

# On the Water



*Vince Trotta was surprised at the recent Muskies, Inc. Anniversary Celebration Banquet with the chapter's Muskie Award. He received a muskie wall sculpture to commemorate the occasion.*

## Vince Trotta Honored with Chapter Muskie Award

The Muskie Award is presented by our chapter each year to a member who has given of their time and talents to the chapter and/or Muskies, Inc.

The first Muskie Award was presented in 1974 to Muskies Inc. founder, Gil Hamm. The Twin Cities chapter has continued to present this award ever since. Vince Trotta was awarded this year's Muskie Award. It was presented to him at the recent Muskies, Inc. 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet.

Vince has been a member of our chapter since 1990 and served on the Board of Directors. He was part of the group that established the History and Archives committee for national Muskies Inc. in 2006. The committee collected and organized available Muskies Inc. historical documents and artifacts. The collection includes the Gil Hamm family scrapbook, thousands of pictures and videos, Muskies, Inc. correspondence and advertisements, Gil Hamm's fishing rods; Muskies, Inc. financial records, historic lure and equipment collections as well as copies of the Muskies, Inc. Newsletter/Muskie magazines. For 10 years the Muskies Inc. archives was stored at this house.

He assisted in researching, preparing displays, locating and inviting founding members, and preparing speeches for Muskies, Inc. 40th Anniversary celebration. Vince has served as photographer, along with Juris Ozols, for Twin Cities chapter activities. The many, many photos are digitally stored in the archives.

## George's Minnesota Muskie Expo April 8, 9, 10

Don't miss George's Minnesota Muskie Expo April 8-10 at Ganglehoff Center, Concordia University in St. Paul. The Expo was founded over 20 years ago by George Wahl, inventor and manufacturer of the Eagle Tail lure. 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.

A large "Kids Midway" area with games and prizes for kids is provided by Fishing for Life. At George's Tackle Box, kids can make their own lures and take them home.

Seminars this year feature a Minnesota Guide Panel, Jim Saric, Luke Ronnestrand on Friday; Josh Stevenson, Johnny Dadson, Gregg Thomas and a seminar on Fly Fishing for Muskies on Saturday; and a Bait Makers Panel, Jeff Anderson/John Hoyer, 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. Entry to the Expo is the same as it was when the Expo first started. Adult entry is \$10 per day, a three-day pass is \$17. Expo information can be found online at: [mnmuskieexpo.com](http://mnmuskieexpo.com).

## From Our President

*It's April, spring is in the air and it's show season! Come see us at the Northwest Sport Show, Booth 750, March 30 – April 3 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.*

*This is followed by George's Minnesota Muskie Expo April 8, 9, and 10 at the Ganglehoff Center, Concordia University. Help is needed at our booth and at George's Tackle shop helping kids make lures.*

*Muskies, Inc. celebrated 50 years this year. We had a fun-filled celebration banquet on March 12. I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in putting on this great event. A special thanks goes to the North Metro Chapter who co-hosted with us.*

*At the banquet, Vince Trotta was awarded our chapter's Muskie Award in recognition of his years of dedication and service to Muskies Inc. Congratulations, Vince, on an award well-deserved.*

*With 50 years behind us, looking forward to the next half century, we have battles that still need to be fought. Some Minnesota legislators are pushing a bill to stop Muskie stocking in new waters. Please contact your State Senators and Representatives to urge them to vote against this legislation – everyone's voice is important!*

*Remember this as you walk through the many aisles of new Muskie gear (like a kid in candy store) at the Expo. It is people's passion for this fish, and the dedication to preserving and improving the fishing waters that keep the sport alive. This legislation could prevent our children and grandchildren from having these same opportunities.*

*Your President, ERIC SCHULTZ*



## Veteran's Home Fishing Opener

Residents of the Minneapolis Veteran's Home will be treated to a Fishing Opener on Saturday, May 7. 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.

A large, well-stocked trout pond will be set up in the yard at the home and residents will be able to come down to the pond and spend the morning fishing for the trout. Volunteers will prepare a "shore lunch" of fresh-caught trout, potatoes and beans and serve to the veterans.

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 come out and get some fishing in. Many of them are lined up waiting bright and early in the morning.

The fishing opener event has been recognized for being one of the best volunteer events at Veterans Homes all over the country. Everyone who can should take some time Saturday morning and come out.

Volunteers are needed to help residents with the fishing, cleaning the fish, cooking and serving the meal, and generally making this a fun event. Last year we served many hundreds of meals to residents and their families and caregivers. It takes a lot of people to make this happen for the residents.

Volunteers need to be at the Minneapolis Veterans Home around 7 am. The home is near Minnehaha Falls – use park entrance off Minnehaha Parkway at 46th Ave.

If you can bring 10 pounds of boiled potatoes with you, please contact the event organizer, Troy Zuelzke at [tzuelzke@yahoo.com](mailto:tzuelzke@yahoo.com) and let him know you can help in that way. Otherwise, he will be boiling potatoes galore the night before.

## Volunteer at George's Tackle Shop

George's Tackle shop is an area in the Muskie Expo where kids are able to create their own muskie lure and take it home with them. Linda and Dave Knutson, along with many volunteers, have manned this for the past few Expos. It's a busy place and they cannot do it alone. If you would be willing to help the kids put together their lures (all instruction provided to you), please contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 or Dave Knutson at 651-455-9755 or 651-328-4622.

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

from Greg Kappes, Summer Fishing League Chair

Summer Fishing league starts Sunday, June 5 at Forest Lake. The chapter's Fishing League will use the same rules as last year. Points are awarded for fish caught and are accumulated through the season. Minimum size to qualify is 36". A 36" fish is 10 points. Fish are measured to the nearest half inch but you must be over, so a 42½" earns 16½ points.

Participants can choose to participate for cash prizes. The top two point-getters will be paid out. If we have over 15 participants three places will be paid. 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 can pay me or go to the chapter website: [twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://twincitiesmuskiesinc.org) and click on Fishing League and make your donation there. If you have any questions call Greg Kappes at 612 750 4641.

### 2016 Chapter Summer Fishing League Tentative Schedule

DATE	DAY	LAKE	TIME
June 5	Sunday	Forest Lake	6:00 am - 12:00 noon
June 16	Thursday	Waconia	5:00 pm - 9:30 pm
June 28	Tuesday	White Bear/Bald Eagle Mini Challenge with North Metro	5:00 pm - 9:30 pm
July 14	Thursday	Minnnetonka	5:00 pm - 9:30 pm
August 7	Sunday	Harriet/Calhoun	6:00 am - 12:00 noon
August 21	Sunday	Minnnetonka	6:00 am - 12:00 noon
September 8	Thursday	White Bear	5:00 pm - 9:30 pm
September 24	Saturday	George Wahl Tournament	
October 2	Sunday	Independence	7:00 am - 1:00 pm
October 16	Sunday	Eagle	7:00 am - 1:00 pm

## College Student Looking for Fishing League Partner

Chris Goodnow, a local college student who recently joined our chapter, is looking for a chapter member(s) interested in fishing Summer Fishing League outings with him. Contact Chris at [cgoodnow14@gmail.com](mailto:cgoodnow14@gmail.com) if you are interested in fishing with him.

Chris also wanted to pass along information about a recently formed College Muskie and Walleye League. The program is new this year and includes about 10 (or maybe more now) schools with teams for each division. They will be fishing in tournaments most weekends this summer.

If there are other members who are college students and interested in participating, they can contact Chris and/or check the following links:

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

[www.muskyhunter.com/musky-matters/college-muskywalleye-league-launched/](http://www.muskyhunter.com/musky-matters/college-muskywalleye-league-launched/)



## Win Two Weeks at Red Wing Lodge

The Bartlett family of Red Wing Lodge on Lake of the Woods is sponsoring a fundraiser drawing for chapter member Terrie DuBe who has inoperable cancer. Terrie is well-known in the muskie-fishing world, having served as Muskies, Inc. national secretary for over seven years, participating in the PMTT on the only all-female team, and guiding on Leech Lake. She was an active member of our chapter and moved to the Leech Lake area several years ago.

The winner of the drawing will get a two week stay for up to four people in a two bedroom housekeeping cabin at Red Wing Lodge. You can stay two weeks in a row, split into two trips, or take over two years. Trips include free boat ramp, free dockage, and Canadian conservation fishing licenses. The winner must attend the trip. It is not transferable.

Donations – a chance in the drawing – are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. 100% of all donations will go to directly to Terrie to offset her medical expenses. Send checks made out to Terrie DuBe with your name, email address, home address and phone number to Terrie DuBe, c/o Red Wing Lodge, Box 1008, Baudette, MN 56623. The winner of the fundraiser drawing will be drawn at the 2016 Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge at Red Wing Lodge on August 26, 2016.

Any and all donations are appreciated. The Bartletts ask that you encourage your friends to participate. Information about Red Wing Lodge can be found at [www.redwinglodge.net](http://www.redwinglodge.net).

## **Spring Fever!**

**S**pring events will be happening this month at our favorite stores.

### **Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle Open House – April 16, 10-8, Oakdale Location**

Talk with professional guides, lure makers and tackle distributors. 10-50% off rods, reels, and tackle. Pro-staffers Dick “Griz” Grzywinski, Travis Hultgren, Chad Mitchell-Peterson, Scott King, Matt Gunderman, and host Josh Stevenson will be on-hand. Boats from Skeeter Boat Center will be on display. There will be grilled food from Jordan Meats & Deli. From 4-8 pm, TC Cats will be playing music featuring rock ‘n roll from the 50s and 60s.

### **Joe’s Sporting Goods Fish Fest – April 18-24**

The week features seminars Monday through Friday at 6 pm each night. Mike Keyes is kicking off the seminars Monday, April 20 with a seminar on Muskie Windows. Seminars are also scheduled Saturday at 11 am and 2 pm. The Fish Fest Weekend Sale is April 23 and 24. All things fishing, camping, clothing and footwear will be on sale.

### **Thorne Bros. Annual Spring Sale – April 15-17**

Everything in the store will be on sale. Saturday will feature a tent with factory reps and other displays. Shimano factory reps will be available to clean and lube one reel. A trout pond will be set up for the kids. Seminars scheduled on Saturday are Ryan McMahon at 11 am and a Muskie Panel – Luke Ronnestrand, Matt Seifert, Ty Sennet, Dan Altman – at 3 pm. Sunday at noon will be Thorne Bros. pro-staffers Jack Gavin and Eric Klaers with a “How to” seminar.

## **Volunteer to Be at the Expo**

**T**he Twin Cities chapter will again have a booth at the Muskie Expo April 8, 9 and 10. We need members to volunteer to help man the booth. We are asking everyone to sign up for a two-hour time period. A two-hour time period allows you plenty of time to see the Expo yourself plus help the chapter.

Contact Brad Coyne at 763-412-6697 to sign up. If you sign up to work, please put in your time. In past years, Brad has encountered workers who come to the booth, dump their jackets, and wander off to see the expo. Often the most time away from the booth that off Brad gets is 15 minutes a few times during the day.

## **Chapter Youth Mentoring Program**

**T**he Twin Cities chapter is in the process of drafting a new youth program to get young people interested in muskie fishing and hopefully help develop the next generation of members to carry on the Muskie, Inc. vision. The mentor program will identify club members and pair them with area youths that have little or no opportunity to learn and pursue muskie fishing. Initially, MI members will serve as mentors to not only pass along a general knowledge of muskies and how to fish for them, but also to provide proper handling methods to insure that muskies have the best opportunity to survive when released. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or learning more about the program, please contact Terry Schar at 612-865-4200 or twschar@yahoo.com.

## **April Muskie Fishing Opportunity**

**J**oin Twin Cities chapter members who make the trek to Clear Lake, Iowa every year for a day of April muskie fishing. The Heartland chapter’s annual Spring Tune Up will be held Saturday, April 30 this year. Tournament entry is \$50 per person for Muskies, Inc. members and includes a pizza meal after the day of fishing.

Participating in the Spring Tune Up has become a yearly tradition for a number of our chapter members. Matt Olson came in second place last year. Getting to Clear Lake takes under 2 hours from the cities. If you would like to join them, contact Denise Olson, olsonat3pete@gmail.com and she can email you information and entry forms.

## **Amazon Peacock Bass Fishing**

**A** peacock bass is generally considered to be the world’s best freshwater fighting fish. Here’s your chance to find out (and compare it to the last 50” muskie you caught). A peacock bass fishing trip to the Amazon River, deep in the heart of the Brazilian rain forest, is being organized by former Twin Cities Chapter member Bob Junghans. The adventure, which will take place January 7-14, 2017, will be outfitted by River Plate Anglers out of Manaus, Brazil.

The trip includes 7 days of guided fishing on areas of the Amazon and its tributaries that are exclusively licensed to River Plate Anglers. Lodging is in floating, double-occupancy, air conditioned and wi-fi connected cabins, that are moved multiple times during the trip to assure fishing unpressured water. One night’s lodging in Manaus, Brazil, and all meals are included. Cost of the trip is \$5,595.00 per angler. Travel from the U.S. to Manaus, tips for guides and staff (est. \$350.00) and cost related to additional time spent in travel are not included.

Four slots are still remain available. For more information contact Bob Junghans at (612) 812-6060 or bobjung305@gmail.com.



## **Muskies, Inc. Celebrates Its First 50 Years**

**M**uskies, Inc. members and friends from around the country came together Saturday, March 12 to celebrate our first fifty years.

Muskies Inc. memorabilia and pieces of our history were on display all day. Attendees at the banquet were welcomed by Muskies, Inc. president Carl Phillips and heard about the Muskies, Inc. Hall of Fame, records in the Lunge Log and Muskies, Inc. youth projects. Games, raffles, and a silent auction were all part of the evening.

The banquet was scheduled in conjunction with the Muskies, Inc. annual spring board meeting held during the day, and the 2016 Hugh C. Becker Muskie Symposium held March 13-15.

Our chapter and the North Metro chapter worked together to host the banquet. Thank you to all the volunteers from both chapters who worked so hard to make this event happen.



## **High School Tournament Qualifier**

**T**his year's Twin Cities chapter qualifier for the State High School Muskie Tournament will be held on Friday, June 10 on Lake Minnetonka (sun-up until noon). Area students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in the event. New this year, each school may register an unlimited number of teams (2 students per team). The top two teams from this qualifier will participate in the State High School Muskie Tournament being held Friday, June 24 on Lake Vermillion. Doug Malsom and Greg Ide have volunteered to help as "Judge Boats" for the June 12 qualifier. If anyone else is interested in helping, please contact Terry Schar at 612-865-4200 or [twschar@yahoo.com](mailto:twschar@yahoo.com). You can also contact Terry at the monthly chapter meeting or Board of Directors meeting.

If members know of an area student who is interested in participating in the High School Muskie Tournament, they should have the student check with their high school principal or administrative office for additional information. They can also contact Terry Schar using the above contact information if the high school does not have tournament information.

## **Facebook Trivia Contest**



**A**nswer the monthly trivia question on the Twin Cities Muskies, Inc. Facebook page and be entered in the drawing for a

give away. Every month a new question is posted. Answers can be found by searching through the Muskies, Inc. website and Lunge Log! Submit your answers to [tcmi.fbcontest@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.fbcontest@gmail.com). Our Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Twin-Cities-Muskies-Inc-121519154541005/?ref=hl>

Good luck!

## Join the Outing at Red Wing Lodge and Take Advantage of Big Fish Opportunity

**B**ig fish opportunity is awaiting you at Red Wing Lodge on Lake of the Woods, Canada. The annual Muskie 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.

Make your reservation for the annual August Muskie Inc. outing to Red Wing Lodge. This Big Fish opportunity has been provided for years by the cooperative support of Mike and Anne Bartlett of Red Wing Lodge and our two local Muskie Inc. chapters.

Dates for this year's outing: 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. 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. Reservations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit, made out to Red Wing Lodge. Deposits officially confirm reservation holds. First come, first served.

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To make reservations, or any questions or suggestions for improving the trip, contact: John van Ingen, (651) 699-5172 or [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.

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