

# On the Water



Volume 13, Issue 11

NOVEMBER 2010

## George Wahl Tournament Benefits Metro-Area Fishery

A bright, sunny day yielded only 10 muskies for the 175 anglers who participated in the second annual George Wahl Memorial Tournament on October 2. The biggest fish in the tournament was a 54.5-inch beauty boated by Chris Blachowiak on Minnetonka.

An awards program and feed was held on the grounds of Thorne Bros. at the end of the day. The ten winners each received a shadow-box plaque complete with a George Wahl Eagle Tail and a picture of their fish, a \$50 Thornes gift certificate and a bait package with an Eagle Tail, Super D, Larry Dahlberg's new Whopper-Plopper and a custom-designed, commemorative Phantom created just for the tournament by Todd Cleveland featuring one of George's favorite color combinations. The top five anglers also received a cash bonus.

Every participant who registered a fish was eligible for the grand prize drawing. Winner of the grand prize, a week stay for 4 at Whitefish Bay Camp, Lake of the Woods and \$1000 cash was Greg Kappes.

Raffles were available for all who attended the awards with prizes that included a \$600 tree planted in your yard from Green Acres Tree Moving; a \$340 G-Loomis rod from Joe's Sporting Goods; stays at Amason's Obabikon Resort, Lake of the Woods and Pine Beach Resort, Lake Garfield; electronic equipment, and guide trips with Josh Borovsky, Ben Olsen and Dave Gustafson, and pedestal bait boxes from Reed's Sports.

George Wahl passed away in 2008 and this tournament was conceived as a way to honor him, 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. 100% of the proceeds from this tournament will go toward the metro-area muskie fishery in one way or another.



Chris Blachowiak boated the largest muskie of the George Wahl Memorial Tournament on October 2. The 54.5-incher came from Lake Minnetonka. All the proceeds from the tournament will go to improve our metro-area muskie fishery. The cost to stock a yearling muskie is \$25-30 per fish. The DNR has designated stocking Minnetonka, White Bear Lake and Bald Eagle this year.

### TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

	NAME	LENGTH	PTS	WATER
1	Chris Blachowiak	54.5	24.5	Minnetonka
2	Bob Turgeon	47.5	17.5	Minnetonka
3	Eric Geister	46	16	Independence
4	Greg Kappes	43.5	13.5	Minnetonka
5	Matt Olson	43	13	Minnetonka
6	Luke DeFlorin	42	12	Harriet
7	Nick Peinovich	40	10	Minnetonka
8	Rick White	40	10	Forest Lake
9	Brent Jackson	42.5	12.5	Forest Lake
10	Don Magney	40	10	Minnetonka

## From Our President

*It is now November, and we have one last month of chasing muskie in Minnesota for 2010. Hopefully November brings some cooler water temps after a record warming trend for October.*

*The bite for October seemed to be pretty slow with water temps pushing back into the lower mid-60s. We had a successful George Wahl metro event which showed how tough the bite was with only 10 fish being caught with over 170 participants.*

*Josh Borovsky and I fished the PMTT Championship on Minnetonka the following weekend in 70 degree temps and no wind. In the 2 days only 11 fish were caught by 100 anglers. Josh and I managed to boat a 40.5-inch fish with 50 minutes left on Sunday. That made us the first team in the 12 year trail history to catch fish in all 5 events of one year. Our total points for the year earned us the Top Gun Team of the Year.*

*Remember to take extra precaution in these late fall conditions; it's no time to go for a swim.*

*Troy*

## Join a Committee

Consider joining one of our chapter's committees. You need not be a board member. Several positions are open.

- Youth chair – work with our youth partner, Fishing for Life, to coordinate 4 events between now and June that they will plan.
- Tournament – help plan and execute two annual tournaments.
- MN Vet's Home Opener – co-ordinate and plan event with help from board and past director.

Contact Denise Olson, 612-866-5369 or [olson@3pete.com](mailto:olson@3pete.com) if you are interested in working with any of the committees.



**The team of Troy Zeulzke and Josh Borovsky took 2010 Top Gun honors at the final event of the Professional Musky Tournament Trail (PMTT) circuit this year. They are the only team in the 12-year history of the PMTT to boat at least one muskie in all 5 of the events for the year. The final PMTT event was held on Lake Minnetonka October 9 and 10. Only the top 50 teams of the year are invited to the final "Tournament of Champions". The fish they boated in the last few minutes of fishing gave them enough points to finish at the top. And, it almost wasn't boated. When the judge boat came up to witness the fish, it was in the net, but the net had slipped off the boat and was floating next to it. Luckily the fish was head-first into the net and it was quickly retrieved. Congratulations for a job well done!**

## Chapter Elections to be Held at December Meeting

Nominations for members of the chapter's Board of Directors will be taken at the November meeting. Board members will be elected at the December meeting and serve a two-year term starting in January. Ten board positions are open for election this year.

The chapter Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus. Consider taking part in making decisions that affect you as a member of this chapter. The Board needs people who are interested and willing to participate in the chapter and its future.

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.

Contact Troy Zeulzke (952-955-3890 or [tzeulzke@yahoo.com](mailto:tzeulzke@yahoo.com)), Eric Schultz (651-917-8272 or [eschultz33@comcast.net](mailto:eschultz33@comcast.net)), or a current board member if you're interested in becoming a member of the Board.

**Share your "Muskie Tale"** – a story about something that happened while fishing, on the way to fishing; on the way back from fishing; finding something interesting on the end of your line; having trouble staying in the boat; some kind of mishap that happened while you were fishing. We hear lots of big fish stories, we want to hear something unusual. Send your "tale" to last year's winner, Dave Rouse. E-mail it to [olson@3pete.com](mailto:olson@3pete.com), or mail to 1089 Stryker Ave., West St. Paul, MN 55118. Please submit by January 15th. The person with the best tale will have the honor of keeping the Muskie Tale Award for a year, and choosing the next winner.

## 2010 Chapter League

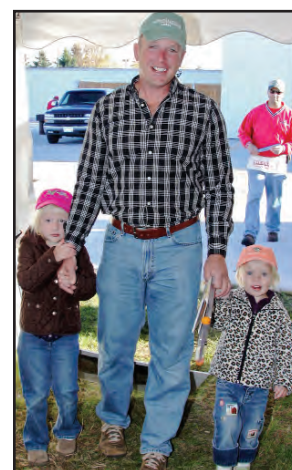
The 2010 Chapter League has been completed. The last outing was a two-day event on Lake Minnetonka with great weather to be on the water with not-so-great fishing. After two years with Eric Schultz winning the league, we have a new League Champion – Roger Ecklund. Roger was fortunate to catch a 47-inch fish on Minnetonka and that proved to be all that was needed. Greg Kappes came in second place with a 45.5" fish from our first outing on Forest Lake. Thank you goes out to all who participated in the league events this year and to Jody Dahms who organized the league.

	FOREST JUN 6	INDEP. JUN 23	MTKA JUL 13	MTKA JUL 28	MTKA AUG 24	WACONIA SEP 8	MTKA OCT 16-17	TOTAL POINTS
Roger Ecklund	5	5	0	0	26	5	10	51
Greg Kappes	24.5	5	0	5	0	5	10	49.5
David Bond	5	5	5	5	5	5	10	40
Matt Murtha	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	35
Chris Meyer	5	5	0	5	5	5	0	25
Eric Schultz	5	5	5	0	0	5	5	25
Jody Dahms	5	0	0	5	8	0	0	18
Tom Batina	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	15
Greg Batina	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	15
Samantha Meyer	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	10
Jim Kroupa	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	10
Karen Larson	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	10
Dustin Host	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	10
Greg Ide	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	10
Derek Walton	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8
Brian Olson	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Bailey Meyer	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Brycen Dahms	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
David Mitchell	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Eric Bakke	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Troy Zuelzke	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Peter Janik	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
John Newman	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
David Gustafson	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Adam Salo	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Shawn Kellett	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
George Selcke	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Brent Fox	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Dave Rouse	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Matt Olson	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5

## George Wahl Tournament



Members of George Wahl's family came to the tournament feed and awards at Thorne Bros.



Left: Greg Ide fills out the leader board for the top ten. Right: Paul Hartman with two of the youngest anglers in the tournament, his daughters Gracie and Lily.



Above: MC Joe Carlson, left, interviews first place winner, Chris Blachowiak who is displaying his tournament shadow-box plaque.



John Newman, left, and Jim Kroupa drawing for door prizes.

# Members Only Contest

Eric Bakke, Members Only Chair

Well, if any of you were hoping for the Fall bite to start early, you may be waiting a bit longer. This warm streak has kept the water temperatures in the 60s for most of October. Now that they are finally in the 50s, I hope they get to the 40s in a hurry! The turnover seems to be going in stages, which makes it even more confusing for the fish and us. That being said, there was still a great number of fish caught this last month.

Here are the standings:

## JUNIOR DIVISION

- 1ST Zach Weyland - 4 fish - 44 points - 43" longest
- 2ND Gregory Batina - 2 fish - 27 points - 40" longest
- 3RD Thomas Batina - 1 fish - 17 points - 43"

## WOMENS DIVISION

- 1ST Carole Janik - 3 fish - 70 points - 51" longest
- 2ND Christine Rein - 1 fish - 7 points - 33"

## WOMENS MASTERS

- 1ST Linda Knutson - 8 fish - 123 points - 48" longest
- 2ND Cindy Hegdahl - 2 fish - 20 points - 38" longest

## MENS DIVISION

- 1ST Dave Knutson - 26 fish - 490 points - 50.25" longest
- 2ND Pat McAllister - 21 fish - 420 points - 53" longest
- 3RD Marko Brinatte - 18 fish - 308 points - 48.5" longest
- 4TH Eric Bakke - 17 fish - 205 points - 47" longest
- 5TH Brent Hirsch - 15 fish - 194 points - 55" longest
- 6TH John Huss - 11 fish - 176 points - 48" longest
- 7TH Peter Janik - 12 fish - 175 points - 47.5" longest
- 8TH Matt Olson - 13 fish - 170 points - 46.5" longest
- 9TH Corey DeZeeuw - 10 fish - 166 points - 47" longest
- 10TH Jack Hilbert - 11 fish - 161 points - 47" longest

## MENS HYBRID DIVISION

(points tabulated with pure-strain releases)

- 1ST Eric Bakke - 2 fish - 38" longest
- 2ND Dave Weyland - 1 fish - 43.5"
- 3RD Nathan Kjellman - 1 fish - 39"

## MENS MASTERS DIVISION

- 1ST Kris Astorp - 63 fish - 1135 points - 52.5" longest
- 2ND Dean Roll - 43 fish - 726 points - 49" longest
- 3RD Phil Groth - 17 fish - 226 points - 50" longest

## MENS MASTERS HYBRID DIVISION

(POINTS TABULATED WITH PURE-STRAIN RELEASES)

- 1ST Kurt Hostager - 3 fish - 46" longest

## LUNKER OF THE MONTH

APRIL - official - James Beheba - 47" - April 24 - Clear Lake, IA

MAY - no fish over 46"

JUNE - official - Pat McAllister - 52" - June 18 - Rush Lake

JULY - official - Brent Hirsch - 55" - July 28 - Vermilion

AUGUST - official - Chris Mueller - 51" - August 23 - Mille Lacs

SEPTEMBER - unofficial - Larry Maronick - 55" - September 9 - Lake Bemidji

OCTOBER - unofficial - Kris Astorp - 52.5" - October 8 - Detroit Lake



**Whitefish Bay Camp**

**CALVERT ISLAND – IN THE HEART OF LAKE OF THE WOODS**

**TOLL FREE 1-877-226-1211**

*Excellent muskie fishing and other species*

**AMERICAN AND HOUSEKEEPING PLANS**

**GROUP AND FAMILY RATES**

**PRIVATE BOATS WELCOME**

75 MILES FROM INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN

**www.whitefishbaycamp.com**

whitefishbaycamp@yahoo.com

# REVOLUTIONARY

www.abugarcia.com



**The fishing world was revolutionized by the Abu Garcia Revo® reel. The Revo Toro™ will change the way America fishes for large fresh water and salt water species.**

- X-Craftic™ Alloy Frame and Side Plate for Corrosion Resistance
- Carbon Matrix™ Drag System for Ultra Smooth Drag
- Duragear™ Brass Gears for Long Life
- 7 HPCR® Bearings with Instant Anti-Reverse for Corrosion Resistance
- Includes Power Handle and Extended Throw Paddle Handle
- Synchronized TiN coated Levelwind System for Even Line Lay
- Infini II™ Spool Design for Extended Castability and Extreme Loads
- Freshwater and Saltwater Ready



**FOR LIFE.™**



1985 GENEVA (CENTURY) AVE. N.  
OAKDALE, MN 55128

**651-777-2421**

*Serving the Musky Community Since 1981*

**10% OFF**  
TO MUSKIES INC. MEMBERS

**HOME OF THE STATE RECORD TIGER MUSKY**

*Staffed with knowledgeable personnel  
who are passionate about fishing*

**PREMIER FISHING GUIDE SERVICES  
FOR THE METRO AREA**

**Josh Stevenson**

**Dick "Minnesota Griz" Grzywinski**

## tc chapter contacts

### OFFICERS

#### President

Troy Zuelzke  
952-955-3890

#### First Vice President

Eric Bakke  
612-202-7169

#### Second Vice President

Shawn Kellett  
952-380-1218

#### Treasurer

Dianne Dahl  
651-699-9817

#### Secretary

George Selcke  
952-933-2608

#### Regional Vice President

Eric Schultz  
651-917-8272

#### Members Only Contest

Eric Bakke  
612-202-7169

#### Tournament Director

Denise Olson  
612-866-4730

#### Webmaster

Mike McGrath  
612-743-9188

### BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Brad Coyne  
763-412-6697

Scott Crawford  
952-933-6670

Jody Dahms  
952-997-6148

Jim Doyle  
952-920-9818

Terry Hanson  
612-221-1818

Greg Ide  
612-331-5034

Tom Keith  
612-925-1109

Stu McIntosh  
651-699-9817

Jim Kroupa  
952-474-5967

Joe Mellott  
952-226-4880

John Newman  
651-699-8676

Jeff Redig  
651-402-5994

Tony Sommerfeld  
952-215-8114

[www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org)

*On the Water* is published  
monthly for members of the  
Twin Cities Chapter of  
Muskies Inc.

Copy deadline: 15th of each  
month

Contact: Graphic Works  
612-866-4730 • [olson@3pete.com](mailto:olson@3pete.com)

**THE NORTH IS CALLING**

**NORTHERN LIGHTS**  
CASINO HOTEL  
AND EVENT CENTER

WALKER, MN  
877.544.4879  
[www.northernlightscasino.com](http://www.northernlightscasino.com)

Over 950 Slots • Poker Room • Blackjack • North Star Buffet • Little Star Snack Bar  
Dancing Fire Restaurant • 105 Luxury Hotel Rooms • Pool, Whirlpools & Sauna  
Dancing Sky Gift Shop • Event Center with Full-Service Menu

Proudly Owned and Operated by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

**FRANKIES**  
Marine

*"Fishermen Selling to Fishermen"*

**SPECIALIZING IN THE SALES & SERVICE OF QUALITY FISHING BOATS**

**651-257-6334**

10680 South Avenue • Chisago, MN 55013  
**[www.frankies.net](http://www.frankies.net)**

## Thank Our Sponsors

*A big thank you to all the manufacturers, retailers and resorts that have helped the Twin Cities chapter in the past year by donating merchandise and trips used for incentives and prizes for our fundraising events as well as the prizes for the Banquet and the welcome table at each meeting.*

*Please make an effort to support our 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.*

*If you're looking for a new bait, remember that manufacturers of some of the most productive baits ever designed are among our sponsors. And remember to buy them from sponsoring retailers. If you're looking for a muskie trip, keep the sponsoring resorts in mind.*

Abu Garcia	Fenwick	Minnesota Twins	Sah-Kah-Tay Resort
Advance Corporation	The Fly Angler	Minnesota Valley Country Club	Shack Attack Lures
Advon Incorporated	Frankies Live Bait & Marine	Moondance Events	Bill Sherck
Amason's Obabikon Resort	Froggy's	Murphy Guide Service	Shimano
Anchorage Inn	Gander Mountain	Muskie Mafia Tackle LLC	'Skie Patrol Guide Service - John Hoyer
Andersons Horseshoe Bay Lodge	Dave Gustafson	Musky Hunter Magazine	Spectrum Printing
Julie Anderson/Marlene Wahl	H3O Sunglasses	Musky Innovations LLC	Spirit of the North Resort
Battle the Beast Guide Service - Gregg Thomas	Highbanks Resort	Musky Madness Guide Service - Kris Astorp	Sportsman's Connection
Bernick's Beverage	Hilton Minneapolis	Musky Mayhem Tackle	Spring Bay Resort and Guide Service
Birch Villa Resort	Holcombe Tackle	Musky Mercenary Guide Service - Matt Seifert	St. Croix
Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle	H.O.T. Lure Company	Musky Stalker Guide Service - Dave Williamson	Sunset Cove Resort
Bluewater Lodge	Huddle's Resort	Musky Treat Baits	Tackle Industries
Bluewater Outdoors	In Step Media	Northern Lights Casino	Thorne Bros
Bob Benson's Guide Service	Joe's Sporting Goods	Northland Tackle	Trappers Landing Lodge
Break On The Lake Resort	Just Big Muskies	One Stop	Trophy Hunter Accessories - Glittertail Muskie Lures
Brett Waldera's Guide Service	KB101	Pine Beach Resort	Bob Turgeon's Guide Service
Cabela's	Lakemaster	Phantom Lures	True Glide
Carbone's Pizza	LAX Reproductions	Pro Musky Guide Service - Josh Borovsky	Brian Truax Guide Service
Chaos Tackle	Leech Lake Gaming Division	Rapala	Vermilion Dam Lodge
Kevin Cochran's Musky Guide Service	Lee Lures	Red Wing Lodge - Lake of the Woods	Paul Villnow
Dockside Marine & SnoPro	Little Boy Resort & Campground	Reed's Family Outdoor Outfitters	Wades Custom Tackle
Enduro Fishing Guide Service - Paul Schlagel	Llungen Lures	Retreat Lodge	Walker Wireless
Eskimo	Marcum		Whitefish Bay Camp
	Mighty Muskie Guide Service - Josh Stevenson		
	Minnesota Bound		

## next meeting

**NOVEMBER 12**

**SPEAKER:  
DUSTIN CARLSON**

*Dustin Carlson, a guide for 15 years on Lake Vermilion, St. Louis River, Island Lake and the Duluth / Superior area will talk about the St Louis river. He is the president of the Lake Superior Chapter of Muskies Inc. in Duluth and an active tournament angler who won the 2007 Minnesota Muskie Tournament on Lake Vermilion.*



### **MUSKIES INC.**

7125 17th Avenue South  
Richfield, MN 55423

**Return Service Requested**

*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.).*