

# On the Water



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## Lures, Lures and More Lures!

from Tom Keith, Chapter President

People generously donate lures to the chapter for our programs. These lures typically are used as prizes for the Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration and the Minnesota High School Muskie Tournament. Some of the lures are pristine, while others have caught many fish.

This year in response to my request for painters, two people came forward and said they were interested in learning how to paint lures. I took the split rings and hooks off the lures and delivered them. Telling the painters that there were no requirements on colors, I wanted them to use their creativity and have fun while they learned how to paint lures. After the lures are painted, they get split rings and hooks put on and are ready for use.

I would like to thank chapter members, Ryan Bubolz and John Portesan for their outstanding work and service to the chapter. Their work shows a creative quality and a high standard of the painting process. I feel that an outstanding chapter will have a large number of painters, who study and paint in a manner that will enhance the catchability of local fish. I hoped they learned a lot, built up their confidence, and will inspire others to try. Great work guys!

## Sportsman's Banquet is March 8

Our chapter's annual Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet is Saturday, March 8 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. Join us at the banquet and you could go home with a fishing trip with a noted guide, a resort stay on a premier US or Canadian muskie lake, a new rod, reel, tackle box or gun, a custom painted one-of-a-kind lure, a print for your walls, or one of the many lures, tackle, storage or other outdoor gear.

The banquet, with over \$20,000 in prizes, helps fund our chapter's stocking and rearing goals as well as fund several other chapter functions.

Raffle tables with each table valued at more than \$1,000 each, plus cash raffles, games and a "mystery" raffle table will again be found at this year's event. Both live and silent auctions are also part of the evening's activities.

In addition to all the raffles, games and auctions, Carol Heath will be honored for the Lunker of the Month with a replica of her winning 54-inch muskie in the chapter's Members Only contest. The chapter's Muskie Award will also be presented.

Reservations must be made prior to March 4. Platinum or gold bonus packages will save you up to \$60. With a \$155 platinum package you get \$180 worth of muskie bucks and dinner – a \$215 value. A \$125 gold package includes \$90 worth of muskie bucks and dinner. The muskie bucks are used to purchase tickets at the raffle tables and enter some of the games. Dinner only is \$35.

Purchase on-line with a credit card or PayPal at [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org). Go to the Banquet tab, click on "Make your reservations now" and follow the prompts.

## From Our President

Before we hit the spring fishing shows, Muskies Inc. chapters are in the middle of their banquet season. Ours is March 8, 2014 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club. This event really kicks off our upcoming fishing season.

Last season officially closed with the winter picnic and awards presentation at the February general meeting. Chapter Vice-President Eric Bakke did an excellent job of coordinating and hosting the evening. While it is fun to hear the stories of success, it is especially enjoyable to hear the stories of the youth winners. They are the future of the muskie fishery and we, the adults, are the stewards, who must successfully pass it to them.

Our chapter's Sportsman's Banquet is a great way to get together with like-minded people and spend a high-energy evening focusing on muskies and muskie fishing. The most critical issue with the banquet is that tickets are not sold at the door. Admission to the event is by pre-sale only. March 3rd is the last day to purchase tickets online.

At the banquet we will be offering two very unique guide trips. Al Lindner and Ron Schara have had a strong presence in fishing in Minnesota and we will be offering a guide trip with each of them. These two trips are a one-time-only way to get to fish with fishing legends. Spread the word to your friends!

As you go through your muskie season, I urge you to patronize the resorts, vendors, and businesses that sponsor our chapter. They generously give support to muskie fishing and our chapter. You will find their names at the end of each and every newsletter.

You can increase your support by putting in one additional bid at the silent or open auction or buying one additional string of tickets for the raffles at the banquet. The custom equipment you can bid on in the silent auction is amazing. It is truly one of a kind! This chapter is blessed with some very innovative thinkers and that creativity shows up in their work. Our guides and resorts will work very hard for you to help you have a successful experience.

At the March general meeting we will need about six people to bring their bucktail making tools that night to help us make about 70 double sevens for our youth program for this year. All components will be provided. A special thanks to those who have generously donated blades and flashabou!

TOM KEITH



Paige Sommerfeld won the Junior Division in our chapter's Members Only Contest for 2013. This 40-inch fish was her first-ever muskie. She caught it when she was out fishing with her dad, Tony. You can just see his hand holding the fish for the picture. Paige is eager to go out and get another one.

## 2013 Chapter Members Only Contest Wraps Up Season

from Members Only Chair, Eric Bakke

The awards have been presented and the stories have been told. The 2013 season seems like a frozen memory of days long, long ago. I am not sure if we will ever see soft water again! But even in this frozen landscape we call home, now is the time to start getting yourself ready for next year. By the time you read this we'll be in double digit days until the season opens again. That's right, less than 100 days.

Get your stuff out of the rafters and just put it in the basement, garage, or a general hangout place of yours to get in your way. It'll repeat that, in "your" way. (Spouses may not look too kindly on this if that is not followed). Next thing you know you will have bumped into that stuff so many times that it will finally grab your attention and get you into thinking about the possibilities of 2014.

Start by tuning up some lures and sharpening some hooks while you watch *Musky Hunter* from your DVR Sunday night. Remember that follow in Canada last year on that bait and how, if it happens again this year, you'll play it differently so that monster eats!

Charge up those batteries this week – one a day to just get a fresh charge on the necessary headache and endless money-pit we call deep cycle batteries.

Send those reels in to get cleaned and fixed so come opener, you have your arsenal ready, not scramblin' to get one complete usable rod at 1:30 am opening morning. Been there and done that too many times!

Try to keep a notebook around to just jot down things that need to be fixed or baits that need to be modified or tended to and knock one or two off each week.

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Two 53.5 muskies were the second-longest fish registered in our chapter's Members Only Contest this year. Roger Broadbent, left, caught his fish in June on Minnetonka. Roger Ecklund, right, caught his fish during a Minnesota trip in July. Carol Heath's 54-incher from Mille Lacs was the longest fish of the season registered for the contest. Picture of her fish is on page 6.

Next time you are on the internet, take a couple minutes and research a new lake or a new line of rod or reel that is out.

Buy a ticket to the Sportsman's Banquet and put your name in the hat to get some top-end gear to fill some of the holes in your arsenal.

Clear your schedule for at least one day at the Muskie Expo so those things you didn't win at the banquet can be filled at the best prices of the year from all of your favorite muskie shops and manufacturers.

No matter what you do, just start to get your mind going during these dog days of winter. It will pay off in not only more time on the water, but more productive time catching fish since all of your gear will be in tip-top shape come opening day.

Those who had themselves in tip top shape last year got to take away some hardware from our Members Only banquet last month. Thanks to all of those who attended and were part of the event. I think it is pretty neat to hear from those of us who figured out this great fish the most and reflect on some great fish and stories of the past.

Those who got awards at the February meeting are:

#### JUNIOR 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 - 74 points - 5 fish - 46" longest

3RD Libby Hoene - 44 points - 2 fish - 49.87" longest

#### MEN'S DIVISION

1ST Bob Culbertson - 320 points - 33 fish - 46" longest

2ND Corey DeZeeuw - 309 points - 18 fish - 51" longest

3RD Gary Woods III - 245 points - 16 fish - 47.75" longest

#### MEN'S HYBRID DIVISION

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST Tom Kenefick - 1 fish - 42.5"

#### MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST Dave Knutson - 298 points - 20 fish - 50.75" longest

2ND Mark Fredrick - 225 points - 17 - 49" longest

3RD Brent Hirsch - 205 points - 15 fish - 52" longest

#### MEN'S MASTERS HYBRID DIVISION

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST Dave Knutson - 2 fish - 42" longest

#### LUNKER OF THE MONTH

MAY - Nicholas Day - 43" - May 14 - Lake Michigan

JUNE - Roger Broadbent - 53.5" - June 6 - Lake Minnetonka

JULY - Roger Ecklund - 53.5" - July 15 - Lake X

AUGUST - Libby Hoene - 49.87" - Aug 3 - Lake Minnetonka

SEPTEMBER - Carol Heath - 54" - Sept. 29 - Lake Mille Lacs

OCTOBER - Dave Gustafson - 52" - Oct. 31 - Lake Minnetonka

NOVEMBER - Corey DeZeeuw - 51" - Nov. 1 - Lake Minnetonka

Thanks to all who participated in the 2013 Member's Only contest! Without your participation we would have no way of doing this. Remember to start getting yourself in muskie mode today! Save yourself some panicked and frustrated time on the water next spring by fixing your gear today. If you were not at the Members Only Awards Presentation last month and you've won a plaque, please contact me so we can figure out how to get them to you.

As always, keep a tight line and we will see you On the Water!

## **Don't Miss the Minnesota Muskie Expo April 4, 5, 6**

**G**eorge's Minnesota Muskie Expo is scheduled for April 4, 5 and 6 at Ganglehoff Center, Concordia University in St. Paul. The Expo was founded nearly 20 years ago by George Wahl, inventor and manufacturer of the Eagle Tail. The three-day event is dedicated to muskies and muskie fishing – featuring some of the world's top muskie anglers sharing secrets of success in seminars, retailers offering great sale prices, as well as guides and resorts.

The unique aspect of the Expo is being able to buy direct from lure manufacturers, getting low prices, custom colors and the newest prototype baits. Again this year, if you bring an Abu Garcia or Shimano reel, company reps will be available to help clean or repair one reel per person.

Fish-A-Thon will sponsor a large "Kids Midway" area with games and prizes for kids. At George's Tackle Box kids can make their own lures and take home \$30 worth of baits.

Seminars this year feature Josh Borovsky, Larry Dahlberg and Luke Ronnestrand on Friday, Bob Mehsikomer, Rich Reinert, Steve Worrall and Gregg Thomas on Saturday and Joe Peterson & Duff Thury, Bob Benson & Dustin Carlson, and Mike Keyes on Sunday.

The Expo is open from 2 to 9 pm Friday, from 10 am to 7 pm on Saturday, and on Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. Kids 12 and under are free, so bring the whole family. Adult entry for the Expo is \$10, a three-day pass is \$17. Expo information can be found online at: [minnesotamuskieexpo.com](http://minnesotamuskieexpo.com).



*The Minnesota muskie fishing season lasts until December 1. Sometimes, when you keep fishign through the last days of November, you run into a little cold weather and things that make it a little difficult to get on the water. Corey DeZeeuw shared this photo taken during a fishing trip in the last days of the season. Yes, that's a lot of ice you see.*

## **Go Fishing This Summer With a Legend**

**O**ur chapter's Sportsman's Banquet on March 8 will feature two special fishing trips with Hall of Fame anglers in the Live Auction. Banquet attendees will have the opportunity to bid on a day of fishing with Ron Schara and/or a day of fishing with Al Lindner.

Ron Schara is an award-winning outdoor columnist and host of the television show "Minnesota Bound". Through his television, newspaper and radio success, Ron has become a vital resource and champion for outdoor issues.

Al Lindner is a sportsman, television and radio personality, and fishing industry innovator who has invented many fishing lures and rigs including the Lindy Rig. Al can be seen on television's "Angling Edge".

Don't miss the chance to spend the day fishing with a Minnesota fishing legend. Come to the Sportsman's Banquet and be the highest bidder on one of these two great fishing experiences!

## **Print Your Member ID Cards**

**A** new system has been implemented by Muskies Inc. that allows members to print their own Muskies Inc. ID cards at any time from the [muskiesinc.org](http://muskiesinc.org) website. This new process will save dollars in monthly expenditures for the imprinting and managing of ID cards over the previous method.

To utilize this new process, log in to the Muskies Inc. website [muskiesinc.org](http://muskiesinc.org) using the Member Login button on the left of the home page. Once you have logged in, click on the profile update button. In the upper right corner of the profile, there is a link that you can click and print your card. For family members, the family head can print the IDs for the entire family.

Members who do not have access to computers or are unable to print their own ID cards should contact the MI Secretary to have them produced and mailed to them.

## 2014 Hugh C. Becker Foundation Awards Announcement

The Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc, Hugh C. Becker Grant Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of grants for 2014.

Please NOTE that in 2013, the grant received by the Minnesota DNR at New London for \$8,700.00 was returned because of administration error; and the grant received by the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc, for \$500.00 to produce a "tagging flyer" was returned because it was not produced. The \$8,700.00 will be added to the grant awarded in 2014, and the \$500.00 will be added to the funding total.

The order of funding dates for 2014, with amounts totaling \$121,600.00, are:

To provide needed new muskie-raising equipment at the New London, MN Hatchery Facilities.  
February...\$11,300.00

To provide partial funding for additional nets at the Detroit Lakes Area Fisheries Offices, MN DNR  
February...\$ 8,500.00

To provide partial funding to the St. Cloud Chapter of Muskies Inc, #37, for providing muskie trap nets for the Little Falls Area Fisheries Offices, MN DNR  
February...\$ 3,000.00

To provide funding to the Glenwood Area Fisheries Offices of the MN DNR with an electrofishing dipnet.  
February...\$ 500.00

For funding the South Dakota Fish and Game Department for additional netting equipment to assess muskellunge fisheries in Eastern SD  
March...\$5,500.00

To partially fund the efforts of the Three Rivers Chapter of Muskies Inc, #16, with providing (4) circular tanks and accessories for the Union City Hatchery to raise the Great Lakes strain of muskies.  
March... \$4,500.00

To match the funds of the Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc, #5, to purchase an additional net for the Lost Valley Hatchery, the latest Missouri hatchery to raise muskies.  
March...\$1,100.00

To continue to support the ongoing tagging research at Lakes Canadohta, Edinboro, and Tionesta by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.  
March...\$4,400.00

To help fund the Ohio Division of Wildlife through the Central Ohio Chapter of Muskies Inc, #41, for the Muskellunge Emigration Study.  
April...\$5,000.00

To partially fund the DNR West Metro, MN, fisheries offices with readers provided by matching funds by both the North Metro Chapter, #21, and the Twin Cities Chapter, #1, of Muskies Inc  
April...\$700.00

To partially fund the DNR East Metro, MN, fisheries offices for their study on muskies in the lower St. Croix River with the matching funds of the North Metro Chapter of Muskies Inc, #21.  
April...\$5,800.00

For continued support of their Turning Leaf Challenge youth program, to the Between the Lakes Chapter of Muskies Inc, #21.  
May...\$5,000.00

For continuing support of the High School Muskie-Fishing Championship youth program of the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc, #1.  
May...\$2,000.00

To support the youth program of the Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc, #5. May...\$2,300.00

To support the Youth Programs of the St. Cloud Chapter of Muskies Inc, #37  
May...\$2,000.00

For the continued support of the Youth Conservation Alliance for Muskies Inc, through the Kevin Bushnik programs.  
May...\$4,000.00

To help fund the acquisition of critical shoreline property (muskie spawning area) on Lake Roosevelt by the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation.  
June...\$9,000.00

To provide for partial matching funds to the Fox River Valley Chapter of Muskies Inc, #39, for their Genetic Research project.  
June...\$4,000.00

To assist the St. Paul Hatchery with operational support (added heat) through the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc, #1.  
June...\$2,000.00

For continued support of the stocking and research project (Phase II) by the Capital City Chapter of Muskies Inc, #8.  
August...\$5,000.00

To partially assist the efforts of Muskies Canada, Inc, for the Lake Simcoe Muskellunge Restoration Project.  
August...\$7,000.00

To support the stocking program of the Penn-Jersey Chapter of Muskies Inc, #50.  
September...\$2,500.00

To support the stocking program for the Metro Lakes Area (MN) by the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc, #01.  
September...\$9,000.00

To help fund the stocking efforts in the central Wisconsin River by the Twelve (12) Apostles Musky Club.  
September...\$2,500.00

To commemorate the fifty-year (50) anniversary of Muskies Inc, the Hugh C. Becker Foundation is interested in sponsoring the proposed Muskie Symposium to be held in 2016 in the Twin Cities area. At this time additional funds to the escrow account will be made to defray anticipated expenses. Other contingencies and considerations will be made public as time approaches.  
November...\$15,000.00



Carol Heath registered the longest fish of the 2013 season. She will be presented a replica of her 54-inch muskie at the Sportsman's Banquet on March 8.

## Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods Chapter Outing

Be a vital part of an annual outing that combines great fishing on beautiful shield waters with a resort base that is clean and comfortable where everything works, and is owned and run by a family that knows what muskie people need. Join the 2014 North Metro/Twin Cities chapter Red Wing Lodge outing August 9-16. Last summer 18 fishermen enjoyed this trip, open to members of both chapters and their guests.

This annual muskie trip to Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods, is a great choice for that first Canadian trip or for the veteran's extra trip. Save your surprises for muskie action, you don't need them at base camp. Red Wing Lodge offers a resort base that has been family owned and operated for more than 45 years.

The Bartlett family has hosted Muskie Inc. outings for years with personal and friendly service, so they understand what muskie people need and like. Red Wing Lodge was Chapter Challenge headquarters in '83, '86, '93, '97, '03, '04, '11, '12 and will host again for 2014. Check out the muskie information, including the Red Wing Lodge Hall of Fame, as well as the live cam in Morson, at [www.redwinglodge.net](http://www.redwinglodge.net)

Cost per person in housekeeping cabins will be \$325 (US Funds) for 2014, which breaks down to just \$46.43 per day for big-time Canadian muskie fishing. Included in the full value of the 2014 Muskie Inc. trip:

- Free dockage (\$72 value), free launch (both ways, \$25 value)
- Free dinner one night, courtesy of the Bartletts
- One free trip, given away in drawing, courtesy of the Bartletts
- Free wireless internet service throughout the resort
- Free daily bag of ice; door prizes

Reservations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit, made out to Red Wing Lodge.

Deposits officially confirm reservation holds. First come, first served. Early deposits are appreciated by the Bartletts as these funds are used to purchase materials for cabin improvements, most of which can only be made over the winter. For example, during last winter the Bartletts completed installing A/C units in all cabins.

To make reservations, or any questions or suggestions for improving the trip, contact:

- John van Ingen, (651) 699-5172, [maxjo@mac.com](mailto:maxjo@mac.com), 2108 Palace Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105
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- Pat Miller, (651) 429-1629, [donnaatmiller@gmail.com](mailto:donnaatmiller@gmail.com), 1645 Ridgewood Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110

For answers to detailed questions regarding the Lodge and/or the cabins, you are invited to call Mike and Anne Bartlett toll free at 1-888-488-5601.

 An advertisement for Fenwick EliteTECH Muskie Rods. The background is a textured, light brown color. In the top left, there is the Fenwick logo featuring a stylized eagle with spread wings above the word 'fenwick' in a script font. Below the logo, the text reads 'EliteTECH Muskie Rods'. To the right of the text, there is a large image of a muskie rod with a cork handle. The rod is black with green accents and has 'EliteTECH MUSKIE' written on it. The handle is wrapped in cork and has 'TAC HANDLE' written on it. Below the rod, there is a list of rod features.
 

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

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