



On the Water

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Tell Us A Tale

Tell us a tale about something that happened this year while fishing. We're 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, have a story to tell.

The "Muskie Tale" Award will be presented to the club member who shares the best tale (story). The following "tale" from Paul Hartman was submitted last year, but because it did not happen last year wasn't eligible for the award. This is the kind of story that could win the "Muskie Tale" Award.

We were tired, returning from Grand Rapids at 11:30 pm on a Sunday night when we hit a detour that made us drive many miles of gravel roads. We were going 65 miles per hour on the gravel. Did I mention we were tired?

When we got home, I tried to jackknife the boat to park it and I couldn't see the boat in the mirror. I got out of the van. There was no boat.

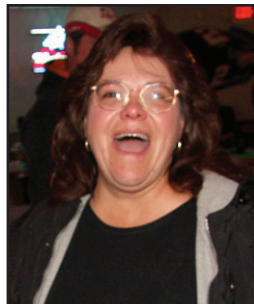
I told my fishing partner ... don't ask. She said, "Where is the boat?" I said, "I told you not to ask!"

Monday was my first day on a new job, but I told them I'd be a day late. I spent the day driving to and from Grand Rapids looking in the ditches for the boat. I called the Highway Patrol. Had some problem with that because I just bought the boat and hadn't transferred the title yet.

The boat had a brand new 15-horse, 4-stroke and I figured someone just took the boat and it was a loss. On Tuesday night I got a call from a farmer. He had seen the boat on his hill, parked like someone was trying to sell it. He investigated, saw that the safety chains were broken, took the boat into his yard, gave the Highway Patrol the trailer license number, and got my phone number.

I told him I would pick up the boat the following weekend. In the meantime the farmer had welded new safety chains on the trailer, welded an extension onto the latch so it wouldn't come off the hitch again, and repaired the trailer light. I had to argue with him to get him to take the \$100 that I had planned to give him as a reward.

Send your tales to last year's recipient of this award, Russ Peterson at 3030 St. Albans Mill Rd #303, Minnetonka, MN 55305. If you want to email, please send to Jim Kroupa at jkroupa@ties2.net.



Top (left to right): Mark and his daughter Monica. Mark's fiancée Terrie DuBe (Before her move to Walker, Terrie was very active in the chapter and she has also served as international secretary). Mark received a boutonniere from his niece Danyl Peterson. Bottom: Jeff Woodruff and chapter member John Olson. Several years ago the chapter held a benefit for Jeff to help with medical expenses after he suffered a stroke.

Friends and family of Mark Tooker and Terrie DuBe held a benefit November 17 to help with medical expenses for Mark who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer and, unfortunately, has no health insurance. Terrie and Mark are chapter members who live in the Walker, MN area. A small contingent from the Twin Cities (including Juris Ozols who took these photos) attended the benefit. Anyone wanting to help can send donations to Tooker Benefit Account, 1st National Bank, 600 Minnesota Ave W, Walker, MN 56484.

Members Only Contest

from Pete Randall, Contest Chair

What a fishery! Mille Lacs, Vermilion, Minnetonka and the rivers; what a fishery we have right here in our back yards!!

Thank the DNR and "YOU" the members of Muskies Inc. Can it get any better than this? When it comes to 50" fish you can go to any one of these lakes and basically any lake in the state and have a chance at a fish of a lifetime. Just the last couple of months we have had 13 fish at 50" or greater with a majority of them coming out of Mille Lacs.

If you need to enter a fish or just print up a submission form, you can do so at

www.twincitemuskiesinc.org under the members only contest icon.

If you don't enter your fish on line, mail your entries to:

Peter Randall

6490 158th St. W.

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Or call 952-201-5000

Or email: Prandall@charter.net.

JUNIOR'S DIVISION:

1ST: Zachary Weyland - 76 points - 5 fish - longest 47"

2ND: Evan Nicolai - 57 points - 5 fish - longest 41"

3RD: Thomas Batina - 11 points - 1 fish - 36.5"

WOMEN'S MASTERS:

1ST: Cindy Hegdahl - 207 points - 14 fish - longest 49"

2ND: Linda Knutson - 130 points - 9 fish - longest 46"

WOMEN'S DIVISION:

1ST: Lois Harvey - 74 points - 4 fish - longest 52"

2ND: Carole K Janik - 72 points - 4 fish - longest 47"

3RD: Christine L Rein - 9 points - 1 fish - 35"

MEN'S MASTERS:

1ST: Dean A Roll - 281 points - 15 fish - longest 52"

2ND: David Gustafson - 220 points - 12 fish - longest 51"

3RD: Brian Hanson - 181 points - 8 fish - 54"

4TH: Mark Fredrick - 136 points - 10 fish - longest 50.5"

5TH: Tony Sommerfeld - 102 points - 7 fish - longest 46"

MEN'S DIVISION:

1ST: Kris Astorp - 852 points - 54 fish - longest 54.5"

2ND: Phil Groth - 343 points - 25 fish - longest 50"

3RD: John Huss - 318 points - 25 fish - longest 47"

4TH: Bryan Walsh - 233 points - 14 fish - longest 50.5"

5TH: John C Newman Jr - 210 points - 16 fish - longest 43.5"

6TH: David J Nicolai - 179 points - 13 fish - longest 44"

7TH: Brent Hirsch - 164 points - 13 fish - longest 49"

8TH: Brandon Bunney - 156 points - 10 fish - longest 48"

9TH: Corey DeZeeuw - 143 points - 13 fish - longest 42.5"

10TH: Bob Culbertson - 141 points - 14 fish - longest 43"

LUNKER OF THE MONTH:

MAY: official - no entry greater than 45"

JUNE: official - Brian Hanson - 51" June 29th - Mille Lacs

JULY: official - Robert W. Junghans - 56" July 30th - Kaniatarowanenneh, ON

AUGUST: official - Dean A. Roll - 52"x22" Aug. 23rd - Mille Lacs

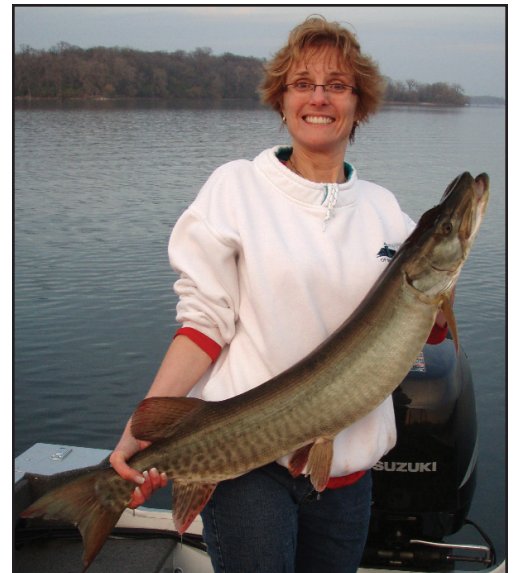
SEPTEMBER: official - Glen Bergman - 54"x25" Sept. 22nd - Vermilion

OCTOBER: unofficial - Brian Hanson - 54" Oct. 4th - Mille Lacs

NOVEMBER: unofficial - Brian Hanson - 49" Nov. 7th - Vermilion

For a lot of us the season is over. If you have not buttoned up your boat, now is the time to get out for a couple more days before the ice comes. Your chances for a "BIG GIRL" are here!!

See you On The Water...



A Three-Fish Day

Carole Janik shared this story about an early-November day of muskie fishing.

We'd gotten out on the lake and fished for 4 hours on all our favorite spots. Nothing was happening, so we headed over to a spot we hardly ever fished. A few casts on the new spot, and I get a hit right at the boat! That fish came out of nowhere. I didn't have time to react. Just held on for dear life and very excitedly asked the husband to get the net, which he promptly did and netted the fish, a 47 incher. After a quick photo, this fish was released and bolted outright into the depths. About a half an hour later, after 2 follows, I get another hit and can't believe it! A two-fish day! This one was 42". I was giving my husband a lot of good practice at netting and snipping and working the hooks out, that's for sure! Another quick pic and back in the lake! I'm on a roll here now, so I can't give up, even though the sun is setting. Just as it started to really get dark, another hit close to the boat but not as close as my first one. Husband is right on top of the netting job, as always, and I didn't fight this fish for long either. I was getting tired, and the fish was thrashing in the net every time I tried to lift it out of the water, so I kindly asked my husband this time if he wouldn't mind doing the job for me while I took HIS picture with the fish. This one went 46" and was a FAT fish! I was fortunate to catch 3 muskies in the course of an hour and a half.

Sponsor Program

You will see a number of ads in this issue and upcoming issues of *On the Water*. The board has implemented a program to provide consistency and to thank the sponsors who give so much to our chapter. As part of the program, we will be including sponsor ads in the newsletter several times a year.

Sponsors donate products, gift certificates, trips, and resort stays for our tournament, rearing fund raffle, and welcome table. Without them, we would not be able to hold the fundraisers that help our chapter function.

Resorts who has donated a week trip that are incentive prizes for selling raffle tickets or go to winners of our annual tournament in September will be featured in the spring. Please consider them when you are planning a fishing trip for this summer.

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. And if you're in the stores, please tell them thank you from our chapter.

Muskie Award Nominations

Nominations are being accepted through January 15, 2007 for the Twin Cities chapter Muskie Award. This distinctive honor is conferred upon a deserving member, who has constantly and unselfishly devoted time and energy over the years to promoting and improving the goals of Muskie, Inc. The award is presented every year at our Awards Banquet.

Since 1974 winners include Gil Hamm, Darrell Trumbauer, Hugh Becker, Rich Ruhl, Pete Hadley, Larry Ramsell, Frank Schneider, Jr., Lou Cook, Vince Rakow, Jeri Glander, Lynn Trombley, Tom Meyers, Roger Klingensmith, Smokey Swenson, Rick Hartz, John Newman, Dave Griffin, Turk Guderjan, George Wahl, Dan and Lynne Kline, Russ Peterson, Ken Kirk, Terrie DuBe, Greg and Elaine Randolph, Patti Slack, Paul Hartman, Juris Ozols, Tom Glander, John Olson, Larry Proskin, Joe DeMars, Denise Olson, and Stu McIntosh and Dianne Dahl.

Nominations must be made in writing and include a history of the person's involvement with the Twin Cities Chapter over the years. The winner will be selected by secret ballot at the February Board meeting.

Send your nominations to Jim Kroupa at 6311 Steller Circle, Excelsior, MN 55331. Or, you can email them to jkroupa@ties2.net. Call Jim at 952-474-5967 if you have questions.



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members will then elect the board officers (president, vice president, etc.) from among the board members.

Be sure to attend the next meeting so that you may have a say in how your chapter is run.

Email On the Water

Printing and mailing this newsletter costs the chapter about \$500 each month. If everyone who has and uses email would choose to receive their newsletter by email, it could help save money that can be used for other projects. Please send your email address to olsonat3pete@gmail.com if you are interested in receiving your newsletter by email each month. We will begin to send out electronic newsletters after the first of the year.

Survey to Provide Tournament Feedback

The Tournament Committee has developed a survey to give feedback on the Frank Schneider Memorial Muskies Tournament.

The survey has been posted on our website: www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org. Click on tournament.

The committee is considering a number of changes for next year. Attendance was down at the tournament this year and the committee would like to gather information that it can use to determine ways to increase the number of participants and make this an event to attend.

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