

On the Water



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Paul Hartman, John Newman and John Benson from Frankies Marine installed areators last month in the pond near Forest Lake where muskie fry are being raised for stocking in metro-area lakes next fall.

Raising Muskies

From Stocking and Rearing chair, John Newman

This spring 10,000 muskie fry were stocked in the pond near Forest Lake where the Metro Muskie Tournament, Frankie Dusenka (Frankies Bait and Marine) and our chapter have been raising muskies for stocking. I wish I could say that our fish are looking good, but 17 inches of ice prohibited us from seeing them.

Because we were concerned that the pond might be freezing out, areators were installed last month. Thanks to Frankie for letting us use his chainsaw and sending John Benson to help.

Over the summer the fry were fed periodically with over 60 gallons of fathead minnows. This spring we hope to start feeding them larger suckers to fatten them up for harvest next fall. At that time we should have a nice crop of 18-22 inch fish.

Depending on the amount of weed growth in the pond this summer, we may have to change our method of harvesting the fish in the fall. In the past, we have pulled a net to capture the muskies. There are a couple of other options we're looking into. We could use trap nets or possibly electro shocking. The DNR has used this method with some success. We will have to wait and see. Stay tuned but keep those net-pulling muscles in shape.

Dont Miss the Deadline for Early-Bird Drawing for Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet

The Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet, our chapter's winter fundraising event, will be held Saturday, March 19 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. Last year's banquet broke all records with over \$20,000 in prizes that resulted in record profits that will be used to help us achieve our stocking and rearing goals. Prizes included week-long stays at Retreat Lodge and Spring Bay Resort on Lake Vermilion and Horseshoe Bay Resort on Leech Lake, fishing trips with renowned muskie guides, St. Croix rods, Shimano reels, custom rods from Gary Wick, H30 sunglasses, entertainment packages, guns, and loads of tackle, storage and other outdoor gear. This year we will continue the themed raffle tables format with each table valued at more than \$1,000 each, plus cash raffles, games and a return of the "mystery" raffle.

The March 1st deadline is fast approaching to qualify for pre-event early-bird raffles for a St. Croix Legend muskie rod and a Shimano Calcutta reel. If you miss the March 1st deadline for the early-bird raffle entry, you can still order dinner with raffle ticket packages prior to the event and save up to \$75.00.

Seating is limited to the first 200 who purchase tickets and they are going fast, so get your orders in as soon as possible. The banquet facility requires us to pre-order food so reservations must be purchased prior to the event. You may purchase your tickets several ways. Use the order form on page 3 and mail in your reservations. Purchase on-line with a credit card or PayPal at our chapter website www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org Or you can print an order form from the website and mail in your payment. Dinner reservations and early-bird raffle ticket packages will be available for sale at the February chapter meeting.

The banquet committee needs volunteers to help at the event. Volunteer to help man one of the many prize tables. Please contact Joe Mellott, Troy Zuelzke or Jody Dahms or email banquet@twincitiesmuskiesinc.org.

Don't forget to invite a friend. This is a fun night out whether a person is "into" muskie fishing or not.

Banquet Registration Form on page 3

Members Only Contest

Eric Bakke, Members Only Chair

The final tallies are in and it's time to give credit where credit is due. Thanks again for those of you who have participated in the Members Only Contest this season.

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 - 4 fish - 89 points - 51" longest
- 2ND Christine Rein - 1 fish - 7 points - 33"

WOMENS MASTERS

- 1ST Cindy Hegdahl - 14 fish - 204 points - 49.5" longest
- 2ND Linda Knutson - 8 fish - 123 points - 48" longest

MENS DIVISION

- 1ST Dave Knutson - 32 fish - 603 points - 51" longest
- 2ND Pat McAllister - 22 fish - 455 points - 53" longest
- 3RD Marko Brinatte - 20 fish - 345 points - 48.5" longest
- 4TH Peter Janik - 16 fish - 260 points - 51" longest
- 5TH Eric Bakke - 18 fish - 231 points - 52" longest
- 6TH Jeremy Knutsen - 13 fish - 212 points - 49" longest
- 7TH Corey DeZeeuw - 12 fish - 206 points - 47" longest
- 8TH Brent Hirsch - 16 fish - 205 points - 55" longest
- 9TH John Huss - 11 fish - 176 points - 48" longest
- 10TH Matt Olson - 13 fish - 170 points - 46.5" 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 John Huss - 1 fish - 41.5"

MENS MASTERS DIVISION

- 1ST Kris Astorp - 64 fish - 1158 points - 52.5" longest
- 2ND Dean Roll - 50 fish - 837 points - 49" longest
- 3RD Phil Groth - 21 fish - 294 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 - Official - Larry Maronick - 55" - September 9 - Lake Bemidji

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

NOVEMBER - Official - Mark Frederick - 52.5" - Lake Bemidji - November 4

I hope to see all of you around the water next year!

Start Planning Now for Chapter Outings this Summer

PARADISE COVE, MINAKI, ONTARIO

July 16-23

We will again be headquartered at Paradise Cove in Minaki, Ontario. The resort offers: guide service, free boat launch, free dock facilities, a restaurant and lounge, and Hot Spot depth maps. Check out the resort at www.paradisecoveminaki.com. Eric Bakke (bakke193@umn.edu, 612-202-7169) can answer any questions you may have or take your reservation. Lodging is \$297.50 for the week. A \$50 deposit to Eric is required. 16 out of 22 spots are spoken for, so get your deposit in if you would like to secure a spot. For Eric the average trip cost including gas and food over

the last 4 years has been about \$600.

RED WING LODGE, LAKE OF THE WOODS August 13-20

The Bartlett family at Red Wing Lodge on beautiful Sabaskong Bay has hosted Muskies Inc. outings for years with personal and friendly service. Their cabins and services exhibit that they understand what muskie people need and like.

Red Wing Lodge served as headquarters for six Chapter Challenges and has been chosen to host Chapter Challenge again in 2011.

You'll find floating docks, electrical hookups at each dock, and a huge generator in place for power outages.

Services available include: license, unleaded gas, ice, tackle, maps, ice cream.

Cost per person in housekeeping cabins is \$300 (US Funds) for 2011, which breaks down to just \$42.85 per day for Canadian muskie fishing. The trip includes: daily bag of ice, free dockage, free boat launch, free dinner one night courtesy of the Bartletts, one free trip given away in a drawing and door prizes.

Reservations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit, made out to 'North Metro Muskie Inc.' Contact John van Ingen (maxjo@mac.com, 651-699-5172) or Pat Miller (donnagmiller@comcast.net, 651-429-1629) to make your reservation.

— *this 'n that* —

**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 (1089 Stryker Ave., West St. Paul, MN 55118 or e-mail to olson@3pete.com). The person with the best tale will have the honor of keeping the Muskie Tale Award for a year, and choosing the next winner.

**SEEKING NEW
CHAPTER MEMBERS**

Sign up your muskie-fishing friends for membership in the Twin Cities chapter. Any chapter member who signs up a new member has a chance to win a St. Croix rod or a Fenwick/Abu Garcia combo. Every time you sign up a new member, your

name will go into a drawing for the prizes. Email Scott Crawford at fat55incher@yahoo.com when you sign up another person to get credit for the new member.

**TC CHAPTER
YOUTH PROJECT**

All of us have bucktails, spinner-baits, or buzzbaits that are not getting used. We also need to get more youth involved with musky fishing and attending our MI meetings. Tom Keith proposed to the Board of Directors to combine the two issues. If members would bring in old lures to the meetings, he will either refurbish them or take the usable components and rebuild them. The plan is to give one away to each child under the age of 18 at each meeting. That might help encourage them to attend more meetings. If the response is good from the Chapter, there might be enough to also distribute them during our chapter sponsored Military Family Fishing Day. If you have bucktail, flashabou, beads, blades, clevises, or bodies that you are not going to use, we

could use them to expand this program. Please bring anything you would be willing to give to the next chapter meeting you attend. If you want to get involved with the making of the lures, please contact Tom Keith at tomk@usiwireless.com. Thanks for your support.

VOLUNTEER!!!!

Join a chapter committee. Committee members don't have to be on the board. The tournament committee and MN Vet's Home Opener Committees are looking for persons to just work on the specific event.

The Tournament Committee meets the last Tuesday of the month. Volunteers are able to fish at both tournaments, but need to be available at feeds and awards. A volunteer is also needed to head the MN Vet's Home Opener. They will co-ordinate and plan the event with help from the board and the past director.

Contact Denise Olson, 612-866-5369 or olson@3pete.com if you're interested in volunteering for either of the committees.

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\$150 (\$225 value)

Includes dinner and \$190 in raffle tickets
If purchased before March 1, will be entered in Early-Bird drawings for a Shimano Calcutta reel and a St. Croix Legend rod.

Gold Bonus Package _____ \$ _____
\$100 (\$125 value)

Includes dinner and \$90 in raffle tickets
If purchased before March 1, will be entered in Early-Bird drawing for a Shimano Calcutta reel.

Dinner Reservation Only (\$35 ea.) _____ \$ _____

I cannot attend but would like to make a donation _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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next meeting

FEBRUARY 8

**SPEAKER:
TONY GRANT**

Tony Grant will be our guest speaker and "Summer on the St. Croix" will be the focus of his program. You've probably seen Tony at the shows, on the lake from Kentucky to Canada to Minnesota over the last 20 years, or in one of many of the PMTT tournaments since it started in 1999.

Tony and his partner Dave Schultz won the 2009 Professional Musky Tournament Trail-Musky Hunter Magazine's Fall Showdown on the St. Croix with 4 fish from 39-50 inches. Tony will share his experience on the St. Croix and overall vast knowledge of muskie fishing.



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