



On the Water

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Members Only Contest

from Pete Randall, Contest Chairperson

First off, kudos to Mr. Mike McGrath for making my job a 50%+ easier!! All of the standings for all divisions are now posted directly on the Twin Cities Muskies Inc. web site for everyone's viewing pleasure. A lot of hard work was put into this database and can now be enjoyed by all with internet access. The chapter web site is www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org. Just look under Members Only Contest.

Well, we all know now till the end of the season is the "Big Piggy" time – and not a minute to late if you have not heard about the 54x28-incher caught by our Twin Cites chapter member Jody Dahms. If you can, checkout the pics. Could be the new unofficial state record out of Mille Lacs!

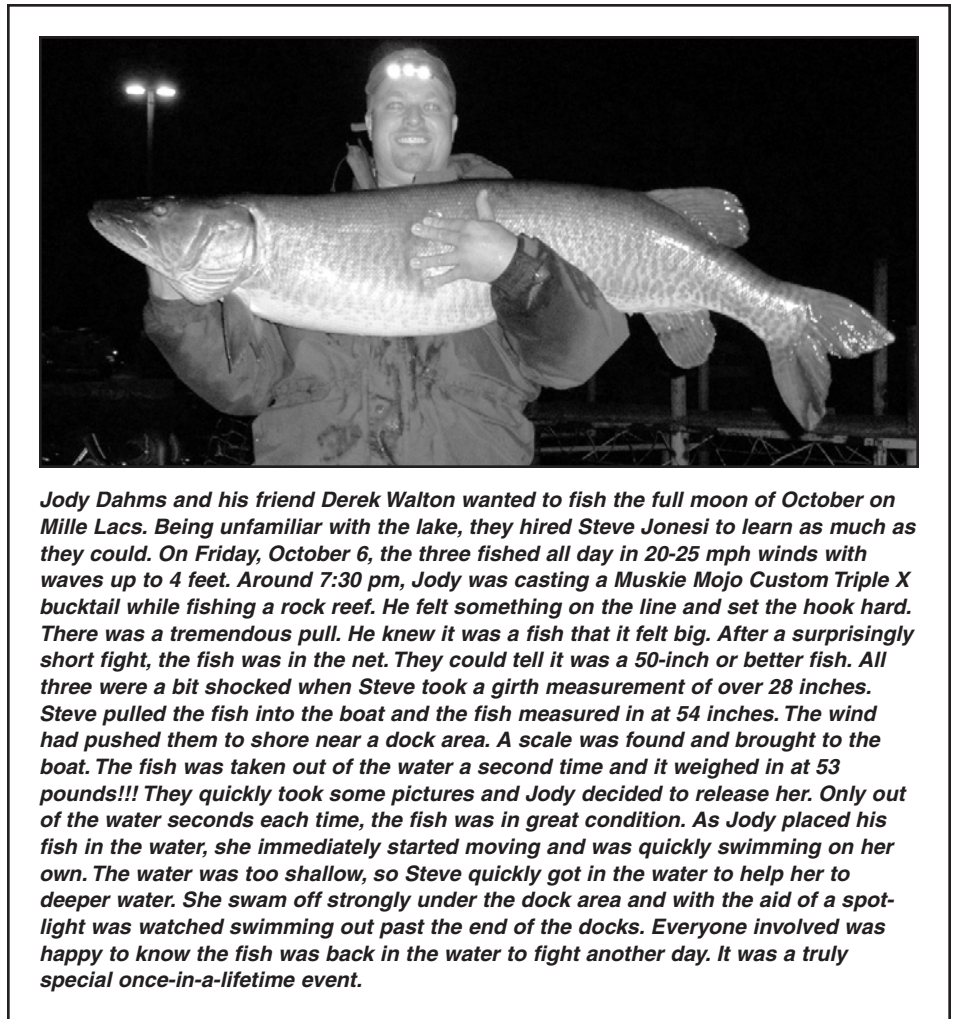
Since the beginning of the year we have had a total of 18 fish over 50 inches caught and released with Brant Bunney currently holding down two "Lunker of the Month" entries. First one in June and the second one for September. Of the 18 fish, 4 have come out of Minnetonka and 4 out of Mille Lacs. Which lake do you think will produce the biggest fish recorded this year?

On to the numbers ...

STANDINGS AS OF 10-22-2006

JUNIORS DIVISION:

- 1ST: Evan Nicolai -4 fish -62 points
- 2ND: Zachary Weyland -1 fish -18 points
- 3RD: Dane Hostanger -1 fish -16 points
- 4TH: Dallas Nicolai -1 fish -12 points



Jody Dahms and his friend Derek Walton wanted to fish the full moon of October on Mille Lacs. Being unfamiliar with the lake, they hired Steve Jonesi to learn as much as they could. On Friday, October 6, the three fished all day in 20-25 mph winds with waves up to 4 feet. Around 7:30 pm, Jody was casting a Muskie Mojo Custom Triple X bucktail while fishing a rock reef. He felt something on the line and set the hook hard. There was a tremendous pull. He knew it was a fish that it felt big. After a surprisingly short fight, the fish was in the net. They could tell it was a 50-inch or better fish. All three were a bit shocked when Steve took a girth measurement of over 28 inches. Steve pulled the fish into the boat and the fish measured in at 54 inches. The wind had pushed them to shore near a dock area. A scale was found and brought to the boat. The fish was taken out of the water a second time and it weighed in at 53 pounds!!! They quickly took some pictures and Jody decided to release her. Only out of the water seconds each time, the fish was in great condition. As Jody placed his fish in the water, she immediately started moving and was quickly swimming on her own. The water was too shallow, so Steve quickly got in the water to help her to deeper water. She swam off strongly under the dock area and with the aid of a spotlight was watched swimming out past the end of the docks. Everyone involved was happy to know the fish was back in the water to fight another day. It was a truly special once-in-a-lifetime event.

- 5TH: James Hedensten -1 fish -11 points
- 6TH: Thomas Batina -1 fish -18 points
Way to go Evan, keep up the good work!

WOMEN'S DIVISION:

- 1ST: Cindy Hegdahl -9 fish -130 points
- 2ND: Lois Harvey -3 fish - 45 points
- 3RD: Linda Knutson -4 fish - 43 points
- 4TH: Amy Orr -1 fish -21 points
- 5TH: Dianne Dahl -1 fish 17 points
- 6TH: Carole J Janik -1 fish -16 points
- 7TH: Carol Heath -1 fish -15 points

- 8TH: Wendy Hedensten -1 fish -8 points
- 9TH: Christine L Rein -1 fish -7 points
Hay we got a new name on the board, Carole Janik!!

MEN'S DIVISION:

- 1ST: Dean A Roll -27 fish -464 points
- 2ND: Joe Mellot -20 fish -360 points
- 3RD: Brant Bunney -15 fish -249 points
- 4TH: Brent Hirsch -19 fish -234 points
- 5TH: Bob Culbertson -18 fish -205 points

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From Our President SHAWN KELLETT

Brrrrrrrr!!!!!! Who forgot to pay the heat bill?????

Well the season may be closing sooner than we anticipated but there's always stuff going on in the chapter.

Right now we're looking for new board members for terms that serve 2007-08. I want to reprint something I wrote last year in my Presidents Letter. It has to do with a lot of excuses we always seem to hear from people when it comes to joining our board.

Myths of being on the MI board:

People don't want someone like ME!

Trust me, you can't be more abrasive or stubborn than me when I want to be. We need the type of people who aren't afraid to get their hands dirty and get things done.

Being on the board is a huge time commitment.

How does 10 Tuesday nights a year sound? That's it. We usually spend a couple hours on business and the rest socializing in the bar. You get out of it what you put into it.

I don't catch fish so what do I know.

Trust me, I know lots of people who DO catch fish and don't know anything! Really though, the ability to get an animal with the brain the size of a peanut to open it's mouth and chomp on a 2x4 or a clump of deer's butt-hair has nothing to do with their leadership or decision making ability.

If you look back at past presidents, you'll probably find that the best ones were not necessarily the best

fisherman. They were the ones that cared about the club and the resource the most. It's those types of people that give of themselves to the club and fishery that get my respect over the local (or national) "Big Sticks." Anyone can take what someone builds; it's those that build what others take for granted that deserve our respect.

I don't know anyone.

You'll find yourselves a TON of new friends by volunteering. Just a couple years ago I really didn't know anyone. When you give of yourself, you usually get x 2 back; usually more. Trust us, nobody bites, will judge you, will think you're stupid for asking something that some (not all) veteran board members know.

I don't know anything about the club so what good can I do?

I'm still learning the ins and outs of this organization. It's the original Muskies Inc chapter. We're the one that started it all. That takes time to learn. Luck for you, we have plenty of veterans that can help you (and me sometimes) get up to speed. You learn by doing, so let's get to work!

We're really looking to make a push on some new projects in 2007 in the areas of stocking/rearing and possibly adding new water. We're going to need help from as many people as we can to not only accomplish these tasks, but to also improve upon our already outstanding chapter.

Stay warm and stay safe!!!

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MEN'S DIVISION: CONTINUED

6TH: Jeremy M Knutson -13 fish -192 points

7TH: David J Nicolai -12 fish -191 points

8TH: Phil Groth -15 fish -168 points

9TH: Chad Lemke -7 fish -108 points

10TH: Tom Batina -10 fish -107 points

It's like a Suick, guys going up and down every month!

MASTERS DIVISION:

1ST: Adam J Greengard -24 -350 points

2ND: Tony Sommerfeld -11 fish -166 points

3RD: Brian Hanson -7 fish -133 points

4TH: Mark Fredrick -8 fish -112 points

5TH: Jim Doyle -4 fish -70 points

6TH: Kurt Hostager -3 fish -27 points

7TH: Mark Sewald -1 fish -19 points

8TH: David Gustafson -1 fish -16 points

Oh, no comment...

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

AUG. -official- David Gustafson -51.5"

Minnetonka -Aug. 20

SEPT. -unofficial- Brant Bunney -54"

Rush -Sept. 9

OCT. -unofficial- Dean Roll -50"

Minnetonka -Oct. 5

The Big Piggy caught on Mille

Lacs has not been recorded...yet!

Well if I had my pick of where to go this fall, I think I would go to a lake with an "M" at the beginning of it and an "E" being the 5th letter in it?? 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:

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I'll see you at the meeting, and we will see you On The Water...

Sponsors Remembered

As fall progresses into winter we muskie anglers are forced from the water. At season's end it is important for us to keep our sponsors in mind as we once again join society for the hard water months. Each one of our events has many people behind the scenes that make it a success. It takes dedicated coordinators, countless volunteers, willing participants and, of course, the sponsors. Think about how these roles play out at the Vets Home opener, Capable Partners outing, the Frank Schneider Memorial Tournament, our Winter Picnic, and in the yearly rearing pond raffle and up-keep of the pond. Thank you all for pitching in to help make these events such a success year after year. These events are the glue that bonds many of our members closely to the Twin Cities Chapter. Please consider participating in any of our chapter's events next season, and be certain to patronize the sponsors that donate to our events.

The Capable Partners outing exemplifies the reward of being involved with these projects. Here, MI guides bond with the participants on the water and we all get to know one another better over lunch on the shores of Lake Independence. We are fortunate to have our renowned chef Tom Lund available to barbecue up our meal, last year with the assistance of Carol Heath and George Selcke. All the food is provided by sponsors so please keep them in mind as you do your shopping.

The morning starts with donuts and rolls provided by Ron and Debbie Youngbauer of the Osseo Bakery (763-424-5403). They provide the buns for the burgers and brauts and well. The shore lunch is chicken breast patties, hamburgers, and the best ever bratwurst compliments of Dick and Fay Welk at the Osseo Meat Market (763-425-2215). Beverages are supplied by the Coke distributor for Carbone's Pizza on Randolph Ave in St. Paul. This is complimented with a mixture of our member's specialty treats brought along from home to share with the group. It is the memories of outing like this one that help pass the long cold days of winter and keep us looking forward to the year ahead. To all of the sponsors and members that make these events a gratifying experience – THANK YOU!



Chapter Outing, Lake Vermilion

from Joe DeMars

As you can see the Vermilion trip was a bit on the chilly side. Wind was also a major factor, Friday's winds were 25 mph out of the northwest and Saturday about 30 mph out of the west, making for very tough fishing conditions. Most of the fishing was done by trolling. Rob Kosloske was the only one to boat a fish – a nice healthy 46-incher caught trolling in 20 feet of water running a 14-inch Jake at 18 feet. The members that were brave enough to make the trip were Jake and Steve Loper, Rob Kosloske, me, my son Lucas and his friend Kevin. Some northerns were also caught the largest being a 38-incher caught by Kevin. Despite the weather and slow fishing everyone enjoyed the trip and are eager to make the trip next year. Good times, good food, good stories, good company.

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MUSKIE TALE

Submit your "unusual fish" stories – you know – the one about the one that got away... the story about how you all went into the water... whatever. Contact Greg Ide – PO Box 13210, Minneapolis, MN 55414 or 612-331-5034 – with your "Muskie Tale". The person with the best story this year will be awarded the Muskie Tale Award at the chapter Winter Picnic in February.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

Upload your photos onto the chapter web site, www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org and share them with everyone. There are links on how to do this on the first page. You can email the pages to your friends and family. New or even old photos can be shared this way.

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**SPEAKER:
BRIAN HANSON**

Brian is one-half of the team that created the Just Big Muskies video collection. Fall is the time for a potential record-breaker and Brian will share tactics that have proved successful for him.

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