

# On the Water



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## Watch Your Mail for Rearing Fund Raffle Tickets

The chapter's annual Rearing Fund and Project Raffle is 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 with funds raised by the annual raffle.

Raffle tickets will be mailed to members this month. We are asking each chapter member to sell at least 30 tickets. After all, the muskie stocking benefits each and every one 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.

Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each. We have placed an order for \$30,000 worth of muskies to stock this year. That means we must sell a minimum of 15,000 raffle tickets.

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

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

## Capable Partners Outing

Share your love for the pursuit of muskies with a fellow outdoorsman. Join us for an outing with physically challenged members of Capable Partners. We will need 15 boats to take them out. About one-half of the participants will need space for wheelchairs, but any size boat can be matched with one of the partners. We'll be gathering at 6:30 am on Sunday, June 15 at Baker Park Reserve on Lake Independence and fishing until around 1:00 pm. You don't have to be an expert angler or familiar with the lake to participate. Organizer Paul Hartman will gladly go over lure selection and the "hot spots" with anyone. A "shore lunch" will end the day and anyone who wants to continue fishing in the afternoon is welcome. Please call Paul Hartman at 763-786-6031 to sign up.



*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.*

## Don't Forget the Vet's Home Opener Saturday, May 3

The Twin Cities chapter will be hosting a fishing opener event for the residents of the Minnesota Veterans Home on Saturday, May 3. 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.

# 2008 Hugh C. Becker Foundation Grant Recipients Announced

From George Selcke, Chairman  
Hugh C. Becker Fund Committee

The Twin Cities Chapter Hugh C. Becker Grant Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of grants for 2008. In order of funding dates, with amounts, they are:

**Cleithrum Research project by Dr. Casselman at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.** This ongoing project involves the collection of muskellunge cleithrum bones in order to determine the age of muskellunge from various bodies of water; thus being beneficial for muskellunge management.  
March, 2008 ..... \$ 5,000.00

**Paddlewheel Aerator equipment for the St. Mary's State Fish Hatchery in Ohio.** This project is to provide support to the Ohio Division of Wildlife in their efforts to raise minnows for feed for the Ohio muskie program.  
March, 2008 ..... \$ 2,300.00

**Minnesota Genetic Research project by the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife & Conservation Biology, University of Minnesota.** With the cooperation of the Minnesota DNR, this project is to analyze the ancestry of Minnesota's stocked muskellunge throughout Minnesota, in populations stocked with fish from one or more sources (Shoepack, Leech, Wisconsin, and crosses therein), using the latest technological methods.  
March, 2008 ..... \$ 7,600.00

**Michigan Know the Difference lakeside educational program by the Michigan Muskie Alliance in cooperation with the Michigan DNR.** This grant entails the procurement of materials, construction, and installation of signs at numerous access sites at muskellunge waters throughout Michigan

April, 2008 ..... \$ 5,000.00

**Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation** partial funding for equipment needed to successfully accomplish land conservation projects and distribution of educational materials on land conservation options to the property owners on Leech, Woman, Wabedo, Inguadano, Baby, Kid, Kerr, Mann, and Cass Lakes.  
April, 2008 ..... \$ 3,000.00

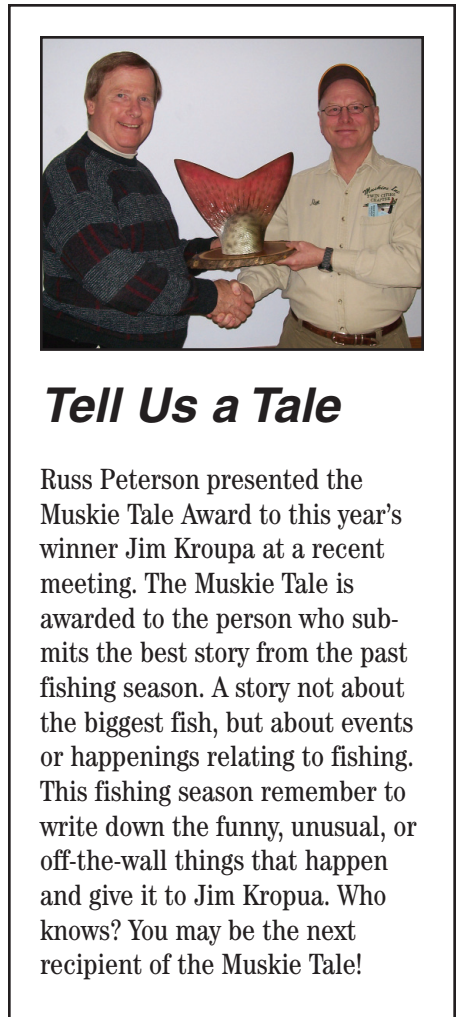
**Brainerd Lakes Chapter endowment fund.** The Foundation is partially granting to the endowment /scholarship fund at Central Lakes College in Brainerd, MN. This is a scholarship program for two (2) scholarships awarded one each to a second year student in the Natural Resource and Natural Resource Law Enforcement programs.  
May, 2008 ..... \$1,000.00

**First Wisconsin Chapter of Muskies, Inc., Lake Wissota stocking program.** This grant is to assist the Chapter in their efforts to stock the Leech Lake strain of muskellunge in Lake Wissota.  
September, 2008 ..... \$ 5,500.00

**Southern Crossroads Chapter of Muskies, Inc., French Lake stocking program.** This grant is to assist the Chapter, with the cooperation and approval of the Minnesota DNR, in purchasing and stocking adult muskellunge in French Lake.  
September, 2008 ..... \$ 2,300.00

**Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc., equipment for stocking purposes.** This grant to the Chapter is for procuring, upgrading, and repairing equipment related to the raising of fish for stocking purposes.  
September, 2008 ..... \$ 2,000.00

**Hayward Lakes Chapter of Muskies, Inc., Sawyer County stocking program.** This grant is to



## Tell Us a Tale

Russ Peterson presented the Muskie Tale Award to this year's winner Jim Kroupa at a recent meeting. The Muskie Tale is awarded to the person who submits the best story from the past fishing season. A story not about the biggest fish, but about events or happenings relating to fishing. This fishing season remember to write down the funny, unusual, or off-the-wall things that happen and give it to Jim Kroupa. Who knows? You may be the next recipient of the Muskie Tale!

assist the Chapter, with the cooperation and approval of the Wisconsin DNR, in purchasing and stocking yearling muskellunge in both Round and Whitefish Lakes.  
October, 2008 ..... \$ 2,500.00

**Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc., Lake Minnetonka stocking program.** This grant is to assist the Chapter, with the cooperation and approval of the Minnesota DNR, in purchasing and stocking two-year old muskies in Lake Minnetonka.  
October, 2008 ..... \$ 4,000.00

**Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc., White Bear Lake stocking program.** This grant is to assist the Chapter, with the cooperation and approval of the Minnesota DNR, in purchasing and stocking two-year old muskies in White Bear Lake.  
October, 2008 ..... \$ 4,000.00

## **“Muskie Mania 2008” Joins Let’s Play Hockey**

**H**ave you ever seen a hockey stick that doubles as a fishing rod? If you visited the Muskies Inc. / Lupient GMC booth at the Let’s Play Hockey Expo in March this year you did. The custom-made rod/hockey stick courtesy of Thorne Bros. was the talk of the Hockey Expo drawing crowds of people to test their skills in casting a puck with a hockey stick. Strange as it sounds the combination seems to make sense. “What can you think of that is more Minnesotan than fishing and playing hockey?” one volunteer asked.

Volunteers from the Twin Cities chapter Tournament Committee and Lupient GMC had a great time at the 2008 Let’s Play Hockey Expo. The group was there to promote the 41st Annual Frank Schneider Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament; the “Largest Muskie Fishing Tournament in the World” marketed this year under the theme of Muskie Mania 2008 featuring Ron Schara as Grand Marshall.

We participated in the event as a marketing partner of Lupient GMC. Because of that opportunity, *Let’s Play Hockey* has become a platinum media sponsor and ads for our tournament will appear in the publication throughout the summer. *Let’s Play Hockey*, now in its 36th season, is the



director Ron Sanders at 612-386-1100 with questions or potential tournament sponsors.

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The tournament, held in the Leech-Cass Lake-Bemidji-Longville area of northern Minnesota, is open to Muskies Inc. members or non-members with all levels of fishing skills welcome. A contestant’s first muskie could be worth \$30,000! Tournament dates are September 5, 6, and 7, 2008. Look for all the details by June 1.

Call tournament

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### **Twin Cities Chapter Fishing League**

The Twin Cities chapter is starting its own fishing league this year. Everyone is welcome to take part in the league, even if you don’t have a boat. The league will be a great learning opportunity as well as a lot of fun. There will be 6-8 events during the year, with locations, dates, and times to be determined. Through May 20, we will be taking suggestions for lakes and days for the league to allow as many people as possible to take part. If you are interested, please contact Jody Dahms at [jdahms@aquali.com](mailto:jdahms@aquali.com) or 952-356-6047.

### **Get Your Newsletter by email**

Printing and mailing this newsletter is the biggest expense that our chapter has. The chapter is asking that everyone who has and uses email receive their newsletter by email. It could help save money that can be used for other projects. To receive your newsletter by

email each month please send your email address to:

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We thank those who are already receiving their newsletter this way. It’s saving the chapter printing and mailing costs.

### **Help Fix Donated Rods For Kids**

On Tuesday night, 6-9pm May 27th, we could use a few people to help refurbish rods & reels that will be given away to a lot of kids this summer!

If you can spare even 1-2 hours, please call the Youth Director, Brent Fox, for more details at (651) 491-0101.

### **Fish-A-Thon Tournaments Need Volunteers With Boats**

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 couple of us have had this pleasure already. This year is also including 3 opportunities to fish Lake Minnetonka! They need 40 boats for 2 kids each at the kids events.

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

- Pastors Tournament: Friday May 30th on Lake Minnetonka. North Arm & Maxell Bays. Boats launch from Minnetonka Boat Rental in Mound. 6am Registration with coffee and rolls. 7-11am tournament. BBQ lunch till 1pm.
- White Bear Lake Tournament: Saturday June 21st
- Lake Marion Tournament: Saturday July 26th
- Lake Minnetonka: 2 days of fishing Fri/Sat August 22/23rd (more boats needed for Friday 22nd)



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### 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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From Brent Fox, Youth Chair

Good news folks, spring is here! I know, it still isn't sun-bathing weather, but we'll have a couple months to get ready for the muskie season. In the meantime we have the chance to get on the water for some pan fish action. Especially when the waters are warmer and the fish move close to shore.

It's a great opportunity to get on the water with the younger kids. You can focus on teaching them all you can while catching fish, without having the distraction of wanting to cast for trophies. This is how we get the next generation of kids off the couch and away from the TV.

It's also a chance for whole families to spend an afternoon together in the boat or on the shore. Make a picnic of it. This kind of fishing can be simple. You can fish any local lake, don't need a boat, no big tackle boxes or gear bags to load, just rods with bobbers, hooks and live bait. Some of us may be able and willing to go hardcore marathon fishing but younger kids and some spouses just are not ready for that.

I have always stressed being patient and catering to those who are not as serious about fishing. Most of us needed training wheels before we could ride a bike ourselves. Fun, pan fish trips can be the "training wheel" that gets them rolling. They may then be intrigued by the challenge of larger fish. Use this chance we have to make some enjoyable memories that are easy and enjoyable for all!

## 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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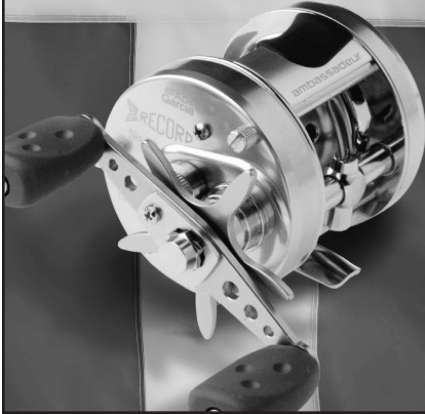


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MAY 13

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