



On the Water

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Vet's Home Opener Scheduled for Saturday, May 3

The Twin Cities chapter will again be hosting a fishing opener event for the residents of the Minnesota Veterans Home on Saturday, May 3. This marks the 13th year we have been setting up a trout pond at the Vet's Home. MI volunteers help residents while they fish for the trout. All the trout caught are cleaned and cooked along with all the makings of a "shore lunch" and served to the residents.

Everyone who can should take some time Saturday morning and help out. You'll be glad you did. If you don't attend any other chapter event, this one is well worth it.

Volunteers are needed to help with the cooking, cleaning and generally making this a fun event. This is one of the best volunteer events put on at Veterans Homes all over the country and has been recognized as such. VFW Post 6009 also contributes to this event.

Terry Hagstrom is organizing the Vets Home opener again this year. Volunteers – and many are needed – should be at the Veterans Home (by Minnehaha Falls) around 7 am. Many of the residents are lined up waiting early in the day. If you can bring 10 pounds of boiled potatoes with you, please call Terry and let him know. Otherwise, he will be boiling potatoes galore the night before.

Call Terry at 612-747-6509 or 651-462-3669 if you have questions, or if you'll be bringing some of those boiled potatoes.



First place prize in the annual fundraising raffle was on display at the Muskie Expo. A big thanks to George Wahl who again provided space to display the raffle boat and sell raffle tickets, as well as space for our chapter show booth and tournament grand prize.

Annual Fundraising Raffle Kicks Off

The chapter's annual Rearing Fund and Project Raffle officially kicked off at the Muskie Expo in March. The raffle is the our chapter's way to fund stocking and rearing projects in the metro area. Every dollar raised by the raffle is dedicated to the muskie resource. Over the years our chapter has stocked thousands of muskies in metro area waters.

A boat-motor-trailer package – a 17-foot Triton Frontier-T and trailer powered by a 60 hp Mercury 4-stroke – is the first place prize in the raffle. The second place prize is a \$300 shopping spree at Thorne Bros. Custom Rod & Tackle, third prize is a \$200 shopping spree at Blue Ribbon Tackle, and fourth prize is a Benelli Super Nova Shotgun courtesy of Joe's Sporting Goods.

The drawing will be held at the September general meeting. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each. Raffle tickets

will be mailed to members in May. We are asking each chapter member to sell at least 20 tickets. After all, the muskie stocking benefits each and every one of us.

Over 400 tickets were sold during the three days at the Expo, but we have a long road ahead of us. Even with the great deal we got from Triton Boats and Frankies Marine, the first place prize cost us a significant amount. That means all of us need to step up and sell even more tickets.

As in previous years, we will be offering monthly incentive prizes for selling the raffle tickets. We will also be offering great prizes to the top sellers including some great fishing trips.

We have set a goal to sell a minimum of 15,000 raffle tickets this year. That means that we will be able to stock even more muskies in metro-area lakes.

Thanks for your help.

Free Muskie Events on April 12

For those who just can't wait for the muskie season to start, Saturday, April 12 will feature two muskie events. Blue Ribbon Tackle in Oakdale will be holding their own Muskie Expo from 9-5. Lupient Chevrolet in Bloomington is holding a free event featuring seminars by some of the muskie world's top anglers.

Lupient Chevrolet Seminars

The Lupient Chevrolet event will not only feature free fishing seminars, but also will have free food and beverages and a number of door prizes and free giveaways.

12:30 PM Overlooked Tips, Tricks, and Tactics to Catch More Muskies: Josh Borovsky, Lee Tauchen, and Jeff Andersen will be sharing their knowledge on key factors for success that are commonly overlooked by the majority of anglers.

2:00 PM Muskie Guide Panel: Featuring Josh Borovsky, Lee Tauchen, and Jeff Andersen. This will be an audience driven question & answer session. A perfect opportunity to have all of your fishing related questions answered.

Please e-mail Jerry Murray at jerrymu@lupient.com to RSVP. Lupient Chevrolet is located at 1601 Southtown Drive (intersection of 494 and 35W) in Bloomington.

Blue Ribbon Tackle Muskie Expo

This Expo will feature Larry Dahlberg, Dick "The Griz" Grzywinski, Josh Stevenson, Steve Scepaniak and Rich Reinert. Also on hand will be a number of tackle and rod manufacturers. Frankies Marine will have Ranger and Skeeter boats on display. All muskie baits will be discounted 10% during the Expo.

Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle is located at 1985 Geneva Avenue (Century Avenue) in Oakdale. Call them at 651-777-2421 or visit www.blueribbonbait.com for more information.

Lupient Buick/Pontiac/GMC to Provide Grand Prize for Chapter Tournament

GMC Sierra has been named the "Official Truck of Muskie Mania 2008". The

chapter's annual Frank Schneider Memorial Tournament, held the weekend after Labor Day in September in the Bemidji-Cass-Walker-Longville area of

northern Minnesota, is themed this year after a book written in 1977 by Ron Schara of Minnesota Bound. Ron Schara will serve as Grand Marshall and celebrity MC.

Winner of the Grand Prize in the tournament will receive a \$30,000 Certificate, provided by Lupient GMC/Pontiac/Buick redeemable for any truck, car or SUV at Lupient GMC/Pontiac/Buick. The Certificate can be split, should the recipient choose to. Lupient will provide three demo trucks that will be seen throughout the state and in other events promoting "Muskie Mania 2008".

Lupient Group has been serving the area for over 30 years and has a long heritage of involvement in numerous community activities.



Currently they are supporting local high schools by helping them promote school activities. "This pairing with Muskies, Inc. will give us an opportunity to help the Minnesota fishery and DNR while supporting another 41-year-old, local non-profit", said Rob Stewart, Lupient Buick/Pontiac/ GMC General Manager.

The Twin Cities chapter of Muskies, Inc has been holding this fundraising tournament since the inception of the non-profit organization. More information about the tournament is available on the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc. web site at www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org or contact Tournament Director Ron Sanders at 612-386-1100.

Support the Youth!

from Brent Fox, Youth Chair

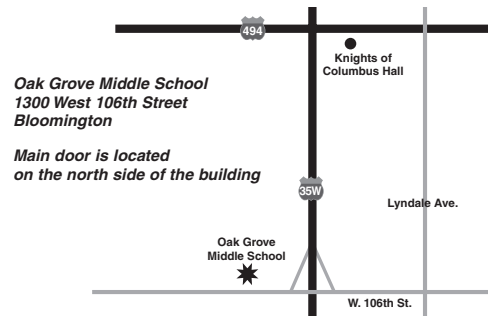
Here's what we're asking. If you have any fishing equipment cluttering up your gear boxes or work area, that you don't use or need any more, consider donating it to the Youth Table at the monthly meetings. Most every month, we have a table with used gear for people to take and leave a donation for. All we ask is a donation. The gear you take home can ideally be given to some youngster who needs a start, or you may find something that you could really use yourself. The money you donate will be added to our Youth Account and used for buying new stuff for prizes and give-a-ways to the kids. The rod or lure that you no longer need could be the one some kid uses to catch their first muskie! Just put gear on the table with the other stuff and leave a few bucks if you find something to take home. We can keep this going indefinitely! I know I've got a few things to clear out of my basement!

Sponsor Program

You will see a number of ads in this issue and upcoming issues of *On the Water*. As part of the chapter's thank you program to our sponsors, we will be including sponsor ads in the newsletter several times a year.

The resorts have donated a week trip that are incentive prizes for selling raffle tickets or go to winners of our annual tournament in September. Please consider them when you are planning a fishing trip for this summer. Without them, we would not be able to hold the fundraisers that help our chapter function.

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AUGUST 2-9 – EAGLE LAKE

The trip to will be to Andy Meyer's Lodge on Eagle Lake in Ontario. The week includes housekeeping cabin, guide trip, seminars and a Wednesday free fish fry. The trip is discounted to \$539 per person for the week – \$799 if you want to include evening meals. A \$100 deposit needs to be paid as soon as possible to reserve the spot. Contact Troy Zuelzke by phone at 952-955-3890 or at tzuelzke@lesterbuildings.com

AUGUST 16-23 – RED WING LODGE

The annual trip to Red Wing Lodge on Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods is a joint trip with North Metro Chapter. The Bartletts of Red Wing will host a free dinner one evening during the week and will also give door prizes and have a drawing for one free trip. Cost will be \$250 person with a \$50 deposit. To make your reservations, contact John Van Ingen at 651-699-5172 or Pat Miller at 651-429-1629.



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APRIL 8

POOLSIDE DEMO & MANUFACTURER'S NIGHT

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in Bloomington (map on p 3)

There will be in-the-pool demonstrations of new baits and tips to get the most out of the baits you currently have by Thorne Bros. A number of manufacturers will be on hand to demo new offerings and many will have baits for sale. Joint meeting with North Metro.

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.

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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