

On the Water



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Summer League Wraps Up Season



Summer League winner Matt Olson (left) and second place winner Greg Kappes (right) each boated muskies during the outing on Lake Independence. Matt with 45 and 38 inch fish and Greg with 43 and 37 inch fish caught the only fish reported during league outings.

The chapter's Summer Fishing League has wrapped the season. No fish were caught on last outing October 16 on Eagle Lake. In the previous October 2 outing on Lake Independence, Greg Kappes caught a 37-inch muskie to take the lead from Matt Olson. Five minutes later, Matt Olson boated a 38-incher to regain the lead. And that is how the Summer League finished – Matt Olson in first place with 31 points and Greg Kappes in second with 28 points.

Both Matt and Greg opted to fish for the cash prize by contributing \$50 to the chapter's Stocking and Rearing fund. Matt will receive \$240 and Greg will receive \$150. The summer league prizes will be awarded at the December chapter meeting.

On a sour note, Gavin Smythe who was fishing with John Newman at the Independence outing lost a beautiful muskie estimated at over 50-inches. It would have been his personnel best.

Thanks to all who participated in the league. It was a fun season for those who participated.

Sportsman's Banquet is January 21

Our chapter's Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet will be held Saturday, January 21 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. The banquet, with over \$20,000 in prizes, helps fund our chapter's stocking and rearing goals as well as fund several other chapter functions. Because our chapter co-hosted the Muskies, Inc. 50th Anniversary Banquet last year, we were not able to hold our own banquet. So make plans to attend this year's Sportsman's Banquet with prizes including resort stays on premier muskie lakes, fishing trips with renowned muskie guides, guns, custom rods, reels, tackle boxes, custom painted one-of-a-kind lures, art prints, plus loads of tackle, storage and other outdoor gear.

December Elections for Board of Directors

Nominations for members of the chapter's Board of Directors will be taken at the November meeting. Board members will be elected at the December meeting and serve a two-year term starting in January.

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.

Eric Schultz (651-917-8272 or tcmi.president@gmail.com or eschultz33@comcast.net), or a current board member if you're interested in becoming a member of the Board. Current Board members are listed on the inside back page of this publication.

Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest

from Members Only Contest Chair, Casey Friskney

My fellow musky anglers, here we are on the home stretch, with one month left in the Minnesota season and two months left in the 2016 Members Only Contest. What comes in the next month is some of the most trialing, ruthless, and exciting fishing of the year where hopefully we get to see some true giants get caught (and released)!

The most prominent observable trend over the last month was a very notable Canadian trolling bite and the emergence of the long-awaited sucker bite here in the Metro. Fish caught while trolling in Canada made up about half of the fish logged since my last report. Hopefully we'll see the trolling bite play out in our waters as our local water temps catch up to those of the Canadian lakes. On that same note, as the water temps drop due to the elements making casting less and less attractive, hanging a sucker or three is some of the most fun and promising fishing to be had here in the north.

Noteworthy action on the Members Only Contest Board:

- Cindy Hegdahl went on a 12-fish trolling rampage on Lake of the Woods securing her a pretty strong hold on first place in the Women's Masters Division and putting her in third among all Muskies, Inc – Twin Cities members.
- Attack of the Knutsons!!! Father and son team Jeremy and Olin Knutson have been getting after it, notably with Jeremy's homemade dive-and-rise baits (coming to a muskie expo near you). Jeremy has rocketed onto the leaderboard and now sits at second place in the Men's Division and first place in the Men's Hybrid Division with a 42" tiger. Similar to his father, Olin Knutson (proof that apples don't fall far) trolled his way into second place in the Junior division with a 36-incher. Last but not least, in keeping with the name-sake, Linda Knutson remains in second place atop the Women's Masters Division.
- Todd Lindberg, who just recently re-upped his Muskies Inc. membership, has been putting a major toothache on our metro muskies all season. As of late, he hasn't let the cold weather hinder his production at all. The last I checked on Facebook, he was up to 23 fish out of his boat including a recent metro-50". Todd has sprung his way up to third in the Men's Division, and shows the consistency to climb even higher on the board by year end.
- Also capitalizing on the Canadian trolling bite, with 11 registered fish between the two of them, Tom Kenefick and Mark Fredrick have both made admirable climbs in the standings. Tom now sits in 5th in the Men's and Mark in second in the Men's Masters.

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	180	15	46"
2ND	Linda Knutson	11	1	36.5"

MEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Nolen Ryba	225	14	48"
2ND	Jeremy Knutson	153	10	45"
3RD	Todd Lindberg	126	7	50"
4TH	Mike Dahlstrom	95	6	49.5"
5TH	Tom Kenefick	91	7	48"
6TH	Casey Friskney	87	8	41"
7TH	Gary I Woods III	86	7	43"
8TH	Matt McDonald	81	5	51.25"
9TH	Alexander McLean	79	5	46.5"
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	262	23	46"
2ND	Mark Fredrick	137	11	52.5"
3RD	Brian Hanson	113	4	51"
4TH	Eric Bakke	52	3	46"

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 - Matt McDonald - 10/1 - Leech - 51.5"

There are three ways to 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 tcmi.membersonly@gmail.com.

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

Requests Now Being Accepted for Hugh C. Becker Foundation Grants

Requests are now being accepted by the Hugh C. Becker Trust Foundation for grants of up to \$10,000 to be used for qualifying activities and projects. All requests must be received by 31 January 2017. Address (do not e-mail) to Hugh C. Becker Committee of Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc., c/o George Selcke, 5217 Nolan Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343-8996.

Format: Requests are not to be more than five (5) legibly typed pages, ORIGINAL and FIVE (5) copies, to include all the following criteria:

- 1) Name and address of the group, and a history of the group's accomplished projects to date, if applicable.
- 2) Demonstrate need – how will this project benefit the Muskellunge program(s) in area, region, or range (Canada included)
- 3) What is the project and what is purpose of project?
- 4) Where is this project taking place?
- 5) What is the duration of this project – start and finish dates?
- 6) What are the cost breakouts? Itemize equipment and labor, and provide quotes.
- 7) Who will be involved: the project team, project manager/coordinator, and applicable means of contact (phone numbers)
- 8) Submit "milestone" dates for progress reports and accountability.
- 9) Can the requesting group match funds from another source? Please list.

Other considerations:

- Cap on any individual grant/fund will be \$10,000; incrementally within year or over the course of years, unless the Grant Committee decides otherwise on any specific proposal
- Credit to the Hugh C. Becker Trust Foundation will be incurred in funding
- The Hugh C. Becker has priority rights to all press releases and publications
- If this project fails to reach its purpose, through false reporting, deceit, and/or other unprofessional acts, the requesting group may be responsible for restitution (committee determination)
- NOTE: No indirect costs (overhead) will be awarded on research proposals

Addendum: Like projects/activities that may qualify per the wishes and conditions of Hugh C. Becker include, but are not limited to:

- Muskie propagation by the Twin Cities Chapter #1, in their own ponds (?) with their own equipment
- Stocking, by either raising Muskie fingerlings or purchasing fingerlings/yearlings/adults for public use in designated waters
- Habitat protection and improvement
- Clean water (quality) protection and improvement
- Professional research by qualified personnel (not limited to Minnesota, but must include accountable data)
- Expansion of the present muskellunge range (special consideration for the Missouri river system in North/South Dakota)

The Twin Cities Chapter #1 Committee will consider projects based on their respective merits per criteria above, and awards will be published in the Muskie magazine. The principles of Muskies, Inc. – Youth, Research, and Fisheries are guidelines inclusive in qualifying and evaluating proposals.

NOTE: Accountability reports, DNR letters, research papers, publications, university acknowledgements, and any other follow-up information for awards given in a particular year will be required before any individual or group is given consideration for future grants.

Nominations Requested 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.

Tell Us Your “Muskie Tale”

Now that there are just weeks of muskie fishing left, 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. Muskies 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 —

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/data collection program. Muskies with a small yellow tag near the dorsal fin were stocked over 4 years in Lake Minnetonka, Bald Eagle Lake and White Bear Lake.

When fishing those three lakes, you should be looking for fish in 24-45 inch range that 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 number on the yellow tag, the length of the fish, and lake. They would also appreciate your name and phone number in case they need to follow-up. DO NOT REMOVE THE

YELLOW TAG. They need data on the re-catchability of fish. You can go online to the DNR tag reporting website page www.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/tagged_fish_reporting/index.html or leave a message for BJ Bauer at 952-826-6771.

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. 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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