

# On the Water



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## Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration

Volunteer to be a part of the seventh annual Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration on Friday, June 19. This event, a collaborative effort with Fishing for Life and our chapter, is exclusively for military personnel and their families. They will be taken out for a morning of multi-species fishing on Lake Minnetonka.

We are looking for volunteers from our chapter to serve as guides for military families and safely bring everyone back to the dock. In the past, there have been more guides from the bass organizations than there were from Muskies Inc., who is a sponsor of the event.

Fishing is from 7 am to around 11 am. Worms and larva will be provided to groups who want to fish for panfish. Youngsters under 12 will be accompanied by an adult. Loaner equipment is provided for those who don't have their own, but most families have their own equipment. There is great shore fishing

at this location while participants wait for their turn for a boat.

Volunteers should arrive at Mound City Park between 6:30 and 7 am for registration and free donuts. Everyone will fish all morning, then be treated to a great meal. Following the meal will be an awards ceremony with trophies and medals for youth participants. The event will end around 1 pm.

Please think about taking a morning to guide these kids and their family members. We hope to see more Muskies Inc. guides out there on the lake than those from other organizations.

The Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration will take place rain or shine. It will only be cancelled if there is lightning or torrential rain.

If you can guide families or want to donate money or lures, please contact Terry Schar at [twschar@yahoo.com](mailto:twschar@yahoo.com) or [tcmi.hsqual@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.hsqual@gmail.com)

## Outing with Capable Partners

Share your love for the pursuit of muskies with a fellow outdoorsman. Join members of the Twin Cities chapter of Muskies Inc. for an outing with members of Capable Partners. Capable Partners is a non-profit organization that provides hunting, fishing, and related opportunities for physically-challenged individuals.

We'll be gathering at 6:30 am on Sunday, June 7 at Surfside Park in Mound on Cook's Bay, Lake Minnetonka and fishing until around 1:00 pm. A "shore lunch" will end the morning and anyone who wants to continue fishing in the afternoon is welcome to.

Volunteers are needed to take guests out for a morning of fishing or to help with the meal. About one-half of participants will need space in the boat for wheelchairs, but any size boat can be matched with one of the Capable Partners.

If anyone has portable folding tables to bring, that is also a help as they are easier for wheel chairs to use than the standard picnic tables with fixed seating.

Please contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 to volunteer.

## From Our President

*Season Opener for 2015 is upon us! Inland waters open June 6th, and wherever you choose to start your season, make sure you do it safely. (Hmmm, I think I sound like my mother!)*

*Before you go, check your fire extinguishers, PFDs, trailer lights, etc. When you are out fishing, at the landings or traveling to your next fishing hole, I hope you will help others that need it... and share information about Muskies Inc. It is always good to get some positive PR, and perhaps we can sign some new members. Lastly – Catch a big one!*

*Kudos to Doug Malsom and John Newman for bringing Muskies Inc. into the conversation at a recent seminar hosted by Thorne Brothers. They talked about who we are and some of what we are working on. And, they passed out our business cards to those that were interested. Great job guys!*

*If you want some of the chapter business cards to hand out, see Peter Janik at meetings or contact him at [tcmi.vicepresident2@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.vicepresident2@gmail.com).*

*The last thing I would like to mention is that Muskies Inc. National is looking for a new VP of Finance and a new Legal Counsel. If you are, or if you know of someone who is, qualified and interested, give me a call or contact Ellen Wells ([secretary@muskiesinc.org](mailto:secretary@muskiesinc.org)).*

*See you on the water –*

*ERIC SCHULTZ*

## Facebook Trivia Contest

Last month we started a trivia contest on our Twin Cities Muskies Inc. Facebook page. The first week of the month a trivia question is posted. Everyone who emails the correct answer to the trivia question is entered in a drawing. The lucky winner will be awarded a Twin Cities Muskies Inc. give-away at the next meeting.



Trivia questions have to do with Muskies Inc. and/or the Twin Cities chapter. Questions may range anywhere from the size of a certain fish caught, the date of a historic event for Muskies Inc., or to certain a member's claim to fame. Even though some of the answers may require a bit of research, all of them will be attainable through the Muskies Inc. website or other related material.

Not one person submitted an answer to last month's question, "In 1991, the Silver Anniversary of Muskies, Inc., 9 Twin Cities chapter members were inducted in the National Hall of Fame. Six of these members have also received the Twin Cities chapter Muskie Award. Name the three members who have not received the Muskie Award."

You can still answer the question and become eligible for the monthly give-away. We are keeping the same question for June. Figure out the answer by going to the Muskies Inc. and Twin Cities chapter web sites and submit your answer by EMAIL to [tcmi.fbcontest@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.fbcontest@gmail.com). Please DO NOT post or share your answers in the comment section on Facebook. This will keep the correct answers to a minimum while increasing your chance of winning the giveaway prize.

## Local June Muskie Tournaments

Just as the season starts, there are two opportunities to show your muskie fishing prowess. Or, maybe just go out and 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 13**

The Metro Muskie Tournament gives you a choice of over 20 metro-area waters to fish. Entries will be available after May 15 at Gander Mountain in Blaine, Thorne Bros. or Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle through Friday, June 12. A printable form to mail in by June 4 can be found on the tournament site: [www.metromuskietournament.com](http://www.metromuskietournament.com). Entry fee 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 20-21**

North metro's annual tournament, the June Jam, is held on seven muskie lakes in Polk County, Wisconsin – Bone, Cedar, Deer, Round, Wapogasset, Blake and the Apple River Flowage – with a full day of fishing 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. You can find a registration form and June Jam information at the North metro website: [www.nmmuskies.com](http://www.nmmuskies.com). Or contact tournament director Steve Wernersbach at [june-jam@nmmuskies.com](mailto:june-jam@nmmuskies.com).

## Sign Up Now to Participate in the Chapter's Summer Fishing League

The first outing for the chapter's Summer Fishing League is fast-approaching. We are hoping to gain more participation this year by adding incentives.

A fishing rod donated by DH Custom Rods will be given away by a drawing for participation. For every event you fish you will get a ticket in the drawing. If you fish all ten events, you will earn ten chances. If you only fish seven events, you will only get seven tickets in the drawing.

You can also choose to participate for cash prizes in addition to the Summer League traveling trophy. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers who have signed up for them. A \$50 donation for the season to the chapter stocking and rearing fund is required to be eligible to receive one of the cash prizes. You do not have to fish all events but logic says the more you fish the better your chances.

Your donation must be made prior to the event you intend to fish for points to count toward the cash incentives. You can sign up for the cash prize incentive at our website: [twincitiesmuskies.org](http://twincitiesmuskies.org). Click on Summer League and then Donate... You may also pay either Summer

League chair Greg Kappes or Stocking and Rearing chair John Newman directly. Or, mail a check made out to Muskies Inc. to Greg at 4948 Vinehill Rd, Excelsior, MN 55331.

Please let Greg know by email at [tcmi.FishingLeague@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.FishingLeague@gmail.com) when you participate in any of the events so you are entered in the rod drawing.

Muskies must be caught during the posted hours to be entered. A picture of the fish on a board and a picture of you holding the fish must be submitted by email to [tcmi.FishingLeague@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.FishingLeague@gmail.com).

Only fish over 36 inches will earn points. Fish are measured to the nearest half inch and must be over for credit. Scoring is the standard Muskies Inc. method, a 36 inch fish is 10 points, a 38 inch fish would be 12 points and a 42-1/2 inch fish would be 16-1/2 points. Points are accumulated throughout the season. No cheating will be tolerated. Any cheating reported may result in disqualification.

You must be a current member of Muskies Inc. Twin Cities chapter. If you have questions please call Greg at 612-750-4641 or email him at [tcmi.FishingLeague@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.FishingLeague@gmail.com).



## Muskies Inc Celebrates 50 Years

Muskies Inc. will be 50 years old in 2016. A 50 year Anniversary Banquet is planned for March 12, 2016 as part of the celebration. Muskies Inc. members from throughout the country are expected to attend.

Muskies Inc. by-laws require that, as the founding chapter, we host the Annual Meeting of the national Board of Directors every 5 years. The 50th Anniversary Banquet will be held in conjunction with the 2016 annual meeting as well as a 3-day scientific symposium on muskellunge. The North Metro chapter has agreed to help host the banquet.

An event the size of the banquet will take many volunteers to make it happen. Currently there is a 6-person oversight committee in place with members from each of the chapters taking part. As plans are developed, they will be asking for help with the planning and for volunteers the day of the event.

Volunteers are needed to help with planning the dinner, sponsorship and donations, games/silent auction/raffles, merchandise sales, media/advertising. If you would be willing to work on a planning committee for the 50th Anniversary please contact Eric Schultz at [tcmi.president@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.president@gmail.com).

### 2015 Chapter Summer Fishing League Schedule

DATE	DAY	LAKE	TIME
June 7	Sunday	Forest Lake or Capable Partners	6:00 am - 12:00 pm
June 18	Thursday	Lake Independence	5:00 pm - 9:30 pm
June 28	Sunday	Lake Harriet/Calhoun	6:00 am - 12:00 pm
July 9 (may change to July 14)	Thursday	Bald Eagle/White Bear Lake Mini-challenge with North Metro	5:00 pm - 9:30 pm
July 23	Thursday	Lake Minnetonka	5:00 pm - 9:30 pm
August 2	Sunday	Lake Waconia	6:00 am - 12:00 pm
August 13	Thursday	Lake Independence	5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
September 17	Thursday	Lake Minnetonka	5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
September 26	Saturday	George Wahl Tournament (any lake in tournament)	
October 11	Sunday	Eagle Lake	7:00 am - 12:00 pm

## 2015 Veteran's Home Fishing Opener

The 27th Annual Veterans Home Opener was May 2, 2015 at the Minneapolis Veteran's Home. The Twin Cities Chapter annually co-sponsors this event with several VFW, American Legion, and AmVets Posts. This year we also had help from the Horwitz Giving Committee from Horwitz-NSI. This organization and staff generously donated money, parboiled potatoes, and worked wherever they were needed.

A trout pond stocked with hundreds of hungry trout was erected outside the Veteran's Home. Residents and their families had the opportunity to go fishing and enjoy a "shore lunch" of fresh-caught trout, fried potatoes, beans and all the fixins.

Volunteers from our chapter arrived early to help the residents catch fish, clean the fish, chop the potatoes and prepare and serve the meal. Over 100 pounds of potatoes and onions were fried up and over thirty gallons of baked beans were consumed.

As the veterans and their families or caregivers came out to the pond, they were given a commemorative hat. For many, the hat is symbolic of a younger, healthier time for them. Others prefer to keep wearing their military hats to show their pride in their service. They usually ask for a hat, though to wear later.

The residents really look forward to this annual fishing event. Our members talk to the vets, but more importantly, they listen to them. In fact, there are no limits they will go to make this a successful experience for the vets.

Each year is very emotional, as we are losing many WWII vets every day, and the vets we know diminish in numbers and capacity each year. We do look forward to subsequent years of serving those who have served us.

It was a great day and we served about 500 meals. Many thanks go to Vet's Home Opener chair Troy Zeulzke who worked with the staff at Veteran's Home to produce a spectacular event.

As Muskies Inc. National President Carl Phillips stated, "this is the finest thing we do all year".



Every vet will be given a framed picture of them either with their fish or getting a hat. Doug Malsom and a group of vets from our chapter will present the pictures to the vets.



Larry is a Vietnam vet who always arrives early to fish. He was very excited about catching four fish.



Carol and Dennis Heath continuously cleaned trout for over four hours. They have contributed for years to this event by cleaning of the fish.



Nicole Archbold, Senior Policy Aide for Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, and Inspector Mike Sullivan from the Minneapolis Police Department were among the attendees.





## Red Wing Lodge Outing in August

Join members of our chapter and the North Metro chapter this summer on the annual outing to Red Wing Lodge on Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods. Dates: August 8-15, 2015.

Red Wing Lodge offers a resort base that has been family owned and operated for more than 50 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.

The cost per person in house-keeping cabins will be \$350 (US Funds) for 2015, just \$50.00 per day for big-time Canadian muskie fishing. Included in the full value of the 2015 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, a free daily bag of ice, and door prizes.

Reservations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit, made out to Red Wing Lodge. Deposits officially confirm reservation holds. They are on a first come, first served basis. To make reservations, or any questions or suggestions for improving the trip, contact:

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For answers to detailed questions regarding the Lodge, e.g., about the cabins, you are invited to call the Bartletts toll free at 1-888-488-5601.



## 2015 High School Tournament Qualifier

The Twin Cities chapter of Muskies Inc. is hosting a qualifier event Friday, June 12 on Lake Minnetonka for the 2015 Minnesota State High School Muskie Tournament. Area students, age 16-18, are invited to participate. There is no entry fee. The top two teams from this event will qualify to participate in the 6th annual MN State High School Muskie Tournament on Friday, June 26 on Lake Vermillion. Schools are limited to two 2-student teams. Registration is being coordinated by each school's administration office. If you are interested in participating or need additional information, you or your school administration office can contact Terry Schar at 612-865-4200 or [tcmi.hsqual@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.hsqual@gmail.com).

## Chapter Tournaments

Make plans to participate in both of the chapter's fundraising muskie tournaments this fall. Tournament dates are:

**Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament:**  
September 11-12-13, 2015

**George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament:**  
September 26, 2015

## Hennepin County AIS Volunteers Needed

The Hennepin County AIS Program is looking for AIS Detection volunteers. Help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in Hennepin County by becoming an AIS detection volunteer. They are looking for volunteers who already spend time on or near lakes in Hennepin County, including people who fish, boat, live by or walk near lakes.

Volunteers must take a training course. The training will prepare them to look for signs of AIS. Volunteers will learn how to look for signs of AIS focusing on early detection of AIS where management options may still be available.

Once volunteers have completed training, they commit to contributing 15 hours during May through November monitoring for signs of AIS in their daily activities.

The training course will be held:

June 30, 2015

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