

## George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament

The first-ever George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament was held Saturday, October 3. The tournament was conceived as a way to honor George Wahl, his love of muskies and muskie fishing, his contribution to the muskie fishing industry, his generosity sharing information with others, and his encouragement to other muskie anglers.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from this event will go back to the muskie fishery. This year muskie yearlings and fingerlings will be stocked in Minnetonka and White Bear Lake. George's wife Marlene contributed an additional \$2500 for stocking this year.

Matt Thompson served as emcee for the awards program held at Thorne Bros. He kept the audience entertained all evening. A delicious pork chop dinner was served prior to the program.

Among those addressing the audience was George Wahl's daughter, Julie Anderson, who talked about her father and muskie fishing.

Two hundred people entered the metro-area tournament. Twenty-one muskies were registered during the nine-hour event. Marc Velo placed first with two fish from White Bear Lake. He was the only person to double. Second place was earned by Joe Peterson with a 53.5-inch muskie from Lake Minnetonka.

Plaques with a George Wahl Eagle Tail were awarded through tenth place, along with bait packages featuring commemorative Phantom lures in George's favorite color combination of yellow and red. The top 5 finishers received cash prizes up to \$500. There were no female anglers who entered a muskie so the Mary Villnow Memorial cash bonus of \$500 was donated by Paul Villnow to the stocking program.

Everyone who registered a muskie was entered in the drawing for Grand Prize, a one-week trip for 4 people to Whitefish Bay Camp, Lake of the Woods and \$2500 cash. Mike Schaffer who entered a 40" muskie was the lucky Grand Prize winner.

All-in-all it was a great event and we hope to see more chapter members at the tournament next year.



Joe Peterson registered the biggest fish in the George Wahl Memorial Tournament – a 53.5-incher from Minnetonka.

### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

#### Muskie Release

	NAME	FISH	PTS	LAKE
1	Marc Velo	40 - 44	31	White Bear Lake
2	Joe Peterson	53.5	27.5	Minnetonka
3	Daniel Kelly	49	23	Minnetonka
4	Jason Aleschire	48	22	Minnetonka
5	Matt DesJardins	48	22	Forest Lake
6	Joel Kriesel	47	21	Minnetonka
7	Adam Greengard	46	20	Minnetonka
8	Kyle Stender	45.5	19.5	Waconia
9	Michale Mourning	45.5	19.5	Minnetonka
10	Stu McIntosh	45	19	St. Croix
11	David Borek	44	18	Minnetonka
12	Reid Larson	43.5	17.5	Minnetonka
13	Brad Coyne	42	16	Harriet
14	David Gustafson	41	15	Minnetonka
15	John Newman	41	15	Minnetonka
16	Josh Docken	40	14	Forest Lake
17	Josh Borovsky	40	14	Minnetonka
18	Manuel Guzman	40	14	Calhoun
19	Gary Orchard	40	14	White Bear Lake
20	Mike Schaffer	40	14	White Bear Lake

## *From Our President*

*As I endured the coldest early October on record, I began to think about my first love, deer hunting. The similarities between deer hunting and muskie hunting are many and could be the subject of an entire magazine article. Deer hunting led me into muskie hunting. In November, I will be off chasing white tails while some club members will still be pursuing the giant red tails. I'll be putting my boat away and oiling guns while some of you are still oiling reels and breaking ice.*

*As the muskie season comes to a close, I've looked back at our successful fundraising tournaments. I am hoping we had good luck pulling ponds and getting those little 'skies stocked. Our last meeting with the fishing comedian and the local CO on sucker fishing was excellent.*

*Our activities so far this year have been varied. From the Vets Home fishing to vets' kids fishing. From summer fishing league to fishing the Chapter Challenge. There was always something going on and there are some things coming up.*

*If you know of an adventure that qualifies for the Muskie Tale award, write it up and turn it in.*

*Nominations for board members should be submitted this November. We have room for a few good people. Nominations for our club's highest honor, the Muskie Award, should be turned in this month. We have fundraising activities for two members with health needs. Consider helping with these.*

*Lastly, when you are sitting down to turkey later this month, give some thanks for the best muskie fishing in the country; and remember the many people working in this club and helping this club who have contributed to making this happen and who continue to do so.*

*Thanks to you all, Jim Kroupa*

## **Become a Board Member**

**N**ow is the time to consider joining the chapter's Board of Directors. Take part in making decisions that affect you as a member of this chapter. If you want to be more involved and have a say in what the chapter does on a day-to-day basis, become a board member. If you like to help plan events, or have a say in how they are planned, become a board member. If you want to be able to have a say in how the chapter uses its funds, become a board member. If you would like to influence how the chapter deals with Muskies International, the DNR, or other muskie clubs, become a board member.

The board needs people who are interested and willing to participate in making decisions for the chapter and its future. If you're interested in becoming a member of the board, please contact Jim Kroupa (952-474-5967 or [jkroupa@ties2.net](mailto:jkroupa@ties2.net)). Or, contact any of the current board members and let them know.

Nominations for the board will be accepted at the November meeting. Elections will be held at the December meeting. Board members take office for two-year terms beginning in January.

Be sure to attend the next two meetings so that you may have a say in how your chapter is run.

## **Muskie Award Nominations**

**T**he Muskie Award is presented each year at our Winter Banquet to a deserving chapter member who has constantly and unselfishly devoted time and energy over the years to promoting and improving the goals of Muskies, Inc. Nominations of an individual for the Muskie Award must be submitted in writing. Include 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 email them to [jkroupa@ties2.net](mailto: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.

## **Tell Us a Tale**

**I**t's almost the end of the season. Remember 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. We're looking for a hard luck or entertaining story. Who caught the world record that got away. Who fell out of a boat this year?? Whose boat sank in the middle of Lake of the Woods?? Who boated something that wasn't a fish?? Who saved 100 muskies?? Who had double trebles in their legs?? Something along those lines. We all, no matter what our fishing skills, have a story to tell.

Send your muskie tale, to last year's winner, Matt Olson. E-mail it to [olson@3pete.com](mailto:olson@3pete.com), or mail to 7438 Park Ave. S., Richfield, MN 55423. Call Matt at 612-423-2404 if you have any questions. The 2009 winner will be announced at the Winter Banquet.

## More Muskies for White Bear Lake



*The full length of the 1100-foot net was strung out along the pond's shoreline. As the front end of the net was pulled along the shoreline, volunteers helped keep it in line. A small net was pulled in front of the big net to make sure that no fish got between the big net and the shoreline. As the net completed circling the pond, it was pulled up on shore making the circle smaller and smaller. In the end, only 30 muskies were in the holding circle. They will be tagged by the DNR and released in White Bear Lake.*

**T**wenty-nine hardy people came out on Saturday, October 31 to help net muskies from the pond near Kost, MN. 5000 muskie fry were released into the pond in 2008. At the time, there were a few muskies that had been put in the pond in previous years that had never been captured in the fall nettings. Unfortunately, the results of Saturday's netting only showed that the fish that were already in the pond when the fry were put in had them for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Only 30 muskies were harvested for all the work of the volunteers. Twelve of the fry stocked in 2008 survived and are now an average of 18 inches. The remaining fish, obviously older, were in the upper 30 inches in length. The pond is managed by Frankie Dusenka and the Metro Muskie Tournament.

## A Little Help for Our Friends

**T**wo of our chapter members are facing medical situations that may be financially challenging. Tom Glander suffered from a seizure that led to a stroke two months ago. He has been in the hospital and a rehab center since then. Terrie Dubé needs eye surgery. She is working three part-time jobs, but none offers insurance. Their friends in the chapter have come up with some creative ways to raise a little money to help them out.

### LURE SALE/AUCTION

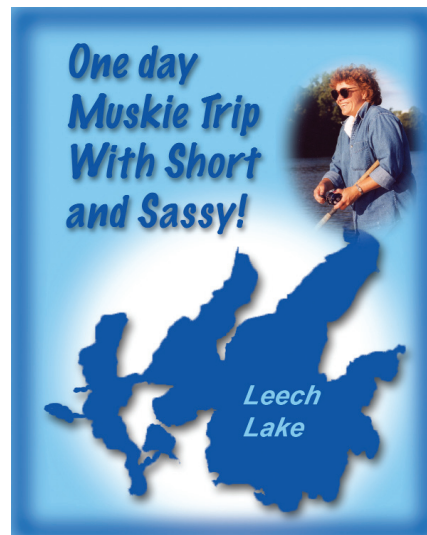
Everyone has a new, or almost new, bait that they just had to have and now it sits unused in their basement, garage or under all else in the tackle box. You know, that bait that looked so good at the Expo and you've tried a few times but never really used, that big Hughes River that never gets put in the water.

Bring those baits to donate at the November meeting. We'll gather them up and group into packages that will be sold or auctioned at the December meeting – just in time for holiday gift giving. The money raised will go to the Tom and Jeri Glander family.

### FULL-DAY GUIDE TRIP WITH "SHORT AND SASSY"

Terrie Dubé, past chapter board member, tournament director and International secretary, moved up to the Leech Lake area a few years ago. She has been guiding on the lake ever since. Terrie is offering full-day guide trips for two people to be scheduled in 2010 for a discounted rate of \$250.

Terrie's "Short and Sassy" Guide Service's usual rate is \$375 for a full day, so the "pay now, fish later" concept will save you. If you want to



schedule a Leech Lake guide trip with Terrie, contact Russ Peterson at 612-618-0391. He has a list of available dates and will issue certificates for the \$250 full-day guide trip with Terrie.

# Members Only Contest

from Eric Bakke, Members Only Contest Chair

October is here and so are the cold winds of late fall and for some of us, not a moment too soon. Turnover should have happened in most lakes and the water temps are dipping into the 40s across most all of the lakes. There are still plenty of fish being caught and some thick ones too, so if you can get on the water grab the stocking caps and neoprene gloves and hit the water. There are still monsters to be caught before the lakes freeze.

There was some movement in the Men's Division this month, with everyone else finding themselves in the same spots in the other divisions.

## JUNIORS DIVISION:

- 1ST Zachary Weyland - 89 points - 5 fish - 47" longest
- 2ND Evan Nicolai - 61 points - 5 fish - 39" longest

## WOMENS DIVISION:

- 1ST Linda Knutson - 113 points - 6 fish - 50" longest
- 2ND Carole K Janik - 64 points - 4 fish - 50" longest
- 3RD Barbara Zappa - 15 points - 2 fish - 37" longest

## WOMENS MASTERS:

- 1ST Cindy Hegdahl - 69 points - 3 fish - 53.5" longest

## MENS DIVISION:

- 1ST Dean A Roll - 713 points - 37 fish - 54" longest
- 2ND John C Newman Jr - 371 points - 26 fish - 48.5" longest
- 3RD Bob Culbertson - 358 points - 30 fish - 49" longest
- 4TH Peter R Janik - 275 points - 15 fish - 53" longest
- 5TH Brent Hirsch - 267 points - 19 fish - 48.5" longest
- 6TH Pat McAllister - 228 points - 13 fish - 49" longest
- 7TH Eric Bakke - 199 points - 13 fish - 47" longest
- 8TH Jack Hilbert - 188 points - 14 fish - 48.5" longest
- 9TH John Huss - 164 points - 11 fish - 45" longest
- 10TH David Nicolai - 160 points - 13 fish - 46" longest



*Cindy Hegdahl caught this 53.5" muskie August 23 out of Lake Plantagenet. About an hour later she boated a 49" fish. Cindy recently entered her 200th muskie in the international Lunge Log. On the Water always welcomes photos of your fish. Email photos to Erick Bakke at bakke12@hotmail.com or Denise Olson at olson@3pete.com.*

**MENS HYBRID DIVISION:**  
(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

- 1ST Eric Bakke - 2 fish - 40" longest
- 2ND John Huss - 2 fish - 42.5" longest
- 3RD Nathan Kjellman - 1 fish - 40" longest

**MENS MASTERS DIVISION:**

- 1ST Kris Astorp - 1165 points - 67 fish - 53" longest
- 2ND Phil Groth - 272 points - 17 fish - 48.5" longest
- 3RD Tony Sommerfeld - 221 points - 16 fish - 49.25" longest
- 4TH David Gustafson - 174 points - 10 fish - 53" longest
- 5TH Donald R Pursch - 50 points - 2 fish - 51.5" longest

**MENS MASTERS HYBRID DIVISION:**

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

- 1ST Kris Astorp - 4 fish - 40" longest

## LUNKER OF THE MONTH:

**MAY** - Official - Travis Hultgren - 46.5" - May 28 - St. Croix River

**JUNE** - Official - David Gustafson - 53" - June 13 - Lake Waconia

**JULY** - Official - Dean A. Roll - 54" - July 11 - Vermilion

**AUGUST** - Official - Cindy Hegdahl - 53.5" - August 23 - Plantagenet

**SEPTEMBER** - Unofficial - Ryan Buboltz - 54" - September 18 - Minnetonka

**OCTOBER** - Unofficial - Glenn Bergman - 53" - October 3rd - Vermilion

Be sure to check our web page under the Members Only Section to see what the top lakes and baits are so far this season. If you're on a run of bad luck, it will only change with time on the water. Take advantage of every opportunity you get, because there is a long winter ahead of us. So pick your favorite lake and we will see you on the water!

## Summer Fishing League

The 2009 Twin Cities Chapter Fishing League wrapped up on October 11. The last outing, originally scheduled for Mille Lacs was switched to Minnetonka at the last minute because of weather conditions. As it was, the few anglers who braved the conditions to give one last run at points for the league were faced with freezing temperatures and high winds – everything we look forward to while fishing. There unfortunately were not any fish caught during the two days on Minnetonka.

This year's league winner is Eric Schultz, who also won the league in 2008. Eric hit his lucky spot on Minnetonka during the July 8 outing and was rewarded with a 49.5" muskie. He will receive the league's traveling trophy.

Thanks to everyone that took part in the league this year to make it a success. Special thanks to Jody Dahms who planned league outings and kept track of standings.



Joe Mellott, George Selcke, Stu McIntosh and Troy Zuelzke enjoyed a laugh at the last meeting courtesy of humorist Dick Streater. Our November speaker, "Muskie Tom" Wehler from Lake Vermilion is apparently also quite entertaining.

### Chapter Summer Fishing League Standings

	FOREST LAKE JUNE 7	LAKE INDEP. JUN 17	LAKE MTKA. JUL 8	LAKE MTKA. CANCELLED	LAKE MTKA. JUL 29	LAKE MTKA. JUL 15	LAKE WACONIA AUG 2	LAKE MTKA. SEPT 9	LAKE MTKA. OCT 10-11	PTS
ERIC SCHULTZ	5	5	28.5	0	5	0	0	0	10	53.5
ROGER ECKLUND	22	0	5	0	5	0	8	5	0	45
DAVID BOND	0	0	5	0	5	5	5	5	10	35
MATT MURTHA	0	0	5	0	5	0	5	5	5	25
JIM KROUPA	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5	10	25
GRANT DOMKE	5	0	5	0	5	5	0	0	0	20
JODY DAHMS	8	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	18
BOB JOHNSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	18
DAVE PRIEM	0	5	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	15
ERIC BAKKE	0	5	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	15
VINCE TROTTA	0	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
LOWELL KRUGER	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
GREG KAPPES	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	10
TROY ZUELZKE	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	10
KEVIN BARR	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	10
GREG IDE	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	10
PETER JANIK	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	10
KRIS ASTROP	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
PETER RANDALL	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
JURIS OZOLS	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
JOHN NEWMAN	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
SCOTT CRAWFORD	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
DAVID GUSTAFSON	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
JOE MELLOTT	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5



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GIVING IDEAS**

Don't forget about "muskie stuff" for those on your gift list this holiday season. At the December meeting we will have lure packages for sale/auction. Wouldn't that newbie muskie fisherman appreciate something to add to his arsenal? Or how about muskie apparel. See Eric Schultz at the next meetings. He has hats, shirt and jacket samples and numerous catalogs of items that can be ordered with our chapter or the Muskies Inc. badge on them. Or, tournament t-shirts are available for only \$10 at meetings. We have a few Frank Schneider Tournament shirts in 2XL and 3XL. There are Inaugural George Wahl Tournament t-shirts in every size from M to 3XL.

**WINTER BANQUET**

Mark your calendars – the Winter Banquet will be held Saturday February 20 at Minnesota Valley Country Club.

**CHAPTER  
CHALLENGE**

Start planning your summer vacations now. The 2010 Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge will

be held at Lake Vermilion August 25-27. The Challenge was won by Star of the North chapter and they, along with the Brainerd Lakes chapter, will be hosting the event. Cabins are being held for the week of August 21-28 at Vermilion Dam Lodge. Contact Matt Olson at 612-423-2404 to represent our chapter at this gathering of chapters from all over the country.

**LYNDALE AVENUE  
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**NOVEMBER 10**

**SPEAKER:  
MUSKIE TOM WEHLER**

*"Muskie Tom" Wehler has been guiding from his home on Vermilion's Mallard Island for many years. You've seen him quip on TV, and he adds humor to muskie forums under the name Kid Derringer.*

*Nominations for board members taken for December elections .*

*Don't forget to bring lures to donate to sale/auction for Tom & Jeri Glander.*

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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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