



On the Water

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Project and Rearing Fund Raffle

from John Newman, Raffle Chairperson

Congratulations to all our members who participated in our Rearing and Stocking Raffle. You really came through for our chapter. You had me a little scared because after the first week of June we had only made \$1000 in profit! However, the rest of June and July the dollars started rolling in.

Amazingly, we wound up with a profit of \$9960, all of which will go to stocking muskies. I'd like to thank the Southern Crossroads Chapter for their help. They sold 1000 tickets, and made \$1000 for each chapter. As a matter of fact, they sold the winning ticket.

I had a great committee this year. They worked a lot of hours to pull this off. My thanks to, Eric Schultz, Bob Culbertson, Brad Coyne, Greg Ide, Matt Olson, Dave Rouse, Sharon Bardwell, Linda Newman, Joe Demars, Jerry Montonye, Joe Mellott, and Linda Culbertson. Also thanks to all the folks that helped to work our various showbooths.

Winners of the drawing that was held at our July meeting were: Orvin Drangstreit who won the 1st place prize of a Triton 176 Liberty with a 90hp Mercury and Triton Trailer; James Beheba who won a \$300 Gift Certificate to Thorne Bros.; Rory Potter who won a \$150 gift certificate to Joe's Sporting Goods; and Larry Proskin who won a framed print of the Les Kouba painting "Live Log."

I'd also like to thank our Five Top Sellers who each won trips to various resorts. They were: Pete Randall, 42.3 Books; Larry Maronick, 36.4 books; Bob

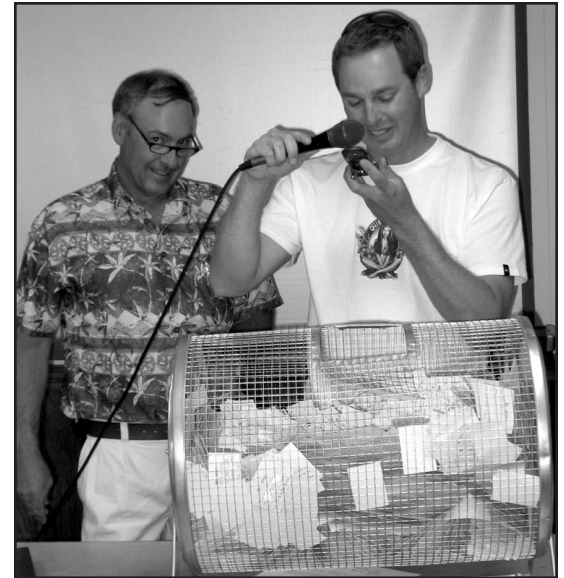
Junghans, 35.6 books; Al Larson, 35.4 books; and Linda and Dave Knutson, 25 books. These five people represent 17% of the tickets sold, congratulations and enjoy your trips!!

We also need to mention and thank all of our donors. Without them this project would not be possible: Frankies Live Bait and Marine, Thorne Brothers Sporting Goods, Joe's Sporting Goods, Hugh Becker Foundation, Shingwak Resort, Vermillion Dam Lodge, Birch Villa Resort, Fortune Bay Casino, White Bear Country Inn, Musky Innovations, Pat McAllister (Bibs Box), Shawn Kellett (Muskie Treat), Axel's Restaurant, Carbone's Pizza, Great American Marine, Calico Jack Tackle, Wolf Track Lures, Joe Sensors Buon Giorno Italia, Dunwright Tackle, Minnesota State Fair, Parkway Auto Care, and Chets Lilydale Liquors.

I would like to introduce Matt Olson as your 2008 Raffle Chairman. Its been a great run for me as your Chairman. In the nine years that I have chaired the committee, we have raised over \$100,000. All of which I am proud to say, went to stocking muskies. I hope you will continue to support Matt and his committee in the same way you've supported mine.

Thanks so much!

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SELL YOUR TICKETS, THEY MUST BE RETURNED. The state of Minnesota requires us to account for ALL tickets. If they aren't turned in, we may have to pay for them out of the proceeds that should be going to purchase muskies for stocking.



Twin Cities Chapter President Shawn Kellett announced the winner of the Rearing Fund Raffle drawing held at our general meeting on July 10. Orvin Drangstreit won the 1st place prize of a Triton 176 Liberty with a 90hp Mercury and Triton Trailer. Thanks to John Newman and his entire committee for the great job done with this fundraiser.

August Meeting

The August 14 meeting will be our annual Pot Luck Summer Picnic at Minnehaha Falls Park. Burgers, brats, buns and pop will be provided by the chapter. Everyone should bring a side dish or dessert to share.

This is an enjoyable night for the whole family, so bring the kids. Everyone is invited to share some fishing stories, some great fishing spots and some good fun.

If you have questions, call Shawn Kellett at 952-380-1218.

2007 Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament

For 40 years our chapter has been holding a muskie tournament in the Cass Lake-Walker of northern Minnesota. This year is no exception. The Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament will take place the weekend of September 7, 8 and 9.

Twenty-one lakes in the Walker-Bemidji-Cass-Winnie-Longville areas will be open to fishing. The Grand Prize this year is a Triton 202T, with a 115 hp Mercury 4-stroke. Any contestant who 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. The Sunday event also includes a great burger and brat meal, door prizes for all contestants, and a tournament-only raffle.

This year, in honor of the 40th year of this event, there will be an optional buffet dinner on Saturday night where anglers can get the day's results, enjoy the company of other tournament anglers and meet representatives from the retailers, manufacturers and resorts that make this tournament possible. We have also invited the remaining founders of Muskies Inc. to join us.

Tickets will go on sale August 1st and are the same price as last year – adults \$70, juniors \$30 – if purchased on or before Labor Day. You can purchase them in person at Thorne Bros. and Joe's Sporting Goods in the Twin Cities or at Reed's in Walker and at Jerry's One Stop in Longville. You can also purchase tickets on-line at www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org (click on tournament).

You will be able to purchase tickets on Thursday, September 6, adults \$75, juniors \$30, at Reed's in Walker and Jerry's One Stop in Longville. NO tickets will be sold after 9:00 pm on Thursday.

You do not have to be part of a "team" to fish the tournament. There are no judge boats. However, every fish

entered must be witnessed by another contestant in our boat. The witness must sign the registration form, and a picture (film or polaroid) is required for verification.

Prizes are awarded on a point system similar to our Members Only contest and include rods and reels, tackle boxes, nets, fishing tackle, and other fishing stuff. Prizes are given to the top 10 adult anglers and the top three juniors. Top prizes also include stays at Canadian and Northern Minnesota resorts. The person who registers the biggest fish will get a graphite replica of the fish made by FiberTech Reproductions.

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

Abu-Garcia and Lindy-M/G-Beckman are each giving bonus awards of up to \$500 for top muskies caught using their products. Details will be in each tournament packet.

The Tournament-Only Raffle will include some great prizes including a trip to Trail's End Lodge, Clearwater/Pipestone chain in Ontario, a MinnKota trolling motor, MarCum Technologies fish finder, underwater viewing system, professional guide trips, wildlife art, gift certificates, commemorative lures and much more.

Since its start 40 year ago, this tournament has grown to be the biggest muskie tournament around. It's become a fishing tradition for many of the anglers who participate every year and yet every year there are many who join it for the first time. If you haven't fished the tournament before, make



A Triton 202T with a 115 Mercury 4-stroke is the Grand Prize in the 2007 Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament September 7, 8 and 9. Every contestant who registers a muskie in the tournament will be entered in the drawing for the Grand Prize boat package.

this year you start. Participating in the tournament is an excellent way to support our chapter, get in a lot of muskie fishing and be part of history. We hope to see you there. It is always a great time.

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Winnipeg River Outing

This year's chapter trip to the Winnipeg River July 7-14 was another successful outing with 28 joining in for the week. This was truly a trip of extremes – we arrived to 85 degrees and clear, but spent the rest of the week with temps in the 60s, strong north winds, and a few good showers. Despite a quick six degree drop in water temperature, all species of fish remained active. This was a welcome change as the past three years we have endured 90 degree heat with constant sun.

It was also a trip of extremes in regards to EXTREMELY big muskies. Dave Stanoch (who released a 54" on the Red Wing outing) had a giant that had a tail larger than our "lunker" award and a tail root fatter than a large grapefruit follow his top water! Dave landed a 41" muskie and missed another 50-incher on that same spot, but the monster never showed herself again. That same day, Scott Eckert had a fish in the mid- to upper-50" class come out from under the boat to eye up his lure. Scott's big girl also never returned but he and his partner did have a great trip including a four-fish day. Every boat also encountered a 50"+ muskie but despite some exciting hookups, none were boated.

The trip was action packed and one of the few where

every boat had a muskie in it. This year's unusually clear water made it easier to spot follows on the windy days and the muskies responded well to figure eights. The two top producers were big bucktails and topwaters, both triggering strikes during the figure eight follow up. Greg Kappes caught the trip's largest muskie, a 49.5" on the final day. Paul Hartman and George Wahl won the "needs more practice" award by only landing 7 of the 19 muskies they had strike for the week.

The cooler water also brought some big pike shallow with the group getting 20 or more 32-40" class pike daily. Dave Knutson caught the first 40" pike of the trip while Paul Hartman lucked into a pair of hard-pulling 41" pike – one on his first cast of the day and one on his last. Dave Gustafson and George Selcke used ultra light gear to battle numerous smallmouth and some dandy pike. Catching walleyes were like the blueberries of this trip – easy picking and great to eat! The walleye boats averaged 30 per day with many "slot" fish in the 24-27" range. If you are interested in a trip to the Winnipeg River, the cost was \$40 per person per night this year. Contact Paradise Cove Resort at 807-224-1107 or visit their website at www.paradisecoveminaki.com. To reserve a spot for next year's outing July 12 – 19th, contact Paul Hartman at 763-786-6031.

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Members Only Contest

from Pete Randall, Contest Chair

This summer heat maybe keeping the catch numbers down, but just keep at it and yes, Ladies, you will catch fish. The Juniors are finally on the board with the usual Evan Nicolai showing his true colors! Nice job. Cindy Hegdahl I don't think catches fish under 45"!!

So far about 120 fish have been submitted. When it comes to bait so far this year, it looks like bucktail and surface lures are getting the fish in the boat. We have had 4 fish registered 50", two from Mille Lacs.

Remember, you have three options for entering in your fish to the Members Only Contest. You can enter them in yourself at the Muskies Inc. web site, muskiesinc.org – remember to use "Fish Submission." You can download blank forms at the Muskies Inc. web site or, you can call or send me a letter and I will take care of everything.

Please try to fill out all of the information on the form to the best of your ability. Thanks.

Mail your entries to:

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Or call 952-201-5000 or email:

Prandall@charter.net.

JUNIORS DIVISION:

1st: Evan Nicolai- 27 points- 2 fish

WOMEN'S DIVISION:

No entry to date

WOMEN'S MASTERS DIVISION:

1ST: Cindy Hegdahl - 42 points - 2 fish

2ND: Linda Knutson - 28 points - 2 fish

MEN'S DIVISION:

1ST: Kris Astorp - 172 points - 12 fish

2ND: John C Newman Jr - 102 points - 8 fish

3RD: Phil Groth - 100 points - 7 fish

4TH: Corey DeZeeuw - 85 points - 9 fish

5TH: Brent Hirsch - 81 points - 6 fish

6TH: Kevin K Clouse - 58 points - 3 fish

7TH: John Huss - 56 points - 5 fish

8TH: Bryan Walsh - 54 points - 4 fish

9TH: Nicholas Golz - 53 points - 3 fish

10TH: Tom Batina - 51 points - 3 fish

MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION:

1ST: Dean A Roll - 53 points - 4 fish

2ND: Brian Hanson - 43 points - 2 fish

3RD: David Gustafson - 22 points - 1 fish

4TH: Tony Sommerfeld - 20 points - 1 fish

5TH: Kurt Hostager - 12 points - 1 fish

HYBRID DIVISION:

1st: Kris Astrop - 10 points - 1 fish

LUNKER OF THE MONTH:

MAY - official - no entry greater than 45"

JUNE - unofficial - Brian Hanson - 51" June 29th - Mille Lacs

JULY - unofficial - Kevin K. Clouse - 53" July 17th - Mile Lacs

Man, Mille Lacs is the place to be!! Be sure to get your fish registered within one month of the catch date to be registered.

See you ON THE WATER.

This is It! August Youth Events

Brent Fox, Youth Co-chair

Only two events left for this summer! #1. FRIDAY, AUGUST 17 (Sorry, event had to be rescheduled from Saturday the 18th). This is still the "TOURNAMENT OF HEROES" taking Iraq and Afghanistan Vets fishing on Lake Minnetonka! Kids will be fishing from the docks.

#2. SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 – "KIDS CAPTAINS TOURNAMENT" on White Bear Lake. This is the big tournament for the kids who have been involved with Fish-A-Thon for at least a year. See our website for September '06 On The Water with a story about last year's event. The kid in my boat brought in a 40-1/2 inch muskie to win 1st place!

For both events:

- boats need to be in the water by 7am. Tournament lasts till 1pm and day is over after 2pm.
- Muskies will be measured.
- Free food will be served.
- Governor Pawlenty may make it to one of the events.

Call me at 651-491-0101 as soon as possible if you want to be a part of either of these events. We can always use one more person with a boat, or even just to help out on shore.

Thanks to those who have helped with this year's events or at least tried to show up! It would be great if we had more people to do the rod refurbishing next spring and with a few more Muskie Inc. boats we could get more attention from those attending.

If you wanted to help, but couldn't make it, then perhaps you'll be able to contribute next year. I'll keep you posted!

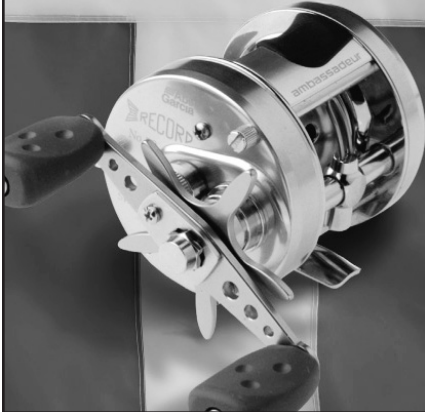
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History and Archives Space

We are in need of donated space that will provide adequate storage and space for volunteers to work with 40 years of Muskies, Inc. archives and artifacts that has been accumulated. We are looking for space for 70-100 boxes of materials as well as space for a worktable and chairs to accommodate several volunteers - about 400 square feet. The space need to be private and secure and dry with thermostat temperature control preferably in the southern metro area.

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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 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN (just off I-494 & Lyndale Ave.).



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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.

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