



# On the Water

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## Members Only Contest

from Pete Randall, Contest Chairperson

### All Entries Must Be In By January 4, 2007

Well in a few weeks the 2006 fishing season will be all but a memory! The 2006 contest ends December 31st and all entries must be post-marked or entered on-line by January 4, 2007. NO EXEPTIONS.

Please take a couple of minutes to check your entries on the MI website, especially to those who entered them yourself. Please report all corrections that nee to be made to me by the end of December so I can contact Jim Bunch by the deadline of January 10.

Now, on to the important stuff. To date we have had a total of 20 fish caught that were 50" or more. One was a 50.25" out of Lake Bemidji, released by Cindy Hegdahl, the only women to register a PIG this year!!! Out of those 20 released only 5 were caught by a master? I think it goes to show, "master" is only a word at this point.

### STANDINGS AS OF 11-22-2006

#### JUNIORS DIVISION:

- 1ST: Evan Nicolai - 62 points - 4 fish - largest 49"
- 2ND: Zachary Weyland - 18 points - 1 fish - largest 43.5"
- 3RD: Dane Hostager - 16 points - 1 fish - largest 42"
- 4TH: Dallas Nicolai - 12 points - 1 fish - largest 38"
- 5TH: James Hedensten - 11 points - 1 fish - largest 37"

6TH: Thomas Batina - 8 points - 1 fish - largest 34"

#### WOMENS DIVISION:

- 1ST: Cindy Hegdahl - 130 points - 9 fish
- 2ND: Linda Knutson - 59 points - 5 fish
- 3RD: Lois Harvey - 45 points - 3 fish
- 4TH: Barbara Zappa - 41 points - 3 fish
- 5TH: Carole K Janik - 32 points - 2 fish
- 6TH: Amy Orr - 21 points - 1 fish
- 7TH: Dianne Dahl - 17 points - 1 fish
- 8TH: Carol Heath - 15 points - 1 fish
- 9TH: Wendy Hedensten - 8 points - 1 fish
- 10TH: Christine L Rein - 7 points - 1 fish

#### MENS DIVISION:

- 1ST: Dean A Roll - 663 points - 38 fish
- 2ND: Joe Mellott - 360 points - 20 fish
- 3RD: Brant Bunney - 249 points - 15 fish
- 4TH: Bob Culbertson - 237 points - 21 fish
- 5TH: Brent Hirsch - 234 points - 19 fish
- 6TH: Phil Groth - 224 points - 19 fish
- 7TH: Jeremy M. Knutson - 214 points - 14 fish
- 8TH: David J Nicolai - 191 points - 12 fish
- 9TH: Bobby Johnson - 173 points - 14 fish
- 10TH: Chad Lemke - 147 points - 10 fish

#### MENS MASTERS DIVISION:

- 1ST: Adam J Greengard - 486 points - 32 fish
- 2ND: Brian Hanson - 267 points - 13 fish
- 3RD: Tony Sommerfeld - 187 points - 12 fish
- 4TH: Mark Fredrick - 122 points - 9 fish
- 5TH: Jim Doyle - 70 points - 4 fish
- 6TH: Kurt Hostager - 27 points - 3 fish
- 7TH: Mark Sewald - 19 points - 1 fish
- 8TH: David Gustafson - 16 points - 1 fish

#### LUNKER OF THE MONTH:

- MAY: official - no entry greater than 45"
- JUNE: official - Brant Bunney - 51.5" Waconia - June 16
- JULY: official - Adam Walsh - 55.5"x26" LOTW - July 3
- AUGUST: official - David Gustafson - 51.5" Minnetonka - August 20
- SEPTEMBER: official - Brant Bunney - 54" Rush - September 9
- OCTOBER: unofficial - a three way tie: Dean Roll, Brian Hanson, and Joe McWhorter - 51" all on different lakes, Lake St. Clair, Vermillion and Mille Lacs, caught within 4 days of each other
- NOVEMBER: unofficial - Bill Groth - 49" Harriet - November 21

I would like to ask in the month of December that everyone in our chapter come on out to the monthly meeting. If you haven't been for a while, now is your chance to talk with the new members, reminisce with the old members and hear about the summer's big fish. That's why we are members, right??

We are having board elections, a great speaker and – like always – door prizes. A young man no more than 10 years old has won the rod and reel two months going. Do you think he is having a good time or what? Remember – get your entries in by January 4, 2007. Look for announcements on the awards ceremony, too.

If you need any help with your entry or just want to brag, give me a call at 952-201-5000 or email me at prandall@charter.net or by mail at 6490 158th St W, Apple Valley, MN 55124

We will see you at the meeting, and ON THE WATER...

# From Our President SHAWN KELLETT

Well, another year in the books. I just put my boat away today and to be honest, I'm looking forward to a break.

Remember that December is election month. We have openings/needs on the Board for anyone interested. The Board meets 11 Tuesdays a year and we typically keep the meetings to 1-1/2 hours. If you've thought about giving back to the resource, this is a great way to do it.

As of today our chapter has stocked approximately 150 muskies in the 16-35" range in Lake Minnetonka and we'll be looking for more. This is in addition to the 350 fish we stocked there this spring. This is all due to the efforts of our stocking and rearing raffle. Without the hard work (and profits) from this event we wouldn't have enough money to effectively impact any fishery. Please help us support this fundraiser by selling tickets and volunteering whenever possible. Your efforts make our fisheries better!

I've been talking with some West Metro DNR officials and they're open to starting a new lake in their area. Right now we're in the beginning phases of the plan, but at least we've gotten the DNR to give us the green light to start planning. That means we're going to need the support from our whole chapter as well as other chapters in the area. I'll have more details in coming newsletters, but one thing that we're going to need is money to stock fish. That makes our raffle's success even more important.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season!

## this 'n that

### BIG FISH IN A BIG LAKE

The New York Times recently published "In Minnesota, a Big Fish in a Big Lake" featuring Mille Lacs and Paul Hartman written by Greg Breining, a fairly well known outdoors/travel author. (Breining also had an article about kayaking Lake Superior in the Nov. 19 StarTribune). You can find the article at:

<<http://travel2.nytimes.com/2006/10/27/travel/escapes/27Muskie.html?n=Top%2FFeatures%2FTravel%2FDestinations%2FUnited%20States%2FMinnesota>> or by typing "a big fish in a big lake" (with quotes) into google.com.

### WINTER PICNIC

The annual chapter Winter Picnic and Awards Ceremony is scheduled for February 23, 2007. Keep the date open. More information next month.

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**DECEMBER 12**

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**LUKE RONNESTRAND**

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