

# On the Water



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## Minnesota Veteran's Home Opener Scheduled for May 7



The Twin Cities chapter, along with VFW post 6690, will again be hosting a fishing opener event for the residents of the Minnesota Veterans Home on Saturday, May 7. This marks the 16th year we have been providing the residents of the home a "fishing opener" experience. The day includes setting up a trout pond, helping the many participating residents while they fish, cleaning and cooking the trout and the rest of the "shore lunch" and serving the residents.

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. It's extremely rewarding to see our veterans who may never get the chance any other time during the year

to come out so they can get some fishing in. Many of the residents are lined up waiting bright and early in the morning.

Volunteers are needed to help with the fishing, cooking, cleaning and generally making this a fun event. This is one of the best volunteer events at Veterans Homes all over the country and has been recognized as such.

Volunteers – and many are needed – should be at the Veterans Home (by Minnehaha Falls) around 7 am. If you can bring 10 pounds of boiled potatoes with you, please call Troy Zuelzke 612-709-6609 or 952-955-3890 and let him know you can help in that way. Otherwise, he will be boiling potatoes galore the night before. VFW Post 6009 also contributes to this event. Call Troy if you have questions or to volunteer.

## Military Fishing Day June 24

from Youth Co-chair Tom Keith

This will be the third consecutive year that the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc. has co-sponsored Military Family Fishing Day with Fishing for Life. It will be on Friday, June 24th, starting from Maynards on Lake Minnetonka. People typically launch out of Gray's Bay after 6:00 a.m. and arrive at Maynards shortly before 7:00 a.m. Volunteers meet up with their military families and then take them out for a morning of fishing. Every one returns about noon for lunch and an awards program. It is a multi-species event, so everyone catches fish. Fishing for Life provides worms for people interested in pursuing panfish.

If you would be willing to be one of the volunteers, who will take military families out fishing that day, please contact Tom Keith at [tomk@usiwireless.com](mailto:tomk@usiwireless.com). We need at least 20 volunteers to meet the needs of the families. All kids will be given a complimentary package of lures from the TC Chapter of Muskies Inc. We are inviting legislators and if you know of a legislator, who would like to fish, please contact me. We will have people there, who can provide you with good ideas of where you should fish.

Last year, the three boys I took out fishing had parents serving in a war zone. It was a special morning, doing something nice for families that truly serve our country. If you cannot volunteer that day, but would like to donate some lures to the kids or if you have any questions, please contact me at [tomk@usiwireless.com](mailto:tomk@usiwireless.com)

## Capable Partners

An outing with the Capable Partners organization is planned for Sunday, June 12 on Lake Minnetonka. It will be held in conjunction with a Military Fishing Event sponsored by Libby Hoene. Volunteers are needed to take disabled anglers or members of military families out for a morning of fishing. Volunteers are also needed to help cook and serve the lunch at noon. Please contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 or Libby Hoene at 763-755-2482 or Tim Hoene at 763-370-3802 to volunteer.

## 2011 Fishing League

Once again there will be a fishing league this fishing season that will take part at many different lakes in the Metro. Come and join in the fun and learn some great information from the others fishing in the league. Everyone is welcome to join the outings. For those of you that don't have a fishing partner, we will find space in a boat for you to take part in the event. The final schedule for this summer is in the works and will be available soon. Anyone interested in the league can contact Jody Dahms at [jdahms@aquali.com](mailto:jdahms@aquali.com) to receive additional league information.

## Metro Muskie Tournament

The 15th annual Metro Muskie Tournament will be the first tournament of the season. It will be held Saturday June 11 on 16 metro area bodies of water. Go to [www.metromuskietournament.com](http://www.metromuskietournament.com) for more information and to download a registration form.

## George's Minnesota Muskie Expo

Three days of nothing but muskies! That's George's Minnesota Muskie Expo. Lot's of muskie information, bargains to be had and people to visit with. Highlights include 8-year-old David Jacobson being awarded a replica of his 57-inch muskie for having the largest fish caught by a junior in 2010. George's Tackle Box, where kids could make lures to take home, was also a busy place. Special thanks to volunteers Dave Knutson, Linda Knutson, Jeremy Knutson, Paul Baranek, John Meyer, Al Larson, Peter Janik, Tom Keith, Nick Ramero, Joe Palardy, Aaron Hinderscheid, Darrel Hoffman, Nicole Hoffman (12 years old), and Bob Turgeon who helped make George's Tackle Box a success.



## Frank Schneider and George Wahl Tournament Dates Announced

While you're busy making plans for a lot of muskie fishing this summer, don't forget to save a little time for our chapter's two tournaments, both being held in September.

The Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament is Muskies Inc.'s oldest fishing contest. The tournament will be held September 9, 10 & 11 in the Bemidji - Cass Lake - Walker - Longville area of northern Minnesota. Anglers can fish any one of 22 lakes, including Plantagenet which has been added this year. Tournament entry includes feeds Friday and Saturday nights and an awards program and feed on Sunday.

The Grand Prize will be a Skeeter WX 1790T/Yamaha boat/motor/trailer package provided by Skeeter Boats and Frankies Marine. Every person who catches a muskie (minimum size 40") is eligible for the grand prize drawing. Prizes are awarded to the top ten anglers and top three juniors.

Entry to the Frank Schneider tournament is the same as last year, \$95 for adults, \$30 for juniors, and \$175 for a family of four.

The George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 24 on 13 metro-area lakes. Fishing in the George Wahl tournament is a great way to ensure that our metro area will continue to have great fishing into the future. 100% of the proceeds from this tournament will be applied to the metro muskie fishery.

Grand Prize is a week-long trip Whitefish Bay Camp on Lake of the Woods. Prizes are awarded to the top ten anglers and top three juniors. Entry is \$50. Thorne Bros. will host the awards program.

Registration opens for both tournaments on August 1st. Information will be mailed to past contestants before then. If you've never fished in either event and want to be on the mailing list, call Denise Olson 612-804-4687.



## Tournaments Past

Our club would like to thank Myron Barrie, one of several Life Members in our chapter, who has donated his set of 17 muskie tournament pins to the club's historical archives. In the earliest days of our Frank Schneider Tournament contestants wore pins. In more recent years contestants wear hats. Pins in Myron's collection go from 1973 to 1990.

The tournament committee would like to make a display of the pins and hats from our past tournaments. However, our archives don't have all the hats. We are hoping they are still out there and that members or friends will donate them to the chapter for our display. You can send the hats to Denise Olson, 7125 17th Ave So, Richfield, MN 55423. Our archives would also be glad to accept any other Muskies Inc. memorabilia that any person, friend, or estate would be willing to donate.

## — this 'n that —

### SIGN UP NEW 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 rod/Abu Garcia reel 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](mailto:fat55incher@yahoo.com) when you sign up another person to get credit for the new member.

### CENTURY LODGE

Century Lodge on secluded Osbourne Bay of Eagle Lake in Ontario is interested in hosting a chapter/Muskies Inc. outing this summer. If anyone is interested in organizing an outing, please contact them at [info@centurylodge.com](mailto:info@centurylodge.com) or 269-699-5792 (winter), 807-938-6863 (summer). Tell them you heard about this at the MN Muskie Expo.

### YOUTH PROJECT

Don't forget to bring any bucktails, spinnerbaits or buzztails that are not being used to the next meeting you attend. We will refurbish them and give a lure to each child under 18 who is at our meetings.

## Chapter Outings Scheduled for Summer

The chapter has two outings scheduled for this summer so far. The outings are open to any chapter muskie angler and/or their friends.

### **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 it out at [www.paradisecoveminaki.com](http://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.

### **CHAPTER OUTING: RED WING LODGE, LAKE OF THE WOODS August 13-20**

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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 (donnamiller@comcast.net, 651-429-1629) to make your reservation.

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