

On the Water



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2013 Minnesota High School Muskie Tournament

from Tom Keith

The 4th Annual Minnesota High School Muskie Tournament was held June 28th on Lake Alexander near Motley. Ten teams from 5 chapters representing the following high schools: Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, Faribault, Wayzata, North Branch, Elk River, Brainerd, St. Cloud Apollo, Pierz, and Bemidji qualified from across the state to participate in the event.

About 4:00 a.m. boats started to show up for the 5:30 a.m. tournament start. The weather was cool, but that did not stop the mosquitoes from overwhelming us at the launch. They were not a problem on the lake, as winds were in the 15-20 mph range following a cold front. That did, however, make boat control an issue. After a brief orientation and introduction to the judges, the boats were off.

Fishing was tough! You could fish out of the wind or you could fish where the muskies were. Judges kept track of the boats and reported the catches. Students reported follows from muskies and even a couple had hooks temporarily in them, but no muskies were landed. Northerns were hitting and teams were reporting good numbers and sizes of fish. It turned out that the winning fish were two 33" northern pike. One was caught by the team of Logan Battig and Brandon Ertl from St. Cloud Apollo. The second was caught by Cullin Carter and Mac Gruber representing Pierz High School. As northerns are included in the scoring, those schools will share first place.

The awards ceremony was held at Castaway's Restaurant on the north side of Lake Alexander. The individual fisherman who caught the winning northerns were given Musky Innovations rods for their efforts. Their partners received a pack of new lures. The third place team from North Branch HS received a tackle box filled with muskie baits. All students received T-shirts commemorating their participation in the tournament and some lures.

Along with myself, Steve Earhart, Chad Davis, and Jim Kath from Brainerd Lakes MI, and Mike Riha from North Metro MI, were the on the water Judges.

I would like to thank Mike Riha from the North Metro Chapter and Brett Waldera from Fargo/Moorhead for single handedly organizing and sending their first set of teams to the State Tournament.



Teams representing 9 high schools throughout the state participated in the state high school tournament June 28 on Lake Alexander. They earned their spots in the final by being the top 2 teams at 5 regional qualifiers.

I am grateful to the individuals and groups that support this event: Hedron Industries, members of the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc., The Hugh C. Becker Foundation, The Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc., The Brainerd Lakes Chapter of Muskies Inc., Designosaurus Inc., Tee Squared, Partners and Hunt Creative Group, Inc., Musky Innovations, Dennis Lappen, Jim Kath, Aaron Meyer, Brett Waldera, Mike Riha, and Kevin Cochran. Without their help, this event would not be possible!

After the event, the students came up and thanked the adults for their involvement in the event. At both the TC Regional and the State event, teams approached me, saying how much they appreciated the chance to participate in events like this. They learned a lot about fishing and how to compete in a tournament. They said they are looking forward to competing again next year.

August Pot Luck Picnic

Don't forget that the August meeting will be our annual Pot Luck Summer Picnic at Minnehaha Falls Park. Burgers, brats, buns and pop will be provided. Everyone should bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meet at 6:00 pm at the pavilion on Minnehaha Parkway by the falls. This is an enjoyable night for the whole family, so bring the kids. Everyone is invited.

From Our President

There is no August General Meeting, as we are having the annual picnic at Minnehaha Park.

People are reporting that the fish we have stocked as part of the three-year study on Minnetonka, White Bear and Bald Eagle lakes are showing up.

With the successful completion of our service activities, I am looking forward to the futurity of endless hours of casting. Needless to say, I really enjoy getting your emails with pictures and stories of your successes.

I encourage you to make this your newsletter. Send in pictures and articles. Articles do not have to be long. Anywhere from a couple of sentences to a couple of paragraphs is fine. We cannot publish everything, but there are many ways to enjoy muskie fishing and the outdoors.

TOM KEITH

Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge

If you're interested in representing our chapter at the 2013 Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge September 18-20 on Lake Vermilion, contact John Newman at 651-592-9257 or john.newman47@gmail.com. Teams from Muskies Inc. chapters throughout the country will be gathering for the Challenge. We could use a few more people to fill out our teams. The cost, based on full cabins, will be \$125 per person for the three days of the tournament or \$239 from Saturday to Saturday, September 14-21.

34-inch Muskie Wins Mini Chapter Challenge

Our July meeting was a Mini-Challenge with the North Metro chapter. Members from each chapter paired up with a member from the other chapter for fishing on either White Bear Lake or Bald Eagle Lake. The idea came from TC Board member, Greg Ide, who closely worked with Chris Corcoran from the North Metro Chapter.

It was a great evening for fishing, however most anglers reported slow action on White Bear with very few follows or strikes. Better action was found on Bald Eagle, where multiple follows and 2 lost fish were reported.

There were 16 fisherman between Bald Eagle and White Bear. Brian Nuebeck of North Metro sealed the



Brian Nuebeck from the North Metro chapter caught the winning fish muskie on White Bear Lake at the June 9 Mini Challenge.

deal for his chapter catching the only fish that evening, a 34-incher. That meant our chapter purchased the pizza afterwards and the North Metro chapter has bragging rights for a year.

While there are winners and losers, the real winner was the improved sense of collegiality between the two chapters. We hope to continue this as an annual event.

2013 Chapter Summer Fishing League

The league is intended as a fun outing with other chapter members. It is a great way to meet other muskie fishermen, make friendships, and learn more about muskie fishing. Everyone is welcome to join league outings.

The fishing league has produced limited success so far this summer. It's no surprise that Mr. Consistency, Eric Schultz is leading the points race so

far. That could change on August 15th when/if someone boats a fish.

The highlight has been the Mini Challenge with North Metro on July 9. We were very happy with the turnout and hope to have started a new tradition.

Contact Nic Romero at 651-214-5269 or at nicromero@gmail.com if you are interested in taking part in fishing league events or need a partner.

2013 SUMMER FISHING LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Indy 08-Jun	Forest 26-Jun	WBL/ Bald Eagle 09-Jul	Mtka 15-Jul	Mtka 15-Aug	Waconia 11-Sep	Mtka 8-9 Oct	Total Points
Eric Schultz	5	5	5	5				20
John Newman	5	5	5					15
Doug Malsom	5	5	5					15
Greg Ide	5		5					10
Tom Keith	5		5					10
Nic Romero	5		5					10
Rob Venturin	5	5						10
David Bond	5							5
Brad Hjemvick		5						5
Matt Murtha	5							5
Ron Sanders	5							5

Members Only Contest

from Eric Bakke, Members Only Contest Chair

Hello all and thanks again for participating in our chapter's Member's Only Contest. We are just under two months of the fishing season gone and the conditions have moved quickly from early spring pre-spawn to hot muggy stuff for a couple weeks to fall conditions last weekend. Let's just say for those of you on the water this has been another unique year on the water. Really tough to find a pattern and have it produce for an extended period of time.

We have had some good fish registered so far this season, but all-in-all the numbers seem to be down across the board. Needless to say there is plenty of time left to get out there and make a memory, but with only one month between us and Labor Day, the summer season is going by way too fast for my liking!

Here are the standings for all the divisions. The only divisions left without an entry are the Women's and Junior Division. So ladies and kids, get out there and catch one of these Ski's and it may just get you a plaque!

Good luck to all and thanks for your participation.

JUNIORS DIVISION

No Entries

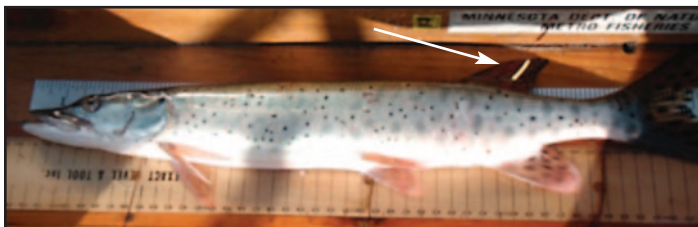
WOMEN'S DIVISION

No Entries

WOMEN'S MASTERS

1ST Jody Maronick - 16 points - 1 fish - 42" longest

Look for the Yellow Tag



Last year marked the last year of stocking fingerling and yearling muskies into Minnetonka, White Bear and Bald Eagle lakes for a DNR study on methods of stocking muskie. Each of the nearly 6,000 muskies stocked in the three lakes has a yellow external tag that will enable the DNR to identify individual fish and determine when they were stocked and what size they were at the time.

If you are fishing on one of the study lakes keep an eye out for muskie with a yellow external tag on the left side of the fish near the dorsal fin. If you catch a tagged muskie, please leave the tag in the fish but record the tag number and data related to lake, date, and fish size. Report it on the DNR tag reporting website page http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/tagged_fish_reporting/index.html.



Corey DeZeeuw shared this photo of a beautiful 51-incher he caught on Waconia last month. We'd be happy to publish any photos in the newsletter or on our website. Send photos to olson@pete.com.

MEN'S DIVISION

- 1ST Bob Culbertson - 157 points - 17 fish - 46" longest
- 2ND Robert Venturin - 114 points - 7 fish - 51.75" longest
- 3RD Eric Bakke - 109 points - 7 fish - 46.5" longest
- 4TH Corey DeZeeuw - 93 points - 6 fish - 51" longest
- 5TH Gary Woods III - 60 points - 5 fish - 42" longest
- 6TH Roger Broadbent - 54 points - 3 fish - 53.5" longest
- 7TH Nicholas Day - 41 points - 2 fish - 50" longest
- 8TH Phil Groth - 35 points - 3 fish - 40" longest
- 9TH John Newman Jr - 34 points - 3 fish - 48" longest
- 9TH Larry Proskin - 34 points - 3 fish - 50" longest

MENS HYBRID DIVISION

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

- 1ST Corey DeZeeuw - 14 points - 2 fish - 35" longest

MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

- 1ST Brent Hirsch - 73 points - 4 fish - 52" longest
- 2ND David Gustafson - 55 points - 4 fish - 45" longest

LUNKER OF THE MONTH

- MAY - Official - Nicholas Day - 43" - May 14 - Lake Michigan, WI
- JUNE - Unofficial - Roger Broadbent - 53.5" - June 6 - Lake Minnetonka, MN
- JULY - Unofficial - Brent Hirsch - 52" - July 11 - Lake Vermillion, MN

If there is any discrepancies in the numbers please let me know, I will adjust accordingly. Sometimes with the online submission things don't always go into the computer like you wanted them to. Let me know if there are any changes that need to be made with any duplicate fish or incorrect information in your submissions. Thanks again to everyone for your participation.

See you On the Water!

Register Now for the Frank Schneider Memorial Tournament

Now is the time to register for the 46th annual Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament. The tournament, on 20 lakes in the Bemidji-Cass Lake-Leech-Winnibigoshish-Longville area of northern Minnesota, will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 6, 7 and 8. If you register before Labor Day you will save \$5 on your entry.

The Grand Prize is a Triton 17-Pro boat/motor/trailer package with a 115 hp Evinrude E-tech, Motor Guide troller and on-board electronics. Every person who registers a muskie in the tournament will be entered in a drawing for the Grand Prize. Many years a person who has had a 40" fish has won the boat. The grand prize comes from Triton Boats, Evinrude and Frankie's Marine in Chisago City.

Every person who enters the Frank Schneider tournament this year will have their name entered in a drawing for a \$500 Gift Card from Reed's Family Outdoor Outfitters. So even if you don't register a fish, you may go home with \$500.

Tournament sponsor Northern Lights Casino is holding a drawing for a \$500 Cabela's Gift Card. Look for drawing entry in your confirmation letter and drop it in the jar when you pick up your tournament packet on Thursday, September 5.

Tournament standings are figured on a point system similar to the one used for our Members Only Contest. Prizes are awarded through tenth place and for three places for juniors. Prizes include Fenwick rods, Abu Garcia reels, Sébile baits and Spiderwire line courtesy of our friends at Pure

Fishing. First place winner will get a trip to Red Wing Lodge on Lake of the Woods.

A cash bonus for the top 3 ladies of any age who register a muskie has been instituted this year. Bonus prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$100 will be given by Abu Garcia.

There will be ample opportunities for everyone to win guide trips, Canadian and US resort stays, rods, reels, tackle boxes, and a multitude of other items with raffles and 100-square boards at the feeds both Friday and Saturday nights as well as at the Awards program on Sunday at Moondance Fairgrounds.

Entry for the Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie tournament is \$95 (\$100 after Labor Day), \$30 for junior contestants and \$175 for a family package. You can register in person at Joes's, Blue Ribbon and Thorne's in the Twin Cities, Reed's in Walker and One Stop in Longville, or at our website: www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org.

This year there is a \$75 Saturday/ Sunday option (\$150 family package) for those who are unable to get off work or school on Friday. Participants who fish the 2-day option will be entered in the drawing for the \$500 Reed's gift certificate and any fish registered will qualify them for the grand prize drawing. You must register on-line at our website to take advantage of this option.

We hope to see all of you in September at the Frank Schneider tournament.

George Wahl Memorial Tournament September 28

The 5th annual George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 28 on 13 metro-area lakes. This tournament is unique in that 100% of the proceeds go toward the metro-area muskie fishery.

On-line registration opens August 25. You will be able to register in person at Joes's, Blue Ribbon and Thorne's through Friday, September 27. Entry is \$50.

Grand Prize is a trip for 4 to Whitefish Bay Camp on Lake of the Woods and \$1000. Every person who registers a muskie is eligible for the drawing. Prizes, including a Thorne Bros. Gift Certificate and a commemorative Phantom are awarded through 10th place. The first 5 places also win \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100 cash. The awards program will be at Thorne's Bros. at 6:00 pm.

Participating in this tournament is a good way to ensure that the quality of our local fishery will continue for years to come. If you've ever fished for muskies in a metro-area lake, do your part to make sure that local fishing remains at the level it is now. Register for the George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament on September 28.

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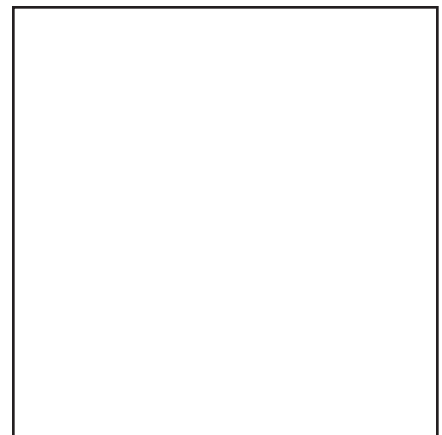
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