

On the Water



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Outing with Capable Partners

The Twin Cities chapter's annual outing with members of the Capable Partners organization will be Sunday, June 5 from 6:30 am to around noon on Lake Minnetonka. Capable Partners is a non-profit organization that provides hunting, fishing, and related opportunities for physically-challenged individuals.

Share your love for the pursuit of muskies with a fellow outdoorsman. Volunteers are needed to take guests out for a morning of fishing. About one-half of participants will need space for wheelchairs, but any size boat can be matched with one of the Capable Partners.

If you are guiding for this event, it will be counted for participating in the chapter's Summer Fishing League. Be sure to email Greg Kappes.

Meet at Surfside Park in Mound on Cook's Bay at 6:30 am. We will load up the boats and spend the morning muskie fishing.

You don't have to go fishing to join in. A "shore lunch" will end the event and help is needed to cook or serve as well. If anyone has portable folding tables to bring, that is also a help as they are easier for wheel chairs to use than the standard picnic tables with fixed seating.

Please contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 to volunteer.

Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration

The Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration is an event exclusively for military personnel and their families. The 8th annual celebration will take place on Friday, June 24 on Lake Minnetonka. This event is a collaborative effort with Fishing for Life and our chapter.

We are looking for volunteers from our chapter to take out military families for a morning of multi-species fishing from 7 am to around 11 am. Worms and larva will be provided to groups who want to fish for panfish. Youngsters under 12 will be accompanied by an adult. Loaner equipment is provided for those who don't have their own, but most families have their own equipment. Volunteers should arrive at Surfside Park in Mound between 6:30 and 7 am for registration and free donuts.

Everyone will fish all morning and then be treated to a great meal. Following will be an awards ceremony with trophies and medals for youth participants. The event ends around 1 pm.

In the past, there were more guides from the bass organizations than there were from Muskies, Inc. who sponsors the event. So please think about taking a morning to go fishing with these kids and their family members.

The Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration will take place rain or shine. It will only be cancelled if there is lightning or torrential rain. We hope to see more Muskies, Inc. guides out on the lake than those from other organizations.

If you can guide families or want to donate money or lures, please contact Terry Schar at twschar@yahoo.com or tcmi.hsqual@gmail.com

Metro Muskie Tournament

Don't miss the Metro Muskie Tournament on June 11. The tournament gives you a choice of over 20 metro-area waters to fish. Entries are available at Gander Mountain in Blaine, Thorne Bros. or Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle through Friday, June 10. A printable form can be found on the tournament site: www.metromuskietournament.com. Entry fee is \$35 per person. All muskies caught will qualify for the grand prize, a one week stay at Musky Bay Resort on Crow Lake, Ontario, a Slammer lure package, and a Fenwick rod with Abu Garcia reel. Prizes are awarded through 10th place with a junior division and a bonus for largest tiger muskie. Contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 if you have questions.

Chapter Summer Fishing League

from Greg Kappes, Summer Fishing League Chair

We welcome all chapter members to join in the Summer Fishing League this season. The league starts Sunday, June 5 with an event on Forest Lake. As we also have our chapter's Capable Partners event scheduled on Lake Minnetonka that same day, anyone who is guiding for the Capable Partners will be able to count that as participating in the league on Sunday. If you are just fishing on Minnetonka, it won't count – you must be guiding for Capable Partners.

I use the Muskies First website to post updates. The postings are under the Muskie Club section of the forum. You should use this site if you are looking for a partner or have an open seat in your boat.

Summer League anglers can choose to participate for cash prizes. Cash will be paid out to the top two point-getters. 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 can be made at any time during the season, but only points accumulated after donation is made will qualify for the cash pay out.

Your \$50 donation can be mailed to: Greg Kappes, 4948 Vinehill Road,

Deephaven, MN 55331. Or made at the chapter website: twincities-muskiesinc.org. Click on Fishing League and follow the prompts to make your donation.

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.

A picture of the fish caught on a board must be submitted by email to TCMI.fishingleague@gmail.com for verification. The fish must be on the board with head touching the upright panel or zero mark and tail towards the higher numbers. Angler should be behind the board so he/she is recognized and the fish is clearly visible. You must be able to see fish's nose touching the upright panel and its tail at the measurement to be accepted. If the length cannot be clearly viewed the fish will be ruled to be 36 inches and 10 points will be awarded.

You do not have to start at specified time but only fish caught between scheduled league times will count. Any cheating reported or observed may result in league disqualification.

In the case of a tie, the most fish submitted will be the first tie breaker. The longest fish will be the second tie breaker. The first fish caught will be third tie breaker.

At least 2 league events are planned for summer/fall months except July when water temps tend to be too high. We hope to see more chapter members participate in the Summer League this year, whether or not you choose to participate for the cash prizes.

If you have any questions call Greg Kappes at 612-750-4641.

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 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 remaining. For more information contact Bob Junghans at 612-812-6060 or bobjung305@gmail.com.

2016 Chapter Summer Fishing League Tentative Schedule

DATE	DAY	LAKE	TIME
June 5	Sunday	Forest Lake	6:00 am - 12:00 noon
June 5	Sunday	Lake Minnetonka if you are guiding for Capable Partners event	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	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

Veteran's Home Fishing Opener

Residents of the Minneapolis Veteran's Home enjoyed their "Fishing Opener" on Saturday, May 7. They were able to catch trout from the pond that was erected and enjoy a fresh-caught trout "shore lunch" prepared by the volunteers. Many thanks to organizer Troy Zeulzke and his crew who helped the residents at the pond, cleaned the trout, cooked and served the food. for a memorable event!



Mini-Challenge with North Metro Chapter

The annual "Mini-Challenge" between our chapter and the North Metro chapter on White Bear Lake or Bald Eagle Lake is scheduled for June 28 this year. It is also one of the events for our chapter Summer Fishing League. So, come on out and help us win the Challenge and get credit for participating in the summer league.

Typically, our July chapter meeting is an "on-the-water" event and for the past several years has been the annual Mini-Challenge. This year we are moving the date from the first Tuesday in July to the last Tuesday in June so that it won't conflict with possible July 4 events and more people can participate.

Fishing hours for the Mini-Challenge are from 5 - 9 pm and you can fish either lake. We would like to see that at least one person in your boat is someone from the North Metro chapter. That way each boat will have at least one person from each chapter. More than 2 people can fish from a boat. Your partner from the other chapter must witness your fish's measurement. The chapter that catches the most fish (points awarded using Muskies, Inc. point system) will win.

All participants are invited to Rudy's Red Eye Grill for treats after fishing. The losing chapter will treat the other chapter. Rudy's is located on the east side of Hwy. 61 in the Best Western White Bear Country Inn.

Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest

from Members Only Contest Chair, Casey Friskney

Look forward to tracking the catches and releases of our chapter members this year. As you get your Muskie season off to a start, keep in mind the chapter's Members Only contest. While the rules follow the national contest, we have a few that are different. To refresh your memory, here are the rules of the chapter's Members Only contest:

1. A muskie must be caught on legal sport fishing tackle (hook & line) in the United States or Canada in strict compliance with all local, state, or provincial laws and seasons. A muskie must be caught in season to count.
2. A muskie must be hooked and played by only one person, and only that person may enter the muskie in the contest. Assistance in landing is permitted.
3. Entrant must be a member in good standing of Muskies Inc. prior to catching the muskie.
4. All fish over 30" must be registered within 30 days of the catch. Only those fish over 30" will count toward your total points for the yearly contest. Fish that are not registered (or postmarked) before the 30 day limit will not count towards a member's total points.

There are three ways to register your fish and they are as follows:

- a. Register your fish on-line at the national website. www.muskiesinc.org. You must sign in to the site to register your fish.
 - b. Print out a registration form and mail it to: Casey Friskney, 908 Heritage Crt W, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127.
 - c. Fill out the registration form and email it to Casey Friskney: tcmi.membersonly@gmail.com.
5. The longest muskie by total inches – including fraction of inches – released by a member of the Twin Cities Chapter (all divisions) will receive a free replica of their muskie courtesy of the Twin Cities Chapter and Lax Reproductions, 5455 Hwy 45, Conover, WI. Only one replica per year will be awarded. Stipulations to win the replica:
 - a. At least one verifiable witness and at least one verifiable side view horizontal photograph of the muskie is required.
 - b. In the case of a tie, the fish that was caught and registered first (by catch date) is the winner and will receive the replica.
 - c. Members may only win the free replica once every 20 years.
 7. Any and all discrepancies will be brought to the Chapter Contest Committee for review and their decision will be final.
 8. Standings will be posted on the Twin Cities Chapter Muskies Inc. website and newsletter each month.

9. The contest officially ends on December 31.
10. All awards will be handed out at an Awards Ceremony during our chapter meeting in February.

Twin Cities Chapter Member's Only Contest Divisions

1. **MEN'S** - 10 Awards. Any male member 18 years of age or older. Once you win you will be moved to the Master Division.
2. **WOMEN'S** - 3 Awards. Any female member 18 years of age or older. Once you win you will be moved to the Master Division.
3. **MEN'S MASTERS** - 3 Awards. Any male member who has won the Men's Division.
4. **WOMEN'S MASTERS** - 3 Awards. Any female member who has won the Women's Division.
5. **JUNIOR** - 3 Awards. Any male or female member 17 years of age or less on January 1 of a calendar year.
6. **HYBRID** - 1 Award per division. The Top Hybrid catcher of each division will get a plaque reflecting just their hybrid points.

Lunker of the Month

The Lunker of the Month is awarded each month to a member of the Twin Cities chapter who catches and registers the longest muskie during that month. Muskies must be 45" or larger to qualify for the award. If no fish was caught and registered over 45" during a month, no award will be given. In the case of a tie, the fish that was caught and registered first (by catch date) is the winner.

Point System

Release points are based on 4 points for each release over 30" and 1 point for each inch over 30". Any measurement of ½" or longer will be rounded up. Any fraction of less than ½" will be dropped.

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. Our Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Twin-Cities-Muskies-Inc-121519154541005/?ref=hl>

State High School Tournament Qualifier

The 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. The top two teams from this qualifier will participate in the State High School Muskie Tournament being held Friday, June 24 on Lake Vermillion.

If you know of an area student who is interested in participating in the High School Muskie Tournament, have them check with their high school principal or administrative office. They can also contact Terry Schar at 612-865-4200 or twschar@yahoo.com if the high school doesn't have tournament information.

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 if you are interested in fishing with him.

June Jam, June 18-19

North Metro's annual tournament, the June Jam, is held on seven muskie lakes in Polk County, Wisconsin – Bone, Cedar, Deer, Round, Wapogasset, Blake and the Apple River Flowage – with a full day of fishing on Saturday and a half day on Sunday. Tournament headquarters will be at Wilkin's Bar and Resort on Bone Lake. Entry is now open for this year's tournament. Entry fee is \$50 per person. You can find a registration

form and June Jam information at the North metro website:

www.nmmuskies.com. Or contact tournament director Steve Wernersbach at junejam@nmmuskies.com.

Join the Outing at Red Wing Lodge, LOTW

The annual Muskie Inc. trip to Red Wing Lodge on Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods, is August 6-13, 2016. This is a joint outing with the North Metro chapter. Red Wing Lodge is a great place for the experienced muskie angler or a wonderful introduction to a first-time Canadian trip.

Red Wing has developed a "big fish" culture over the years with over 14,000 recorded releases. This muskie camp is a big time player: big floating docks, a serious back-up generator, air conditioning in all cabins, and special discounts for Muskie Inc. guests. The Bartlett family of Red Wing Lodge has hosted Muskie Inc. outings for years with personal and friendly service, so they understand what muskie people need and like.

Cost per person in housekeeping cabins remains at \$350 (US Funds) for the week, just \$50.00 per day for big-time Canadian muskie fishing. Reservations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit, made out to Red Wing Lodge.

To make reservations, contact: John van Ingen, (651) 699-5172 or maxjo@mac.com, 2108 Palace Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105 or John Genosky, (651) 329-4898, John@Protacinc.com, 904 81st St., Lino Lakes, MN 55014.

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

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.

calendar of events

JUNE

- 4 Minnesota Muskie Opener
- 5 Capable Partners Outing - Lake Minnetonka - Surfside Park - Mound - 6:30 am-1 pm
- 5 Chapter Summer League Outing - Forest Lake - 6 am-12 pm
- 11 Metro Muskie Tournament - 16 metro-area lakes
- 14 Chapter Meeting: Scott Petersen - Fishing Electronics
- 16 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Waconia - 5-9:30 pm
- 18-19 North Metro June Jam Muskie Tournament - 7 Western Wisconsin waters
- 24 Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration - Lake Minnetonka - 7 am-1 pm

- 28 Mini-Challenge with North Metro Chapter - Chapter Summer League Outing - White Bear Lake/Bald Eagle Lake - 5-9:30 pm

JULY

- 14 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Minnetonka - 5-9:30 pm

AUGUST

- 6-13 Red Wing Lodge, LOW Outing
- 7 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Harriet/Lake Calhoun - 6 am-12 pm
- 9 Annual Picnic - Veteran's Park Pavilion - Richfield - 6-9 pm
- 21 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Minnetonka - 6-10 pm
- 24-26 Chapter Challenge, Red Wing Lodge, LOW

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Chapter Summer League Outing - White Bear Lake - 5-9:30 pm
- 9-11 49th Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament
- 13 Chapter Meeting
- 24 George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament / Chapter Summer League Outing - 13 Metro area lakes

OCTOBER

- 2 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Independence - 7 am-1 pm
- 11 Chapter Meeting
- 16 Chapter Summer League Outing - Eagle Lake - 7 am-1 pm

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