

On the Water



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Veteran's Home Fishing Opener

Residents of the Minneapolis Veteran's Home are looking forward to their "Fishing Opener" on Saturday, May 7 complete with fishing and shore lunch. Our chapter, along with several VFW, American Legion, and AmVets Posts have sponsored this event for over 20 years at the Minnesota Veteran's Home.

A large, well-stocked trout pond will be set up in the yard at the home and residents will be able to come down to the pond and spend the morning fishing for the trout. Volunteers will prepare a shore lunch of fresh-caught trout, potatoes and beans and serve it to the veterans.

If you don't attend any other chapter event, this one is well worth it. The fishing opener event has been recognized for being one of the best volunteer events at Veterans Homes all over the country. It's extremely rewarding to see our veterans who may never get the chance any other time during the year to come out and get some fishing in. Many of them are lined up waiting bright and early in the morning.

Volunteers are needed to help residents with the fishing, cleaning the fish, cooking and serving the meal, and generally making this a fun event. Last year we served many hundreds of meals to residents and their families and caregivers. It takes a lot of people to make this happen for the residents.

Volunteers need to be at the Minneapolis Veterans Home around 7 am. The home is near Minnehaha Falls – use park entrance off Minnehaha Parkway at 46th Ave.

If you can bring 10 pounds of boiled potatoes with you, please contact event organizer, Troy Zuelzke at tzuelzke@yahoo.com and let him know you can help in that way.

Outing with Capable Partners

An outing with members of the Capable Partners organization is planned for Sunday, June 5 from 6:30 am to "shore lunch" time 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.

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. And if you show up, you might be lucky enough to have someone with a boat invite you to continue fishing in the afternoon.

If anyone has portable folding tables to bring, that is also a help as they are easier for wheelchairs to use than the standard picnic tables with fixed seating.

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

From Our President

I want to thank all the people who volunteered to work at our chapter's booths at both the Northwest Sports Show and the Minnesota Muskie Expo last month.

We signed up 24 new members at those events. When you see new faces at the meetings, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Don't miss the Vets Home Opener at the Minnesota Veteran's Home this weekend. It's one of the best events we hold every year. Not only do we provide an opportunity for the residents to go fishing, but we serve nearly 500 meals to the residents and their family members.

June will bring a number of activities for our chapter, all of which will need volunteers to help. The first event is the outing with members of Capable Partners June 5 on Lake Minnetonka from 6:30 to about 1 pm.

The regional qualifier for the High School Muskie Tournament will be held on Lake Minnetonka June 10 with the final June 24 on Lake Vermilion. The Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration with Fishing for Life will be on Lake Minnetonka June 24.

We will also have outings for the Summer Fishing League throughout the summer. Don't forget to register any fish you get this summer in the Member's Only Fishing Contest.

Your President, ERIC SCHULTZ



A Muskie Tale of Woe

The "Muskie Tale" is awarded at the end of each year to a chapter member who has a great story from the past fishing season. Not always the "big fish" story, muskie tales are about things a little out of the ordinary. This is the story submitted by Brent Fax for last season.

Brent fished with Dave Gustafson on Lake Minnetonka in his pontoon for the Metro Muskie Tournament last June. Dave lives on Minnetonka and has a good idea where to find fish on the lake. Lucky for Brent who boated his biggest muskie ever— a 56-inch beauty. What an exciting day for Brent. He won the big fish award for the tournament. It was the biggest fish ever registered in the history of the Metro Muskie Tournament.

Here's where Brent's story becomes a "Tale of Woe". That evening, after his exciting day, Brent went home intending to register his fish in the Member's Only Contest. But, alas, his membership had expired, he had neglected to renew it, and was not currently a member.

Brent says to let his be a lesson to all members. NEVER let your membership expire. When the reminders come in, be sure to renew. Had Brent done so, his 56-inch would have had the biggest fish registered in the chapter's contest for 2015.

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> Good luck!

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. At least 2 league events are planned for summer/fall months except July when water temps tend to be too high. The league will use the same format as last year. You must be a paid up member of the Twin Cities chapter of Muskies Inc. to qualify.

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.

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

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. The first league event of the season is Sunday, June 5 at Forest Lake.

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

2016 Chapter Summer Fishing League Tentative Schedule

DATE	DAY	LAKE	TIME
June 5	Sunday	Forest Lake	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 8	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

Stocking Update

from John Newman, Stocking Chair

Spring is here and we're counting the days until the opener. Spring is always a busy time for the DNR. All their work begins now, egg stripping, hatching, stocking, lake population assessments and many other programs.

I have had the opportunity to work with them and have seen firsthand how busy they are and how hard they work. At times they could use a helping hand with some of their projects. If you would like to volunteer to work with the DNR on any of the projects, please contact me at 651-592-9257. I'll try to let you know about dates and times the DNR will need help.

Our chapter has already been busy supporting the DNR and their stocking efforts. Last year the DNR had a successful year with musky production, making all their quotas and even wintering over 1,000 extra muskies. Our chapter helped these muskies by purchasing 100 gallons of minnows to feed them during the winter. I am happy to announce that they all made it through and have already been harvested and stocked. 500 went into Bald Eagle and 500 were stocked into White Bear Lake.

The Twin Cities chapter has also helped at the East Metro hatchery with a new condensate tank and supplying dollars for additional energy costs. These efforts were financed by the chapter and a Hugh C. Becker Foundation grant.

Recently we also purchased a pair of electro fish handling gloves that will be used by East Metro Fisheries specialist Joel Steras for his telemetry studies on the St. Croix River.

The outlook for Minnesota muskies looks good and hopefully the egg taking and hatching projects will be successful again this year. But you never know what Ma Nature will throw at us. Stay tuned!

June Muskie Tournaments

Just as the season starts, there are two opportunities to show your muskie fishing prowess. Or, maybe just go out and have some fun with other muskie anglers. The Metro Muskie Tournament and the June Jam offer you a great opportunity to get started for the season. Neither of these events is extremely competitive, mostly just a good time.

Metro Muskie Tournament, June 11

The Metro Muskie Tournament gives you a choice of over 20 metro-area waters to fish. Entries will be available after May 15 at Gander Mountain in Blaine, Thorne Bros. or Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle through Friday, June 10. A printable form to mail in by June 2 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. Contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 if you have questions.

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.

Members Only Contest

from Members Only Contest Chair, Eric Bakke

Tic, toc, tic toc... will this clock go any faster? By the time you read this we should be about a month away from the Minnesota Muskie Opener. Time to dust off that shake weight you have ignored all winter and get yourself back into Double Cowgirl shape.

For the last seven years I have been in charge of our chapter's Members Only contest and have been able to report some great catches by our members. I want to thank all of you who registered fish and attended the awards banquets each year. With the dawn of a new season, I am handing down the calculator to Casey Friskney. He will do a great job and I look forward to seeing this great part of our club continue to grow with him steering the ship. Look for his comments in next month's newsletter.

Until then, see you on the water!

2016 Muskie Expo Kid's Lure Building

George's Tackle Box where kids can do some lure building was a huge success again this year. We would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers from Muskie Inc. and Fishing for Life. The kids enjoy and look forward to building thier lures year after year. The workers seem to enjoy it as much as the kids.

Thanks to Paul and Marlene – 420 kids. George would be very proud. Thank you everyone.

David & Linda Knutson

Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration

The 8th annual Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration on Friday, June 24 on Lake Minnetonka is a collaborative effort with Fishing for Life and the Twin Cities chapter of Muskies Inc. This event is exclusively for military personnel and their families. They will be taken out for a morning of multi-species fishing.

We are looking for volunteers from our chapter to guide military families and safely bring everyone back to the dock. Fishing is 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. There is great shore fishing at this location while participants wait for their turn for a boat.

Volunteers should arrive at Mound City Park between 6:30 and 7 am for registration and free donuts. Everyone will fish all morning, 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 is a sponsor of the event. So please think about taking a morning to guide 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

Join the Outing at Red Wing Lodge, LOW

Question: Is it the resource or the quality of facilities and services at Red Wing Lodge that draws families and fishing partners back again and again? Answer: It's both!

On the resource side, over 14,000 recorded releases say a lot about the resource and the resulting big fish culture that has developed over the years at Red Wing. On the side of facilities and service, this muskie camp is a big time player: big floating docks, a serious backup generator, air conditioning in all cabins, and special discounts for Muskie Inc. guests. The Bartlett family has hosted Muskie Inc. outings for years with personal and friendly service, so they understand what muskie people need and like.

The annual Muskie Inc. trip to Red Wing Lodge on Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods, is August 6-13, 2016. 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, you are invited to call Mike and Anne Bartlett toll free at 1-888-488-5601.

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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.

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 until she moved to the Leech Lake area several years ago. You can still find her volunteering at the Frank Schneider tournament.

The winner 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 Canadian conservation fishing licenses. The winner must attend, the trip 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 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 drawing will be drawn at the 2016 Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge at Red Wing Lodge on August 26, 2016.

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 remain available. For more information contact Bob Junghans at (612) 812-6060 or bobjung305@gmail.com.

High School 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.

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
- 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 Chapter Summer League Outing - White Bear Lake/Bald Eagle Lake - Mini-Challenge with North Metro Chapter - 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

- 8 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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