

On the Water



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MUSKIE FISHING IN APRIL. For a number of years several members of the Twin Cities chapter have made the two-hour trek to Clear Lake, Iowa for a one-day tournament hosted by the Heartland chapter of Muskies Inc. Matt Olson placed second in the tournament with two fish, this 39-incher and a 31-incher. His partner John Newman boated a 36-incher and Doug Malsom had 33-incher. The Heartland chapter tournament is a nice way to start the season muskie fishing without having to drive a long distance. The tournament is typically held the last weekend of April. Congratulations, Matt!

Veteran's Home Fishing Opener

Don't forget the Fishing Opener for the residents of the Minneapolis Veteran's Home on Saturday, May 2. Our chapter along with several VFW, American Legion, and AmVets posts have sponsored the fishing opener for over 20 years at the Minnesota Veteran's Home.

Residents will be able to fish for trout from a large, well-stocked pond and enjoy a "shore lunch" of fresh-caught trout, potatoes and beans.

Everyone who can should take some time Saturday morning and come out. Volunteers are needed to help residents with the fishing, cleaning of fish, cooking, serving, and generally making this a fun event. Last year we served many hundreds of meals to residents and caregivers alike. It takes a lot of people to make this happen for the residents.

Please be at the Veterans Home (near Minnehaha Falls, use park entrance off the Parkway at 46th Ave.) around 7 am.

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

6:30 to 9 p.m.

Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol

4141 Shoreline Dr.

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Apply to volunteer at:

<http://www.hennepin.us/business/work-with-henn-co/aquatic-invasive-species#ais-detection-volunteers>

From Our President

Wow, what a month! April seemed to fly by with banquets, shows, and more shows. I hope everyone had a chance to pick up their next new lure or other "must have" item that will improve your upcoming fishing season.

I would like to give a big thank you to everyone that helped staff George's Tackle Box, the kids tackle clinic at the Minnesota Muskie Expo. What a great job! I would especially like to give extra thanks to Dave and Linda Knudson for all the hard work they put in.

April's general meeting had an excellent speaker in Luke Ronnestrand. He did a great job of sharing with us what he has been doing to keep catching muskies when others aren't doing so well. If you weren't able to attend, I'm sorry that you missed it. You will just have to make sure to come to the next meeting to get some more useful information!

Back to the banquets and shows – Welcome to all of the new members that signed up at one of our many March or April events. I would like to extend a personal invitation to all to join us at one of our monthly general meetings, at the July on the water fishing (in lieu of a meeting at the KOC Hall) or at our summer picnic August 11th at the Veterans Park Pavilion in Richfield.

Get ready! Muskie season starts with border waters opener on May 23rd. Gather your gear and make sure you get a chance to enjoy this wonderful resource!

See you on the water –

ERIC SCHULTZ

Facebook Trivia Contest

During the first week of every month there will be a trivia question posted on our Twin Cities Muskies Inc. Facebook page that has 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.



In order to submit your answers to the trivia questions, we ask that you send an EMAIL to the following address: 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.

The first question to this contest will be posted during the first week of May 2015. Once posted, submissions will need to be emailed (see email above) by the last day of the present month. Once the deadline has passed, we will pool together all the correct submissions, and draw the name of one lucky winner. This winner will be contacted by email before the new question is posted for the next month.

Each month's selected winner will receive a Twin Cities Muskies Inc. giveaway at our next chapter meeting. Arrangements can be made if they cannot attend the meeting.

Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration is June 19

The seventh annual Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration on Friday, June 19 is a collaborative effort with Fishing for Life and the Twin Cities chapter of Muskies Inc. This event is exclusively for military personnel and their families. They will be taken out for a morning of multi-species fishing on Lake Minnetonka. The event will take place at City Park in Mound.

We are looking for volunteers from our chapter to guide military families and safely bring everyone back to the dock. 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 will be an awards ceremony with trophies and medals for youth participants. The event ends around 1 pm.

In the past, there were more guides from the bass organizations than there were from Muskies Inc. who is a sponsor of the event. So please think about taking a morning to guide these kids and their family members.

The Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration will take place rain or shine. It will only be cancelled if there is lightning or torrential rain. We hope to see more Muskies Inc. guides out there on the lake than those from other organizations.

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

Muskies Inc. Commemorative Lures



Rory Potter from the Bemidji/Cass Lake chapter of Muskies Inc. created this display case for our chapter's collection of Muskies Inc. Commemorative Lures. If other chapters would like to purchase a similar case to display their lures, they should contact Rory at the Bemidji/Cass Lake chapter. Rory also builds the displays we use as plaques for the Frank Schneider and the George Wahl Memorial Muskies tournaments.

For ten years, from 2003 to 2012, the Muskies Inc. national organization worked out an arrangement with various lure manufacturers to produce a limited number of a specific lure each year. The lures were marked with the specific year and numbered.

The commemorative lures were sold to member chapters and individual members as a fundraiser for the national organization. Chapters had the first option of purchasing the lures with their chapter numbers.

The Twin Cities chapter purchased lure #1 of the series each year. Once the program was stopped, we needed to decide what to do with the lures that we had collected. The chapter's Board of Directors felt the collection should be attractively displayed for historical reasons and to help educate the general public. Rory Potter from the Bemidji/Cass Lake chapter, who creates the displays used as plaques at our two tournaments, was contacted and asked to make a display case for the lures.

Rory delivered the new display at the recent Muskie Expo. We will display these lures at shows and banquets in the future. The Board would like to thank Rory for his exceptional work.

Early-Season Muskie Tournaments

Just as the season starts, there are two 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 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. 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. Or contact tournament director Steve Wernersbach at junejam@nmmuskies.com.

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:

John van Ingen, (651) 699-5172, maxjo@mac.com, 2108 Palace Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105 or

Pat Miller, (651) 429-1629, donnapatmiller@gmail.com, 1645 Ridgewood Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110

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.



Capable Partner Karl Anderson's just under 40 inch muskie was one of three muskies boated by Capable Partners at last year's event. Karl has been fishing at this event for over 10 years with Wayne Klemz serving as his guide.

Outing with Capable Partners

Share your love for the pursuit of muskies with a fellow outdoorsman. Join us 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.

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

from Greg Kappes, Summer Fishing League Chair

We are hoping to gain more participation in the chapter fishing league this year by adding some incentives. There will be cash prizes for the top three finishers. A \$50 donation to the chapter stocking and rearing fund is required to be eligible to receive one of the cash prizes. Your donation must be made prior to the event you intend to fish for points to be awarded. You do not have to fish all events but logic says the more you fish the better your chances.

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.

Only muskies caught during the posted hours can 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.

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



In addition to fishing for cash prizes this year, the winner of the Summer Fishing League will take home the traveling trophy to keep for a year. Greg Kappes (this year's League chair) was last year's Summer Fishing League winner.

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. You may pay Greg in cash or send a check to: 4948 Vinehill Rd, Excelsior, MN 55331. If you have questions please call Greg at 612-750-4641 or email him at tcmi.FishingLeague@gmail.com.

2015 Chapter Summer Fishing League Schedule

DATE	DAY	LAKE	TIME
June 7	Sunday	Forest Lake/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 7	Tuesday	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 10	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



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.

2015 Sportsman's Banquet

A big thank you to Eric Bakke and Jon Meyer who spent countless Monday evenings at the start of the year contacting sponsors and making plans for the recent Sportsman's Banquet. As a result of their efforts we are on track to add over \$10,000 to the chapter's general funds that can be used for stocking. We want to thank the manufacturers, retailers, resorts and guides who generously made donations that made the Sportsman's Banquet a success.

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Bob last visited Twin Cities chapter in May of 2009. How time flies. Bob is a great speaker - we hope we get a good turnout.

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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