

On the Water



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On the Water Meeting in July

White Bear Lake or Bald Eagle Lake will be the site of July's meeting. Fishing hours are from 5 - 9 pm and you can fish either lake. This is one of our chapter's summer league outings, so if you participate, you will earn league points.

The evening will be a Mini-Challenge between Twin Cities and North Metro chapters. At least one person in your boat needs to be someone from the other chapter, so each boat will contain at least one member from each chapter. More than 2 people can fish from a boat. Your partner from the other chapter must witness your fish's measurement.

Use channel 69 for on the water chatter if you have a marine band radio.

The chapter that catches the most fish (points awarded using Muskies Inc point system) will win.

All participants are invited to Beartown Lounge for pizza at 9:30 pm. Beartown Lounge is located on the west side of Hwy 61 in White Bear Lake. The losing chapter will pay for the pizza. If no fish are caught, or if the event is otherwise a tie, the two chapters will split the cost of the pizza.

Members of both chapters should use the North Metro Forum General discussion board to find partners: <http://nmmuskies.com/index.php/component/ccboard/view-topiclist/forum-1-general-discussion>

Muskies Get a New Home in Area Lakes

The Twin Cities chapter recently put 700 muskies into Lake Waconia and Lake Independence. The year-old fish ranged in size from 9 to 12 inches. Lake Waconia received 450 of the muskies and Lake Independence was stocked with the remaining 250 fish.

This purchase helps to make up for the shortage of muskies stocked in the two lakes last fall. There has been a shortage of fish available for the past several years and the DNR stocking quotas for many of the state lakes have not been met.

Stocking chair John Newman was able to locate the muskies and purchase them with the funds that this chapter raises specifically for this purpose.

They were purchased from a fish-

raising facility south of the Twin Cities and transported to the lakes in a specially designed truck with aerated live wells. Once the truck arrived at the lake (the first truck had problems so a second one had to be dispatched and all the fish transferred to that truck), the aerators were removed from the tanks and John took a netful or bucketful at a time to put them in their new home.

Raising and stocking muskies is a fairly expensive endeavor which is why our chapter holds fundraisers for this purpose. Our chapter paid over \$8,000 for the muskies just stocked in Waconia and Independence. Hopefully, their survival rate will allow us to be catching many of them in the future.

From Our President

There is no July general meeting, as we are having a Mini-Challenge with the North Metro Chapter. This is a great idea to get into a boat with a member of another chapter and spend an evening on the water. There are more commonalities than differences between the chapters and events like this help us build relationships and work towards mutual interests.

With the completion of the Vets Home Opener, the Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration, and the Minnesota High School Muskie Tournament, I want to say how proud I am of our chapter and its members. You step up and make a commitment to others. There are many jobs and tasks associated with these events and we always have enough support to fill all of these. Read about the AFFFC and the HS Muskie Tournament Qualifier in this month's newsletter about

Compared to last year, water levels are up and temperatures are down. The weeds are growing and the panfish are schooling. It doesn't get much better than that.

Stretch yourselves and take out someone new to muskie fishing. Let the Board know what we can do to enhance your muskie fishing experience. We want to expand opportunities into the future.

The Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge will be on Lake Vermilion this September. It seems to me that Chapter #1 should be able to put together teams and ultimately win this event. Please contact John Newman who is coordinating our teams for more information.

I encourage everyone to vigilantly practice safety for themselves and boat partners, the fish, and the waters. We need to be outspoken defenders of the muskie fishery and an important part of that is water and habitat quality.

TOM KEITH



Above: Capable Partners member Frank (left) who was fishing with Dave Knutson, caught his first-ever muskie, a nice 40-incher.



Right: Participants visited and compared stories as they enjoyed a noontime meal.

Capable Partners Outing June 2

Several members from the Capable Partners organization joined members of our chapter June 2 on Lake Minnetonka for a morning of chasing muskies. Capable Partners is an organization that provides hunting, fishing, and other outdoor-related opportunities for physically challenged individuals.

Capable Partners member Frank was fishing with Dave Knutson. They left the Sunrise Park dock in Mound around 6:30 am and after 5 about casts Frank hooked up with the first muskie of his life, a nice 40-incher. He was using a bucktail and the fish hit about 15 feet from the boat. Several other boats sighted muskies, but that was the only one caught. People came in about noon and were treated to a burger and brat meal.

Thanks to Paul Hartman who organized the event, and to all the chapter members who served as guides for the Capable Partners.

August Post 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.

Minnesota High School Muskie Tournament Qualifier

Nine teams from Elk River, Mayer Lutheran, Minnetonka, Shakopee, and Wayzata high schools competed in the Twin Cities Chapter Regional Qualifier for the Minnesota High School Muskie Tournament held June 14 on Lake Minnetonka.

The teams met at the Gray's Bay ramp. They were on the water by 5:30 am and had to be off the lake by 1 pm. One muskie and one northern were caught.

Faribault HS won the event with a 40-inch muskie caught by Michael Brown. Second place was won by Wayzata HS with a 32-inch northern caught by Connor Aasen. The two teams will advance to the state tournament June 28 on Lake Alexander.

They will face the top two high school teams from qualifying events in St. Cloud, Brainerd, Bemidji/Cass Lake, Grand Rapids, North Metro, and Fargo/ Moorhead. Fourteen teams will be fishing in the final tournament.

At the Regional event every team received a complimentary gift bag consisting of lures and supplies. Thanks to Jim Kroupa, Greg Ide, and Jeff Vollmer who served as judge boats for the event.



Michael Brown from Faribault High School won the Regional Qualifier held by the Twin Cities Chapter with a 40-inch muskie. The Faribault High School team and the Wayzata High School team advanced to the state final on June 28.

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.

It's been a slow start thus far for the fishing league. No fish have been boated yet. We are looking forward to our "Mini-Challenge" with the North Metro chapter on White Bear and Bald Eagle July 9. Everyone will meet at Beartown Lounge in White Bear Lake at 9:30 and the losing chapter will treat the winning chapter to pizza.

Find a partner from the North Metro chapter at their forum on their website (URL is on newsletter front page). If you can't find a NM partner, come out and fish anyway and be part of the summer league.

Rules for the league are 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: 4 points for a 30" muskie and 1 point for each inch over 30". This is the same as the member's only

contest; 5 points per event fished (weekend event counts 5 points per day). Bonus: 3 points will be awarded to each boat partner of a successful catch during the league.

Nic Romero is spearheading our chapter fishing league. Please let Nic know if you are in need of a partner. He will be coordinating with MN chapter.

Contact Nic Romero at 651-214-5269 or at nicromero@gmail.com if you are interested in taking part in the events and for event changes.

2013 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
John Newman	5	5						10
Eric Schultz	5	5						10
Doug Molsom	5	5						10
David Bond	5							5
Brad Hjemvick		5						5
Matt Murtha	5							5
Nic Romero	5							5
Ron Sanders	5							5
Rob Venturin	5							5

Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration Held June 21

by Tom Keith, Chapter President

On the morning of the Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration we were coming off a major storm. Driving to the Gray's Bay launch, everyone was dodging downed limbs and wires. People did a great job of keeping themselves safe at stoplights that were not working.

The boat ride was especially interesting. I had joined another boat in Crystal Bay and we watched a deer complete its swim across the bay. Arriving at Lord Fletcher's, we were met by rows of volunteer guide boats, military families, military members, and our Fishing for Life co-sponsors.

Every guest received a gift bag from our chapter that included the double 7s that were made at a general meeting and several lures donated by our members. After a very brief ceremony and singing of the national anthem, we met up with the people we were going to be guiding and were off for a morning of fishing.

We got a break from the bad weather and had a cloudy morning with a slight wind. We didn't have to worry about the effects of the storm, as the fish were ready and willing to bite. Everyone was catching northern, bass, and sunfish. The muskies were following, but not eating.

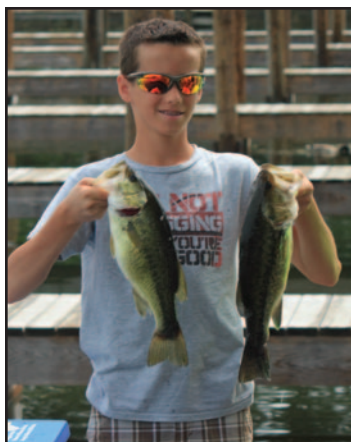
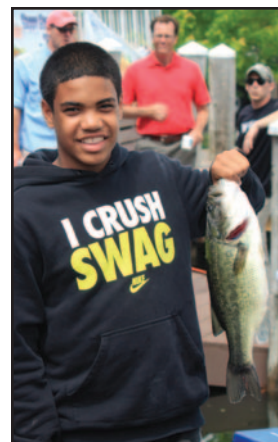
Coming back to the docks shortly after 11 am, you could see the smiles on the kid's faces. They were excited as they brought their bags of fish to the weighing in station.

Results were totaled, trophies and prizes were awarded. When you see the smiles on the faces of the kids, it really shows you why we do this.

An addition this year was the inclusion of new recruits for the Airborne. After the weigh-in, there was a swearing-in ceremony for them on the docks.

A special thanks to Lord Fletcher's for their skills in delivering great service and food to a large crowd. The volunteer guides from our chapter, North Metro, and other organizations, did a great job of putting people on fish. Our co-sponsor, Fishing for Life, does continuing excellent work in organizing this event.

The day creates a strong sense of affiliation and is an exceptional experience for our military families, disabled vets, and the new recruits who are shortly leaving for their basic training. The smiles on the faces in the accompanying pictures let's you know the impact of the day.



Boat/Motor/Trailer is Grand Prize for Frank Schneider Memorial Tournament



This Triton 17-Pro with a 115 hp Evinrude E-tech, trolling motor and fish finder electronics boat/motor/trailer package is the Grand Prize for the Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament. Every person who registers a muskie in the tournament is eligible for the Grand Prize.

The 46th annual Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 6, 7 and 8 on 20 lakes in the Bemidji-Cass Lake-Leech-Winnibigoshish-Longville area of northern Minnesota.

The Grand Prize is a Triton 17-Pro boat/motor/trailer package with a 115 hp Evinrude E-tech, Motor Guide troller and Hummingbird 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.

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 women of any age who register muskies 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. Registration will be open after August 1. 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 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.

A mailing with tournament information and registration forms will be sent out to past participants in July. Keep your eye out for it and register early.

George Wahl Memorial Tournament

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. Participating in this tournament is a good way to ensure that the quality of our local fishery will continue for years to come. 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.

A mailing with tournament information and registration forms will be sent out to past participants in July.

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.

Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest

Finally, the season is here!! Not many fish reported so far, as the season is early. Only a few people have entered fish.

Please remember to submit your entries within 30 days of being caught. Enter your fish at the Muskies Inc website: muskiesinc.org. Log in and go to Lunge Log, select "lunge log entry", fill in the form and click "submit". At that same page you can download a blank form and mail it to Members Only Chair Eric Bakke, 290H BFAB; 516 15th Ave SE; Minneapolis, MN 55455. You can also email Eric at bakke193@umn.edu, or call him at 612-202-7169.

Robert Venturin turned in the first 50-inch muskie of the year. He caught a nice 51-incher on Lake Plantangenet on opening day. It was tough fishing conditions, but he "got her to commit." And he sent along a picture.

Please email pictures to me when you have them. Include a little story about the fish or the day or whatever. Everyone like a good fish picture.

Now get out there and put some fish in the boat! Good luck to all and we will see you "On The Water"!



Robert Venturin caught this 51-incher opening day on Lake Plantangenet.

Summer Outings

The chapter has two outings scheduled for this summer. They are open to any chapter muskie angler and/or friends. They are trips that have been enjoyed these trips for many years.

PARADISE COVE, MINAKI, ONTARIO July 13-20

The outing will again be headquartered at Paradise Cove. The resort offers: guide service, free boat launch, free dock facilities, a restaurant and lounge, and Hot Spot depth maps. George Selcke will be organizing the trip. Contact him at 952-933-2608 or gselcke@yahoo.com with any questions you may have or to make your reservation. Lodging is \$315 for the week. A \$50 deposit to George is required. Get your deposit in if you would like to secure a spot.

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Reservations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit, made out to Red Wing Lodge. Contact John van Ingen (maxjo@mac.com, 651-699-5172) or Pat Miller (donnag-miller@comcast.net, 651-429-1629) to make your reservation.

An advertisement for Fenwick EliteTECH Muskie Rods. The image shows a close-up of a fishing rod with a cork handle. The Fenwick logo is at the top left. Text describes the rod's features and the TAC Handle technology.

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All kids under the age of 18 get a free lure for attending.

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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