

On the Water



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Twenty-second Annual Outing with Capable Partners



For the 22nd consecutive year the Twin Cities chapter of Muskies Inc. hosted a muskie-fishing outing for members of the Capable Partners organization on June 5. Capable Partners is a non-profit organization that provides hunting, fishing, and related outdoor adventure opportunities for physically-challenged individuals. The event was headquartered out of Surfside Park in Mound on Lake Minnetonka's Cooks Bay. The weather was sunny and calm making for the ideal day to share some quality time on the water with Capable Partners participants.

Lots of bass and pike were caught and the targeted species – muskie – was also very cooperative. This year set an event record, producing six muskies for the 10 boats that were part of our outing. With one muskie being caught for every 25 hours of angling effort that day it made this a truly phenomenal event.

Topping the list was a 51-inch muskie caught by the son of a father and son Capable Partners team fishing with chapter president Eric Schultz. Matt Olson's boat turned in 44 and 45-inch muskies, one for Matt and one for Roger, his Capable Partner. A 43-inch muskie guided by John Hoyer, and a pair of smaller muskies guided by John Newman rounded out the muskies caught during the outing.

This year the sponsorship by Simms Outdoors let us class up the event by serving thick cut pork chops and delicious porterhouse steaks as a shore lunch for everyone. Tom Lund served as our Master Chef, grilling everything to perfection for the event's participants.

With a big group of volunteers back on shore who brought extra treats and helped serve everyone their meals, the event was a well-rounded success. So many thanks to all of you who took the time to come volunteer and help make this year a spectacular one in the lives of our Capable Partners participants.



Top muskie at the outing was a 51-inch muskie caught from Eric Schultz' boat. Eric was with a father and son team from Capable Partners. The dad, who is blind, took this picture of his son's fish using the "point and shoot" method.



After the fishing, everyone enjoyed a perfect meal of steaks and pork chops thanks to Simms Outdoors.

Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration

Fishing for Life and the Twin Cities chapter of Muskies Inc. teamed up for this year's annual Armed Forces Family Fishing event June 24 headquartered at the Wayzata Depot on Lake Minnetonka.

Over 100 people and 30 boat guides participated this year. Attending the event were soldiers from the Wounded Warrior Project, local recruiters, Marines and military family members from recent deployments were served.

No muskies were caught but there were lots of other fish and kids highlighted the "catching". Largest fish award went to an 11 pound northern pike that was captured and released safely. This years winners and participants were given many prizes including great trophies/rod reel combos and muskie gear.

We look forward to another great year next year.



Going Back to School

from Past President, Tom Keith

Every year our chapter gets a request or two from various groups to provide a speaker for one of their events. They typically are looking for information about muskies and/or how the muskies interact within the local fishery. Edina High School put in a request for someone representing Muskies, Inc. Edina has a unique last week of school, where teachers post specialty offerings to enrich the curriculum and students sign up for two hour courses matching their interests. This year, one of the biology teachers offered a series of people to talk about fishing.

I developed an outline and put together a Powerpoint presentation featuring pictures of youth with muskies. During the presentation, I found that all students had fished and about half have fished for muskies. They were a very interested audience who listened respectfully and asked relevant questions. They were very interested in the equipment I included in the presentation. The size of the landing net really got their attention, as did the "Big Nasty" and the lures. I brought a DDD, Double 10, and a Mag Dawg to talk about feeding versus reaction strikes.

As biology students, they were very interested in balanced ecosystems. I showed them the DNR's Lakefinder and how they can use it and science when talking about lakes, as well as the predator/prey relationship. Big Marine Lake had been in the paper and we talked about the fish survey from the DNR website. I told them that the DNR likes to see 20 perch per gillnet and they saw that BML had .25 perch per gill net. We talked about what that meant and then talked about the Parson's Study that was extrapolated to a large sample of walleye lakes that says that more than 7 northern pike per gillnet has a negative impact on the fish populations of perch and baby walleyes. When they saw that BML averaged 20.83 northern pike per gillnet, they had some very interesting questions.

Usually I would make a bucktail in their school colors, have a drawing, and give it to a student, but I ran out of time before the presentation. If you would be interested in making any presentations or making a prize to be given out at these events, please contact chapter President, Eric Schultz.

I find making a presentation is very rewarding and we are impacting the future of muskie fishing. These students are the reason we work to improve the muskie fishery and stocking throughout our state.

Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest

from Members Only Contest Chair, Casey Friskney

And we're off! Casey here with my first report of the season. With June wrapping up and "Summer Peak" fast approaching, we should start to see an increase in muskie action and consistency across our waters.

A couple quick observations: Based on the data provided so far, just over half the fish registered have been on traditional straight-retrieve style lures (blades and topwater), but the fish caught later in the evening were predominantly caught on cranks.

Aligning this with my own experience, I have been doing a bit of fishing during the darker hours of the night and early mornings and have yet to have any real luck with any straight retrieve lure (mainly topwater, but some blades). Though with the water temps warming and the fish falling into their summer patterns, I suspect that to change pretty soon.

For those of you who haven't done so yet... REGISTER YOUR FISH! To anyone who caught a fish during the Wisconsin opener (northern zone), are you really going to let me take "Lunker of the Month" with a 34-incher??

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.membersonly@gmail.com.

Congrats to all who've put fish in the boat so far, I know of a lot of big fish getting caught throughout the muskie world. It'll be nice to see some of them hit the Lunge Log and our Members Only Contest.

There are no entries so far in the Junior or Women/Women's Masters divisions. Current standings:

MEN'S DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Nolens Ryba	53.0	3	45"
2ND	John Harazin	20.0	1	46"
3RD	Phil Groth	16.0	1	42"
4TH	Alexander McLean	15.0	1	41"
5TH	Nicholas Golz	14.0	3	32"
6TH	Chris Mueller	11.0	1	37"
7TH	Gary I Woods III	10.0	1	36"
8TH	Casey Friskney	8.0	1	34"
9TH	Erik Chrissis	4.0	1	30"
10TH	Matt McDonald	4.0	1	30"

MEN'S HYBRID DIVISION

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST	Erik Chrissis	4.0	1	30"
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MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Eric Bakke	18	1	43.5"
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LUNKER OF THE MONTH

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

MAY - Unofficial - Casey Friskney - 5/30 - Apple River - 34"

JUNE - Unofficial - Nolen Ryba - 6/16 - Minnetonka - 45"

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.

North Metro Wins Mini-Challenge

from John Newman

A “Mini-Challenge” between our chapter and the North Metro chapter was held June 28 on White Bear and Bald Eagle Lakes. This year the Twin Cities’ lures fell on deaf lateral lines. We were hoping to repeat on our win from last year but it didn't happen.

A big factor was that the North Metro chapter had a good showing from its members, with about twice as many anglers on the water as the Twin Cities chapter. Really, Twin Cities people where were you?

When the smoke cleared we were out-fished 3 to zip. Joel Miller caught a beautiful 49-incher on Bald Eagle, Corey Gale got a 43-inch also on Bald Eagle, and Dave Youngblom got a 35-inch on White Bear.

Afterwards about 20 anglers showed up at Rudy’s Redeye Grill and were treated to a nice hors d’oeuvre buffet compliments of the competition loser, the Twin Cities chapter.

Next year we will need more sticks on the water. Get out and fish the remaining League nights so we can build a good team for next year.

Chapter Summer Fishing League

from Greg Kappes, Summer Fishing League Chair

Join the Summer Fishing League. The 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.



Fourteen 2-man teams competed in the Minnesota State High School Muskie Tournament final on Lake Vermilion, June 24.

State High School Muskie Tournament

Twenty-eight kids (14 teams) in grades 9-12 from around the state participated in the 7th annual Minnesota State High School Muskie Tournament final on Friday, June 24, 2016 held on Lake Vermilion and headquartered at Vermilion Dam Lodge. A hot, high sun, no-wind day greeted participants and proved to be a tough day of fishing. No muskies were caught and few were sighted. Places were determined by the largest Northern Pike.

The team of Kendal Hill and Dan Ender representing Duluth East High School netted the largest fish of the day, a 29-inch northern. Second place went to the Lakeville South team of Brock Schueck and Tyler Haroldson with a 28-inch northern pike. Grayson and Sawyer Anderson claimed third with 27-inch pike.

Participating teams qualified for the state final at regional events held by Muskies, Inc. chapters throughout the state earlier in the month. Chapter 1 qualifier was held June 10 on Lake Minnetonka. Last year’s top team of Brayden Snow and Christian Donovan from Watertown/Mayer turned in a repeat finish to again finish first with a 42-inch muskie. Unfortunately (or fortunately for the rest of you looking forward to next year), they graduated and won’t be eligible in 2017. The top two teams from each qualifier went on to participate in the state final.

Thanks to Mike Riha and all the volunteers who help make this a successful tournament.

Or go to twincitiesmuskiesinc.org. Click on Fishing League and follow the prompts to make your donation.

Turnout so far this year has been disappointing. I use the Muskies First

website to post updates – under the Muskie Club section of the forum. 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
July 14	Thursday	Minnetonka	5:00 pm - 9:30 pm
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



FRANK SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL MUSKIE TOURNAMENT

from Eric Bakke, Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament Director

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. Not too bad for a small, special-interest fishing group from the Twin Cities.

Over the 49 years, the tournament has continued to work with local communities and businesses around the tournament waters, as well as with our sponsors, to offer our participants a platform for an annual trip with friends and family to pursue this spectacular fish. Many of the tournament participants have fished with the same partner or stayed at the same resort for years on end. There are endless stories amongst the 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.

Fishing and More

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 of tournament hours on Friday and Saturday, four registration stations spread across the tournament area will be open for participants to register their fish. Participants will have opportunity to 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 three things in themselves 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 will be held at the Northern Lights Casino and Events Center. This event 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.

During the awards program, emcee Bill Sherck, will be awarding various prizes, getting the fish stories from of all of the winners, and will present \$15,000 to the winner of the grand prize. The great thing about the awards program though, is 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 specific prize for those who show up that didn't catch a fish, as well as for the youngest and oldest participants, a drawing for those who submitted a DNR survey, and drawings for the many bucket raffles. There also will be various Bonuses including: an Abu Garcia Bonus, Fly Fishing Bonus (new this year!), Woman's Bonus, MI Member Bonus, and a \$50 Thorne Bros. gift card for every 50-inch fish, and more.

Tournament Registration

Registration for the Frank Schneider tournament begins August 1.

You can pre-register in person through September 1 at the Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle in Oakdale, Joe's Sporting Goods and Thorne Bros. in the Twin Cities, or through Labor Day 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.

Through 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). After Labor Day the costs will be \$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 after Labor Day), \$20 for juniors (\$30 after Labor Day) and \$150 for a family package (\$175 after Labor Day). You must register online 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!

Benefits for Chapter Member Terrie DuBe'

Long-time chapter member Terrie DuBe' is well-known in the muskie-fishing world, having served as Muskies, Inc. national secretary for over seven years, was director of our chapter's Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament for several years, participating in the Professional Muskie Tournament Trail 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.

Terrie has inoperable cancer is going through her second round of chemotherapy. Two benefits are planned in August to help her with expenses.

Drawing for Two Weeks at Red Wing Lodge

The Bartlett family of Red Wing Lodge on Lake of the Woods is sponsoring a fundraiser drawing for Terrie. 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 encour-

age your friends to participate. Information about Red Wing Lodge can be found at www.redwinglodge.net.

Benefit in Longville, MN

Northern Minnesota friends of Terrie's have planned a benefit on August 6, 2016 from 4-6 pm at the Longville Fire Department Building on County Rd 5 NW in Longville, MN.

Entry will be a \$10 donation. Silent auction, 50/50, raffles and more will be part of the evening. A pulled pork sandwich meal will be served along with beverages. Beer will be available.

A benefit account has been set up for Terrie at the First National Bank of Walker in Hackensack (218-675-6969) or Longville (218-363-2950).

For more information or to drop off silent auction items or donations contact: Christina Herheim (218 820-5171) Sue Larson (218 232-4813) or Scott Johnson (218 682-2169).

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The August meeting will be the chapter's annual summer picnic held at the Veteran's Park Pavilion just off Hwy. 62 Crosstown at Portland Avenue in Richfield.



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