

On the Water



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Chapter Members Only Contest

from Eric Bakke, Members Only Chair

And there it was, gone, frozen in time. Three weeks of the season, for most of us, was covered in ice. Not the way that many of us thought we would be spending the last few days of the season.

That being said, it was a great year with a bunch of big fish being caught by our membership. Thanks to all of those who participated in our chapter's Members Only Contest this year. I will be tabulating the final results in the next week or two and will be ordering the plaques for the winners once those results are final. If you have any fish left to register, please do so as soon as you can. If you have any issues or problems, please let me know that too. I will be contacting all of the winners to make sure the information is correct and to get some photos.

We will be having our Members Only Awards Evening at the February 10th meeting this year. Mark your calendars and bring the family. We will have a BBQ dinner starting at 6:30, with the awards presentation afterward. Hope to see you all there!

Tell Us Your "Muskie Tale"

As you reflect back on your muskie-fishing season, think about all the things that happened during the season. It might earn you the chapter's "Muskie Tale". We're not necessarily looking for the "big fish" story. We all hear enough of those.

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 some kind of mishap that happened; or you found something interesting on the end of your line. We've already seen a picture of a giant snapping turtle caught during the Metro Muskie Tournament in June.

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.

Swap Meet in December

After elections at the December meeting we will be holding a swap meet. Bring all those unused or barely used lures, rods, reels and other paraphernalia. It might be the day to treat yourself to something new or find a present for someone on your list. Last year we had more people trying to sell things than we had buyers. Please come and buy something, but if you cannot, please recommend this to someone. You do not have to be a member to purchase something at the Swap Meet.

Elections Held at December Meeting

We will be electing members to the chapter's Board of Directors at the December meeting. Board members will serve a two-year terms starting in January. Current Board members up for re-election are Jim Doyle, Peter Janik, Jon Meyers, John Newman, Denise Olson, and Eric Schultz. In addition, Andy Wayt has been nominated for election and there are two more openings.

Once Board members have been elected, we will hold elections for chapter officers from among the Board members. Chapter officers serve one-year terms.

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. Please think about running. We need your voices heard.

Contact Tom Keith (612-925-1109 or tomk@usi-wireless.com) or any current Board member if you're interested in joining the Board of Directors.

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

From Our President, TOM KEITH

Our chapter continues in a long-standing tradition of presenting excellent guest speakers for our monthly meetings. We all owe a special thanks to Greg Ide for consistently coming up with and scheduling these outstanding people. At some point, I would like to see a presentation from the DNR with the results so far from the stocking/tagging study on Minnetonka, White Bear and Bald Eagle.

Bob Turgeon presented a live version of Turgeon's Tech Tips, a popular Musky Hunter column at our November meeting. He did a brilliant presentation on building, modifying and repairing bucktails and presented his ideas and rationale in a clear and concise manner. I cannot wait to apply some of his ideas to problems I am facing in my bucktail building. Our chapter has some very

creative thinkers and tinkerers, people who see or hear issues and come up with ways to solve them. I want to encourage them to write up some of their ideas and submit them to the Muskie magazine. For Muskies Inc. to continue to grow, it needs more voices out there.

The elections for Board members and Officers for our chapter are scheduled for the December meeting. Our chapter is fortunate that we have outstanding people who are willing to step up and serve. Each successive election brings in new people and new ideas, which will extend the horizon for our chapter and muskie fishing.

With the increased fishing pressure and new techniques, all states need visionaries to not only be able to look into the future, but also to help work towards those goals. I would like to personally thank our

MI members, MMPA members, and our legislators for getting the 54-inch minimum passed for Minnesota. Keeping fish in the water longer, does nothing but help the fishing.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank the chapter for allowing me to serve as President for the past three years.

The election for Board members and Officers will start at 7:00 p.m. and a Swap Meet will start as soon as the elections conclude. We have a couple of openings for Board members that we need to fill. If you are willing to serve, please let a Board member know so you can be nominated.

Be safe, have fun on the water, and remember to call in your tagged fish on Minnetonka, White Bear Lake, and Bald Eagle!



Muskie Award Nominations

The Muskie Award is presented each year at the chapter's Sportsman's 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 and the award has continued ever since.

Nominations for the 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 kroupaandsusan@gmail.com. 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 meeting of the Board of Directors.

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Following the elections, there will be a Swap Meet. Don't get rid of all those lures, rods, reels, and other fishing "stuff". Bring it to the Swap Meet. Come prepared to make some great purchases.

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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