

# On the Water



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## Celebrate Muskies Inc.'s First 50 Years



**D**on't miss the Muskies, Inc. 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet on the evening of March 12, 2016. Our chapter and the North Metro chapter will be hosting the banquet for all Muskies, Inc. members.

It promises to be a great event to have a good time and celebrate Muskies, Inc. A hospitality suite, games, raffles, and silent auction are all planned for the evening. Much Muskies Inc. memorabilia and pieces of our history will be on display all day.

The banquet is being held in conjunction with the Muskies, Inc. annual spring board meeting scheduled during the day on Saturday, and the 2016 Hugh C. Becker Muskie Symposium March 13-15. All three events will be at the Sheraton Minneapolis West near Ridgedale Mall.

Cost to attend the banquet is \$50 per person. The event will sell out so make your reservations early at [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org/node/203](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org/node/203). The hotel is holding a block of rooms until February 18, 2016 at a Muskies, Inc. group rate of \$89 double occupancy. Make room reservations at [www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1504089081&key=C9EA44D](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1504089081&key=C9EA44D)

Join fellow Muskies, Inc. members in celebrating our first fifty years.

## Don't Miss the "Winter Picnic" and Chapter Awards Program

**O**ur February meeting will be the annual "Winter Picnic" and chapter Awards Program. The evening will start around 6:30 pm with a meal of BBQ sandwiches with all the accompaniments. Following dinner, plaques will be presented to the top winners of this year's Member's Only Contest.

The recipient of the chapter's Muskie Award will be also be revealed. 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.

We will also be choosing the winner of this year's Muskie Tale. So, come hear all the great stories!!

While all this is going on, several members will be assembling bucktails to use for the youth program.

Join us February 9 at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington at 6:30 pm. Feel free to bring your significant others and families to our event, it should be a great time!

## You Could Be Keeper of the "Muskie Tale"

**T**he Muskie Tale is a replica of the tale of a world record muskie. It is given each year to the person who has the best "muskie tale" of something that happened during the season. We hear lots of "big fish" stories. We're looking for stories that are something a little out of the ordinary.



Think back on the past season about something that happened while fishing, or thinking about fishing, or on the way to fishing, or coming home from fishing... well, you get the idea. Take the time to jot down a Muskie Tale. You know, a funny or unusual story. Who fell out of a boat this year?? Whose boat sank?? Who boated something that wasn't a fish?? Who saved 100 muskies?? Who had double trebles in their leg?? What other mishap might have happened?? Something along those lines.

Email your "tale" to Denise Olson at [olson@3pete.com](mailto:olson@3pete.com). The person with the best tale will have the "honor" of keeping the chapter Muskie Tale Award for the coming year.

## From Our President

*I would like to take a moment and thank all of the people on our board of directors for all they do to keep our club running smoothly. Thank You for the great job.*

*If any of you – our chapter members – have any ideas to improve the chapter, please let us know. Names and phone numbers of all board members are listed on the inside back page of this newsletter every month.*

*With Muskies Inc.'s 50th Anniversary Celebration fast approaching, time is running out to secure your spot at this event. Please make your reservations today.*

*Saturday, March 12 our chapter and the North Metro chapter are hosting the Annual Business Meeting starting at 8am. The 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet starts with doors opening at 5pm. I hope you can be there.*

*Your President, ERIC SCHULTZ*

## 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 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!

## Stocking and Rearing Update

from John Newman, Stocking and Rearing Chair

No decisions have been made by the Minnesota DNR as yet regarding stocking of any new lakes. We were hoping that we would get a new lake to start stocking in the near future. However, results of the lake inquiries for the new lakes to be stocked with muskies are still not tabulated.

The chapter is helping in other areas. We are financing a new condensate tank for the East Metro hatchery. We are also contributing to help finance the heating costs for water that the hatchery needs to keep the muskie fry healthy during hatching. The DNR did winter-over 1,000 muskies at the Waterville hatchery and the chapter purchased 100 gallons of forage for these fish.

Another project that we're looking at is the cleaning of a pond at the east Metro hatchery to be used as a kids fishing pond and also a place where kids could have a field trip to learn about fishing and other aspects of nature.

All of these projects are being financed with help from grants from the Hugh C. Becker Foundation in addition to chapter funds.

*As we were stocking White Bear Lake last year this fellow came in and was looking for a free lunch. I was hoping that he was there to protect his new little brothers and sisters but I don't think that was the case. I did throw some casts at him and was able to chase him away. It's a pretty scary life for the little muskies when they are introduced into the lake for the first time.*



## Sportsman's Banquet

Because the Twin Cities chapter is hosting Muskies Inc.'s 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet this March, the Board of Directors has decided not to hold our annual Sportsman's Banquet this year.

If you've come to the Sportsman's Banquet in the past, please make plans to attend Muskies Inc.'s 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet this year instead. It is shaping to be an event with a similar format as the Sportsman's Banquet and you'll be able to meet fellow Muskies, Inc. members from around the country. It will be held at the Minneapolis Sheraton West near Ridgedale Mall, Saturday, March 12. Make your reservations at [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org/node/203](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org/node/203). Cost of the dinner is \$50 per person.

Or, make plans to attend the North Metro chapter annual all-you-can-eat fish fry fundraising dinner February 13 at the Coon Rapids VFW, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd NW. There will be Grand Prize drawings for a 55-inch HDTV, a full-day guide trip with Jason Hammernick, and a Shimano TranX reel as well as other raffles and games. Tickets are \$40, free for ages 17 and under. For tickets contact Mike Riha at [mvriha@aol.com](mailto:mvriha@aol.com) or 763-607-2800.

**HANNAY'S BOATING FEVER:** Hannay's Marine invites all Muskies, Inc. members to the Boating Fever Open House on Saturday, February 13 from 9-3, featuring seminars by Ted Takasaki at 10am and Larson Pro Mike Frisch at 12:30pm. Humminbird, Minnkota, Lowrance, and MotorGuide representatives will be on hand. There will be free samples, food, and door prizes. Best of all it is free! Come join us. Hope to see you. Hannay's is located at 2550 New Brighton Blvd., St. Anthony, MN 55418. 612-781-7411.

## Help Muskies, Inc. Celebrate

Plans for Muskies Inc.'s 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet are moving forward. An event this size will take many volunteers to make it happen. It is being hosted by the Twin Cities and North Metro chapters and will be attended by people from around the country. Please consider helping out your chapter during this important event.

If you are willing to help at the banquet checking in people, please contact Denise Olson at [mi50.banquet@gmail.com](mailto:mi50.banquet@gmail.com). If you are willing to help with the games or raffles setting up, as a runner or selling tickets, please contact Dan Mruz at [president@nmmuskies.com](mailto:president@nmmuskies.com).

We will also need volunteers to serve as hosts and help direct people that evening. If you are willing to help, please contact Elaine Randolph at [e-rand@umn.edu](mailto:e-rand@umn.edu). Elaine will also need volunteers to serve as hosts and help direct people during the Hugh C. Becker Muskie Symposium that will be held Sunday-Tuesday, March 13-15 following the banquet.

Help us make this an event to remember for a long time. If you have any questions contact Eric Schultz at [tcmi.president@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.president@gmail.com).

## Get the Most Out of Your Membership — Volunteer

Volunteering your time at a chapter event is one way to get the most out of your membership. Whether you volunteer to help people who don't always get the chance to get out and fish or spend time helping at one of our fundraisers, you will have an enjoyable time. The chapter has a number of events on the calendar that could use your time and/or services. Volunteering for any of these events is a one-time thing. You don't have to join the Board or commit long-time to volunteer for a specific event.

This year, the chapter is co-hosting Muskies Inc.'s 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet in March. Many volunteers will be needed.

Our chapter will be having a booth at both the Northwest Sports Show and the MN Muskie Expo. Volunteers are needed to be in the booth to answer questions. Contact Greg Ide at 612-331-5034 or [Gregide@aol.com](mailto:Gregide@aol.com) if you're interested in helping out. Daytime hours are harder to fill.

Other one-time events that don't require a long-time commitment but could use your help include the Minnesota Veteran's Home Fishing Opener in May and the Capable Partners outing, Military Family Fishing Day and High School Muskie Tournament all held in June. Information about volunteering for these events will be in upcoming issues of *On the Water*.

Our chapter also holds two tournaments in September. The Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament is scheduled for September 9, 10 and 11 on over 20 lakes in northern Minnesota. If you want to be a part of making the Frank Schneider Muskie tournament happen this year contact Eric Bakke, 612-202-7169 or [tcmi.fstourneydirector@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.fstourneydirector@gmail.com). The George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament will be September 24, in the metro area this year. If you want to volunteer to help with promoting and executing the George Wahl tournament contact Denise Olson at 612-804-4687 or [tcmi.gwtourneydirector@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.gwtourneydirector@gmail.com).

## 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 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).

## Go Peacock Bass Fishing in the Amazon

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](mailto:bobjung305@gmail.com).



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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.

Included in the full value of the 2016 Muskie Inc. trip:

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- One free trip, given away in drawing, courtesy of the Bartletts
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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.

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

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*Bring the family. It should prove to be a great evening.*

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