

On the Water



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Don't Miss a Chance to Win \$15,000 at the Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament

from Eric Bakke, Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament Director

The Grand Prize for our chapter's Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament is \$15,000 cash. Every contestant, adult or junior, who registers a muskie will be entered into the grand prize drawing held at the Awards Program on Sunday, September 11 at Northern Lights Casino Event Center.

Our chapter will be hosting the Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament this year for the 49th time, September 9, 10, and 11, on over 20 lakes from Bemidji to Longville in northern Minnesota. Started by Gil Hamm in 1967 as a competitive chapter get-together, the chapter's flagship event has kept the get-together feel while turning into an event that rivals all others in the world of muskies.

Over the 49 years, the tournament has continued to offer our participants a platform for an annual trip with friends and family to pursue this spectacular fish. Many participants have fished with the same partner or stayed at the same resort for years on end. There are endless stories from tournament anglers of a tradition that was started as a father/son team, that now is a multi-generational pilgrimage. And I'm not just talking about boys! There are many women and girls that participate every year, who consistently put fish in the drawing for the grand prize.

The Frank Schneider tournament spans a three-day period, with 28 hours of fishing available to catch and register a muskie over 40 inches. At the end



Larry Turner was the lucky Grand Prize Winner of \$15,000 at the 2015 Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament.

of tournament hours on Friday and Saturday, four registration stations spread across the tournament area will be open for participants to register their fish, have some food or beverages, enter raffles for great prizes, and talk to other participants about what was going on out on the water during the day. All good reasons worthy of a stop after a long day on the water, whether you were fortunate enough to register a fish or not.

Awards and Prizes

After the completion of the tournament on Sunday, the Awards Program brings participants all together and really provides everyone with a great time to reflect on the past three days. All participants can enjoy a hot and ready meal. Before the program begins there will be vendors and sponsors to chat with as well as drawings for door prizes and many bucket raffles with great merchandise, resort stays and guide trips.

Prizes will be awarded for the top ten winners, top three juniors and top northern. Hopefully, there will be a fish story from each of the winners. Winners will each receive rods and reels from Abu Garcia. First place winner will also receive a week stay at Red Wing Lodge on Lake of the Woods.

There also will be various bonuses including an Abu Garcia Bonus, a Woman's Bonus, new this year - a Fly Fishing Bonus, and a \$50 Thorne Bros. gift card for every 50-inch fish, and more.

The great thing about the Awards Program is that you don't have to catch a fish to win something! In addition to the door prizes given away before the program, there is a prize from Temple Fork Outfitters for those who show up that didn't catch a fish, a drawing for Muskies, Inc. members only, prizes as well as for the youngest and oldest participants, and raffles for US and Canadian resort stays, guide trips, fishing tackle and many bucket raffles.

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You can pre-register for the Frank Schneider tournament in person through Labor Day at the Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle in Oakdale, Joe's Sporting Goods and Thorne Bros. in the Twin Cities, or at Reed's in Walker and One Stop in Longville.

You can register online at the website: www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org until the day before the event, though after September 1 choice of pick up locations become limited.

Before Labor Day entry for the tournament is \$100 for adult contestants, \$30 for juniors and \$175 for a family package (2 adults/2 juniors or 1 adult/3 juniors). Labor Day the entry goes up to \$120 for adults, \$40 for juniors and \$200 for a family package.

For those who are unable to get off work or school on Friday, there is a two-day Saturday/Sunday option. Entry is \$80 for adults (\$90 Labor Day), \$25 for juniors (\$35 Labor Day) and \$150 for a family package (\$175 Labor Day). You must register on-line at the website to take advantage of the 2-day option.

Join in the Fun

Our chapter has been holding tournaments like this as a way to support our stocking and other chapter activities and events since its inception. The Frank Schneider tournament is the chapter's main fundraiser. Over the years, participation from our own members has dropped off even though they are the main beneficiary of the event.

Let's change that! Get your friends or family together and make plans to spend a weekend fishing and doing some good for the chapter and the muskie fishery.

Please contact me, Eric Bakke, at tcmi.fstourneydirector@gmail.com or 612-202-7169 for more information or to volunteer.

Hope to see you there!

Chapter Summer Fishing League

from Greg Kappes, Summer Fishing League Chair

The Summer Fishing League is intended as a fun outing with other chapter members. As an incentive, anglers can participate in the league for cash prizes if they choose. Cash will be paid out to the top two participants.

Every chapter member is welcome to come out for the league outings, participating for cash is not a requirement. A \$50 donation to the chapter stocking and rearing fund is required if you choose to participate for the cash prizes. Your \$50 donation can be mailed to: Greg Kappes, 4948 Vinehill Road, Deephaven, MN 55331. Or go to twincitiesmuskiesinc.org. Click on Fishing League and follow the prompts to make your donation.

Matt Olson is still leading the league with 19 points for the only fish caught during league events.

Events are cancelled if water temperatures are too high. It is very possible that the event scheduled for August 7 may be cancelled due to high water temperature.

I use the Muskies First website to post updates – under the Muskie Club section of the forum. Please check the forum to see if the event has been cancelled. Use this site if you are looking for a partner or have an open seat in your boat. Questions? Call me at 612-750-4641.

2016 Chapter Summer Fishing League Schedule

DATE	DAY	LAKE	TIME
August 7	Sunday	Harriet/Calhoun	6:00 am - 12:00 noon
August 21	Sunday	Minnetonka	6:00 am - 12:00 noon
September 1	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

Look for Muskies With the Yellow Tag!

The Twin Cities chapter, the North Metro chapter, and the MN DNR have collaborated on a multi-year stocking program of Lake Minnetonka, Bald Eagle Lake and White Bear Lake, leading to some longer-term data collection. The purpose is to determine if it is more effective and efficient to stock yearling muskies or fingerling muskies. From 2008-2012 a total of 5,896 fingerlings and 1,664 yearlings were stocked in those lakes. All stocked fish have a small yellow tag near the dorsal fin.

When fishing those three lakes, you should be looking for fish in 24-45 inch range to have the yellow tags. By this time, the tags may be covered

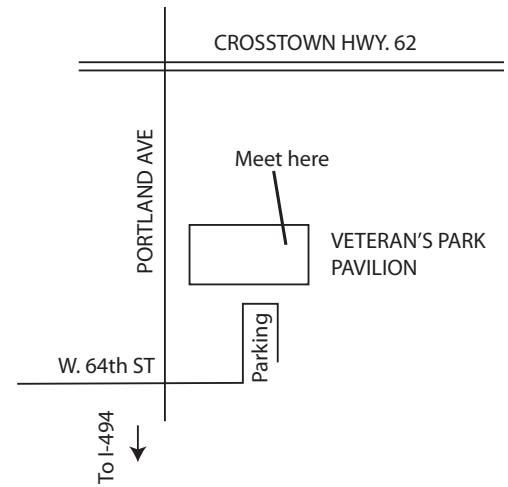
with algae and other material, so look closely. If you see a yellow tag on any muskie, the DNR really needs data from you. Specifically, they need the name of the lake, the number on the yellow tag, and the length of the fish. They would also appreciate your name and phone number in case they need to follow-up. **DO NOT REMOVE THE YELLOW TAG.** It is important that they get data on the re-catchability of fish. You can go online to the DNR tag reporting website page http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/tagged_fish_reporting/index.html or leave a message for BJ Bauer at 952-826-6771.

Annual Summer Picnic August 9

The chapter's August meeting, our annual summer picnic, will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Park pavilion in Richfield. The chapter will provide brats, burgers, buns, beverages and plates and silverware. Please bring a side dish or dessert dish to share.

Veteran's Park has free parking at the pavilion and more parking at the adjacent ice arena/pool. There are hiking trails and a miniature golf course for the kids. So, plan on seeing us there and bring the whole family.

Veteran's Park is conveniently located just 2 blocks south of the Portland Avenue exit off of the 62 Crosstown Highway. Please note that if you are coming from I-494, that Portland is closed due to construction. You will have to take the Nicollet Avenue or 12th Avenue exit off 494 and go south to 66th Street and take that to Portland.



Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest

from Members Only Contest Chair, Casey Friskney

With the second month of our Minnesota muskie season coming to a close, we are in the heavy heat of summer peak. A lot of big developments on the muskie board are starting to pop up. Bucktails and blades have really picked up in production and account for about half of the fish caught in the last month. We still haven't seen any real established topwater bite, and there's been some decent movement in the leader boards. Here are a few highlights:

- Josh Borovsky has now officially set the bar for "Big Fish" with a 56.5-inch Vermillion giant caught on a Beaver Baits lure.
- Nolan Ryba leads the Men's Division and is the overall point leader with 11 registered fish and nearly twice as many points as the next closest contenders.
- Tera Castillo, presently our sole ladies division entrant, burst into the podium race with a busy 4th of July weekend, registering 4 fish, 2 of which were certified Headlock 50s, and presently sits in 3rd place in overall points.

Congrats to all who've boated fish so far, keep catching and registering, but be careful out there with these warmer water temps.

Remember, there are three ways to register your fish:

- Register your fish on-line at the national website. www.muskiesinc.org. You must sign in to the site to register your fish.
- Print out a registration form and mail it to: Casey Friskney, 908 Heritage Crt W, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127.
- Fill out the registration form and email it to Casey Friskney: tcmi.memberonly@gmail.com.

Current standings:

WOMEN'S DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Terra Castillo	89.0	4	54"

MEN'S DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Nolens Ryba	171.0	11	45"
2ND	Mike Dahlstrom	95.0	6	49.5"
3RD	Alexander McLean	67.0	4	46.5"
4TH	Gary I Woods III	51.0	4	43"
5TH	Mike Darley	48.0	2	51"
6TH	Erik Chrissis	45.0	3	47"
7TH	Josh Borovsky	31.0	1	56.5"
8TH	John Harazin	30.0	2	46"
9TH	Stu McIntosh	29.0	1	54.5"
10TH	Sean Forster	19.0	1	45"

MEN'S HYBRID DIVISION

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST	John Harazin	10.0	1	36"
2ND	Jesse Carpentier	7.0	1	33"
3RD	Erik Chrissis	4.0	1	30"

MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Brian Hanson	63	3	51"
1ST	Eric Bakke	18	1	43.5"

LUNKER OF THE MONTH

APRIL - Official - John Harazin - 4/30 - Clear Lake, IA - 46"

MAY - No fish registered 45" or over

JUNE - Unofficial - Josh Borovsky - 6/20 - Vermilion - 56.5"

JULY - Unofficial - Tera Castillo - 7/4 - Minnetonka - 54"

Fundraiser for Terrie DuBe' Win 2 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 served as Muskies, Inc. national secretary for over seven years, participated in the PMTT on the only all-female team, and guides on Leech Lake. She was an active member of our chapter before moving 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.

Facebook Trivia Contest

Answer 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 answer by EMAIL to tcmi.fbcontest@gmail.com. Please DO NOT post or share your answers in the comment section on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Twin-Cities-Muskies-Inc-121519154541005/?ref=hl>

Peacock Bass Fishing on the Amazon River

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 trip, scheduled for 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. Lodging is in floating, double-occupancy, air conditioned, 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 remain. For information contact Bob Junghans at 612-812-6060 or bobjung305@gmail.com.



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