

# On the Water



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## Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament

**D**on't miss out on all the fun at the Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament September 11, 12 and 13. This is a tournament where you don't have to be a professional angler to be a winner. Everyone who registers a muskie (40 inches or longer) will get their name put in a drawing for the Grand Prize, a Skeeter 1790T boat/trailer with a Yamaha 75 hp 4-stroke.

The Grand Prize was provided through Frankies Marine in Chisago City, a long-time supporter of Muskies Inc., and Skeeter Boats. The winner will be able to use the boat in trade for any other boat from Frankies.

Tournament anglers will have their choice of 21 lakes in the Bemidji-Walker-Cass Lake-Longville area of northern Minnesota. Fishing takes place all day Friday and Saturday and Sunday morning. Friday and Saturday nights include feeds for all tournament contestants in Cass Lake, Walker and Longville. Meal tickets will be available at a nominal cost for non-fishing family members and friends.

Sunday the Awards Program and feed will be held at the MDJ Saloon at Moondance Fairgrounds just east of Walker. Bill Sherck, "The Man About The Woods" from TV's Minnesota Bound will host Sunday's events.

Prizes will be awarded through 10th place for released muskies with



*One lucky winner will take home a Skeeter 1790T with Yamaha 75 hp 4-stroke and trailer – the Grand Prize for the Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament. The recipient may use the tournament boat as a trade for any other boat at Frankies Marine.*

the top three juniors also receiving prizes. Prize packages include Fenwick rods, Abu Garcia reels, and other fishing equipment as well as trips to Canadian and US resorts. Trips include stays at Red Wing Lodge - Lake of the Woods, Birch Villa Resort, Huddle's Resort, Little Boy Resort, Pine Beach Resort, Sah-Kah-Tay Resort, Spirit of the North Resort and Vermilion Dam Lodge.

The Frank Schneider Tournament is Muskies Inc.'s oldest fishing contest, this is the 42nd year of the tournament. In the 1990s it was re-

named to honor Frank Schneider Jr., long-time Muskies Inc. member who worked tirelessly with the legislature and other outdoor organizations to improve fishing and hunting opportunities in the state.

The tournament will also feature silent auctions at the feeds as well as a tournament-only raffle with guide trips, custom fishing equipment, and other

prizes.

Registration is open at Thorne Bros. in Fridley, Joe's Sporting Goods in St. Paul, Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle in Oakdale, Reed's Family Outdoor Outfitters in Walker, One Stop in Longville, Froggie's Bait & Tackle in Cass Lake, and Bluewater Bait in Bemidji. You may also register at our chapter's website, [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org).

The tournament is how the chapter funds its operating budget. We hope to see all of you there.

### August Meeting

*The August 11 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 6:00 pm at the pavilion on Minnehaha Parkway by the falls.*

*If you have questions, call Jim Kroupa at 952-474-5967.*

# *From Our President*

*Greetings all. We are now into the serious muskie hunting time of summer.*

*I just got back from our club trip to Minaki, Ontario. We had 21 people including 3 couples. It seemed like early spring. We had high, high winds for 5 days and mostly cold days with lows in the 40's one morning. There was one warm, calm blue-bird day. I lived in my rainsuit for over four days. I caught nothing. This is par for me.*

*We muskie hunters are a different sort of fishing people. Folks ask why we do it. Why do we beat ourselves up to catch almost nothing year after year? I say it is about 'The Quest!' They then ask what The Quest is.*

*Well... Is The Quest about getting Big Bertha or the USS Nimitz? We are always hopeful of seeing and catching the giant megafish of legends.*

*Is The Quest about the hunt? One of the reasons I got into muskie fishing is my love of deer hunting. You work on your equipment. You study maps. You scout. You go to the best ambush sites. You wait*

*long hours. You can only get one a year. It is not a numbers thing like walleye fishing or pheasants. How many did you get?*

*Could The Quest be about camaraderie? This includes the exchange of information and stories. It includes the get-together shore lunches and the friendly competition between fellow muskie hunters.*

*Is The Quest about being on the water in beautiful places with loons, wilderness trees and rocks?*

*To me the Quest is all of these things. It would be nice to catch one now and then. It is the chase. We can all improve.*

*Come on a club trip for your own Quest. Enjoy good hunting, camaraderie, stories, lunches, and beautiful places. You may even catch one of those aircraft carriers. Your club has outings, league events, and competitive events through ice up. I challenge you to go Questing and to join us.*

*Jim Kroupa, aka Esox Warrior*

## **George Wahl Memorial Tournament**

If you've ever been muskie fishing at metro-area lake, you should join us for the George Wahl Memorial Tournament on October 3. 100% of the proceeds raised by this event will go to improve the local metro-area muskie fishery.

The George Wahl tournament is a one-day event on 12 metro-area muskie lakes. The awards will be held at Thorne Bros. in Fridley and will include a feed for all contestants. Additional meals will be available at a nominal cost, so invite your family and friends.

Every person who catches a muskie will be eligible for the grand prize, a trip for 4 to Whitefish Bay Camp on Lake of the Woods. Prizes will be awarded through 10th place and to the three top-placing juniors.

A Mary Villnow Memorial cash bonus will be awarded to the top three female anglers. The Mary

Villnow bonus was created to encourage women muskie anglers of all ages. The Fly Angler is also offer a \$250 gift certificate bonus for the biggest muskie caught on a fly.

This tournament was conceived for several reasons. First was that the chapter wanted a way to honor George, his love of muskies and muskie fishing, his contribution to the muskie fishing industry, his generosity sharing information with others, and his encouragement to muskie anglers. Secondly, we wanted to have a tournament that all chapter members could attend and not have to drive to northern Minnesota.

You can register for the George Wahl tournament at Thorne Bros. in Fridley, Joe's Sporting Goods in St. Paul, Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle in Oakdale, or our chapter website [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org).

## **Chapter Trip: Winnipeg River**

Twenty-one people participated in the chapter trip July 11-18 at Paradise Cove Resort.

Thirty to forty mile winds greeted the group on Saturday the 11th, only to be accompanied by constant rain for five out of the seven days they were in camp. The surface water temperature was 63 degrees on day one; raised to 67 degrees by day four; and dropped to 59 degrees by the end of the trip. Regardless of the miserable weather conditions, the group caught thirty-three muskies, including six over 45", with 48" the biggest. The consensus of the group is to delay the outing a week or two next year because of "global warming" – one day it reached 78 degrees; the rest of the time were 52-55 degree high temperatures. A rough outing but lots of camaraderie!

# ARMED FORCES FAMILY FISHING CELEBRATION



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Fishing For Life is pleased to honor the families of our state by hosting the first annual Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration. Families who currently have a member serving overseas or have recently come back from deployment are invited to this free event.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 21ST AT MAYNARD'S  
ON LAKE MINNETONKA**

For information contact Brenda Fromm at 763-245-9829 or email [info@fishingforlife.org](mailto:info@fishingforlife.org)

## SPONSORS



★ 6:00-7:00 am Registration  
(donuts and coffee provided)

★ 7:00 am Opening Ceremony  
(Boy Scouts of America Color Guard)

★ 7:45 am Push-off

★ 12:00 pm Final return to landing

★ 12:30 pm Award Ceremony

★ 12:45 pm Closing Ceremony

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Special prizes will be awarded to any child 18 years or younger that catches a Muskie. No Muskie will be weighed but reports will be given and prizes presented during Awards Ceremony.

# Summer Fishing League



Erick Schultz with his 49.5 inch muskie caught on Lake Minnetonka at the July 8 Chapter League Outing.

## Chapter Summer Fishing League Standings

|               | FOREST LAKE<br>JUNE 7 | LAKE INDEP.<br>JUN 17 | LAKE MTKA.<br>JUL 8 | LAKE MTKA.<br>CANCELLED | PTS  |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------|
| ERIC SCHULTZ  | 5                     | 5                     | 28.5                | 0                       | 38.5 |
| ROGER ECKLUND | 22                    | 0                     | 5                   | 0                       | 27   |
| VINCE TROTTA  | 0                     | 5                     | 8                   | 0                       | 13   |
| GRANT DOMKE   | 5                     | 0                     | 5                   | 0                       | 10   |
| LOWELL KRUGER | 0                     | 5                     | 5                   | 0                       | 10   |
| DAVE PRIEM    | 0                     | 5                     | 5                   | 0                       | 10   |
| ERIC BAKKE    | 0                     | 5                     | 5                   | 0                       | 10   |
| JODY DAHMS    | 8                     | 0                     | 0                   | 0                       | 8    |
| KRIS ASTROP   | 5                     | 0                     | 0                   | 0                       | 5    |
| PETER RANDALL | 5                     | 0                     | 0                   | 0                       | 5    |
| JURIS OZULS   | 0                     | 5                     | 0                   | 0                       | 5    |
| JIM KROUPA    | 0                     | 5                     | 0                   | 0                       | 5    |
| GREG KAPPES   | 0                     | 0                     | 5                   | 0                       | 5    |
| MATT MURTHA   | 0                     | 0                     | 5                   | 0                       | 5    |
| TROY ZUELZKE  | 0                     | 0                     | 5                   | 0                       | 5    |
| DAVID BOND    | 0                     | 0                     | 5                   | 0                       | 5    |

# Members Only Contest

Note: Information gathered from Lunge Log on Muskies Inc. website. Their rules differ from the chapter's in determining who fished in the Masters Divisions. Masters anglers are included in the Mens and Women Divisions this month.

## MENS DIVISION

- Kris Astorp - 274 points - 16 fish - 51" longest
  - Dean A. Roll - 230 points - 12 fish - 54" longest
  - Bob Culbertson - 175 points - 13 fish - 49" longest
  - Phil Groth - 103 points - 7 fish - 47" longest
  - Dave Weyland - 77 points - 4 fish - 47" longest
  - David Gustafson - 66 points - 3 fish - 53" longest
  - Travis Hultgren - 62 points - 4 fish - 46.5" longest
  - Chad Hagel - 56 points - 4 fish - 47.5" longest
  - Jack Hilbert - 54 points - 4 fish - 46" longest
  - Phil Groth - 54 points - 3 fish - 48.5" longest
  - John C Newman Jr - 47 points - 4 fish - 41" longest
  - Brent Hirsch - 46 points - 4 fish - 48" longest
  - Grant Domke - 40 points - 3 fish - 44" longest
  - Corey DeZeeuw - 35 points - 3 fish - 50" longest
  - Ryan Buboltz - 30 points - 2 fish - 43.5" longest
  - Franklin Zappa Jr. - 29 points - 3 fish - 41" longest
  - Jeremy M. Knutson - 23 points - 2 fish - 40" longest
  - Terry Slattery - 22 points - 1 fish - 48"
  - Peter R Janik - 20 points - 1 fish - 46"
  - John Huss - 19 points - 1 fish - 45"
  - Jeff Peterson - 17 points - 1 fish - 43"
  - Nathan Kjellman - 16 points - 1 fish - 42"
  - Bryan Walsh - 16 points - 1 fish - 42"
  - Tom Batina - 13 points - 1 fish - 39"
  - Eric Bakke - 11 points - 1 fish - 37"
  - Peter Randall - 10 points - 1 fish - 36"
- ## WOMENS
- Linda Knutson - 20 points - 1 fish - 46"
- ## JUNIORS
- Zachary Weyland - 19 points - 1 fish - 45"
- ## HYBRIDS\*
- Nathan Kjellman - 16 points - 1 fish - 42"

\*points included in mens category

## **ARMED FORCES FAMILY FISHING CELEBRATION**

The Twin Cities and Fishing for Life are working together on the Family Fishing Event for kids with family members in the armed forces currently serving or recently returned from overseas. Fishing for Life is organizing the event, and the chapter's part of the event is to provide boats to take the kids fishing out on Lake Minnetonka. If you have a boat and are available Friday, August 21, please come out and help. The more boats we can provide, the more kids that can go fishing. Contact George Selcke at 952-933-2608 to let him know that you will be able to help so we can let Fishing for Life know how many kids can come.

## **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE CAN USE YOUR HELP**

The Tournament Committee will be putting together tournament packets and gift bags on Tuesday, August 25. They welcome the help of anyone who would like to come help assemble the packets. Meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 7:00 pm. The committee can also use help on Sunday at the Awards Program. If you can help on Sunday, please contact Denise Olson at 612-866-4730 or 612-804-4687.

## **2009 GIL HAMM CHAPTER CHALLENGE**

We are looking for members to represent the Twin Cities chapter at the annual Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge on Leech Lake this August. Teams from MI chapters nationwide will gather August 26-

28 for the Challenge, hosted by last year's winner, the Fargo-Moorhead chapter. Headquarters will be Grand Vu Lodge located on Pine Point. We're looking for one more team to represent us. Please contact Steve Hedensten 651-757-8653 or 952-953-6544 if you'd like to be part of the team.

## **MUSKIE TALES**

Remember this year while fishing, or thinking about fishing, or on the way to fishing, or coming home from fishing... well, you get the idea. Take the time to jot down a Muskie Tale. You know, a funny or unusual story. Who fell out of a boat this year?? Whose boat sank?? Who boated something that wasn't a fish?? Who saved 100 muskies?? Who had double trebles in their legs?? Something along those lines. Send your muskie tale, to last year's winner, Matt Olson. E-mail it to [olson@3pete.com](mailto:olson@3pete.com), or call Matt at 612-423-2404. The 2009 winner will be announced at next year's Banquet.

## **SPACE AVAILABLE ON CHAPTER TRIPS**

There is still room to join chapter members on two trips that will take place in August. If you want to sign up for either trip, please call now.

## **ANDY MEYER'S LODGE – EAGLE LAKE, ONTARIO AUGUST 15-22**

Eagle Lake is a terrific muskie and walleye fishery. The week includes housekeeping cabin, use of boats with gas, guide trip, marked maps and seminars. There is access to five remote lakes and if you want, fly-in trips can be arranged. The trip will be discounted to approximately \$550 per person – add \$200 if you want to include

evening meals. There are 12 spots available. Contact Troy Zuelzke by phone at 952-955-3890 or email at [tzuelzke@yahoo.com](mailto:tzuelzke@yahoo.com).

## **RED WING LODGE – LAKE OF THE WOODS AUGUST 15-22**

The trip to Red Wing Lodge is a joint endeavor with the North Metro chapter. Included is housekeeping cabin, free dockage, free launch, a daily bag of ice. The Bartletts 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 per person. To make your reservations, contact North Metro members John Van Ingen at 651-699-5172 or Pat Miller at 651-429-1629.

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### AUGUST

- 9-15 Chapter trip: Andy Myers Lodge, Eagle Lake, Ontario – contact Troy Zeulzke 952-955-3890
- 11 General Meeting: Summer Picnic, Minnehaha Falls, 6 pm
- 15 Chapter Fishing League: Lake Harriet/Lake Calhoun, 6 am - 12 pm
- 15-22 Chapter Trip with North Metro chapter: Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods – contact John Van Ingen 651-699-5172
- 26-28 Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge, Leech Lake – contact Steve Hedensten 651-757-8653 or 952-953-6544

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Chapter Fishing League: Lake Waconia, 6 – 10 pm
- 8 General Meeting
- 11-13 42nd Annual Frank Schneider Memorial Tournament, Bemidji-Cass-Walker-Longville
- 19 Chapter Fishing League: Lake Minnetonka, 6 am - 12 pm, Gray's Bay Landing

### OCTOBER

- 3 Inaugural George Wahl Memorial Tournament, Metro Area Lakes
- 10-11 Chapter Fishing League Outing: Lake Mille Lacs
- 13 General Meeting

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## next meeting

### AUGUST 11 ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

*The entire family is invited to meet at 6:30 pm at Minnehaha Falls Park for a fun evening of camaraderie, food, and fishing stories. Burgers, brats, buns and pop will be provided by the chapter. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

### CHAPTER SUMMER FISHING LEAGUE AUGUST

*Saturday, August 15  
6 am to 12 pm  
Lake Harriet/Lake Calhoun*

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*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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