



# On the Water

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## August Meeting

The August 12 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.

Meet at 6:30 pm at the pavilion on Minnehaha Parkway by the falls.

Registration for our tournament will be on sale and an incentive drawing for the Rearing Fund raffle will be held.

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

## Stocking Two Rearing Ponds



With a lot of help from Frankie Dusenka, Frankie's Marine, 10,000 muskie fingerlings were stocked in two rearing ponds. Frankie, above, picked up the muskie fingerlings from the DNR's Waterville hatchery and hauled them to the ponds. 5000 of the 3-4 inch muskies went into the Kost pond that has been a pretty successful pond in the past. 5000 more went in to a new pond for Muskies Inc. near Cambridge. That pond was previously used for raising minnows by the DNR. At this time both ponds support a good minnow population of various sizes that should feed the 3 to 4 inch muskies all summer and get them to grow to 12 inches or more for stocking in lakes this fall. We will need help getting those muskies out of the ponds in the fall. If you are interested in helping net them, contact Greg Kappas at 952-470-2260 to let him know.



One of the three Lupient GMC trucks used for promoting our chapter's fundraising Muskie tournament, Muskie Mania 2008, the Frank Schneider Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament, participated in the Fourth of July parade in Cass Lake. Miss Cass Lake, Pearl Walker, rode in the truck and local-area children were in the boat. A second truck was featured in the Walker Fourth of July parade and one of the trucks was also in the Aquatennial parade. The three trucks, provided by tournament sponsors Lupient Buick Pontiac GMC, 3M and Visual Impact will be seen around the state for the rest of the summer promoting our tournament.

## "OPT IN" TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTER BY MAIL

Printing and mailing this newsletter is the biggest expense that our chapter has. Soon, if you want to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, you will have to "opt in" for that option. Watch your mail for an "opt in" post card. Please return the post card if you want to still receive the printed version or to let us know your email. Or, if you want to take advantage of the email version now, please send your email address to: [olsonat3pete@gmail.com](mailto:olsonat3pete@gmail.com)

The money saved can be used for other projects.

# Muskie Mania 2008, Frank Schnedier, Jr. Memorial Tournament

The chapter's annual Frank Schneider Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament is fast approaching. The Twin Cities chapter has been holding this tournament for over 40 years. The tournament, themed "Muskie Mania 2008" this year, will be held September 5, 6 and 7, 2008 in the Bemidji-Cass Lake-Walker-Longville area of northern Minnesota.

Muskie Mania 2008 encourages all anglers to participate. You don't have to be a professional muskie fisherman or part of a team to join in the fun. Everyone who enters a muskie (40" minimum) during the three days will have their name put in a drawing for the grand prize.

The grand prize is in the form of a \$30,000 certificate that can be split to apply to two vehicles of your choice from Lupient Buick Pontiac GMC. Watch for tournament trucks advertising the tournament around town.

## Ron Schara to Serve as MC

Ron Schara of TV's Minnesota Bound and WCCO radio has agreed to be the MC and celebrity host for the event. If you register for the tournament before August 25th will receive an autographed copy of Ron's book, *Minnesota Bound*.

Ron will be a featured speaker at the free Friday and Saturday Feeds for all tournament contestants to be held at Canal House Restaurant at Stony Point Resort, Moondance Fairgrounds east of Walker on Highway 200, and

Anchorage Inn on Lake Inguadona.

The evening Feeds feature food, great camaraderie, tournament results and pictures. Celebrity speakers, silent auction, product displays, and book signings are featured at feeds in Cass Lake and Moondance. Children are free at the feeds and meal tickets are available on site for non-contestants.

## Sunday Awards and Feed

Moondance Fairgrounds will be the site of the Sunday Awards and Feed for contestants and guests. There is ample parking for vehicles and boats. Their famous Moondance Bloody Mary Bar will open at 10:00 on Sunday.

Moondance Fairgrounds will serve as headquarters all three days of the tournament. Contestants who choose to may camp at the fairgrounds during the tournament. They have sites both with and without electric/water hook up as well as a dump station & shower-house/bathrooms for campers. Contact them at 877-666-6526 to reserve a camping spot for the tournament.

## Tournament Raffle

The tournament will feature a raffle with a limited number - only 1500 - of tickets printed. Raffle tickets will be sold at the tournament only, with the drawing held at the Sunday Awards. Top raffle prize is a week-long trip including airfare to Wigwam Golf Resort and Spa in Arizona. Other prizes include stays at northern Minnesota resorts, custom rod and reel com-

binations, and guided fishing trips with top pros.

## Registration Now Open

Tournament registrations are on sale through August 25 at: Joe's Sporting Goods in St. Paul; Thorne Bros in Fridley; Blue Ribbon Bait and Tackle in Oakdale; Cabela's in Rogers, Owatonna, and East Grand Forks; Barber's Inn in Wayzata; Sportsman's Warehouse in St. Cloud; Lupient Buick Pontiac GMC in Golden Valley; Reed's Family Outdoor Outfitters in Walker; One Stop in Longville; Froggie's Bait & Tackle in Cass Lake; and Bluewater Outdoors in Bemidji.

You may also register through Labor Day on line at [www.muskiemaniamania.org](http://www.muskiemaniamania.org).

When you register early, you have the option of picking up your tournament package in several locations. The tournament package includes free publications; souvenir program with lake maps; admittance to daily feeds. We look forward to seeing you at the tournament.

The Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial tournament is is our chapter's biggest fundraising event. Money raised by the tournament pays for all the chapter's operating funds: speakers at monthly meetings, food at chapter events such as the August picnic and Capable Partners outing, donations to organizations such as the Kids Fish-A-Thon, funding other muskie-related projects, and the printing and mailing of your monthly newsletter.

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## Do Your Part to Help Preserve the Local Muskie Fishery

Last month tickets for the chapter's annual Rearing Fund and Project Raffle were sent out to chapter members. A few people had picked up their tickets at one of the chapter meetings. The rest were mailed out. The families who never returned tickets last year, or those who sent back their tickets and didn't sell them were eliminated from the mailing list to save on postage. Of the approximately 375 chapter families on our roster, there were only 100 families who were mailed raffle tickets to sell.

With only one-third of our chapter even participating, it will be more difficult to reach our stocking goal. Each participant will have to sell not only the 3 books they received, but also the books of at least 2 more people for us to be able to stock muskies this fall in waters we ALL fish in. If you have ever fished any local area lake we ask that you do your part and sell at least your 3 books of raffle tickets. If you don't want to sell the tickets, buy them yourself and turn in the stubs for yourself. You may find yourself the owner of a new boat!

If you didn't receive any tickets and still want to participate - there's time - please call raffle chairperson Matt Olson at 612-423-2404 or email [olson@3pete.com](mailto:olson@3pete.com).

We have a great muskie fishery in the metro area and the pressure on the resource continues to grow. Help ensure that the resource stays viable for years to come. Every dollar raised by the raffle is dedicated to the muskie resource. You are the beneficiaries of the stocking. All of us need to step up and sell tickets.

First place raffle prize is a boat-motor-trailer package – a 17-foot Triton Frontier-T and trailer powered by a 60 hp Mercury. 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 from Joe's Sporting Goods. The drawing will be held at the September general meeting.

We will have our first monthly incentive drawing at the August Picnic meeting. Chapter members who sell and turn back 30 tickets by the meeting will have their name entered the incentive drawing.

Each \$20 book of raffle tickets you sell will stock one 20" fish. Plans are to stock as many fish as possible into White Bear Lake, Lake Minnetonka, possibly Lake Waconia and possible new lakes. Last year muskies that averaged 28" were stocked in White Bear Lake and Lake Minnetonka.

One way to help sell more raffle tickets is to help taking the first prize boat to events or other places where people congregate. If you would be willing to help take the boat around and sell tickets for a day or an afternoon, please call Matt Olson and make some arrangements with him. If you want one of the "honor jugs" to be responsible for, call Matt.

We need EVERY chapter member to participate. You may mail back your checks and ticket stubs or return them at the next meetings. The State of Minnesota requires that any unsold raffle tickets be turned back in.

If you have any questions, need more raffle tickets, or want to do your part, please call Matt Olson at 612-423-2404.

## Chapter Fishing League

The chapter's summer league fishing outing on Lake Minnetonka for our July meeting was a success! Twenty-one people took part and the group boated three muskies for the evening, which has a few of the non-believers in Minnetonka accepting that there may really be muskies in the lake. Eric Schultz led the way with a 47-inch fish, Troy Zuelzke followed with a 40-incher, and Jim Coyle caught a 37-incher. Several pike were also caught that night.

The August outings for the chapter league are Saturday, August 16 from 6 am to 12 pm at Lake Harriet/Lake Calhoun and Tuesday, August 26 from 6 to 10 pm on Lake Waconia.

We encourage everyone to participate in as many outings as they would like. This is a good way for those without boats to get in some fishing as we will find space for you to fish.

Contact Jody Dahms at [jdahms@aquali.com](mailto:jdahms@aquali.com) or 952-356-6047 with questions regarding the league. Anglers without boats, please confirm attendance with Jody to ensure that we arrange boat space for you.

Remaining outings for the league this summer are Saturday, September 20-21 at Lake Mille Lacs and Saturday, October 11, from 10 am to 4 pm on Lake Minnetonka at Gray's Bay Landing.

Good luck fishing until next time.

	LAKE INDEP.	FOREST LAKE	LAKE MTKA	PTS.
Eric Schultz	0	5	26	31
Matt Olson	5	11	5	21
Troy Zuelzke	0	0	19	19
Greg Kappes	5	8	5	18
Jim Coyle	0	0	16	16
Tom Batina	5	5	5	15
Greg Batina	5	5	5	15
Vince Trotta	5	5	5	15
Jody Dahms	5	5	5	15
Juris Ozuls	5	0	5	10
Adam Salo	5	0	5	10
Greg Ide	0	0	8	8
Brad Coyne	0	0	8	8
Matt Murtha	0	5	0	5
Dave Priem	0	0	5	5
Peter Randall	0	0	5	5
John Newman	0	0	5	5
Jim Kroupa	0	0	5	5
Roger Ecklund	0	0	5	5
Shawn Kellett	0	0	5	5
Mike McGrath	0	0	5	5
Ron Sanders	0	0	5	5

## Members Only Contest

from Pete Randall, Contest Chair

The dog days of summer are here! The fishing has been high but the catching has been low for most of us! Only a total of 74 fish have been registered as of 7-11-08 in our chapter. That is about 20% less than last year!

A lot of the big fish have been coming out of lakes all over the state – from Independence to Vermilion down to Mille Lacs and back up to Lake of the Woods. Out of all the chapters only 24 fish have been caught 50"+ and 4 have been from our chapter. A 50" from Tim Walsh, two at 51" from Mike Platterer and Brandon Bunney, ending with a 52.5" from Kris Astrop. All you women muskie anglers, it just takes one fish to win your division. Nothing has been registered yet!!

If you would like to enter your fish you can do so at the Muskies Inc. web site [www.muskiesinc.org](http://www.muskiesinc.org). Remember to use "Fish Submission." Or you can download blank forms at the web site and send them to me at [Prandall@charter.net](mailto:Prandall@charter.net). Or mail to: Peter Randall, 6490 158th St. W. Apple Valley, MN 55124. 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. All entries older than one month from the day the fish was caught will not count. You can also print up a submission form at our chapter web site. [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org) at the members only contest icon.

See you On the Water!

### JUNIORS DIVISION:

1ST: Evan Nicolai - 28 points- 3 fish- 38" longest release  
2ND: J.T. Doeblner - 27 points - 2 fish - 43" longest release  
3RD: Thomas Batina - 8 points - 1 fish - 34"

### WOMENS DIVISION:

No fish entered

### WOMENS MASTERS:

Linda Knutson - 29 points - 2 fish - 41.5" longest release

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2ND: Phil Groth - 132 points - 8 fish - 47.50" longest release  
3RD: John Huss - 55 points - 4 fish - 42.50" longest release  
4TH: Corey DeZeeuw - 54 points - 3 fish - 47" longest release  
5TH: Chad Hagel - 40 points - 2 fish - 46.25" longest release  
6TH: Chris Gardner - 37 points - 3 fish - 45" longest release  
7TH: Brandon Bunney - 36 points - 2 fish - 51" longest release  
8TH: Bryan Walsh - 35 points - 2 fish - 49.25" longest release  
9TH: Nicholas Golz - 28 points - 4 fish - 35" longest release  
10TH: Mike Platteter - 25 points - 1 fish - 51" longest release  
11TH: Todd E Lorenz - 25 points - 2 fish - 39" longest release  
12TH: Frank Zappa Jr - 24 points - 2 fish - 43.50" longest release  
13TH: Dave Knutson - 24 points - 1 fish - 49.50"  
14TH: Timothy L. Walsh - 24 points - 1 fish - 50"

### MENS MASTERS:

1ST: Dean A Roll- 68 points- 5 fish- 46" longest release

### LUNKER OF THE MONTH:

MAY: official - no entry greater than 45"

JUNE: unofficial - Timothy L. Walsh - 50" June 7th - Independence

JULY: unofficial - Kris Astrop - 52.5" - July 17th - Vermilion



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This will be our chapter's second year sponsoring the Twin Cities Fishing For Life, Fish-A-Thon. Not only do we have a great opportunity to help get kids off their duffs and into a boat catching fish, we might get to introduce them to their first muskie! A few of us have had this pleasure already. 40 boats for 2 kids each are needed at the next kids event on Lake Minnetonaka, Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23rd.

To give some of your time and take others in your boat, contact our Youth Director, Brent Fox, at (651) 491-0101.

**AUGUST 16-23 –  
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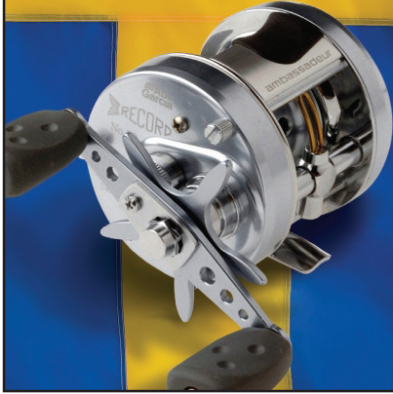
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**AUGUST 12**

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*Saturday, August 16  
6 am to 12 pm*

*Lake Harriet/Lake Calhoun*

*Tuesday, August 26  
6 to 10 pm*

*Lake Waconia*

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