

On the Water



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Veteran's Home Fishing Opener

Residents of the Minneapolis Veteran's Home will be treated to a Fishing Opener on Saturday, May 3. Our chapter annually co-sponsors this event with several VFW, American Legion, and AmVets Posts.

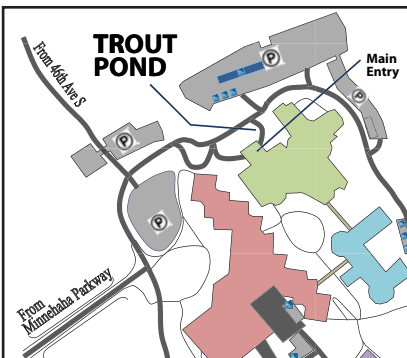
A large, well-stocked trout pond will be set up and residents of the home can come down to the pond and spend the morning fishing for the trout. This year, due to construction, the pond will be moved. Look for it in front of the main entrance to the Vet's Home.

Volunteers help residents catch the fish, clean them, and prepare and serve a "shore lunch" of fresh-caught trout, potatoes and beans to the veterans. Everyone who can should take some time Saturday morning and help out. If you don't attend any other chapter event, this one is well worth it.

It's extremely rewarding to see our veterans who may never get the chance any other time during the year to come out and get some fishing in. Many of the residents are lined up waiting bright and early in the morning. This is one of the best volunteer events at Veterans Homes all over the country and has been recognized as such.

Volunteers – and many are needed – will help with the fishing, cooking, cleaning fish and generally making this a fun event. We look forward to seeing as many of our chapter members as possible at this event. Be at the Veterans Home around 7 am.

If you can bring 10 pounds of boiled potatoes with you, please contact the event organizer, Troy Zuelzke at tzuelzke@yahoo.com and let him know.



June Events

June will be a busy month for the Twin Cities chapter with a number of events planned. Every event needs volunteers to help with the fishing and/or event organization, so please consider giving of your time.

June 8 – Capable Partners Outing

An outing with physically challenged outdoorsmen from the Capable Partners organization is planned from 6:30 am to "shore lunch" time on Lake Minnetonka. Volunteers are needed to take guests out for a morning of fishing or to help with the lunch. About one-half of participants will need space for wheelchairs, but any size boat can be matched with one of the Capable Partners. Please contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 to volunteer.

June 20 – Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration

This event is a collaboration with *Fishing for Life*. Military kids and adults with connections to the military will be taken out for a morning of multi-species fishing on Lake Minnetonka. Worms and larva will be provided if you want to fish for panfish with your boat. We are looking for volunteers from the chapter to get them on fish and safely bring everyone back to the dock at Lord Fletchers. Fishing is from 7 am to around 11 am. Everyone will be treated to a great meal and an awards program and wrap up around noon. If you can guide families or want to donate money or lures, please contact Tom Keith at tomk@usiwireless.com.

June 22 – Lucky Libby Fishing Event with Veterans

While not a chapter event, this is put on by chapter members Tim and Libby Hoene on Lake Minnetonka. They are also looking for volunteers to take out veterans and Wounded Warrior veterans for a morning of muskie fishing. Contact Tim (763-370-3802) or Libby (763-755-2484) to volunteer.

From Our President

While most of us are getting our boats and equipment ready for the openers of Walleyes and Bass, a number of our members already have muskies in the boat. They fished the recent event on Clear Lake in Iowa. Congratulations on the fish you caught! Lots of states have worked to expand the opportunity to fish for muskies. Next year remember that you do not have to wait until June, you can fish for muskies in Iowa in April.

The next event that impacts our chapter is the Vet's Home Opener on Saturday, May 3rd. Check out the article about what is the same and what is different. The residents annually look forward to this event. We provide them with a quality fishing experience and an amazing shore lunch. Please volunteer if you can to help out these veterans.

We can use a couple of additional judge boats for the Twin City Chapter of Muskies Inc. qualifying event for the High School State Muskie Tournament. The date of the event is Friday, June 13th. We also can use some additional guide boats for the Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration. That date is Friday, June 20th and both events are on Lake Minnetonka. Please contact me if you are interested and available.

Our next General Meeting is May 13th and features noted guide, Josh Borovsky. Some of the students competing in the HS event are going to attend to hear about Josh's approach to Minnetonka. I would really appreciate if some of you could take these kids under your wings and give them some thoughts about how to fish an event like that on Minnetonka.

A special thanks to our members, who have volunteered at our booths this Spring. They do a great job of communicating with the public and we have a strong, effective presence there.

TOM KEITH

Join Us this Summer for the Chapter Fishing League!

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

Nic Romero is again organizing the chapter fishing league this year. Contact Nic at 651-214-5269 or at NicRRomero@gmail.com if you are interested in taking part in the events and for event changes. Please let him know if you are in need of a partner and he will try to find one.

Some of the events this year have an east or west metro option. We are again planning a "Mini Challenge" with the North Metro chapter. The 2014 Summer League schedule is as follows:

Date	Lake	Time
Saturday June 14	Bald Eagle or White Bear	6am to 12:00pm
Aligns with the Metro Muskie Tournament		
Thursday June 19	Waconia	5pm to 9:30pm
Aligns with North Metro chapter's west option for their league		
Wednesday June 25	Forest Lake	5pm to 9:30pm
Tuesday July 8	White Bear & Bald Eagle	TBD
Mini Challenge. Losers buy pizza afterwards!		
Wednesday July 23	Lake Minnetonka-Grey's Bay Landing	5pm to 9:30pm
Wednesday August 6	White Bear Lake	5pm to 9:30pm
Wednesday August 20	Lake Minnetonka	5pm to 9:30pm
Wednesday August 27	Lake Independence	5pm to 9:30pm
Wednesday September 17	Forest Lake	5pm to 9:30pm
Saturday September 27	Waconia or White Bear	7am to 1pm
Aligns with the George Wahl Tournament		

Please note that dates and lake locations are subject to change. Cancellations of the outings may occur due to weather conditions or if lake water temps reach 80 degrees.

Rules for the league are simple:

- This is an individual league with as many people in a boat as desired. League members can fish in as many of the events as they want.
- Anglers may not use any live bait.
- All catches must be verified by another league member for fish to count. A digital camera shall be used to take a photo of fish to provide proof of catch to other league members.

Scoring is as follows:

- 4 points for a 30" muskie and 1 point for each inch over 30". This is the same as the Muskies Inc. Member's Only Contest.
- 5 points per event fished
- 3 points will be awarded to each boat partner of a successful catch during the league
- 3 points for fishing with a new partner during a league event (new option for this year)
- Please email your results to NicRRomero@Gmail.com within 48 hours of the event.

Pictures are not required but highly encouraged, even when you don't catch fish. We look forward to having as many members as possible participate in these events.



Several members of our chapter participated in the Heartland Chapter's recent one-day muskie tournament on Clear Lake in Iowa. Matt Olson, left, won the tournament with a 40 and a 43-incher. He was the only contestant who doubled. Doug Malsom, top right, took second place with a 38-inch muskie. John Newman (not pictured) and Jon Meyers, right, also caught fish during the event, although they were just under the 30-inch minimum. A number of chapter members participate in this tournament every spring. All agree that it's great to be muskie fishing in April at a place that's only a short drive away.



Early-Season Muskie Tournaments

Just as the season starts, there are 2 opportunities to show your muskie fishing prowess. Or, maybe just go out hand have some fun with other muskie anglers. The Metro Muskie Tournament and the June Jam offer you a great opportunity to get started for the season. Neither of these events is extremely competitive, mostly just a good time.

Metro Muskie Tournament, June 14

The Metro Muskie Tournament has brought back both Forest Lake and Bald Eagle Lake this year as well as adding Minnetonka. You have your choice of over 20 metro-area waters. Entries will be available after May 15 at Gander Mountain in Blaine, Thorne Bros. or Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle through Friday, June 13. You may also go to www.metro-muskietournament.com for a printable form to mail in by June 6. Entry fee for the tournament is \$35 per person. All muskies caught will qualify for the grand prize, a one week stay at Musky Bay Resort on Crow Lake, Ontario, a Slammer lure package, and a Fenwick rod with Abu Garcia reel. Prizes are awarded through 10th place with a junior division. Contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 if you have questions.

June Jam, June 21-22

North metro's annual tournament, the June Jam, is held on eight muskie lakes in Polk County, Wisconsin – Bone, Deer, Apple River Flowage, Blake, Cedar, Round, Bear Trap and Wapogasset with a full day of fishign on Saturday and a half day on Sunday. Tournament headquarters will be at Wilkin's Bar and Resort on Bone Lake. Entry is now open for this year's tournament. Entry fee is \$50 per person. Prizes of Blue Ribbon Gift Certificates and lure packages are awarded through 5th place. There is also a junior prize awarded and for the big fish of the tournament. For more information on the June Jam, contact tournament director Steve Wernersbach at swernersbach@gmail.com or 763-242-2625.

George's Tackle Shop at the Expo

One of the most-visited places at the Minnesota Muskie Expo in April is George's Tackle Shop where kids can make their own lures to take home. We want to thank Linda and Dave Knutson without whose leadership the booth would not be possible. They spend weeks before the Expo getting the components organized and set up.

Dave and Linda would like to thank all the volunteers who helped at George's Tackle Shop this year: Paul and Heather Baranek, Peter Janik, Jon Meyer, Alyssa Samson, Al Larson, Nic Romero, Eric Rivard, Doug Backlund, Beth and Brent Fox, Ryan Dubosse, Tom Keith and Max Hartman.

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.

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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

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:

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 - 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, 2108 Palace Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105 or Pat Miller, (651) 429-1629, donnaopatmiller@gmail.com, 1645 Ridgewood Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110

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Print Your Member ID Cards

The national Muskies Inc. is no longer mailing out Muskies Inc. ID cards to members. They may print their own ID cards at any time from the muskiesinc.org website. Log in to the Members Only section of the website 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 on and print your card. For family members, the family head can print the IDs for the entire family.



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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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