

# On the Water



## Sportsman's Banquet is Back



Our chapter's Sportsman's Banquet will be Saturday, January 21 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. Last year, because our chapter hosted the national Muskies, Inc. 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet, we did not hold our own banquet. But, this year the Sportsman's Banquet is back and better than ever.

You could leave the Sportsman's Banquet with a fishing trip with a noted guide, a resort stay on a US or Canadian muskie lake, a new rod, reel, tackle box or gun, a custom painted one-of-a-kind lure, a print for your walls, or one of the many lures, tackle, storage and outdoor gear that will be featured. Raffle tables valued at more than \$1,000 each, plus cash raffles, games and a "mystery" raffle table will again be found at this year's event.

Dinner and raffle ticket bonus packages are available again this year. With a \$155 platinum package you get \$180 worth of muskie bucks and dinner – a \$215 value. A \$105 gold package includes \$100 worth of muskie bucks and dinner. Muskie bucks are used to purchase tickets for the raffle tables and enter some of the games. Dinner only is \$35. Seating is limited and will go fast, so make your reservations as soon as possible. Last day to make reservations is January 16.

If you purchase one of the bonus packages before January 7, you will be entered in early-bird drawings for an Abu Garcia Beast muskie rod and an Abu Garcia Beast reel. Platinum bonus purchase qualifies you for both drawings and a gold bonus purchase qualifies you for the rod drawing.

Purchase on-line at [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org) with a credit card or PayPal. Go to the Banquet tab, click on "Make your reservations now" and follow the prompts. You may also use the form in this newsletter and mail it in. You will also have able to pay for banquet reservations at the December and January meetings.

And, don't forget to invite your friends. This is a fun night out whether a person is "into" muskie fishing or not.

## Chapter Elections December Meeting

Elections for our chapter's Board of Directors and officers for 2017 will be held at the December 13 meeting. Currently there are 8 board members who are serving two-year terms for this year and 2017. Board members who will serve 2-year terms starting in January for 2017 and 2018 will be elected at this meeting. Up for re-election are Jim Doyle, Casey Friskney, Peter Janik, Pete Kemmer, John Newman, Denise Olson, Eric Schultz, Steve Smythe, and Andy Wayt. Shawn Kellett recently re-joined the Board and will also be up for election at the meeting.

Chapter officers must be members of the Board of Directors. Once the board members have been determined, we will elect our officers for 2017. 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.

Contact 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.

## *From Our President, ERIC SCHULTZ*

*As we all know, not every season is marked with personal successes, as I experienced this year. However, I was able to see some action in my boat.*

*I helped a very excited fisherman catch his first muskie, a beautiful 53-incher on Lake Minnetonka. I also hosted an angler from southwest Oklahoma on his fishing vacation, when he scored his personal best, just under 43 inches. He was ecstatic. It's hard not to share the excitement for those successes.*

*This is what we need to do as muskie fishermen – take others not familiar, out in the boat and help them to see our passion for a sport we cherish.*

*December marks the end of muskie fishing in Minnesota. December 2016 also marks the end of my term as your President of this fine chapter. It's been an honor serving you. I'm also urging you to participate at our December meeting to elect our next board and President.*

*Enjoy your winter, and see you at the banquet.*

## **Nominations For Muskie Award**

The 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 National 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 for 1980.

The Twin Cities chapter made the decision to continue the award for our chapter. Frank Schneider, Jr. was the first recipient in 1980.

Nominations of an individual for the Muskie Award must be submitted in writing. Include the reasons you are nominating that person or 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 Jim at kroupaandsusan@gmail.com. Call Jim at 952-474-5967 if you have questions. Nominations must be in by December 31.

## **Terrie DuBe'**

Long-time chapter member Terrie DuBe' passed away on November 14 after an almost 2-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Many of us remember working with Terrie at the Vet's Home Opener, the Capable Partners outing, or shifts at the chapter booth at the Northwest Sports Show. Or walking clean up on our 2-mile stretch of highway, or seeing her each fall with her waders on to help harvest the muskie fry from the chapter's rearing ponds during the years that the Twin Cities chapter raised muskies for stocking.

Whatever needed doing, Terrie would be first in line to help out. She headed up the chapter's "winter picnic" fundraiser (before we had the Sportsman's Banquet), ran the Frank Schneider tournament for 6 years, and served on our Board of Directors. For seven years Terrie served as administrative secretary for the national Muskies, Inc. organization.

And, of course, Terrie loved to fish. You could find her on the lake up north almost every summer weekend. She represented the Twin Cities at the Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge for many, many years. As well, she joined a number of chapter outings on Rowan Lake and Lake of the Woods. Ten years ago, Terrie moved permanently to the Leech Lake area and soon started her "Short and Sassy" Leech Lake guide service.

Terrie and partner Diana (Mindar) Worline represented all fishing women as the only all-female team in the PMTT series for many years, most recently this year while undergoing chemotherapy. In 2005 the team finished in second place in the PMTT Top Gun standings.

Many of us also remember for the fun she brought to events. She was often asked to "stand up" at meetings when she already was standing. Or once, at a benefit auction for a chapter member, she wasn't paying attention and kept raising her own bid on an item she wanted.

Terrie as – courageous, hard-working, fun-loving, and a faithful friend will be missed.

## Red Wing Lodge Outing, August 12-19, 2017

This annual August outing is open to members of both the North Metro and the Twin Cities chapters of Muskies, Inc. This outing is an amazing combination of great fishing in a beautiful shield environment, with a resort base that is clean and comfortable, where everything works. The Bartlett family has hosted Muskies, Inc. outings for years with personal and friendly service, understanding well what muskie people need and like.

Red Wing Lodge is located on beautiful Sabaskong Bay in Lake of the Woods. Red Wing offers the convenience of a drive-in camp with the privacy you would expect on an island. Facts about this quality lodge (no waiting in line for spots):

- Family owned and operated for 50 years.
- Ten-time Chapter Challenge headquarters: in '83, '86, '93, '97, '03, '04, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016 and also again in August of 2017.
- Floating docks provide for the easy and safe boarding of boats
- A/C units have now been installed in all cabins



*Thirty-four muskie anglers enjoyed this opportunity last summer, how about you joining us? And, how about getting your name engraved on the Big Fish plaque for 2017?*

- Huge generator has been installed for any power outages
- Services available include: license, maps, premium gas (no ethanol!), ice, tackle
- 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 2017, just \$50 per day for big-time Canadian muskie fishing.

Included in the full value of the 2017 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
- 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, as these funds are used for cabin improvements, most of which can only be made over the winter.

To make reservations, or if you have any questions or suggestions for improving the trip, contact:

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

## Holiday Gift Ideas

Looking for ideas for holiday gifts? You can't go wrong with a Muskies, Inc. membership for the muskie angler on your list.

As always, we will have Twin Cities chapter Muskies, Inc. apparel at the next meeting for purchase. You can place an order for a custom shirt, sweat shirt or jacket. There will also be shirts and hats from past Frank Schneider tournaments at rock-bottom prices.

Or, how about a new rod? Muskies Innovations is offering their Pro Series rods (\$200 retail) for only \$75

each. Available rods are: Spring – medium heavy for bucktails and smaller crankbaits in 8'6" and 9'0"; Regular – heavy for Bulldawgs and Cowgirls in 8'6" and 9'0"; Magnum – x-heavy for Pounders in 8'6"; and a 9'0" trolling rod.

If you have any questions or need more information, get in touch with Dennis Lappen, VP of Sales at 952-994-5681 or [dennislappen@aol.com](mailto:dennislappen@aol.com).

Dennis will be at the December meeting to take orders.

# Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest

from Members Only Contest Chair,  
Casey Friskney

The end is near my friends! As you read this, our Minnesota season has come to an end and the diehards are now pondering the idea of traveling to Iowa, Southern Wisconsin, and other remote lands with an open muskie season.

November has been a month of shortened days and strange feeding windows. Action this month has predictably been found primarily soaking suckers, trolling, or casting big rubber; but with the warmer temps lingering we also observed a small sampling of some muskies getting caught on the fly, glide baits, and the oddball November fish taken on a topwater.

Moving forward, I suspect a few fish will trickle into the Lunge Log for November fish that have not yet been registered. Hopefully, we'll see a few adventurers catch some fish in foreign state's waters, and then we can start crowning this season's Members Only Contest champs.

Noteworthy action on the Members Only Contest Board:

- Paul Hartman made the late season trek to Mille Lacs, swinging for the fences, and it paid off big... big in the form of a 56"x28" beast. To put things into perspective, Larry Ramsell's Modified Crawford Formula ( $(\text{Length} \times \text{Girth}) / 25 - 8$ ) puts Paul's fish in the 54.72 lb conversation and quite possibly heavier than Art Lyons's current State Record Muskie (54 lbs, 56"x27.75", Lake Winnibigoshish, 1957).
- Cindy Hegdahl boated a 55-inch musky in late October. This is the 3rd largest fish registered by a Muskies, Inc. Twin Cities member, and inches out Terra Castillo's long-standing 54-incher as the largest fish boated by a female member of our chapter for this 2016 season.
- Alexander McLean added six fish to the log and, for the time being, has surpassed Nolan Ryba, the long running leader of the Men's Division, for the 1st place spot. Interestingly here, Nolan also added a 46-incher caught on November 25. Both have registered 15 fish each on the season, with McLean leading by three points.
- Ben Tollefson had a good and unique week! Ben has propelled himself from zero to 5th place in the Men's Division with five mid-40-inch fish caught between November 11 and November 17. Even more impressive is that he did all this on the fly... fly fishing that is.



*Unofficial Lunker of the Month for November is this 56x28 inch Mille Lacs muskie. Anglers have 30 days after a fish is caught to get it registered, so it is possible (though no probable) that another fish even bigger may get registered.*

Current standings:

## JUNIOR DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Elijah Woods	25	1	50.5"
2ND	Olin Knutson	10	1	36"

## WOMEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Terra Castillo	117	6	54"
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## WOMEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Cindy Hegdahl	209	16	55"
2ND	Linda Knutson	64	4	49.5"

## MEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Alexander McLean	258	15	47.5"
2ND	Nolan Ryba	245	15	48"
4RD	Jeremy Knutson	201	13	45"
4TH	Todd Lindberg	126	7	50"
5TH	Ben Tollefson	108	6	46"
6TH	Mike Dahlstrom	95	6	49.5"
7TH	Tom Kenefick	91	7	48"
8TH	Dave Knutson	89	6	47.5"
9TH	Gary I Woods III	86	7	43"
10TH	Phil Groth	77	6	47.5"
10TH	Tom Keith	77	6	42"

## MEN'S HYBRID DIVISION

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST	Jeremy Knutson	16	1	42"
2ND	Jesse Carpentier	15	2	34"
3RD	John Harazin	10	1	36"

## MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Brent Hirsch	303	26	46"
2ND	Mark Fredrick	137	11	52.5"
3RD	Brian Hanson	113	4	51"

## Members Only continued

### MEN'S MASTER'S HYBRID DIVISION

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST	Eric Bakke	6	1	32"
2ND	Brent Hirsch	4	1	30"

### LUNKER OF THE MONTH

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

MAY - No fish registered 45" or over

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

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

Alan Albrecht - 7/21 - Vermilion - 54"

AUGUST - Official - Mark Fredrick - 8/28 - Plantagenet - 52.5"

SEPTEMBER - Official - Brian Hanson - 9/14 - Little Sand Lake, Ontario - 49"

OCTOBER - Unofficial - Cindy Hegdahl - 10/23 - Plantagenet - 55"

NOVEMBER - Unofficial - Paul Hartman - 11/12 - Mille Lacs - 56"

That's all for now, I'll see you on the water next year!

## Tell Us Your "Muskie Tale"

Now that the season is over, it's time to reflect and start reporting your stories for the chapter's "Muskie Tale" Award. Keep in mind all the things that happened during the season. We're not necessarily looking for the "big fish" story. We're looking for stories that are something a little out of the ordinary – what happened while fishing; on the way to fishing; on the way back from fishing. Maybe some kind of mishap happened while you were out fishing; or you found something interesting on the end of your line.

Share with us by emailing your "tale" to Denise Olson at [olson@3pete.com](mailto:olson@3pete.com). Muskie Tales will be shared at our Chapter Awards program at our February meeting. The person with the best tale will have the honor of keeping the chapter "Muskie Tale" for the next year.

## *this 'n that*

### 12th Annual North Metro Banquet

The North Metro chapter will be holding their annual banquet Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the Coon Rapids VFW Post 9625. Social hour begins at 3:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm with raffle drawings following. With prizes totalling over \$17,000 it promises to be great fun. Every dinner ticket purchase will get an entry into the Grand Prize raffles. There will be additional raffles and games of chance as well as kids and adult activities.

Dinner tickets are \$35 in advance, \$45 after February 11. You can choose a fish or chicken meal. Dinner/raffle combo packages are also available. Muskie Package is \$185, Tiger Package is \$130, and the Pike Package is \$85. Dinner and Package tickets can be purchased online at the North Metro website: [www.nmmuskies.com](http://www.nmmuskies.com). They can also be purchased at the door. The Coon Rapids VFW is located at 1919 Coon Rapids Boulevard.

We see many North Metro members at our banquet. If you can, help support their chapter by attending the banquet.

### Print Your Muskies Inc. Member ID Cards

National Muskies, Inc. no longer sends membership cards. Members can print their own ID cards at any time from the [muskiesinc.org](http://muskiesinc.org) website. To utilize this process, log in to the Muskies Inc. website [muskiesinc.org](http://muskiesinc.org) using the Member Login button on the left of the home page. Once you have logged in, click on the profile update button. In the upper right corner of the profile, there is a link that you can click and print your card. For family members, the family head can print the IDs for the entire family.

### Northwest Sports Show

Our chapter will again have a booth at the Northwest Sports Show (March 23-26). Show hours are 1-9pm Wednesday and Thursday, 11am-9pm Friday, 10am-9pm Saturday, and 10am-5pm on Sunday. We need volunteers to man our booth during those days. There will be 2 shifts each day. Volunteers will get a free pass into the show on the day(s) they work at the booth. If you can help, please contact Greg Ide at 612-749-9399 or [tcmi.speakers@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.speakers@gmail.com).

### Advertise in On the Water

Classified ads may be submitted by Twin Cities Chapter members. Charges are \$5.00 per month per ad. Ads can include a photo of an item for sale. Send ad information and check made out to Muskies, Inc. by the 15th of each month for insertion into the following month's publication to: Muskies, Inc., 7125 17th Avenue South, Richfield, MN 55423.

### 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](mailto: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>

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