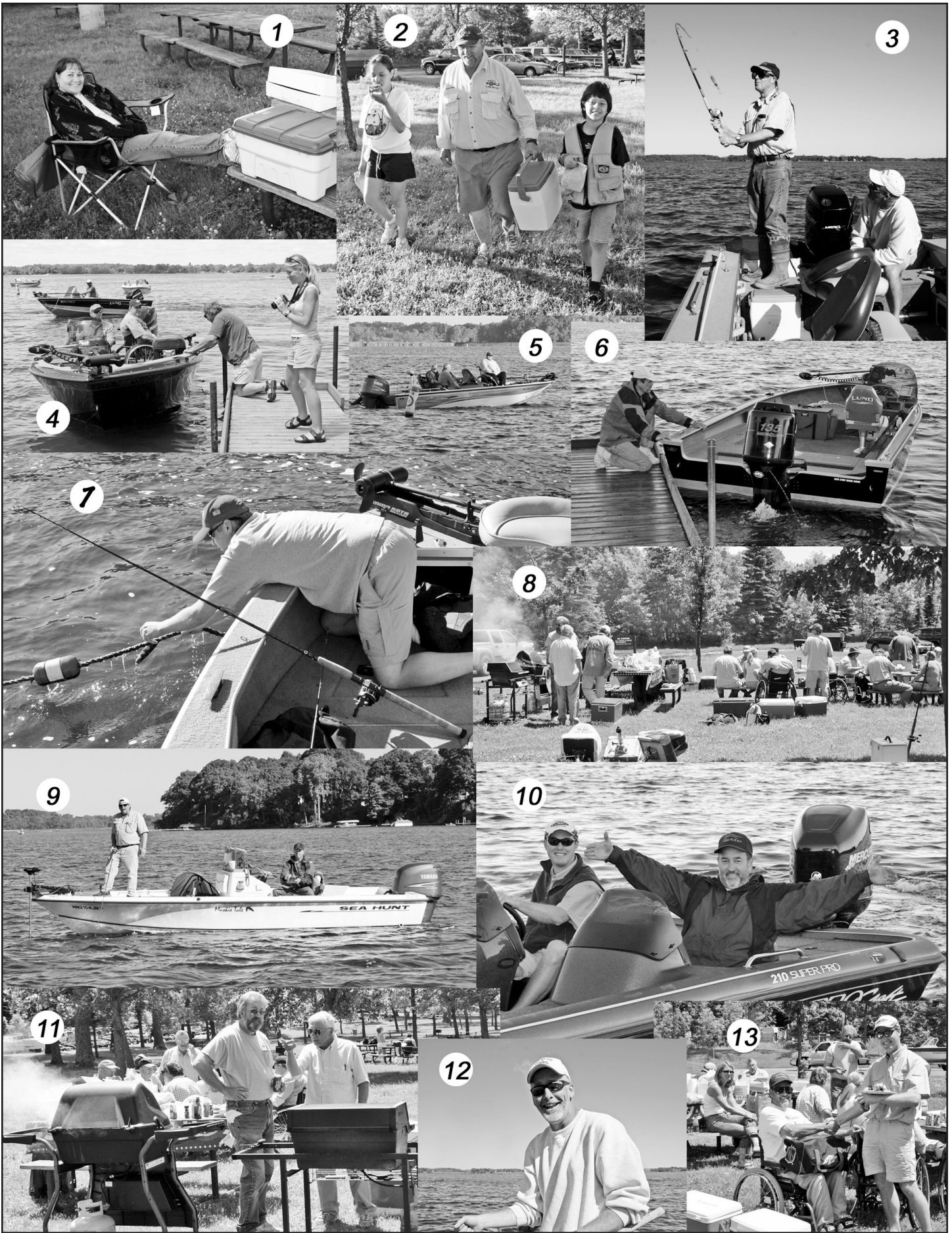
“Dad said not everyone can own lakeshore, but everyone should be able to use the lakes free of charge,” said son John Schneider, 46, an activist who has followed in his dad’s footsteps.

Founding father

Frank Schneider also was one of the founders of the Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance, which successfully pushed for the constitutional amendment on hunting and fishing in 1998. He also was a big supporter of creation of the Environmental Trust Fund, which funnels money from the Minnesota lottery to natural resources.

In recent years, he’s pushed hard for dedicated funding for natural resources — so far without success. He’s been on citizen budget oversight committees, overseeing spending by the DNR, and has been a regular at the DNR’s yearly fishing

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Frank Schneider *continued*

roundtables, where the agency seeks public input.

He's an active member of practically every conservation or fishing group in the state.

His efforts haven't gone unacknowledged. Schneider has picked up a pile of conservation awards over the years. He's a member of the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame, was twice honored by the DNR for meritorious service, was named "Sportsman of the Year" by the Minnesota Association of Farmers, Landowners and Sportsmen, and was named "Man of the Year" by Outdoor News in 2001.

He didn't do it for the accolades.

So why did he spend endless hours at the halls of the state Capitol and meeting rooms, testifying, lobbying, twisting arms?

He can't articulate the reasons now. But in a 1992 interview with Star Tribune columnist Ron Schara, he did:

"I got active in fishing causes back in 1970. Before that I was just out there fishing, catching everything and keeping everything. I got involved when I realized there were legislators and leaders who didn't understand fishing or didn't give a damn about it," he said.

Schneider, then 72, said his most satisfying moment was getting the commercial nets out of Rainy Lake and Lake of the Woods.

Said son John Schneider: "He cared, and he actually had fun doing it. He wanted to show up, to be involved, to contribute. It was something he was passionate about.

"His love of hunting and fishing ... it was sort of like another family member. You have to coddle and nurture it. That's kind of how he looked at it."

"He's told me lots of times that he's always had fun doing it. [Fishing and hunting] gave him so much, he wanted to give a little back," his son said.

So who will replace him as a bulldog for hunters and anglers?

"You don't replace guys like Frank with an individual," Botzek said. "You have to send in a committee. They're big shoes to fill."

Said Skrypek: "He's a one-of-a-kind."

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A website has been set up where you can find out about how Frank is doing and leave messages for him and his family.

www.caringbridge.org/visit/frankschneider

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\$300; and Cabala Sidewalk Sale on July 25 and 26.

Don't forget – the Raffle Drawing for boat package and the other prizes is on Tuesday, July 12 at our General Meeting. There are still a lot of raffle tickets in members' hands – you still have time to get your money in. **IF YOU DON'T SELL ALL OF YOUR TICKETS, MINNESOTA STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT ALL UNSOLD TICKETS BE RETURNED.**

If you sell 60 tickets and get your money turned in before the July 12 meeting, you will be eligible for the following incentive prizes: Safe Grasp Fishing Gloves (donated by SuperProtection Inc.); \$20 Gift Certificate (Axel's in Mendota Heights); "Dinner for Four" Gift Certificate (Carbones Pizza in Highland Park); \$50 Gift Certificate (Great American Marine in

Bloomington); Phantom Lure Package (1 each, 8 in. and 6in.) (Phantom Lures); Phantom Lure Package (1 each, 8 in. and 6in.) (Phantom Lures); "Uptown Girl" Muskie Print (Twin Cities Chapter, Muskies Inc.); \$50 Gift Certificate (Rossi's Steak House); Crescent Wrench Set (Settergren Hardware); Marine Deep Cycle Battery (Parkway auto in Highland Park); Bibs Box - pick one of three models (Pac McAllister).

The top four sellers, will earn great vacation trips that have been also donated to our club.

- One week trip for four at Shingwak Resort on Lake of the Woods to be taken in 2006.
- 4-day/3-night trip for two at Birch Villa Resort on Cass Lake to be taken in 2005.
- 4-day/3-night trip for four at Mylie's Place on Lake of the Woods to be taken in 2005.
- October 6-9, 2005 trip for two at Vermillion Dam Lodge.

Thanks again for all of your efforts so far. Your continued efforts will help us exceed our goal.

Please support the donors who have generously supported our club. Without their support we would not be able to raise the money to continue our stocking efforts.

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.

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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!!

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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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.

JULY 9-16

Chapter Trip - Winnipeg River.

JULY 12

General Meeting.

JULY 20-23

Chapter Challenge.

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.

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.

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.

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JULY 12

SPEAKER:

BRETT ERICKSON

Brett, from Thorne Bros., will cover basics and tips and tricks of night fishing.