

# On the Water



Volume 18, Issue 12

DECEMBER 2015

## Chapter Elections at Next Meeting

**E**lections for our chapter's Board of Directors and officers for 2016 will be held at the December 8 meeting. Currently there are 10 board members who are serving two-year terms for this year and 2016. Board members who will serve two year terms starting in January for 2016 and 2017 will be elected at the meeting. Up for re-election are Eric Bakke, Brad Coyne, Corey Dezeeuw, Greg Ide, Jim Kroupa, Doug Malsom, Stu McIntosh, Jon Meyers and Terry Schar.

Chapter officers must be members of the Board of Directors. Once the board members have been determined, we will elect our officers for 2016. Officers serve one-year terms.

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

If you want to be more involved and have a say in what the chapter does on a day-to-day basis, become a board member. If you like to help plan events, or have a say in how they are planned, become a board member. If you want to be able to have a say in how the chapter uses its funds, become a board member. If you would like to influence how the chapter deals with Muskies Inc. National, the DNR, or other muskie clubs, become a board member.

Eric Schultz (651-917-8272, [tcmi.president@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.president@gmail.com) or [eschultz33@comcast.net](mailto:eschultz33@comcast.net)), or a current board member if you're interested in becoming a member of the Board.

## Update on Stocking Progress

**T**hankfully we have had a good year handed to us by Mother Nature. The earlier spring helped the Minnesota DNR complete a successful egg taking program. Subsequently, there were plenty of fry hatched. This enabled the DNR to fully stock their rearing ponds and also give plenty of fry to the private hatcheries.

The Twin Cities chapter had an agreement with the DNR to help stock both White Bear Lake and the St. Croix River to reach their quotas this year. However, the DNR had plenty of fish harvested from their ponds so we did not need to help with the St. Croix. In October the chapter purchased 960, 11-inch muskies from the Oswald hatcheries which were stocked in White Bear Lake.

Our cost of the muskies we stocked was \$15 apiece bringing the total to \$14,400 dollars. Two grants from the Hugh C. Becker Foundation, one for \$9,000 and one for \$4,000, helped defray the costs to the chapter.

The DNR also stocked White Bear with 100+ 2-year-old muskies. Because of the good year and availability of fish, the DNR was able to fulfill all its quotas throughout the state.



**M**uskies Inc. will be 50 years old in 2016. A 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet is planned for the evening of March 12, 2016. Our chapter and the North Metro chapter will be hosting the banquet for all Muskies Inc. members from all over the country.

It promises to be a great event to have a good time and celebrate Muskies Inc. A hospitality suite, games, raffles, and silent auction are all planned for the evening. Much Muskies Inc. memorabilia and pieces of our history will be on display all day.

The banquet is being held in conjunction with the Muskies Inc. annual spring board meeting scheduled during the day on Saturday, and the 2016 Hugh C. Becker Muskie Symposium March 13-15. All three events will be at the Sheraton Minneapolis West.

Cost to attend the banquet is \$50 per person. The event will sell out so make your reservations early at [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org/node/203](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org/node/203). The hotel is holding a block of rooms until February 18, 2016 at a Muskies Inc. group rate of \$89 double occupancy. Make room reservations at [www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/muskies](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/muskies).

Join fellow Muskies Inc. members in celebrating our first fifty years.



## **Help Muskies Inc. Celebrate 50 Years**

**P**lans for Muskies Inc.'s 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet are moving forward. An event this size will take many volunteers to make it happen. It is being hosted by the Twin Cities and North Metro chapters and will be attended by people from around the country. Please consider helping out your chapter during this important event.

If you are willing to help at the dinner checking in people or with decorations, please contact Denise Olson at [mi50.banquet@gmail.com](mailto:mi50.banquet@gmail.com). If you are willing to help with the games or raffles setting up, as a runner or selling tickets, please contact Dan Mruz at [ddmuskies@yahoo.com](mailto:ddmuskies@yahoo.com). If you are willing to help in the hospitality room after the dinner, please contact George Selcke at [selckgeo@gmail.com](mailto:selckgeo@gmail.com).

We will also need volunteers to serve as hosts and help direct people that evening. If you are willing to help, please contact Elaine Randolph at [e-rand@umn.edu](mailto:e-rand@umn.edu). Elaine will also need volunteers to serve as hosts and help direct people during the Hugh C. Becker Muskie Symposium that will be held Sunday-Tuesday, March 13-15 following the banquet.

Help us make this an event to remember for a long time. If you have any questions contact Eric Schultz at [temi.president@gmail.com](mailto:temi.president@gmail.com).

## **Nominations for Muskie Award**

**T**he Muskie Award is presented each year 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 International 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 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](mailto:kroupaandsusan@gmail.com). Call Jim at 952-474-5967 if you have questions. Nominations must be in by January 31.

## **Volunteers Needed to Help With Assembly of Bucktails**

**F**or the past several years, our chapter has made bucktails and given them to our Youth Director for distribution to kids. We are looking for some volunteers to help assemble before the Awards Program on February 9.

We already have 85 hooks attached to wires and 85 flashabou coils tied. If we create an assembly line, we will have them done in less than an hour. We need people for the following tasks: 1 to put the weight on the wire; 1 to put the coil on; 1 or 2 to put the beads on; 1 or 2 to put the blades and clevises on; and 1 or 2 to bend the wire into a loop and trim the excess. All components will be provided. The only people who would need tools would be the person, who is bending the final loop and trimming the wire.

If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact Tom Keith at [tomk@usiwireless.com](mailto:tomk@usiwireless.com) and let him know what task you would be willing to do. We would all meet at 6:30 pm for instructions. Obviously the people who put on the weights or the coils will finish first.

The bucktails will be given to Terry Schar, Youth Director. Thanks for supporting our chapter's Youth Program.

## **Share Your "Muskie Tale"**

**T**ell us your "Muskie Tale". We're looking for stories that are something a little out of the ordinary. Think back on this year about something that happened while fishing, or thinking about fishing, or on the way to fishing, or coming home from fishing... well, you get the idea. Take the time to jot down a Muskie Tale. You know, a funny or unusual story. Who fell out of a boat this year?? Whose boat sank?? Who boated something that wasn't a fish?? Who saved 100 muskies?? Who had double trebles in their legs?? What other mishap might have happened?? Something along those lines. We're not necessarily looking for the "big fish" story. We hear enough of those.

If you were at the George Wahl Tournament awards program, you heard a couple of good contenders.

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

# Members Only Contest

Eric Bakke, Members Only Contest Chair

Just like that! It's over. The Minnesota Muskie season has come to an end. Ice has formed on the lakes and we got our first big snow storm. Six months of off time before we get another chance at a muskie.

Does anyone else feel like they need a break? I know I do, but I wish it wasn't a half year wait...

It's time to add up the totals and see who had the best of it this year. The results of our Members Only contest will become final at the end of December, so stay tuned for those in next month's *On the Water*.

Also, be sure to put February 9th on your calander for the Members Only Awards Ceremony. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus and we will again be serving food before the program.

Here are the up-to-date standings:

## JUNIOR DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Zander Zaccardi	193	13	47"
2ND-T	Paige Sommerfeld	21	1	47"
2ND-T	Gracie Hartman	21	1	47"

## WOMEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Heather Woods	17	1	43"
2ND	Kathy Keith	14	1	40"

## WOMEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Cindy Hegdahl	258	18	54"
2ND	Linda Knutson	39	3	48"

## MEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Eric Bakke	423	27	53"
2ND	Gary Woods III	270	17	54"
3RD	John C Newman Jr	196	15	51"
4TH	Alexander McLean	189	11	52"
5TH	Phil Groth	160	11	46.25"
6TH	Matt McDonald	154	9	50"
7TH	Erik Chrissis	148	12	49"
8TH	Casey Friskney	132	8	50.5"
9TH	Peter Janik	125	9	49"
10TH	Tony Sommerfeld	119	7	53"

## MEN'S HYBRID DIVISION

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST	Alexander McLean	14	1	40"
-----	------------------	----	---	-----

## MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Marko Brinatte	499	27	55.5"
2ND	Mark Fredrick	317	23	52.5"
3RD	Brent Hirsch	238	19	46.5"

# December Gift Exchange

If you would like to participate in a gift exchange at the December 8 meeting, please bring a wrapped lure to exchange. We have done this several times in the past and it has always proved to be an interesting time. Participation is not mandatory – only bring something to exchange if you want to join in.

## LUNKER OF THE MONTH

**MAY** - Official - Alexander McLean - 47" - 5/24/2015 - St. Croix River, WI

**JUNE** - Official - David Gustafson - 55" - 6/7/2015 - Lake Minnetonka, MN

**JULY** - Official - Marko Brinatte - 55.5" - 7/5/2015 - Lake Minnetonka, MN

**AUGUST** - Official - Gary Woods III - 54" - 8/5/2015 - Lake Minnetonka, MN

**SEPTEMBER** - Official - Mark Frederick - 52.5" - 9/16/2015 - Lake Bemidji, MN

**OCTOBER** - Unofficial - Brian Hansen - 51" - 10/26/2015 - Little Sand Lake, ON

**NOVEMBER** - Unofficial - Andy Wayt - 53" - 11/25/2015 - Lake Mille Lacs, MN

If there are any discrepancies in the numbers please let me know asap before I order plaques and I will adjust accordingly. Thanks again to everyone for your participation and I hope to see you in February for our Awards Program.

See you On the Water!

# Facebook Trivia Contest

Be sure to check out our monthly trivia question on the Twin Cities Muskies Inc. Facebook page. Every month there will be a new question posted. All the answers can be found by searching through the Muskies Inc. website and lunge log! Be sure to submit your answers to [tcmi.fbcontest@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.fbcontest@gmail.com) in order to be put in the drawing for our monthly give away! our Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Twin-Cities-Muskies-Inc-121519154541005/?ref=hl>



Good luck!



## Jim Murphy Shared Tips

As many members missed the November meeting while deer hunting, here is a summary: Jim “Murph” Murphy has been chasing muskies for 45 years, 43 of them on Leech Lake. Over the years Murph has mentored a lot of newbies.

He tries to get them into overhead casting early, learning how to load the rod with the weight of the lure, so the rod does the work. Although most fishermen use 80 or 100 pound test line, Murph teaches newbies to cast with Shimano Curado reels spooled with 65 pound line. He has had few problems with his reels, and sends them to Shimano every other year for inexpensive cleaning and maintenance.

Murph likes Cowgirls, “the best figure 8 bait ever made”, as a lure, and the Dadson 9mm, double eight bucktail. He likes the Swedish made Barfighter – a kind of Suick on steroids. Murph mentioned that he learned how to tune Suicks from Dave Dorazio, and that turning the eye of the Suick was much more effective than tuning the tail.

Murph also talked about some of his trips with cops as clients, fishing the Winnipeg River System and favorite big-fish spot, Rowan Lake. He was there with Len Hartman when a huge muskie bit a pike they were landing, and the jaw marks on the pike were more than eleven inches wide. Murph and John Newman laughed about a houseboat trip they took to Lac Seul.



EXTREMELY STRONG  
EXTREMELY CASTABLE  
HIDE OUT IN  
STEALTH BLUE CAMO  
NEW STEALTH BLUE CAMO BRAID  
FOR SALTWATER ADVENTURES  
NOTHING GETS AWAY™  
SPIDERWIRE STEALTH™  
SPIDERWIRE.COM

## Book Early, Enjoy Planning Through the Hard Water Time

Soon muskie water turns hard. Equipment gets shuffled and stored. This past season’s memories are retrieved, the fun is relived, extended. Yet easily overlooked is that big-time muskie trips extend fun on the front side as well: the planning, the map checking, the selecting of new “secret weapons.” Those front-side activities enhance the “chess game” part of the sport. **Book now and enjoy the fun of specific planning and its detailed muskie talk all through the hard water time.**

The annual Muskies Inc. Trip to Red Wing Lodge on Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods, is a great choice for either that first Canadian trip or for the veteran’s extra trip. The convenience of a drive-in camp with the privacy you would expect on an island.

Dates for coming season: **August 6-13, 2016.** 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 50 years, is clean and comfortable, where everything works. 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 is a nine-time Chapter Challenge headquarters, in ’83, ’86, ’93, ’97, ’03, ’04, ’11, ’12 and again in 2014. Check out the muskie information, including the Red Wing Lodge Hall of Fame, as well as the first live cam in Morson, at [www.redwinglodge.net](http://www.redwinglodge.net)

Cost per person in housekeeping cabins remains at \$350 (US Funds) for 2016, just \$50.00 per day for big-time Canadian muskie fishing.

Included in the full value of the 2016 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 Bartlett’s
- 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, these funds are used to purchase materials for cabin improvements, most of which can only be made over the winter.

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 or John Genosky, (651) 329-4898, [John@Protacinc.com](mailto:John@Protacinc.com), 904 81st St., Lino Lakes, MN 55014

For answers to detailed questions regarding the Lodge, e.g., about the cabins, please call Mike and Anne Bartlett toll free at 1-888-488-5601.

Serving the Musky  
Community Since 1981



Staffed with knowledgeable  
personnel who are  
passionate about fishing

# 10% OFF

TO MUSKIES INC. MEMBERS

## NOW TWO LOCATIONS:

1985 Geneva Ave N  
Oakdale, MN 55128  
651-777-2421

5051 Stewart Ave  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110  
651-202-3632

Monday - Thursday: 7AM - 7PM | Friday: 7AM - 8PM  
Saturday: 5:30AM - 7PM | Sunday: 6AM - 6PM

## PREMIER METRO-AREA FISHING GUIDE SERVICES

Mighty Muskie Guide Service  
Josh Stevenson, State Tiger Musky Record Holder  
Dick Grzywinsky Guide Service  
Minnesota's "The Griz"

## tc chapter contacts

### OFFICERS

#### PRESIDENT

Eric Schultz  
651-917-8272  
tcmi.president@gmail.com  
eschultz33@comcast.net

#### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Eric Bakke  
612-202-7169  
tcmi.vicepresident@gmail.com

#### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Peter Janik  
952-649-9576  
tcmi.vicepresident2@gmail.com

#### TREASURER

Andy Wayt  
651-353-6456  
tcmi.treasurer@gmail.com

#### SECRETARY

Jim Doyle  
952-920-9818  
tcmi.secretary@gmail.com

#### REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Jon Meyers  
952-240-4083  
tcmi.rvp@gmail.com

#### MEMBERS ONLY CONTEST

Eric Bakke  
612-202-7169

#### TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Eric Bakke  
612-202-7169

#### STOCKING AND REARING

John Newman  
651-699-8676

#### BOARD MEMBERS

##### AT LARGE

Dave Christenson  
651-775-5402

Brad Coyne  
763-412-6697

Corey DeZeeuw  
612-867-7952

Casey Friskney  
715-419-1187

Greg Ide  
612-331-5034

Tom Keith  
612-925-1109

Pete Kemmer  
952-607-0861

Jim Kroupa  
952-474-5967

Lowell Kruger  
612-644-8994

Doug Malsom  
612-759-3407

Stu McIntosh  
651-699-9817

Denise Olson  
612-804-4687

Terry Schar  
612-865-4200

George Selcke  
952-933-2608

Steve Smythe  
612-369-8075

[www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org)

*On the Water* is published  
monthly for members and  
friends of the Twin Cities  
Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Contact: Graphic Works  
612-866-4730 • olson@3pete.com

*This could be your lucky day!*  
*You're just minutes away and seconds from winning!*

- Over 950 Slots
- Blackjack
- Poker Room
- NorthStar Buffet
- Little Star Snack Bar
- Dancing Fire Restaurant

**NORTHERN LIGHTS**  
CASINO, HOTEL  
AND EVENT CENTER

Walker, MN  
877.544.4879  
[www.northernlightscasino.com](http://www.northernlightscasino.com)

- River of Stars Cabaret
- 105 Luxury Hotel Rooms
- Pool, Whirlpool & Sauna
- Dancing Sky Gift Shop
- Event Center with Full-Service Menu

**BAR**

Proudly Owned and Operated by the Leach Lake Band Officers

**FRANKIES**  
Maine

*"Fishermen Selling to Fishermen"*

SPECIALIZING IN THE SALES & SERVICE  
OF QUALITY FISHING BOATS

651-257-6334  
10680 SOUTH AVENUE  
CHISAGO, MN 55013

[www.frankies.net](http://www.frankies.net)



#1 RANGER  
DEALERSHIP  
IN THE WORLD





# next meeting

## DECEMBER 8

*Kristan Maccaroni of the MN DNR will summarize results to date of the "yellow tag" fingerling vs. yearling stocking study on Minnetonka, White Bear and Bald Eagle.*

*We will also hear from longtime Muskies Inc member Duff Thury, successful tournament fisherman, and manufacturer of the popular Supernatural Big Baits, like the Headlock and the Mattlock, arguably the best big-fish baits around.*

*Elections for chapter board members and officers will also be held.*

*Bring a wrapped lure if you want to participate in the gift exchange.*

---

*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.).*



**MUSKIES INC.**  
7125 17th Avenue South  
Richfield, MN 55423

### **Return Service Requested**

## **Thank Our Sponsors**

*A big thank you to all the manufacturers, retailers and resorts that have helped the Twin Cities chapter in the past year by donating merchandise and trips used for prizes at our Banquet and Tournaments as well as at the welcome table at each meeting.*

*Please make an effort to support our sponsors so they have an incentive to keep on supporting us. Without them this chapter could not do what it does for the resource and its members.*

*If you're looking for a new bait, remember that manufacturers of some of the most productive baits ever designed are among our sponsors. And remember to buy them from sponsoring retailers. If you're looking for a muskie trip, keep the sponsoring resorts in mind.*

Abu Garcia	H3O Sunglasses	Musky Mercenary Guide Service – Matt Seifert	St. Croix Rods
Ace Baits	Hayward Fly Fishing Co.	Musky Mountain Lodge	Sunset Beach Resort and Campground – West Battle Lake
Advon Incorporated	Hirsch's Ghosttails	Naze Baits	Sunset Cove Resort – Cass Lake
Anchorage Inn	Huddle's Resort	Northern Lights Casino	Sunset Lodge – Lake of the Woods
Beaver Baits	Joe's Sporting Goods	One Stop	Supernatural Big Baits
Bernick's Beverage	Just Encase	Palco	Tackle Industries
Big Mama Lures	Lakeview Inn	Pine Beach Resort and Campground	Tamarack Lodge
Big Wood Musky Lures	Lakewood Products	Phantom Lures	Third Street Brewhouse
Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle	LAX Reproductions	Pro Musky Guide Service – Josh Borovsky	Thorne Bros
Broadwater Bay Resort	Leech Lake Gaming	Red Wing Lodge – Lake of the Woods	Temple Fork Outfitters
Cabela's	Chip Leer	Reed's Family Outdoor Outfitters	Trappers Landing Lodge
Carbone's Pizza	LeLure Lures	Ruff Tackle	Triton Boats
Chaos Tackle	Llungen Lures	Sah-Kah-Tay Resort	University of Minnesota – Gopher Sports
Kevin Cochran Musky Guide Service	Mantrap Lodge on Big Mantrap Lake	Save A Memory	Vermilion Dam Lodge
Custom X	Mighty Muskie Guide Service – Josh Stevenson	Bill Sherck	Wades Custom Tackle
Elk River Rods	Minneapolis Gun Club	Shimano	Wellman Sports Marketing
Evinrude Marine	Minnesota Valley CC	Sportsman's Connection Spiderwire	Whitefish Bay Camp
Fenwick Rods	Moondance Events	Spring Bay Resort and Guide Service – Lake Vermilion	
Fishing for Life	Musky Hunter Magazine		
Fishing Hardcore – Ben Olsen	Musky Innovations LLC		
Frankie's Live Bait & Marine	Musky Madness Guide Service – Kris Astorp		
Gary's Custom Rod & Reel	Musky Mayhem Tackle		

## Thanks to the Sponsors Who Donate to the Twin Cities Chapter

A big thank you to all the manufacturers, retailers and resorts that have helped the Twin Cities chapter in the past year by donating merchandise and trips used for incentives and prizes for our fundraising events as well as the prizes for the welcome table at each meeting. You will see ads from our sponsors who have made major donations to our chapter in the newsletter throughout the year. The sponsors with ads here have made major donations to the chapter of products, gift certificates, guide trips, and resort stays for our banquet, tournaments and welcome table. The ads are one of the ways we thank them.

Please consider these resorts and/or guides when you are planning a fishing trip or just a day of fishing in the metro area. If you're looking for a new bait, keep in mind that manufacturers of some of the most productive baits ever designed are among our sponsors. And remember to buy them from sponsoring retailers. If you're in the stores, please tell them thank you from our chapter.

Please make an effort to support our sponsors so they have an incentive to keep on supporting us. Without them this chapter could not do what it does for the muskie resource and its members.




**AFFORDABLE HIGH-PERFORMANCE FISHING RODS**

[www.tforods.com](http://www.tforods.com)

95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1916 2011

**Bernick's**  
[www.bernicks.com](http://www.bernicks.com)

Reel in Great Taste



**BROADWATER LODGE**  
ON WOMAN LAKE, MINNESOTA



For a Relaxing, Family Centered Vacation

[www.broadwaterlodge.com](http://www.broadwaterlodge.com)  
**218-682-2552**  
4588 TIMBER DRIVE NW, HACKENSACK, MN 56452

Let 'Em Grow, Let 'Em Go!

EST. 1964  
**LAX**  
REPRODUCTIONS



**715-547-3710**  
[www.laxreproductions.com](http://www.laxreproductions.com)  
5455 Hwy 45 • Conover, WI 54519

**REEDS**  
Family Outdoor Outfitters

LEECH LAKE - WALKER, MN  
MILLE LACS LAKE - ONAMIA, MN

**YOUR FAMILY OUTDOOR OUTFITTERS**  
ELECTRONICS • RODS • REELS  
LURES • APPAREL • FOOTWEAR  
GUNS • AMMO • ICE FISHING

Ask About Your Store-Wide Muskies Inc. Discount

**800.346.0019**  
[www.ReedsSports.com](http://www.ReedsSports.com)

**Whitefish Bay Camp**



CALVERT ISLAND - IN THE HEART OF LAKE OF THE WOODS

**1-877-226-1211**  
Excellent muskie fishing and other species  
AMERICAN AND HOUSEKEEPING PLANS  
GROUP AND FAMILY RATES  
PRIVATE BOATS WELCOME  
75 MILES FROM INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN  
[www.whitefishbaycamp.com](http://www.whitefishbaycamp.com)

**RED WING LODGE**  
LAKE OF THE WOODS



Over 7,000 Muskies Released

**SABASKONG BAY LAKE OF THE WOODS**  
2011 Muskies Inc. Chapter Challenge Headquarters  
Family owned and operated for 40+ years  
AMERICAN PLAN • HOUSEKEEPING • CAMPING  
The convenience of a drive-in camp with the privacy you would expect on an island.

**1-888-488-5601**  
or 807-488-5601  
[www.redwinglodge.net](http://www.redwinglodge.net)

**VERMILION DAM LODGE**



ON LAKE VERMILION  
COOK, MN

Housekeeping Cabins  
American Plan  
Rental Boats

**1-800-325-5780**  
218-666-5418 • PO BOX 1105 • COOK, MN

**Josh Borovsky**  
PROFESSIONAL ANGLER

Guiding on: Lake Minnetonka, Forest Lake, Lake Independence, White Bear Lake, and most other lakes in the Twin Cities metro-area.

**612-508-2759**  
[joshborovsky@msn.com](mailto:joshborovsky@msn.com)  
[www.promuskieguide.com](http://www.promuskieguide.com)



**MUSKY MERCENARY**  
G·U·I·D·E S·E·R·V·I·C·E

**METRO AND NORTHERN MINNESOTA MUSKY TRIPS**

**METRO WATERS**  
White Bear Lake • Bald Eagle  
Forest Lake • St. Croix River • Rush Lake

**NORTHERN MINNESOTA LAKES**  
Lake Vermilion • Mille Lacs  
Big Mantrap Lake • Lake Bemidji

**MATT SEIFERT**  
651-357-8709  
matt@mnmuskyguide.com  
[www.mnmuskyguide.com](http://www.mnmuskyguide.com)

Outdoor Experts for Over 75 Years



**MONDAY-FRIDAY 9 AM - 8 PM**  
**SAT. 9 AM - 5 PM • SUN. 11 AM - 5 PM**  
**651-209-7800**

33 Cty. Rd B St. Paul, MN  
ONE BLOCK EAST OF RICE STREET  
[www.joessportinggoods.com](http://www.joessportinggoods.com)



**Huddle's Resort**  
& Restaurant

**A LEECH LAKE TRADITION FOR OVER 80 YEARS**  
**1-800-358-5516**  
[www.huddlesresort.com](http://www.huddlesresort.com)  
1696 WHIPHOLT BEACH RD NW • WALKER



**SPIDERWIRE**



**Sunset Lodge**  
Lake of the Woods Oak Island, Minnesota

**NEWLY REMODELED • OPEN YEAR ROUND**  
**HOUSEKEEPING CABINS**  
**or AMERICAN PLAN**  
Spectacular Muskie Fishing • Ice Fishing  
**RESTAURANT & BAR**  
**(218) 223-8211**  
[www.sunsetlodgeresort.com](http://www.sunsetlodgeresort.com)

**MIGHTY MUSKY**  
FISHING GUIDE SERVICE



**Josh Stevenson**  
651-335-2118  
[www.mightymusky.com](http://www.mightymusky.com)  
United States Coast Guard Licensed Captain

**THORNE BROS**



**CUSTOM ROD & TACKLE**  
**763-572-3782**  
[www.thornebros.com](http://www.thornebros.com)

Check Out Our Complete Muskie,  
Ice and Fly Fishing Web Catalogs!

10091 CENTRAL AVENUE NE • BLAINE

**10% DISCOUNT ON ALL LURES TO MUSKIES INC. MEMBERS**

**SUNSET BEACH**



**Resort & Campground**

Located on Beautiful West Battle Lake  
**CABINS AND TENT & RV CAMPING**  
A Family Operated, Family Oriented Resort  
888-583-2750  
[www.sunsetbeachresort.net](http://www.sunsetbeachresort.net)

**PELICAN HILLS RV PARK**  
PELICAN LAKE IN NW OTTER TAIL COUNTY  
Seasonal and Daily/Weekly Sites  
800-430-2267 or 218-532-3726  
[www.pelicanhillspark.com](http://www.pelicanhillspark.com)

**SAH-KAH-TAY BEACH RESORT**  
**ON CASS LAKE**

**HOUSEKEEPING CABINS**  
**CAMPING**  
**SPECIAL SPRING AND FALL RATES**  
**1-800-23-BEACH**  
**218-335-2424**  
[www.sahkahtay.com](http://www.sahkahtay.com)  
16348 60TH AVE. NW • CASS LAKE



**ST. CROIX ROD**

**THE BEST RODS ON EARTH™**

[www.stcroixrods.com](http://www.stcroixrods.com)

**Spring Bay Resort**  
*and Guide Service*

**LAKE VERMILION**  
*Friendly Hospitality and Old-fashioned Service*  
**(218) 666-5607**  
(RESERVATIONS ONLY) 1-800-847-5253  
[springbayresort.com](http://springbayresort.com)  
3045 VERMILION DRIVE • COOK, MN 55723

**CUTTING EDGE MUSKY INFORMATION**



Always the latest tactics, hot bites and research.

Subscribe to **Musky Hunter Magazine**  
**Just \$21.95 for Six Big Issues**  
**1-800-23-MUSKY**  
[www.muskyhunter.com](http://www.muskyhunter.com)





**Trapper's Landing**  
LODGE ON LEECH LAKE

*The Newest Fishing Resort  
on Leech Lake*

Luxurious Lodging • Restaurant & Bar  
Marina • Boat & Ice House Rental  
Open Year-Round

www.trapperslandinglodge.com  
866.665.3324  
1812 MERIT ROAD NW • WALKER, MN



**Abu Garcia**  
FOR LIFE.™

**PALCO**  
SPORTS

The Industry Leader  
in Officially Licensed  
Airsoft Products



CAPT. BEN OLSEN  
612-804-3399

fishinghardcore.com

**Cabela's**  
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AS THE  
WORLD'S FOREMOST OUTFITTER

20200 Rogers Drive • Rogers  
(763) 493-8600  
3900 Cabela Drive • Owatonna  
(507) 451-4545

www.cabelas.com



MIDWAY BETWEEN  
WALKER AND BEMIDJI

**Pine Beach Resort**  
AND CAMPGROUND  
ON LAKE GARFIELD • LAPORTE, MN

Where family traditions begin...

**1-800-451-0912**  
218-224-2313

SANDY BEACH WITH LAKE TOYS  
FULL PLAYGROUND  
GROCERIES • GAS

www.bowles.com/pine.beach



**fenwick**  
FEEL THE ACTION<sup>SM</sup>



**THIRD STREET  
BREWHOUSE**

**Musky Madness  
Guide Service**

**Kris Astorp**  
Winner of 2011  
Men's Master  
Members Only Contest

krisastorp@yahoo.com

Advon Incorporated  
Anchorage Inn  
Beaver Baits  
Big Mama Lures  
Big Wood Musky Lures  
Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle  
Carbone's Pizza  
Chaos Tackle/Chaos Tackle/  
Kevin Cochran's Musky Guide  
Service  
Elk River Rods  
Fishing for Life  
Gary's Custom Rod & Reel

H3O Sunglasses  
Hayward Fly Fishing Co.  
Hirsch's Ghosttails  
Just Encase  
Lakeview Inn  
Lakewood Products  
Leech Lake Gaming Division  
LeLure Lures  
Llungen Lures  
Minneapolis Gun Club  
Minnesota Valley Country Club  
Musky Innovations LLC  
Musky Mayhem Tackle

Musky Mountain Lodge  
Naze Baits  
One Stop  
Phantom Lures  
Bill Sherck  
Shimano  
Sportsman's Connection  
Sunset Cove Resort – Cass Lake  
Supernatural Big Baits  
Tackle Industries  
UofM – Gopher Sports  
Wades Custom Tackle  
Wellman Sports Marketing