



On the Water

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Chapter 1 Winter Banquet to Feature Larry Dahlberg as Keynote Speaker

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 15. The chapter will be holding a Winter Banquet – an evening of games, a silent auction, prizes and fun for adult chapter members and their guests. Larry Dahlberg from TV's "Hunt for Big Fish" will be the featured speaker and his presentation will undoubtedly be the highlight of the evening.

The banquet will be held again this year at the Ft. Snelling Club. Last year members told us they loved the games at the banquet so this year the theme for the evening is MORE FUN – more games and more prizes for both men and women, including a full-day guide trip on Mille Lacs with Lee Tauchen.

The event will start at 6:00pm with a cash bar and social hour of games, raffles and bidding on the silent auction. Dinner and our speaker, Larry Dahlberg will begin at 7:30pm. The cost for this fun-filled evening is only \$17.95 per person.

We expect with a speaker like Larry Dahlberg to sell out the event so please tell your friends to register early to guarantee a seat. All tickets must be reserved and paid for in advance no later than February 8. You may use the order form on page 5 or see Amy at the January meeting.

More information, a map with directions and will be in next month's issue. Make plans to celebrate with us on February 15.

MN Muskie Expo March 7, 8, 9

Make plans now to attend the 14th annual MN Muskie Expo at the National Sports Center in Blaine. This three-day event is devoted exclusively to the muskie and muskie fishing. The Expo is open from 2 to 9 pm Friday, Saturday from 10 am to 7 pm, and on Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Muskie-related exhibitors including lure manufacturers, guides, resorts, as well as retailers and boat dealers with show specials will be represented at the Expo. All three days will feature seminars by top muskie pros Jim Saric, Bob Mehsikomer, Boll Schwartz, Doug Kloet, Luke Ronnestrand, Jason Hammernik, Mike Hulbert, Rob Kimm and Jack Burns. There will be a large "Kids Midway" area with games and prizes for kids sponsored by Edina Realty, with all proceeds going to Hospitality House and Teen Challenge. Kids 12 and under are free, so bring the whole family. Adult entry for the Expo is \$10, a three-day pass is \$17.

Board Members Elected

The chapter held the election of Board members at the December general meeting. Newly elected Board members serving a two-year term are Scott Crawford, Nate Richter and Vince Trotta. Re-elected to two year terms are Brad Coyne, Bob Culbertson, Dianne Dahl, Terry Hanson, Paul Hartman, Steve Hedensten, Greg Ide, Jim Kroupa, Mike McGrath, Stu McIntosh, Joe Mellott, Matt Olson, Pete Randall, Eric Schultz and Troy Zuelzke.

Chapter officers, elected from among the Board members, are President, Shawn Kellett; First Vice President, Jim Kroupa; Greg Kappas, Second Vice President; Treasurer, Dianne Dahl; Secretary, Joe Mellot; and Regional Vice President, Eric Schultz.

The chapter Board of Directors sets the general direction, policies, and determines events the chapter will participate in. There are still openings for Board members, so if you'd like to have a say in how your chapter is run, please join your Board of Directors. Openings can be filled at any time. The Board meets one evening a month, ten months during the year.

We want to thank retiring Board member Amy Orr for her service.

From Our President SHAWN KELLETT

Another season has come and gone and a cooooooolllll dddd winter is upon us.

I apologize for not having my regular column lately. Many things have been going on and I've barely been able to keep the wheels on the cart. With that said there are many things to report on.

By the time we have our next meeting; the Esoc Round Table will have met to discuss the DNR's 20 year long-range muskie management plan. This plan is to include new lakes, regulations and other information that will continue this state to boast some of the greatest muskie fishing in the country. We're also hoping to have the decision on Lake Pokegama (Grand Rapids) at that time. Gull Lake will most likely be discussed until next year as there's still a hot bed of controversy regarding that lake.

We've also been busy stocking fish. As of December we've stocked 51 18-25" muskies in Minnetonka and they're trapping more for us. The DNR would like us to put a total of 400 older fish in this year, but I doubt that we will be able to come up with that kind of supply. We've been purchasing larger fish for Minnetonka at the DNR's request. The stocking of fingerlings in the 10-12" size hasn't been having the desired effect as we'd all like. It would seem that there are too many predators targeting those fish and they're not surviving. Once we and the DNR started stocking larger fish in the 16-30" range there was/is a

noticeable increase in the amount of smaller muskies in the lake. The bigger fish are working out so much better that the West Metro Fisheries division may change the way they manage that lake.

Speaking of stocking muskies; we netted the club's rearing pond in October. Unfortunately during the last 50 feet we tore a 3-foot hole in the net and lost most of the fish. We ended up with 11 fish in the 14-15" range (very large for fingerlings). That's the bad news. The good news is that we know they're still in there and we're going to get some help from Jeff Redman, a commercial fisherman that has helped the club in the past. He has a way to net under the ice so we're going to give that a try, probably in early January. If anyone is interested in seeing this done, please stay in contact with myself or John Newman and we can get you the information as to the whens and wheres of both this event and others in the future.

We have another interesting development regarding our club rearing its own fish. We've been presented with an opportunity to have a custom pond built for us in the Stacy area. It's still in the very rough beginnings, but it shows some great promise. As many of you who have helped net in the past know, it's very hard to get the fish out of some of these ponds. By building one from scratch we should be able to design it in a way that would be much more user friendly. I'll keep everyone up on this development as it gets fleshed out.

Hugh C. Becker Trust Foundation Grants

Requests are now being accepted by the Hugh C. Becker Trust Foundation for grants of up to \$10,000 to be used for qualifying activities and projects. Hugh Becker's wishes specify that qualifying projects include, but are not limited to:

- muskie propagation by the Twin Cities chapter in their own ponds with their own equipment
- stocking, by either raising muskie fingerlings or purchasing fingerlings/yearlings/adults for public use in designated waters
- habitat protection and improvement
- clean water (quality) protection and improvement
- professional research by qualified personnel (not limited to

Minnesota, but must include accountable data)

- expansion of the present muskellunge range with special consideration for the Missouri River system in North/South Dakota

The Twin Cities Chapter Committee will consider projects based on their respective merits. Awards will be published in the *Muskie* magazine.

All requests must be received by February 28, 2008. Requests must not be more than 5 typed pages and must include:

- name, address and history (if applicable) of the group's accomplished projects to date
- demonstration of how the project will benefit muskellunge programs

in the area, region or range

- explanation and purpose of the project
 - location where project will take place
 - start and finish dates of project
 - cost breakdowns – equipment and labor with quotes
 - names of project manager/coordinator (include contact information) and team members
 - milestone dates for progress reports and accountability
 - matching funds available, if any
- Send all requests to Hugh C.

Becker Committee, Twin Cities Chapter Muskies Inc, c/o George Selcke, 13004 Shady Dale Road, Minnetonka, MN 55343-4904.

Members Only Contest

from Pete Randall, Contest Chair

Man, what a season. We are getting right down to the last fish being registered for 2007. The season ended on December 15, so you have until January 15, 2008 to get those last fish registered. All fish entered after then will not be accepted. If you need help please ask.

Looks like the Juniors and Women's have not made any changes since last month, but Cindy Hegdahl in the Women's Master Division has put a big 53.5"x26" mammoth on the board out of Lake Bemidji and now holds Lunker of the Month for November. Nice job young lady! The Men's Division led by Kris Astrop started off strong and from day one has not even been touched. I don't think the man works... Nice stick! Young, up and coming Mr. Zachary Weyland started putting fish in the boat in July and held "Top Gun" ever since. Dean Roll of the Men's Masters Division lead every month but one (must have taken a nap) to take top honors again two years in a row.

I have a feeling not much will change before the awards are handed out. If you see an error, please let me know before January 15.

STANDINGS AS OF DECEMBER 15

JUNIORS 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 - longest 36.5"

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 - longest 35"

WOMEN'S MASTERS

1ST: Cindy Hegdahl - 235 points - 15 fish - longest 53.5"
2ND: Linda Knutson - 130 points - 9 fish - longest 46"

MEN'S DIVISION:

1ST: Kris Astorp - 873 points - 55 fish - longest 54.5"
2ND: Phil Groth - 392 points - 28 fish longest 50"
3RD: John Huss - 318 points - 25 fish longest 47"
4TH: John C Newman Jr - 307 points - 22 fish - longest 49.5"
5TH: Bryan Walsh - 233 points - 14 fish - longest 50.5"
6TH: David J Nicolai - 179 points - 13 fish - longest 44"
7TH: Brandon Bunney - 174 points - 11 fish - longest 48"
8TH: Brent Hirsch - 164 points - 13 fish - longest 49"
9TH: Jeremy M. Knutson - 149 points - 10 fish - longest 47"
10TH: Brant Bunney - 148 points - 9 fish - longest 48.5"



Cindy Hegdahl caught and released this 53.5-incher on November 19 in Lake Bemidji. The fish was caught on a Jake that she won at a Winter Picnic.

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 - 201 points - 9 fish - longest 54"
4TH: Mark Fredrick - 136 points - 10 fish - longest 50.5"
5TH: Tony Sommerfeld - 118 points - 8 fish - longest 46"
6TH: Adam J. Greengard - 73 points - 3 fish - longest 52.75"
7TH: Kurt Hostager - 34 points - 2 fish - longest 48"
8TH: Bryan Walsh - 14 points - 1 fish - longest 40"

LUNKER OF THE MONTH:

JUNE - official - Brian Hanson - 51" June 29 - Mille Lacs
JULY - official - Robert W. Junghans - 56" July 30 - Kaniatarowanenneh, ON
AUGUST - official - Dean A. Roll - 52"x22" August 23 - Mille Lacs
SEPTEMBER - official - Glen Bergman - 54"x25" September 22 - Vermilion
OCTOBER - official - Brian Hanson - 54" October 4 - Mille Lacs
NOVEMBER - unofficial - Cindy Hegdahl - 53.5"x26" November 19 - Bemidji
DECEMBER - unofficial - no entry greater than 45"

Looks like we know who the big winners are for 2007!! But if you have NOT registered a fish, make sure you get them in by January 15th. Fish can only be accepted up to one month after the season close.

Congratulations to the Lunker of the Month winners for 2007 and to all the winners in their respective divisions. I hope to see you all at the awards ceremony at our February monthly meeting.

See you on the ICE...

Family Night/Awards Program Scheduled for February Meeting

Our February general meeting will be a fun-filled evening geared toward the younger set. We encourage you to bring your entire family. There will be plenty of games and other events for kids and adults.

We will begin at 6:00 pm instead of the usual meeting time. We're starting an hour early so the younger kids can get home and in bed at a reasonable time. Food will be available.

When the games are done, awards for our chapter's Members Only Contest and Kid's Fishing Contest will be presented. In addition to the fishing awards, the chapter's Muskie Award will be presented to a deserving recipient, and we will all get to hear a great "Musky Tale" as the Muskie Tale Award is also presented.

MUSKIE AWARD NOMINATIONS

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. To nominate an individual for the Muskie Award, submit – in writing – a history of the person's involvement with the Twin Cities Chapter over the years. 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. Nominations must be in by January 31. The winner will be selected by secret ballot at the February Board meeting.

MUSKIE TALE AWARD

The "Muskie Tale" Award will be presented to the club member who shares the best 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.

Send your tales by January 31 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](mailto:Jim.Kroupa@ties2.net).

KID'S FISHING CONTEST

Parents should submit one entry per child for the Childrens Fishing Contest by January 31. Children 12 or younger are eligible. All fish caught during the year should be submitted on one entry. All fish must be caught by using legal means and the fish must be witnessed by a parent or another adult. Almost any fish of any size, including bluegill, perch, sunfish, crappie, catfish, bullhead, carp, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, walleye, sauger, or northern pike qualify.

Submit entries to Brent Fox, PO Box 18064, West St. Paul, MN 55118.

Upcoming Meetings

MARCH 11

Representatives from the MN DNR will discuss the plans and future of the muskie fishery. Results of the recent survey conducted by the DNR and the UofM will be revealed.

APRIL 8

POOLSIDE MEETING.

Demonstrations of new baits and tips to get the most out of the baits you currently have. Joint meeting with North Metro chapter. Location is yet to be determined.

2008 Tournament News

from Ron Sanders, Tournament Committee Chair

The 2008 Tournament Committee has already been working hard and promises an aggressive marketing campaign that will expand our cornerstone event into a true "happening" and position the Twin Cities Chapter as the leader with the largest musky event in the country with more contestants, more prizes, and more energy. That gives us the opportunity to produce a showcase event that will have others following our lead.

The theme of this year's event will be "Muskie Mania 2008" – borrowed from a book of the same title published by Ron Schara in 1977. When you think about it, it is amazing what has happened to our Minnesota muskie fishery in the last 30 years, and our organization started most of it! "Muskie Mania 2008" plans to celebrate it with three full, fun-packed days, September 5, 6, and 7. Mark your calendars now!

We can't do it without full chapter membership participation! Remember this is our largest fundraiser. In the coming nine months we will be calling for your support and help on many critical items, the first of which is in the area of tournament sponsorships. We must raise working capital to be able to grow the event. Sponsorship packages for cash and in-kind contributions are in the works. Here's where WE NEED YOUR HELP at this time. We need chapter members to identify companies that our sales team could make a presentation to for a "Muskie Mania 2008" sponsorship. Please input the company name and contact person.

Contact the Tournament Committee at Muskiemntourny@aol.com Or call Ron Sanders at 612-386-1100 with questions or company names.

2007 MN DNR Stocking Report

The Minnesota DNR recently released this report of muskie stocked during 2007. A total of 24,116 muskie were stocked statewide. Contact George Selcke at 952-933-2608 if you want more information.

MUSKIE

Big Lake	Beltrami	521	FGL
Cedar Lake	Aitkin	400	FGL
Child Lake	Cass	100	FGL
Detroit Lake	Becker	3,000	FGL
Elk Lake	Clearwater	273	FGL
French Lake	Rice	665	FGL
		3	ADL
Island Lake Reservoir	St. Louis	1,848	FGL
		66	ADL
Island Lake	Pine	600	FGL
Little Wolf	Cass	250	FGL
Many Point Lake	Becker	565	FGL
Lake Miliona	Douglas	800	FGL
Lake Minnetonka	Hennepin	2,925	FGL
		99	YRL
		351	ADL
Mississippi River	Aitkin	1,012	FGL
	Crow Wing	2,000	FGL
Oscar	Douglas	100	FGL
Pelican Lake	Otter Tail	1,625	FGL
Lake Plantagenet	Hubbard	1,479	FGL
Pleasant Lake	Ramsey	601	FGL
Lake Rebecca	Hennepin	252	FGL
East Rush	Chisago	596	FGL
West Rush	Chisago	600	FGL
St. Croix	Washington	1,077	FGL
Vermilion	St. Louis	1,962	FGL
White Bear Lake	Washington	11	FGL
		24	ADL
Lake Zumbro	Olmsted	300	FGL
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Bryant Lake	Hennepin	192	FGL
Lake Calhoun	Hennepin	500	FGL
Cedar Lake	Hennepin	160	FGL
Lake of the Isles	Hennepin	180	FGL
Gervais	Ramsey	234	FGL
Lake Phalen	Ramsey	297	FGL
Clear Lake	Washington	401	FGL
Lake Elmo	Washington	206	FGL

Chapter 1 Winter Banquet Reservation Form

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Tickets must be PAID IN ADVANCE and reservations received in the mail by February 8, 2008.

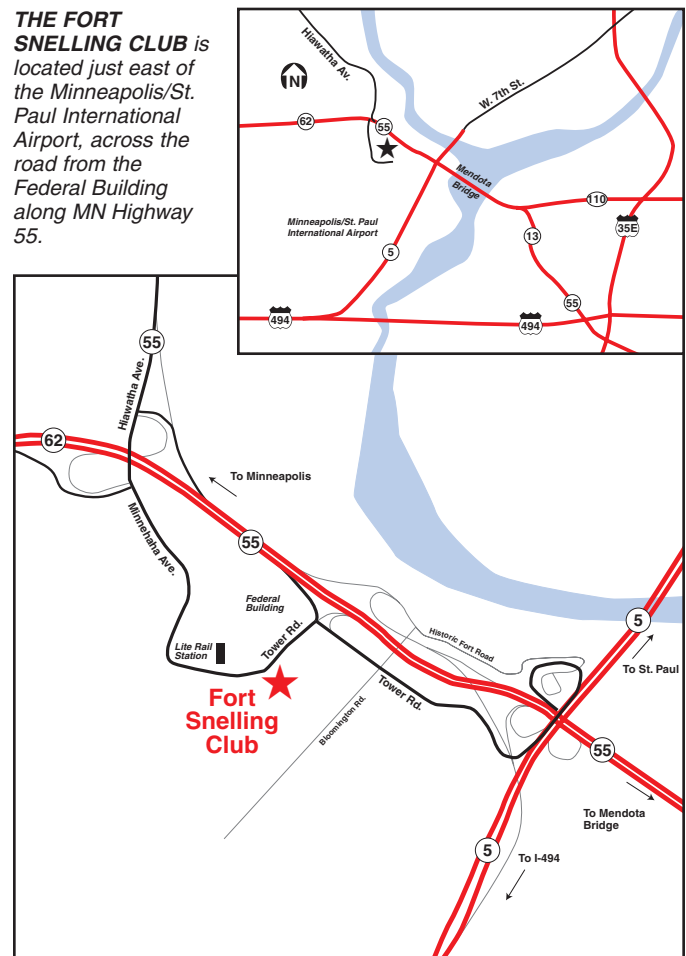
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Amy Orr
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Questions? Call Amy at (612) 840-3856

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TOURNAMENT SURVEY

Thanks to all the tournament anglers who took the time to complete our not-so-scientific survey about the chapter's Frank Schneider Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament. Your input was very helpful.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Volunteers for the Tournament Committee are still welcomed. Our chapter's fundraising tournament is held the first weekend after Labor Day in the Walker, Bemidji, Cass Lake, Longville area of northern Minnesota. Contact the Tournament Committee at Muskientourney@aol.com Or call Ron Sanders at 612-386-1100.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

Upload your photos onto the chapter web site, www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org and share them with everyone. There are links on how to do this on the first page. You can email the pages to your friends and family. New or even old photos can be shared this way.



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**SPEAKER:
LARRY RAMSELL**

Muskie historian Larry Ramsell will be our January speaker. Larry has just completed his new, two volume "Compendium of Muskie Fishing" Larry will introduce his two new books, autograph them, and give a presentation of historic muskie catches. Larry was president of Muskies Inc., is a founding member of the Wisconsin Muskellunge Restoration Project, and witnessed the largest muskie caught by a Twin Cities Chapter member in 2007. Don't miss the January meeting!

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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