



# On the Water

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## Join Us for Winter Picnic and Awards Banquet February 18

Our chapter's annual Winter Picnic and Awards Banquet is just around the corner. This event will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2006, at the Knights of Columbus Hall (lower level - same place we hold our monthly meetings), 1117 W. 79th St, Bloomington, MN 55420. Games start at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served approximately 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 this is a family event. All entrants in the Kids Only Contest will be honored, as well as the winners of our chapter's Members Only Contest. The recipients of both the Muskie Award, and the Muskie Tale Award for this year will also be announced.

Anyone who joins us on February 18 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 FEBRUARY 8. Hope to see you all there!!!!



## Become the First Recipient of the Muskie Tale Award

The "Muskie Tale" Award is not for the member catching the most or the biggest fish. We already have awards for them. We are looking for hard luck or entertaining stories. You know, about the world record that got away. Or, about your boat sinking in the middle of Lake of the Woods. Or, the black flies and mosquitoes that nearly ate you when you got lost. We all, no matter what our fishing skills, could receive this award.

The "Muskie Tale" Award will be presented to the club member who shares the best tale (story). The recipient will have the trophy for one year and then must help select the new winner for the next year.

Send or tell your tales to Jim Kroupa: jkroupa@ties2.net, or 6311 Steller Circle, Excelsior, MN 55331, or call 952-474-5967.

## Where Are They Now?

As part of the celebration of the 40th year of Muskies Inc., we are contacting and gathering information about the original founders of our Muskies Inc. organization.

Vince Trotta is spearheading this project. Of the original fourteen members, five have already been contacted. They are Gary Bennyhoff, Dick Chapman, Robert Farinacci, Rodrick Guindon and Charles Huver.

It is our understanding that in addition to Gil Hamm, Bud Meier and James Peterson have passed away. If any of you know how to

contact their family members for information please let Vince know.

Founders for whom we have no information (address, phone, what they're doing now, etc.) are:

- RICHARD D. HAMMOND
- MAURICE HURLEY
- ARNOLD LINDAL
- GERALD PALMER
- ERIC REHNWALL
- WALLY WILBERT

Please contact Vince Trotta at 952-688-7216 or vtrotta@msn.com if you have information about the whereabouts of any of our six "missing" founders, or family members from the others.

# Members Only Contest

Elaine Randolph, Contest Chairperson

## ALL ENTRIES DUE ON JANUARY 4, 2006

**A**LL ENTRIES for 2005 are or were DUE ON JANUARY 4, 2006 so hopefully everything has been entered into the website database correctly. If you detect a problem with your entries, PLEASE CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY. Time is short! The Twin Cities Chapter annual Winter Picnic/Awards Ceremony is February 18!

Not much to report this month – I wonder if hard water and freezing temperatures has anything to do with the slow down. Adam Greengard made sure he held on to first place in the Men's Division with 4 more releases the last week in November. Bob Culbertson added 6 fish and 35 points to his totals in November to climb into 2nd place. In the Master's Division Michael Cookas released 8 fish for 88 points to break the tie with Mark Sewald. As of December 13 there have been no fish reported for December.

## STANDINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH CORRECTIONS: (AS OF 12/19/2005)

### JUNIOR'S DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE – Evan Nicolai – 5 fish – 72 points
- 2ND PLACE – Cody Paetzel – 7 fish – 71 points
- 3RD PLACE – Alec Spurbeck – 1 fish – 27 points
- 4TH PLACE – Samantha Doebler – 3 fish – 26 points
- 5TH PLACE – Zachary Weyland – 1 fish – 20 points
- 6TH PLACE – James Hedensten – 1 fish – 15 points
- 7TH PLACE – Dallas Nicolai – 1 fish – 13 points
- 8TH PLACE – Megan Deobler – 2 fish – 11 points
- 9TH PLACE – J T Doebler – 1 fish – 10 points
- 10TH PLACE – Andrea Doebler – 1 fish – 5 points  
Gray Hostager – 1 fish – 5 points

### ***From the Members Only Chair:***

I am relinquishing the Members Only Contest chairmanship as of January 1, 2006. The chapter will need a new chair as soon as possible. There are only three requirements for the job: ability to do detailed work, a computer with web access and a spreadsheet program, and - most importantly - 8 to 10 hours a month for data entry, downloading and sorting the database, mailing out release certificates and release patches as requested by the members and writing an article for the TC chapter monthly newsletter. I am very willing to train my replacement and show how to use the Lunge Log database maintained by MI International.

### WOMEN'S DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE – Carole Janik – 6 fish – 88 points
- 2ND PLACE – Amy Orr – 4 fish – 66 points
- 3RD PLACE – Linda Knutson – 3 fish – 40 points
- 4TH PLACE – Christine Rein – 3 fish – 29 points
- 5TH PLACE – Holly Knutson – 1 fish – 21 points
- 5TH PLACE – Wendy Hedensten – 1 fish – 10 points

### MEN'S DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE – Adam Greengard – 38 fish – 478 points
- 2ND PLACE – Bob Culbertson – 35 fish – 411 points
- 3RD PLACE – Dean Roll – 22 fish – 368 points
- 4TH PLACE – Pete Moller – 24 fish – 323 points
- 5TH PLACE – Shawn Kellett – 21 fish – 309 points
- 6TH PLACE – David Nicolai – 15 fish – 231 points
- 7TH PLACE – Brent Hirsch – 15 fish – 223 points
- 8TH PLACE – Phil Groth – 16 fish – 215 points
- 9TH PLACE – Peter Janik – 12 fish – 196 points
- 10TH PLACE – Brant Bunney – 12 fish – 187 points

### MASTER'S DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE – Michael Cookas – 34 fish – 401 points
- 2ND PLACE – Mark Sewald – 19 fish – 313 points
- 3RD PLACE – Brian Hanson – 12 fish – 236 points
- 4TH PLACE – Mark Fredrick – 14 fish – 213 points
- 5TH PLACE – Cindy Hegdahl – 9 fish – 115 points

### HYBRID DIVISION

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

### RELEASE OF THE MONTH

- MAY – official – no entries greater than 45"
- JUNE – official – Brent Hirsch – 51" – Winnipeg River – June 29
- JULY – official – Alec Spurbeck – 52.5" – Mille Lacs – July 24
- AUGUST – official – David Nicolai – 51.5" – Leech Lake – August 6
- SEPTEMBER – official – Patrick Cotter – 51.75" – Leech Lake – September 3
- OCTOBER – official – Dean Roll – 52" – Lake St. Clair – October 27
- NOVEMBER – unofficial – Brian Hanson – 50" – Mille Lacs – November 4
- DECEMBER – unofficial – No entries

### **REMEMBER, ENTRY FORMS MUST BE ENTERED OR POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 4.**

*Reporting all fish big and small—*

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## ***New Board Elected***

**A**t the December meeting, yearly elections were held for the Board of Directors for the chapter. The four newly-elected members who will serve two-year terms are Amy Orr, Mike McGrath, Joel Mellot and Andrew Hedensten. Shawn Kellett will continue to serve as our chapter's President. Brad Coyne, First Vice President; George Selcke, Second Vice President; Steve Hedensten, Treasurer and Eric Schultz, Regional Vice President - our representative on the International Muskies Inc board - will continue as well.

According to Muskies Inc by-laws, there are still four board member positions that can be filled. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month and meetings are open to all members. Your ideas might be the ones needed to get all chapter members involved in the monthly meetings, Winter Picnic, Vets Home Opener, fundraisers and other chapter functions.

We also want to thank the following board members whose terms are finished for their hard during the past two years: Bob Junghans, Greg Randolph, Elaine Randolph, Paul Villnow and George Wahl.

## ***International Board Meeting***

**T**he Twin Cities Chapter will be hosting the Muskies Inc International Board Meeting scheduled for April 2006. The event is getting close and the planing committee can use all the help it can get to host this event for members of all 40+ chapters throughout the country.

The committee meets monthly on the third Tuesday at the Bloomington Knights of Columbus (same place our monthly meetings are held). Please volunteer to help make this event a success. You don't need to call, just show up at the next meeting.

If you would have questions or want more information, contact committee chairpersons Greg and Elaine Randolph at 651-452-1209.

## ***Thank You to All Our Sponsors***

**A** big thank you to all the manufacturers, retailers and resorts that have helped the Twin Cities chapter in the past year by donating merchandise and trips used for incentives and prizes for our fundraising events as well as the prizes for the Winter Picnic and the welcome table at each meeting.

Please make every effort to support these sponsors so they have an incentive to keep on supporting us. Without them this chapter could not do what it does for the resource and its members.

If you're looking for a new bait, keep in mind that manufacturers of some of the most productive baits ever designed are among our sponsors. And remember to buy them from sponsoring retailers. If you want a muskie trip this season, keep the sponsoring resorts in mind.

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## Rearing Efforts Rewarded

Last November when muskies were harvested from the North Branch Pond and stocked into White Bear Lake, commercial fisherman Jeff Riedmann volunteered to advise and help with the process. Jeff gave up a weekend when he could have been working. The chapter Board of Directors voted to give him \$500 as a thank you for the sacrifice that he made to come help in the harvest.

Jeff's response was that he "would never dream" of keeping it. Jeff returned it to the chapter in the form of a "bag" – a big holding pen – to be used with the chapter's commercial net used for the fall and spring fish harvests. The holding pen makes it easier to contain the netted fish and helps prevent overcrowding. In addition, Jeff also volunteered to customize our net so that it will work better in the harvests. He is one of only a handful of people in the state with the skill to adapt the net.

A big, big, thank you from the chapter goes to Jeff for all his work helping with our muskie rearing efforts.

## Commercial Fishing Opportunity

Commercial fisherman, Jeff Reidmann is looking for volunteers to ride along during his commercial endeavors on the Mississippi, St. Croix and metro area waters netting rough fish. If you are interested in joining Jeff on any of these trips, please contact Paul Hartman at 763-786-6031 to make arrangements.

## Muskie Award Nominations

The Twin Cities Chapter Muskie Award is presented every year at the Winter Picnic to 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.

To nominate someone for this honor submit their name and a short description of why you think this person deserves the honor. Include a history of the person's involvement with the chapter over the years. Current Board Members will select the winner by secret ballot.

Send your nominations by January 11, 2005 to Jim Kroupa at 6311 Steller Circle, Excelsior, MN 55331. Or you can call 952-474-5967 or email them to [jkroupa@ties2.net](mailto:jkroupa@ties2.net).

## St. Paul Sportshow

Volunteers are needed to man our chapter booth at the Boat, Camping and Vacation Show January 11-15 at RiverCenter in St. Paul. This is the only opportunity our chapter has to showcase our organization. Shifts are approximately from 10 to 4 or 4 to 10. Daytime hours are hardest to fill. Anyone helping at the booth will get a free exhibitors pass to see the entire show. Contact Russ Peterson at 612-618-0391 to volunteer. It's a great way to see the show for free.

## Congratulations

Paul and Kristi Hartman became the parents of a 7 lb., 9 oz. baby girl, Gracie Jean, on December 17.

## 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.

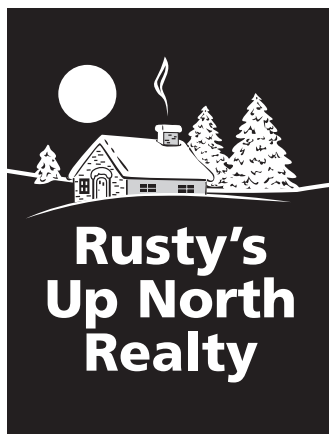
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## upcoming chapter events

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.

### JANUARY 10

General Meeting.  
Speaker: Rich Reinhart.

### FEBRUARY 14

General Meeting.

### FEBRUARY 18

Winter Picnic and Awards  
Banquet. Reserve your  
tickets by February 8.

### MARCH 10, 11, 12

Minnesota Muskie Expo

### MARCH 14

General Meeting.

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# next meeting

**JANUARY 14**  
**RICH REINERT**

*Long-time Wisconsin guide,  
Rich will talk about top water  
muskie action.*



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