

On the Water



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Carol Heath, caught this 54x27-inch muskie on her home lake, Mille Lacs. The fish earned her the Lunker of the Month for September in our chapter's Members Only Contest. Pictured with her is the net man, her husband Dennis. Chapter Members Only information is on page 4.

Nominations for Board Members

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.

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) or any current board member if you're interested in joining the on the Board.

Hugh C. Becker 2014 Grants

The following are Initial Requisition Criteria for disbursing funds, subject to future amendments from the Hugh C. Becker Foundation. All requests are to be received between 1 November 2013 and 31 January 2014.

Address (do not e-mail) all requests 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 are not to be more than five (5) legibly typed pages, ORIGINAL and FIVE (5) copies, to include all the following criteria:

- 1 Name and address of the group, and a history of the group's accomplished projects to date, if applicable.
- 2 Demonstrate need - how will this project benefit the Muskellunge program(s) in area, region, or range (Canada included)
- 3 What is the project and what is purpose of project?
- 4 Where is this project taking place?

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Swap Meet in December

Don't be so quick to put away all your lures, rods, reels and other paraphernalia when the season ends. Save out all those unused or barely used items and bring them to our December chapter meeting.

We will be holding a swap meet. It might be the day to treat yourself to something new or find a present for someone on your list. Holiday treats and snacks will be provided.

From Our President

With the season starting to wind down, we are faced with the decision of when to winterize the boat and when to end the season. This is also the time to reflect upon your season and make some notes. If you would be willing to share your thoughts, type them up and get them to editor Denise Olson (olson@3pete.com) for publication in the newsletter. A chapter is only as strong as its member's willingness to share.

What stands out for me is the terrific people with whom I was privileged to share a boat. The guides I fished with were, to a person, excellent people. They all possessed tremendous skills and knowledge and were all excellent communicators. Guides take great care of you and want you to have a great day. I cannot strongly enough recommend hiring one for a day on the water.

I also fished with several members of our chapter. They also bring excellent skills to the table and a strong sense of the history of our chapter. Fishing the other day with a Board member on Tonka, we fought the rain, wind, and hail, but had a great day. When he caught a muskie, we both took great pride in the fact that it was tagged and it would probably not be in the water without the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Our chapter has consistently stepped up and provided leadership and resources for the establishment and development of our muskie fishery. Next time someone complains about Muskies Inc, I hope you take the time to tell them that without our chapter they would be having a very limited muskie fishing experience in the metro area.

As an organization, we use the winter months for the planning for the future. If you have thoughts of what you would like to see the Board work on, contact any member and express your thoughts.

TOM KEITH

Chapter Summer Fishing League Wraps Up Season

And the winner of this years chapter fishing league is ... drumroll please ... ERIC SCHUTLZ! Congratulations Eric. Although our entire chapter was unable to boat a single fish during league events, Eric won because of his dedication to simply showing up. There's something to be said about that.

The highlight of the summer was the chapter mini challenge with the North Metro chapter. We had almost 20 fisherman between White Bear and Blad Eagle back in July. We plan on repeating this event next year. Please send your comments and ideas to get some more participation in next years league to nicromero@gmail.com. Congrats again to Mr. Consistency, Eric Schultz.

2013 SUMMER FISHING LEAGUE STANDINGS

| | Indy 08-Jun | Forest 26-Jun | WBL/ Bald Eagle 09-Jul | Mtka 15-Jul | Mtka 15-Aug | Mtka 13-Oct | Total Points |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Eric Schultz | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | 5 | 25 |
| John Newman | 5 | 5 | 5 | | 5 | | 20 |
| Doug Malsom | 5 | 5 | 5 | | 5 | | 20 |
| Ron Sanders | 5 | | | 5 | | 5 | 15 |
| Greg Ide | 5 | | 5 | | | | 10 |
| Tom Keith | 5 | | 5 | | | | 10 |
| Nic Romero | 5 | | 5 | | | | 10 |
| Rob Venturin | 5 | 5 | | | | | 10 |
| Brad Hjemvick | | 5 | | | | 5 | 10 |
| David Bond | 5 | | | | | | 5 |
| Matt Murtha | 5 | | | | | | 5 |
| Steve Little | | | | | | 5 | 5 |

Nominations for Muskie Award

The Muskie Award is presented each year at our Winter Banquet to a deserving chapter member who has constantly and unselfishly devoted time and energy over the years to promoting and improving the goals of Muskies, Inc.

The first Muskie Award was presented to Muskies Inc founder, Gil Hamm in 1974. At that time, our national umbrella had not yet been formed and the award recipient was chosen from among all Muskies Inc members, regardless of chapter affiliation. Once there were a number of chapters, it became too difficult to choose a recipient from the entire organization and the Muskie Award was dropped. The Twin Cities chapter made the decision to continue it for our chapter.

Nominations of an individual for the 2013 Muskie Award must be submitted in writing. Include a history of the person's involvement with the Twin Cities Chapter over the years. Send your nominations to Jim Kroupa at 6311 Steller Circle, Excelsior, MN 55331. Or email them to jkroupa@ties2.net. Call Jim at 952-474-5967 if you have questions. Nominations must be in by January 31. The winner will be selected by secret ballot at the February Board meeting.

Members Only Contest

from Eric Bakke, Members Only Contest Chair

Well, if you blinked you missed it. Just like we got shorted of a spring, going straight from winter to summer, we also are experiencing the summer to winter transition without really spending any time in the fall season. Not sure exactly what to think of the non-traditional seasons these days, but that seems to be the most consistent thing about the last few years: its inconsistency.

We have had some good numbers reported in October and I have heard of some people really getting into them in September in size and numbers. I hope the water doesn't freeze before the season ends. But we may as well expect the unexpected and plan to fish right through it, because at the end of the day the fish have to eat eventually no matter what the conditions.

Here are our current standings:

JUNIOR'S DIVISION

1ST Paige Sommerfeld - 14 points - 1 fish - 40"

WOMEN'S DIVISION

1ST Carol Heath - 28 points - 1 fish - 54"

WOMEN'S MASTERS

1ST Cindy Hegdahl - 99 points - 11 fish - 41" longest
2ND Linda Knutson - 54 points - 4 fish - 44" longest
3RD Libby Hoene - 44 points - 2 fish - 49.87" longest

MEN'S DIVISION

1ST Bob Culbertson - 296 points - 31 fish - 46" longest
2ND Gary Woods III - 245 points - 16 fish - 47.75" longest
3RD Corey DeZeeuw - 176 points - 11 fish - 51" longest
4TH Robert Venturin - 114 points - 7 fish - 51.75" longest
6TH Tom Kenefick - 137 points - 10 fish - 42.5" longest
5TH Eric Bakke - 109 points - 7 fish - 46.5" longest

7TH Roger Broadbent points - 208 - 15 fish - 53.5" longest
8TH John Newman Jr - 111 points - 10 fish - 43" longest
9TH Matt Murtha - 75 points - 6 fish - 42.5" longest
10TH Tom Batina - 69 points - 6 fish - 42.5" longest

MEN'S HYBRID DIVISION

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST Tom Kenefick - 2 fish - 42.5" longest

MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST Dave Knutson - 264 points - 18 fish - 50.75" longest
2ND Brent Hirsch - 192 points - 14 fish - 52" longest
3RD David Gustafson - 136 points - 10 fish - 45" longest

MEN'S MASTERS HYBRID DIVISION

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST Dave Knutson - 22 points - 1 fish - 42" longest

LUNKER OF THE MONTH

MAY - Official - Nicholas Day - 43" - May 14 - Lake Michigan
JUNE - Official - Roger Broadbent - 53.5" - June 6 - Lake Minnetonka
JULY - Official - Roger Ecklund - 53.5" - July 15 - Lake X
AUGUST - Official - Libby Hoene - 49.87" - Aug 3 - Lake Minnetonka
SEPTEMBER - Unofficial - Carol Heath - 54" - Sept. 9 - Lake Mille Lacs
OCTOBER - Unofficial - Roger Broadbent - 51" - Oct. 4 - Lake Minnetonka

As always please let me know if there are any discrepancies in my numbers. Keep a tight line and we will see you On the Water!

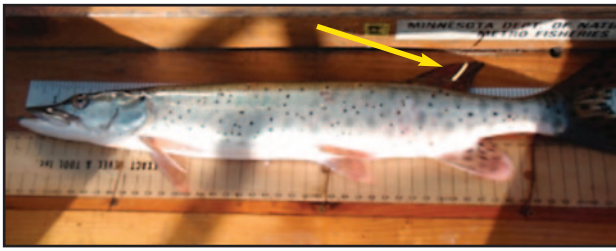


Share Your "Muskie Tale"

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. Share with us by emailing your "tale" to Denise Olson at olson@3pete.com. The person with the best tale will have the honor of keeping the chapter Muskie Tale Award for a year.

Red Wing Lodge Chapter Outing

The chapter's annual outing to Red Wing Lodge on Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods will be the week of August 9-16 next year. This is a joint venture with the North Metro chapter. It is a week that is thoroughly enjoyed by all who have participated over the years. Cost per person in housekeeping cabins is \$325 (US Funds) for 2013, which breaks down to just \$46.43 per day for Canadian muskie fishing. 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.



Look for the Yellow Tag

Last year marked the last year of stocking 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.

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.

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- 5 What is the duration of this project/start and finish dates?
 - 6 What are the cost breakouts? Itemize equipment and labor, and provide quotes.
 - 7 Who will be involved: the project team, project manager/coordinator, and applicable means of contact (phone numbers)
 - 8 Submit "milestones" dates for progress reports and accountability.
 - 9 Can the requesting group 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

Like projects/activities that may qualify per the wishes and conditions of Hugh C. Becker include, but are not limited to:

- Muskie propagation by the Twin Cities Chapter #1, in their own ponds (?) with their own equipment
- Stocking, by either raising Muskie fingerlings or purchasing fingerlings/yearlings/adults for public use in designated waters
- Habitat protection and improvement
- Clean water (quality) protection and improvement
- Professional research by qualified personnel (not limited to Minnesota, but must include accountable data)
- Expansion of the present muskellunge range (special consideration for the Missouri river system in North/South Dakota)

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.

NOTE: Accountability reports, DNR letters, research papers, publications, university acknowledgements, and any other follow-up information for awards given in a particular year will be required before any individual or group is given consideration for future grants.

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

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