

# On the Water



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## 2012 George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament



Left: Jimmy Beheba took first place in the George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament with 41.5 and 43-inch muskies from White Bear Lake. Middle: Brad McClintock registered the biggest fish of the

tournament, a 52-incher from Lake Harriet. Right: Mike Schumann won the grand prize drawing to get a week-long stay at Whitefish Bay Camp on Lake of the Woods and \$1000.

Warm weather and bright sunny skies greeted about 180 anglers who participated in the 4th annual George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament on Saturday, September 29. It made for a beautiful day, but tough fishing. Only 10 fish were caught from 5 lakes of the 13 in the tournament.

Jimmy Beheba took first place with 41.5 and 43-inch muskies from White Bear Lake. He was the only person who doubled. He caught both fish before 9:30 am and didn't see another fish the entire day. Go figure. Brad McClintock took second place with the biggest fish of the tournament, a 52-incher from Lake Harriet. Third place winner was Bruce Sanders who brought in a 50-incher on Lake Independence just 10 minutes before fishing closed. Colton Saugestad won the junior division with a 40-incher from Minnetonka.

The Grand Prize, a week-long stay at Whitefish Bay Camp on Lake of the Woods and \$1000, was won by Mike Schumann. The grand prize is given by draw of all anglers who register a fish in the tournament. Mike registered a 42-inch muskie to qualify for the drawing.

At the awards program held at Thorne Bros., each of the winners received a plaque donated by Save-A-Memory with a George Wahl Eagle Tail donated by Musky Mayhem and a photo of their fish, a \$50 Thorne Bros. Gift Card and a commemorative Phantom lure donated by Todd Cleveland. The top five winners also took home some money. The first place winner received \$500, second place \$400, third place \$300, fourth place \$200, and fifth place \$100.

Every penny of the proceeds from the George Wahl Tournament will go to the metro-area muskie fishery.

### CHAPTER ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER

Don't miss the next two chapter meetings. 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. Officers of the club will be elected from among the board members who were elected at the meeting.

Chapter officers 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. The chapter Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus.

Contact Tom Keith (612-925-1109 or tomk@usiwireless.com), Brent Geyen (612-695-0848 or bgeyen@hotmail.com), or a current board member if you're interested in joining the on the Board.

# From Our President

At our October General Meeting we had a terrific presentation by Rick "Rocker" Rosar about Lake Vermilion and what you need to do to be successful on that lake.

At the November meeting, our guest speaker will be Dennis Lappen. Dennis has exceptional understanding of water and will be talking about fall fishing on Lake Minnetonka. He will give you ideas you can use during the last weeks of the muskie season.

I encourage all of you to vote in the upcoming elections and to talk to the candidates about your views on the natural resources of Minnesota. As the population moves farther and farther from an "outdoors" lifestyle, an increasing percentage of the legislators also do not have a background in the "outdoors". Let them know where you stand and how important it is for the entire State of Minnesota. With the recent redistricting, polling places may have changed. You can find your polling place with the Secretary of State's pollfinder at: <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

We all got into muskie fishing because we like to fish for muskies. However, the reason we have muskies in many of these waters is the time and efforts others have previously put into the resource. If we want fish in the water now and into the future, we will continually need people to step up. The Board is going through a visioning process and looking at establishing short and long-term goals in addition to our ongoing activities. As these roll out, I will keep the membership informed. If you have any ideas for short or long-term Chapter goals, please send me an email.

Lastly, the annual banquet, in addition to being an outstanding event, has become an amazing vehicle to get the resources that allow us to stock fish and perform our social-service functions. With two of the key players behind the banquets for the past several years not being able to be involved this year, we have an opportunity for some members to deepen their involvement with the Chapter and its membership. We need you to serve on the Banquet Committee. If you are interested, please contact me so we talk about what is needed.

Keep safe on the water!

Tom Keith



Chapter members Matt Olson (left) and Greg Kappes (center) took 4th place in the first annual Muskie Shootout Tournament held by the Brainerd Lakes Chapter of Muskies Inc. on October 13-14 on Leech Lake. They received a check for \$200 from tournament director Brent Starks (right). Weather was on the chilly side and the wind changed from Saturday to Sunday which made for tough fishing conditions. Gregg caught a nice 42-incher Saturday to get them on the board. The team of chapter member John Olson and BJ Olson, also from our chapter, took 5th place in the tournament. All-in-all a well-run, fun tournament. Well worth participating in next year if you have the chance.

## Chapter Summer League

from Nic Romero, League Coordinator

This year's league produced a lot of fishing and very little catching. I guess that's the way this sport goes. Mr. Consistency Eric Shultz was on the water for all but the final outing this year, netting another victory without actually netting any fish (during the league outings at least). It was good to see some new faces at the outings this year. We would like to thank all of those that participated. Your feedback is encouraged on how we could get more participants for next season. Contact Nic Romero at [nicromero@gmail.com](mailto:nicromero@gmail.com).

### 2012 Final League Results

	Forest Lake 9-JUN	Lake Indep. 27-JUN	Miss. River 10-JUL	Lake Mita. 18-AUG	Lake Waconia 12-SEP	Lake Mita. 8-9 OCT	Total
Eric Schultz	5	5	5	5	5		25
David Bond		5		5		5	15
Jon Meyers	5	5					10
Kris Astorp		5		5			10
Nic Romero	5		5				10
Brad Hjermvick		5	5				10
Dan Bakaylar	5		5				10
Robert Venturin		5	5				10
Joe Peterson	5						5
Greg Ide					5		5
Matt Murtha						5	5



# Members Only Contest

from Eric Bakke, Members Only Contest Chair

I can't believe it, but the season is only one month from being over! It is a bittersweet time for many of us. I love this time of year because it gives us the greatest chance of catching that fish of a lifetime. This is the time of year when the big girls are swimming and putting on the feed bag for the long winter to come. If you ever get a chance to hook into one of these fat ladies, you will remember it the rest of your days.

There is so much that goes into fishing in the fall, but remember that no fish is worth dying for. In the fall be sure that you are using extreme caution when venturing out onto the water. There isn't much room for error if you find yourself in the water for any number of reasons. Be sure you're fishing with a partner and in a trusty seaworthy boat.

You may remember a story of mine from a couple years ago about a big 52.5 incher that I caught from my dad's jon boat in November. I got the fish I was looking for, but if something went down I would have been a goner and that is something that I never used to think about. I heard of a person falling in the water last week and if not for a quick rescue the result of that story may have been tragic. That being said, if you get a chance, get yourself on the water and find your next memory!

Here are the standings:

## JUNIORS DIVISION:

- 1ST Robert Chance - 69 points - 6 fish - 44.5" longest
- 2ND Simon Black - 28 points - 1 fish - 54"
- 3RD Gregory Batina - 28 points - 2 fish - 39.5"

## WOMENS DIVISION:

- 1ST Libby Hoene - 19 points - 2 fish - 36.5"
- 2ND Barbara Zappa - 15 points - 1 fish - 41"

## WOMENS MASTERS:

- 1ST Cindy Hegdahl - 68 points - 5 fish - 54" longest
- 2ND Linda Knutson - 42 points - 3 fish - 44" longest

## MENS DIVISION:

- 1ST Peter Janik - 234 points - 16 fish - 50" longest
- 2ND Tim Hoene - 209 points - 12 fish - 48.5" longest
- 3RD Brent Hirsch - 201 points - 17 fish - 46" longest
- 4TH Eric Bakke - 144 points - 6 fish - 53" longest
- 5TH Chad Hagel - 140 points - 10 fish - 45" longest
- 6TH Corey DeZeeuw - 113 points - 8 fish - 49.25" longest
- 7TH Pat Mc Allister - 100 points - 6 fish - 49" longest
- 8TH Jeremy Knutson - 89 points - 6 fish - 48" longest
- 9TH Tom Batina - 85 points - 5 fish - 48" longest
- 10TH Ryan Buboltz - 82 points - 5 fish - 46" longest

## MENS HYBRID DIVISION:

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

- 1ST Dave Weyland - 60 points - 7 fish - 40" longest



Chapter member Nam Nguyen shared this picture of a 42-inch muskie caught on a Top Raider in Osborne Bay, Eagle Lake, Ontario in June. Share your muskie photos with us. We love to publish them. Send to [olson@pete.com](mailto:olson@pete.com).

## MENS MASTERS DIVISION:

- 1ST Marko Brinatte - 544 points - 34 fish - 52" longest
- 2ND David Gustafson - 271 points - 16 fish - 47.5" longest
- 3RD Tony Sommerfeld - 105 points - 6 fish - 51.5" longest

## MENS MASTERS HYBRID DIVISION:

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

- 1ST Kurt Hostager - 24 points - 1 fish - 50"

## LUNKER OF THE MONTH:

- MARCH - Dwight Geisler - 48" - March 12 - Cave Run, KY
- APRIL - Matt Olson - 45" - April 29 - Clear Lake, IA
- MAY - Tony Sommerfeld - 48" - May 29 - St. Croix River, MN
- JUNE - Cindy Hegdahl - 54" - June 28 - Lake Plantaganet, MN
- JULY - Kurt Hostager (Hybrid) - 50" - July 10 - Lake Elmo, MN
- AUGUST - Simon Black - 54" - August 30 - Lake Vermilion, MN
- SEPTEMBER - Official - Eric Bakke - 53" - September 9 - Lake Plantaganet, MN
- OCTOBER - Unofficial - Michael Tichy - 49" - October 13 - West Battle Lake, MN

Thanks for participating in the Members Only Contest this year. As always if there are any questions on the scoring let me know.

See you On the Water!!

## TELL US YOUR "MUSKIE TALE"

It might earn you the chapter's "Muskie Tale Award. We're looking for stories that are something a little out of the ordinary – what happened while fishing; on the way to fishing; on the way back from fishing; maybe you found something interesting on the end of your line; or some kind of mishap happened while you were out fishing. Emailing your "tale" to Denise Olson at [olson@3pete.com](mailto:olson@3pete.com). The person with the best tale will have the honor of keeping the Muskie Tale Award for a year.

## Hugh C. Becker 2013 Grants

The Hugh C. Becker Foundation recently announced criteria for requesting grants in 2013. All requests must be received between November 1, 2012 and January 31, 2013. They are not to be more than five legibly typed pages. ORIGINAL and FIVE copies must be mailed (do not email) to: Hugh C. Becker Committee of Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc., c/o George Selcke, 13004 Shady Dale Road, Minnetonka, MN 55343-4904.

Requests should include all the following criteria:

- Name and address of the group, and a history of the group's accomplished projects to date, if applicable.
- Demonstrate need - how will this project benefit the Muskellunge program(s) in area, region, or range (Canada included)
- What is the project and what is purpose of project?
- Where is this project taking place?
- What is the duration of this project/start and finish dates?
- What are the cost breakouts? Itemize equipment and labor, and provide quotes.
- Who will be involved: the project team, project manager/coordinator, and applicable means of contact (phone numbers)
- Submit "milestones" dates for progress reports and accountability.
- If the requesting group can match funds from another

source, please list.

Other Considerations:

- Cap on any individual grant/fund will be \$10,000; incrementally within year or over the course of years, unless the Grant Committee decides otherwise on any specific proposal
- Credit to the Hugh C. Becker Trust Foundation will be incurred in funding
- The Hugh C. Becker has priority rights to all press releases and publications
- If this project fails to reach its purpose, through false reporting, deceit, and/or other unprofessional acts, the requesting group may be responsible for restitution (committee determination)

NOTE: No indirect costs (overhead) will be awarded on research proposals

The Twin Cities Chapter #1 Committee will consider projects based on their respective merits per criteria above, and awards will be published in the Muskie magazine. The principles of Muskies, Inc., Youth, Research, and Fisheries are guidelines inclusive in qualifying and evaluating proposals.

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