

On the Water



A Great Time Had by All at Veteran's Home Fishing Opener

Residents of the Minneapolis Veteran's Home were treated to a morning of fishing and a delicious "shore lunch" of fresh-caught trout, potatoes and beans on Saturday, May 5. The Twin Cities chapter annually co-sponsors this event with a number of VFW, American Legion, and AmVets posts.

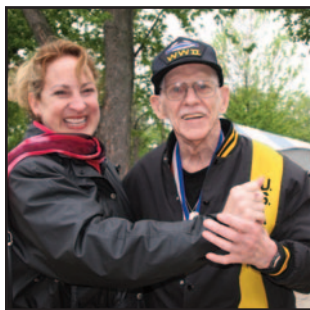
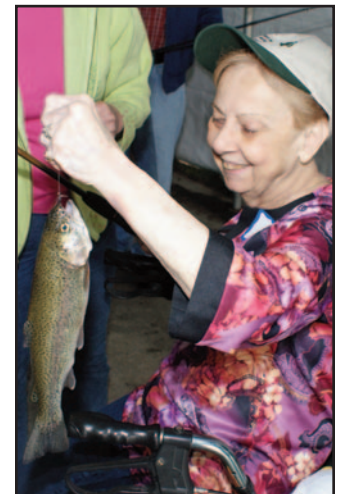
Veterans were on hand all morning to try their hand at catching one of the many trout in the pond that was set up outside the residence.

Many thanks to Troy Zeuzlke for putting together a successful event, and to the volunteers who helped residents catch their fish, cleaned fish, and/or prepared and served the meal.

A highlight at this year's event was music from the 40s and 50s provided by the the Moonlight Serenaders. The tunes even had some couples up and dancing.

A recognition program honoring Twin Cities chapter member, the late Helen Ness also highlighted the day. During the program, our chapter was recognized for 23 consecutive years of service to the veterans with the "Fishing Opener" at the Vet's home.

It's extremely rewarding to see our veterans who may never get the chance any other time during the year to come out and get some fishing in.



Top: Residents of the Minneapolis Veteran's Home enjoyed fishing for trout in the pond. Right: Residents show off their catch before they were cleaned and served for "shore lunch". Above top: The Moonlight Serenaders, led by Linda Ness, niece of Helen Ness, provided music during the morning. Lower left: The Serenaders music inspired several people to get up and dance. Lower right: Volunteers served a meal of fresh-caught trout, potatoes, beans and cookies.

From Our President

We had an amazing Veterans' Home Opener on May 5th. Troy Zeulzke did an exceptional job coordinating the whole event and of lining up co-sponsorships with 16 VFW, American Legion, and AmVets posts. There was a ceremony at 8:45 a.m. to recognize:

- *The Minneapolis Veterans' Home for serving veterans for 125 years.*
- *The late Helen Ness for the accomplishments in her life.*
- *The TC Chapter of Muskies Inc. for co-sponsoring this event for 23 years.*

Members of our Chapter stepped up as they have for the previous 22 years and made this an incredible experience for our veterans. We served approximately 350 outstanding shore lunches that morning

The Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration is going to be Friday, June 22nd on Lake Minnetonka. We need volunteers from our chapter to guide military kids and families on a morning of fishing. Maynards will be providing a lunch for all guides. We will put together packages of lures and supplies for about 50 military kids. If you have any musky or bass lures that you would be willing to donate to these kids or would be willing to guide that morning, please contact me.

As the opener comes increasingly close, are you starting to have second thoughts about how the muskies are going to jump into your boat in a few weeks? If so, attend the next General Meeting. If our members cannot answer your questions, we have a speaker named Gregg Thomas, who is known for catching a muskie or two.

Instead of the July 10th General meeting, we are planning to launch at Hidden Falls below the Ford Dam and fish to Downtown Saint Paul. Afterwards, we can eat at Tiffany's (2051 Ford Parkway) and watch Baseball's All Star Game. Greg Ide is working on getting a church parking lot, as it would be tough to park with a boat trailer at Tiffany's. He has launched at Hidden Falls many times and said there is plenty of parking and the launch is good. We thought of it as an "assessment" of the area. Greg knows of two 48" fish caught there. Only 16 people fished last years Minnetonka outing and 12 came to the Tonka Grille, so we thought we would try something different. He will assess Hidden Falls before that time to be sure there are no safety issues. Fishing will be from 5 to 9 that night for League, if agreed to, and I think fish or even showing up should get double points. The event will be cancelled if there is lightning.

Tom Keith

Capable Partners Outing

An outing with physically challenged members of the Capable Partners organization is planned for Sunday, June 10 from 6:30 am to "shore lunch" time on Lake Minnetonka. Share your love for the pursuit of muskies with a fellow outdoorsman. The outing will be held in conjunction with a Military Fishing Event sponsored by Libby and Tim Hoene. Volunteers are needed to take guests out for a morning of fishing. About one-half of participants will need space for wheelchairs, but any size boat can be matched with one of the Capable Partners. You don't have to have a boat to join in. A "shore lunch" will end the event and help is needed for that as well. And if you show up, someone with a boat might invite you to continue fishing in the afternoon. Please contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 or Libby Hoene at 763-755-2482 or Tim Hoene at 763-370-3802 to volunteer.

Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration

On Friday, June 22 the Twin Cities Chapter will collaborate with Fishing for Life in the 4th annual Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration. About 50 kids and 20 adults with connections to the military will be taken out for a morning of fishing on Lake Minnetonka. We are looking for volunteers from the chapter to guide (any species) and safely bring everyone back to Maynards dock.

The day will start about 7:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner. Shortly after that, we will head out to the lake for a morning of fishing. Everyone comes in about 11:00 a.m. and everyone will be treated to a great meal from Maynards. There is an awards program and people should be done by noon.

We provide worms and larva if you want to fish for panfish in your boat. We do need people to guide these families. If you guided last year, you will be contacted by Fishing for Life, our co-sponsor. If you did not guide last year, but would like to try this year, please contact Tom Keith at tomk@usewireless.com.

Last year all kids were given a complimentary pack of five lures, two bobbers, and two boxes of hooks. These were either donated by members of our chapter or purchased with money donated by members of our chapter. If you would be willing to donate something, please contact Tom Keith.

Tom says, "As a veteran, it is important for me to give back. These families miss their loved ones and we can create a memorable experience for them. Thanks for your willingness to help with this project!"

Chapter Summer Fishing League

The first outing for the chapter fishing league will be Saturday, June 9 on Forrest Lake. Note that this is the same day as the Metro Muskie Tournament. Join us for the chapter league and register for the Metro tournament. The fish you catch will earn you honors in both events.

Nic Romero has volunteered to organize the chapter fishing league this year. Outings for the league are scheduled on a number of metro-area waters. Everyone is welcome to join the league outings. This could be a good way to get new members by bringing friends fishing with you.

The league is intended as a fun outing with fellow muskie anglers. 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. Just contact Nic and let him know.

Scheduled league outings are included in the calendar on page 6. Cancellations of the outings may occur due to weather conditions or if

lake water temps reach 80 degrees.

Rules for the league are pretty simple.

1. This is an individual league with as many people in a boat as desired.
 2. All participants shall meet at the designated boat launch on the lake at time listed for the league event. If you are going to be late, please contact Nic to let him know that you will be participating.
 3. Anglers may not use any live bait.
 4. All catches shall be verified by another league member for fish to count.
 5. A digital camera shall be used to take photo of fish to provide proof of catch to other league members.
 6. League members can fish in as many of the events as they want.
- Scoring is the same as the Member's Only Contest: 4 points for a 30" muskie and 1 point for each inch over 30". Participants will receive 5 points per event fished (weekend



Eric Schultz was presented Chapter Summer Fishing League traveling trophy, provided by Todd Cleveland of Phantom Lures. As the winner of last year's contest, he will keep the trophy and pass it on to this year's winner.

event counts 5 points per day), 3 bonus points will be awarded to each boat partner of a successful catch during league fishing.

If you need more information or want to fish in any of the outings, contact Nic Romero at 651-214-5269 or nicromero@gmail.com.

Come fish in a league outing and join in the fun!

Summer Outings

Join in some muskie fishing fun with other Muskies Inc. members this summer. Both of our scheduled outings have a few spots remaining, so if you're thinking of a Canadian fishing trip this summer, contact the organizers of each of the outings.

PARADISE COVE, MINAKI, ONTARIO July 14-21

Eric Bakke (bakke193@umn.edu, 612-202-7169) is taking reservations for the Minaki trip to Paradise Cove or can answer any questions you may have. Paradise Cove offers: guide service, free boat launch, free dock facilities, a restaurant and lounge, and Hot Spot depth maps. Check out paradisecoveminaki.com for more details.

Lodging is \$297.50 for the week. A \$50 deposit to Eric is required. A number of people who have gone on this trip before have signed up again so get your deposit in if you would like to secure a spot. For Eric, the average cost including gas and food over the last 5 years has been about \$600.

RED WING LODGE, LAKE OF THE WOODS August 11-18

The Red Wing trip in August is a joint trip with the North Metro chapter. It is organized by John Van Ingen and Pat Miller. They have had information at our general meetings, so look for them if you have any questions.

Cost per person in housekeeping cabins is \$300 (US Funds) for 2012, 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 Bartlett family, one free trip given away in a drawing and door prizes.

The Bartlett family at Red Wing Lodge on Sabaskong Bay has hosted Muskies Inc. outings for years with personal and friendly service. They understand what muskie people need and like.

Reservations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit, made out to 'North Metro Muskie Inc.' Contact John (maxjo@mac.com, 651-699-5172) or Pat (donnagmiller@comcast.net, 651-429-1629) if you need more information.

Helen Ness Honored

Twin Cities chapter member, the late Helen Ness, was honored at a program at the Minneapolis Veteran's Home Fishing Opener on Saturday, May 5. In her lifetime Helen served her country and Muskies, Inc. at the highest levels. She was a nurse during World War II and served in Europe as a Lt. Colonel, the highest rank available to WAC staff. Helen returned to Minnesota and served at the VA Hospital for nearly 30 years. During that time she spent many hours as a fishing partner of Hugh C. Becker, who also worked at the hospital. Helen spent the last year of her life as a resident at the Veteran's Home. She is one of the chapter's 18 Muskies, Inc. Hall of Fame members, inducted in 1992.

At the program, two of Helen's nieces, Linda Ness and Gay Holm presented a 53" natural Muskie mount of Helen's to the chapter. Chapter President Tom Keith accepted the mount and in turn presented it, on behalf of the chapter, to the Home in memory of Helen. Accompanying the mount was a plaque describing Helen's service to her country, the Veteran's Home, and Muskies Inc.

Jackie Doyle, wife of Chapter Secretary Jim, and Gay Holm work together, talked about the 53" Muskie mount, and started the fish's trip to the Vet's Home through Jim, the History and Archives Committee, and the chapter. The



At the recognition program for Helen Ness, Robin Gaustad, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for the Minnesota Veteran's Homes (left) accepted Helen's 53" muskie (held by Jim Doyle) and plaque (presented by Helen's nieces, Gay Holm and Linda Ness) on behalf of the Minneapolis Veteran's Home. Helen was honored for her service to her country, the Veteran's Home, and Muskies Inc. Also part of the program was the Minnesota Veteran's Home honoring our chapter for its 23 years of creating a fishing opener experience for the residents.

chapter had the natural mount refurbished. Linda Ness, and her orchestra, the Moonlight Serenaders, provided beautiful patriotic and big band music for the entertainment of all. Helen's longtime fishing partner and Hugh Becker Foundation benefactor, Hugh Becker, was also a member of the chapter and Muskies, Inc. Hall of Fame.

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ERIC SCHULTZ NAMED MI REGIONAL REP

Congratulations to Eric Schultz who was recently named a Regional Representative for Muskies Inc. Eric joins Carl Phillips and Greg Kvale as the Regional Representatives for Region 1. They are responsible for practices and communications with all the chapters in Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Washington and New Mexico.

METRO MUSKIE TOURNAMENT

The Metro Muskie Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 9 this year. The tournament includes 16 metro-area lakes. Cash prizes are paid to fifth place. All muskies caught qualify angler for the Grand Prize, a one-week stay for two at

Musky Bay Resort on Crow Lake in Ontario, a Slammer Lure Package, an Abu Garcia 6500C3 Reel and Fenwick Muskie Rod. Entry is \$35.00 per participant. Newsletter with entry forms will be mailed to past participants. You can find entry forms and more information at their website www.metromuskietournament.com.

JUNE JAM

The North Metro chapter of Muskies Inc.'s June Jam is June 16-17 on seven premier muskie waters in Polk County, WI: Deer, Bone, Blake, Cedar, Round and Wapogasset Lakes and the Apple River flowage. Entry fee is \$50. Junior entries (15 and younger) are \$25.00. For entry forms and more information go to www.nmmuskies.com or email northmetromuskies@yahoo.com.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSKIE TOURNAMENT

The regional competition of the State High School Muskie Tournament will be held June 19 from 5:30 am to 1:00 pm on Lake Minnetonka. Teams representing the schools of St. Anthony Village, Bloomington Jefferson, Bloomington Kennedy, Buffalo and Farmington will compete. The two winning teams from this event will represent the region in the state tournament July 2 on Lake Bemidji.

CHAPTER TOURNAMENTS

Don't forget to make plans to fish in the chapter's two tournaments held in September. The Frank Schneider tournament is September 7-9 on 20 lakes in the Bemidji-Cass-Walker-Longville area. The George Wahl tournament is September 29 on 13 metro area lakes.

Members Only Contest

Eric Bakke, Members Only Contest Chair

It's finally here! Like Christmas in June! After a long 6 months of waiting – sometimes not so patiently – for the chance to throw for these wonderful creatures we call Muskellunge in Minnesota. I know the next 6 months will be full of great and frustrating moments scattered together and I wouldn't have it any other way!

I am excited for the competition of another Members Only Contest as well! I will be updating the standings throughout the season. For those of you who haven't been a part of this before, it can be a great way to keep you involved and thinking about what is working and what isn't for more than just your boat.

The Rules and Regulations to the Contest are below:

- 1 A muskie must be caught on legal sport fishing tackle (hook & line) in the United States or Canada in strict compliance with all local, state, or provincial laws and seasons. A muskie must be caught in season to count.
- 2 A muskie must be hooked and played by only one person, and only that person may enter the muskie in the contest. Assistance in landing is permitted.
- 3 Entrant must be a member in good standing of Muskies Inc. prior to catching the muskie.
- 4 All fish over 30" must be registered within 30 days of the catch. Only those fish over 30" will count toward your total points for the yearly contest. There are three ways to register your fish and they are as follow:

- a Register your fish on-line at the international website: www.muskiesinc.org. You must sign in to the site to register your fish.

- b Print out a registration form and mail it to: Eric Bakke, 290H BFAB, 516 15th Ave SE, Mpls, MN 55455

- c Fill out the registration form and email it to Eric Bakke at bakke193@umn.edu.

Fish that are not registered (or post-marked) before the 30 day limit will not count towards a members total points.

- 5 The longest muskie released by a member of the Twin Cities Chapter Muskies Inc. (all divisions) will receive a free replica of their muskie courtesy of the Twin Cities Chapter Muskies Inc. and Lax Reproductions, 5455 Hwy 45, Conover, WI. (Total of 1 per year) This is the longest by total inches including fraction of inches. Here are the stipulations to win the replica:

- a At least one verifiable witness and at least one verifiable side view horizontal photograph of the muskie is required.
- b In the case of a tie, the fish that was caught and registered first (by catch date) is the winner and will receive the replica.
- c Members may only win the free replica once every 10 years.
- d Any and all discrepancies will be brought to the Chapter Contest Committee for review and their decision will be final.

Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest Awards

DIVISIONS

- 1 **MEN'S** - 10 Awards. Any male member 18 years of age or older. Once you win you will be moved to the Master Division.
- 2 **WOMEN'S** - 3 Awards. Any female member 18 years of age or older. Once you win you will be moved to the Master Division.

- 3 **MEN'S MASTERS** - 3 Awards. Any male member who has won the Men's Division.

- 4 **WOMEN'S MASTERS** - 3 Awards. Any female member who has won the Women's Division.

- 5 **JUNIOR'S** - 3 Awards. Any male or female member 17 years of age or less on January 1 of a calendar year.

- 6 **HYBRID** - 1 Award per division. The Top Hybrid catcher of each division will get a plaque reflecting just their hybrid points.

- 7 Standings will be posted on the Twin Cities Chapter Muskies Inc. website and newsletter each month.

- 8 The contest officially comes to an end on Dec. 31st.

LUNKER OF THE MONTH AWARD

The Lunker of the Month Award is given out each month to any member of the Twin Cities Chapter Muskies, Inc. who catches and registers the longest muskie during that month. Muskies must be 45" or larger to qualify for the LOTM Award. If no fish was caught and registered over the 45" marker during a month, no award will be given for that month. In the case of a tie, the fish that was caught and registered first (by catch date) is the winner.

What is the Point System?

Release points are based on 4 points for each release over 30" and 1 point for each inch over 30". Any measurement of ½" or longer will be rounded up. Any fraction of less than ½" will be dropped.

All Awards will be handed out at an Awards Ceremony during our General meeting in February.

Well there you have it. Now get out there and put some fish in the boat so I have some tabulating to do! Good luck to all and we will see you "On The Water"!

calendar of events

JUNE

- 2 Minnesota Muskie Opener
- 9 Chapter Summer League Outing - Forrest Lake - 6-11 am
- 9 Metro Muskie Tournament - 16 metro-area lakes
- 10 Capable Partners Outing/ Lucky Libby Event
- 12 General Meeting, Speaker: Gregg Thomas
- 16-17 June Jam Muskie Tournament - 7 Western Wisconsin waters
- 22 Military Family Fishing Outing
- 27 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Independence - 6-10 pm

JULY

- 10 General Meeting / Chapter Summer League Outing - Mississippi River Pool 2, Hidden Falls Landing - 6-10 pm
- 14-21 Paradise Cove Minaki Outing
- 23 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Minnetonka - Gray's Bay Landing - 6-10 pm

AUGUST

- 11-18 Red Wing Lodge, LOW Outing
- 14 General Meeting / Annual Picnic - Minnehaha Falls
- 16 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Minnetonka - Gray's Bay Landing - 6-10 pm

25-9/1 Chapter Challenge, Red Wing Lodge, LOW

SEPTEMBER

- 7-9 Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament
- 11 General Meeting
- 12 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Waconia - 6-10 pm
- 29 George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament

OCTOBER

- 6-7 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Minnetonka - Gray's Bay Landing - TBD
- 9 General Meeting

Calling All Muskie Anglers: Represent Your Chapter at the Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge


The chapter is still looking for two members to join the ten members who have already signed up to represent our chapter at the Chapter Challenge this year. We would like to have a full field of two 6-man teams. The challenge will be headquartered at Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods for the second consecutive year.

Teams from MI chapters nationwide will gather for the Challenge. We have reserved cabins from August 25 to September 1 for those who want to pre-fish. The Challenge takes place 29-31 of August. If you can only make it for the challenge days, that would work out also. Contact John Olson 612-751-5715 or 612-866-5369 if you'd like to be part of the team.

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			Whitefish Bay Camp

next meeting

JUNE 12

**SPEAKER:
GREGG THOMAS**

Gregg has been fishing professionally for 16+ years. He owns and operates Battle the Beast Guide Service that operates in the South on Cave Run and Green River Lakes, and in the North on a vast array of Minnesota Lakes. Gregg has an impressive list of accomplishments: winner of the Professional Musky Tournament Trail Championship twice, member of Professional Musky Tournament Trail "Top Gun" Team twice, fifteen other top 10 finishes in Professional Musky Tournament Trail events, produced and starred in many musky fishing videos, published articles in various fishing magazines (Musky Hunter, Midwest Outdoors and Fishing Facts.), has been the keynote speaker at dozens of sports shows, seminars, and chapter banquets, and along with Tony Grant, formed Musky Road Rules Schools and Clinics.

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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