



On the Water

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2006 Muskie Tournament September 8, 9, 10

Make plans now to fish in the 39th Annual Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament taking place September 8, 9 and 10 in the Walker-Bemidji-Cass-Winnie-Longville area in northern Minnesota. The Grand Prize is a Ranger 618T Fisherman, with a 90 hp Mercury motor. Any contestant who registers a muskie 40 inches or longer during the tournament will have their name included in the grand prize drawing.

Participating in the tournament is an excellent way to support our chapter and get in a lot of muskie fishing. It is always a great time. Tournament hours start at 7:00 am Friday morning and continue through Sunday. Twenty-one lakes in the area are open to fishing. On Sunday a Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be held in Walker City Park. The Sunday event includes a great burger and brat meal, door prizes for all contestants, and a tournament-only raffle. Tournament winners will be announced and the event will end with the Grand Prize drawing.

Individual adult tickets are \$70.00, juniors \$30.00 and they can be purchased in person through Labor Day at Thorne Bros. and Joe's Sporting Goods in the Twin Cities or at Reed's in Walker and Baxter/Brainerd and at Jerry's One Stop in Longville. Tickets can also be purchased on line at: www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org (click on tournament).

Tickets will also be sold on Thursday, September 7 until 9:00 pm at Reed's in Walker and The One Stop in Longville.

This is an individual, not a team tournament. Prizes are awarded on a point system similar to our Members Only contest and include rods and reels, fishing tackle, a ton of other fishing stuff as well as fishing trips to Red Wing Lodge on Lake of the Woods; Huddle's Resort, Spirit of the North Resort, and New Leech Lake Campground on Leech Lake; Sunset Cove Resort and Sah-Kah-Tay Resort on Cass Lake; Vermilion Dam Lodge on Lake Vermilion; or Pine Beach Resort on Lake Garfield.

Bonus prizes include a total of \$1000 given to the top three female anglers in the memory of Mary Villnow, and bonuses from Abu Garcia and Lindy-M/G-Beckman for top muskies caught using their products. Details will be in each tournament packet.



Joe McWhorter shared this picture of this 51" fish caught on Mille Lacs Saturday, July 29 using a Double Cowgirl.

The tournament-only raffle prizes include a trip to Trail's End Lodge, Clearwater/Pipestone chain in Ontario; a MinnKota trolling motor; MarCum Technologies fish finder; underwater viewing system; full-day Leech Lake guide trip with Dan Craven; and baits from Basin bait, Big Woody, Phantom, and TrueGlide.

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VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE TOURNAMENT

The Tournament Committee needs the help of at least 20 more people for the Awards Banquet on Sunday. Call chairpersons Stu McIntosh/Dianne Dahl ASAP at 651-699-9817 to volunteer. Volunteers are needed for:

- Help collect and tabulate registration forms at Headquarters
- Set up Leader Board and maintain standings
- Deliver film to be developed and pick up when ready
- Sell tournament raffle tickets and merchandise
- Collect and sell meal tickets
- Help keep garbage cans emptied
- Help clean up park at end of day

Members Only Contest

from Pete Randall, Contest chair

A 50+ hello once again. Let me tell you, there have been some people out there fishing this year!! To date 188 muskies have been caught and registered. Of those 188 fish, 53 were caught in July with two being 50" or more so far. We have a couple of new guys in the chapter that really now how to fish, too. Remember to register your fish within one month of your catch date, or they will be disqualified.

Yes, I finally figured out how to distinguish between masters, mens, juniors and womens divisions!! Soon I will master the Hybrid division. I apologize to those who have caught one and are looking for their name.

STANDING AS OF 8-14-2006

JUNIORS DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE** – Evan Nicolai - 2 fish - 36 points
2ND PLACE – Dane Hostager - 1 fish - 16 points
3RD PLACE – James Hedensten - 1 fish - 11 points
Nice job guys, keep it up!!

WOMENS DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE** – Lois Harvey - 2 fish - 30 points
2ND PLACE – Amy Orr - 1 fish - 21 points
3RD PLACE – Linda Knutson - 2 fish - 15 points
4TH PLACE – Cindy Hegdahl - 1 fish - 9 points
5TH PLACE – Wendy Hedensten - 1 fish - 8 points
*The womens division is TIGHT!!!
One fish could change everything.*

MASTER DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE** – Adam J Greengard - 13 fish - 190 points
2ND PLACE – Brian Hanson - 5 fish - 99 points
3RD PLACE – Tony Sommerfeld - 6 fish - 82 points
4TH PLACE – Kurt Hostager - 3 fish - 27 points
5TH PLACE – Mark Sewald - 1 fish - 19 points
6TH PLACE – Jim Doyle - 2 fish - 16 points

7TH PLACE – Mark Fredrick - 1 fish - 7 points
I think you would agree, Adam G. is running away with this one!!

MENS DIVISION

- 1ST PLACE** – Joe Mellot - 14 fish - 229 points
2ND PLACE – Dean A Roll - 14 fish - 226 points
3RD PLACE – Jeremy M Knutson - 11 fish - 160 points
4TH PLACE – Bob Culbertson - 12 fish - 139 points
5TH PLACE – Adam Walsh - 7 fish - 105 points
6TH PLACE – Chad Hagel - 7 fish - 99 points
7TH PLACE – Phil Groth - 9 fish - 87 points
8TH PLACE – Brent Hirsch - 5 fish - 58 points
9TH PLACE – Turk Guderjan - 4 fish - 55 points
10TH PLACE – Tom Harvey - 4 fish - 50 points
OK, this one is very close. Let's get these two into a boat and have them battle it out!! What do ya say?

On to the LUNKERS ON THE MONTH

- MAY** - official - no entry greater than 45"
JUNE - official - Brant Bunney - 51.5" Waconia - June 16th
JULY - unofficial - Adam Walsh - 55.5 x 26 - L.O.T.W. - July 3rd
(YA, like that is going to be beat)
AUGUST - unofficial - Brian Hanson - 49" - Mille Lacs - August 4th

I think I may be getting the hang of this! If you need to send in entry forms my address is as follows:

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Keep your line tight, and remember to check your leaders and snaps. I only say that because of personal experiences.

See you ON THE WATER!!

A Muskie Tale

from Greg Randolph

Wednesday, September 7, 2005. A crystal clear day and dead calm. Air temp is 73°, water temp is 71°, the pressure is 30.22 and dropping. Elaine and I are pre-fishing the Frank Schneider tournament in Agency Bay on Leech Lake. It's about 1:30 pm and we're off a large point, pitching bucktails into shore. Elaine set the hooks on a large black bucktail. "Oh, shoot! I think I'm caught on rock." We slowly motored in with the electric trolling motor and I started to laugh. "Get me the big muskie net." On the fourth attempt, I netted Elaine's 48.5-inch trophy. Then we took a picture of this monster. We are considering having it framed and mounted and put on display at Loe's Resort on Leech. Wait 'till you see Elaine's catch – a 48.5 inch grain shovel!

This story was submitted as a "Musky Tale" for last year. The Muskie Tale Award is presented to the club member who shares the best tale (story). Submit a hard luck or entertaining story. 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.

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

2006 Chapter Challenge

from Juris Ozols

This year our Twin Cities Chapter fielded three teams, some 14 anglers, for the Chapter Challenge on Lake Mille Lacs. The three-day event was put on by the Fargo-Moorhead chapter on Lake Mille Lacs from 9 – 11 August with 15 teams and 70 fishermen participating. The weather ranged from dead calm to 5 foot waves – the Big Lake showed us many of its moods.

How did we do? Well we did not win, again. Indeed we only got 2 Muskies for the three days of efforts. Dave Weyland got a 41-incher, John Newman got a 44 incher, and that was it. We did get some big Northerns, but they don't count.

The winning team from the First Wisconsin Chapter took home the Lunge Bucket. They beat out the field by bringing in six fish ranging in size from 43.5 to 49 inches. A total of twenty-three fish were caught, with seven at 50 inches or better, including one 55 inch giant caught by Jason Hammernick from North Metro.

The final standings:

1st. First Wisconsin-121 points.

2nd. North Metro Team #2-94 points.

3rd. Brainerd Team #2-77 points.

4th. Fargo-Moorhead Team #1-50 points.

5th. North Metro Team #1-41 points.

6th. Fargo-Moorhead Team #2 and Fargo-Moorhead Team #4-both with 24 points.

8th. Twin Cities Team #1-18 points.

9th. Twin Cities Team #2-15 points

So next year the First Wisconsin team will choose the location, and without a doubt our chapter will do better. It's a fun event, one of the many great things that Muskies Inc. and our chapter offer, and you should go!



Traditional "Group Shot" of the Muskies Inc. anglers at the Challenge. The folks with hands raised caught Muskies. Had to be on land this year, we couldn't find a suitable place for the "Boats" group shot.



Our Chapter's biggest Muskie, a 44-incher caught by John Newman, who always seems to be able to get one of the elusive critters.



Above: Matt Olson displaying a 41-1/2 inch Northern caught by fishing partner Juris Ozols in the cabbage beds of Vineland Bay. Note the missing piece of the tail. Had that been there, the fish would have likely been over 50 inches.

Left: Part of the Twin Cities contingent strategizing Tuesday night before the event started.

— this 'n that —

KID'S FISHING CONTEST

Don't forget to keep track of your child's catches this summer. One entry is turned in at the end of the year. Almost any fish of any kind (except a muskie) can be entered. Muskies caught will be entered in the Junior Division of the Members Only Contest.

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Join other chapter members for an outing on Lake Vermilion October 13-15 at Vermilion Dam Lodge. Contact Joe DeMars (612-861-8930).

DINNER ON TUESDAY

The Knights of Columbus Hall serves burgers, pork sandwich, grilled chicken, chicken wings, shrimp basket, etc. on Tuesdays from 5-7 pm.

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SEPTEMBER 12

SPEAKER: TROY ZEULKE

Troy is one-half of the current PMTT World Champion team. He fishes metro-area lakes (Minnetonka) as well as those in northern Minnesota and Canada.

Muskies Inc. Twin Cities Chapter General Meetings are held at 7:00 pm the second Tuesday of every month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 West 79th Street, Bloomington, MN (just off I-494 & Lyndale Ave.).



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