

On the Water



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The \$15,000 Grand Prize was won by Parker Butler from Willmar who registered a 43.5 inch muskie caught in Lake Plantagenet to be in the drawing.

Frank Schneider Muskie Tournament

The Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament was held September 9, 10, and 11. Close to 500 anglers participated and registered 94 muskies 40 inches or over during the event.

Steve Plante from Longville, MN was awarded first place. He boated 3 muskies on Woman Lake. His efforts earned him a week-long trip to Red Wing Lodge on Lake of the Woods, as well as an Abu Garcia rod and reel. All of the top ten winners and junior winners received a rod and reel courtesy of Pure Fishing.

Junior winner was 11-year-old Payton McDougal who has a birthday during the tournament. A 53-inch muskie from Leech Lake boated by Kyle Bisson was the longest fish in the tournament.

Look for more tournament information and photos in next month's *On the Water* newsletter.

100% of George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament Profits Benefit Metro-Area Muskie Fishery

Winner of the 8th annual George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament on Saturday, September 24 this year will take home \$1000. The George Wahl tournament is a one-day event held on 12 metro-area lakes: Minnetonka, Independence, Waconia, Eagle Lake (Henn. Cty.) White Bear, Bald Eagle, Forest, St. Croix (downstream of the Hwy 64 bridge in Stillwater to the Hwy 10 bridge in Prescott), Harriet, Calhoun, Cedar and Lake of the Isles.

The tournament was conceived as a way to honor George Wahl, long-time chapter member, an avid muskie angler and creator of the Eagle Tail – one of the most popular muskie baits ever. We wanted to have a friendly competition for metro-area muskie anglers. The tournament is unique in that every penny made by the event goes toward the metro-area muskie fishery.

Every person who registers a muskie during the George Wahl tournament is entered into the Grand Prize drawing. The Grand Prize is a trip for 4 to Whitefish Bay Camp on Lake of the Woods and \$500.

The George Wahl tournament follows the Catch-Photo-Release format. When you catch a fish, take a photo – being sure to include Saturday's paper somewhere in the photo – and release it safely. Then, call in the information to tournament headquarters. Photo of the fish must be emailed or downloaded to complete the process.

Tournament hours are from 7 am to 6 pm. Tournament headquarters and the Awards program will be at Thorne Bros. in Blaine. A meal will be served prior to the program. There will be raffles and other opportunities to win items to take home.

Tournament standings are figured on a point system. Prizes, including a Thorne Bros. Gift Certificate and a commemorative Sinister lure are awarded through 5th place. The first 3 places will also win cash. First place will be awarded \$1,000.

Register for the George Wahl tournament in person at Joe's Sporting Goods in St. Paul, Blue Ribbon Bait and Tackle in Oakdale and Thorne's through Friday, September 23. You can also register on line at our chapter website: www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org through Monday, September 19. Entry for the tournament is \$50, a small price to pay to ensure that the quality of our local fishery will continue for years to come. If you've ever fished for muskies in a metro-area lake, do your part for this fishery. Register for the George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament.

From Our President

'Tis the season of our chapter's muskie tournaments. The three-day Frank Schneider Memorial Tournament was held September 9, 10 and 11. Putting on an event for close to 500 people is a great endeavor and takes a lot of work to make it happen. I want to thank Tournament Chair, Eric Bakke and all the people who volunteered to work at the event this year to make it successful.

Coming up on September 24 is the George Wahl Memorial Tournament held on 12 metro-area lakes. One way you can help sustain the great muskie fishery that we have in the metro area is to participate in the George Wahl tournament. Every penny that is raised at the tournament will go toward the metro-area muskie fishery.

New this year for the George Wahl tournament is that the amount of cash the winners receive has been increased. The first place winner will receive \$1,000.

Participating in the George Wahl tournament will also be an outing for the chapter Summer Fishing League. Be sure to let Greg Kappes, Fishing League Chair know you will be participating.

Even if you may not be able to go out and fish for the day, consider signing up anyway as your way to contribute a little toward keeping stocking our local lakes for us to enjoy.

*Your President,
ERIC SCHULTZ*

Chapter Summer Fishing League

from Greg Kappes, Summer Fishing League Chair

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

We now have two fish caught during league events. I caught a 43 in the last August event on Minnetonka for 17 points to take second place. Matt Olson still leads with 19 points.

There is still plenty of opportunity to gain a top spot. For those fishing for the cash prizes, first place will pay out \$240 (roughly 60 percent), second place pays \$150. Of those donations, \$80 will go to stocking.

I use the Muskies First website to post updates – under the Muskie Club section of the forum. Please check the forum to see if the event has been cancelled. 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
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

Red Wing Fishermen Catch 88 Muskies

During a week of beautiful skies and no serious storms, 34 fishermen exhibited why it is that Red Wing Lodge has been chosen 10 different times to be the headquarters for the Muskie Inc. Chapter Challenge. During the annual outing on August 6-13, 88 muskies were caught and released by members of the North Metro and Twin Cities chapters of Muskie Inc. Nine of the muskies were 45" or larger. Ryan Wyszynski took big fish honors with a 48.5" muskie. Ryan will have his name engraved on the Big Fish plaque. Other releasers of big fish included, Steve Lucht (48"), Dave Knutson (47.5") and Kyle Plaisance (47").

The 88 muskies topped last year's 87 fish, and must be the most muskies, or among the most, ever caught over the 31 years of these Muskie Inc. Outings. These numbers are a testament to the resource as well as to the expertise and determination of those who take advantage of this opportunity to take on this special resource. A special thanks to Alex Worobel, Andy McClure, and especially John Genosky, for helping fishermen who experienced boat problems.

Mike and Anne Bartlett, along with daughter Kate and son Matt, went all out again, as is their practice, preparing for and hosting Muskie Inc. fishermen, again exhibiting the fun and solid service with which the family has built and maintained its outstanding reputation in the business.

As always, stories, jokes and good-natured ribbing were enjoyed by all, but the stats on these remain not part of any official record. Keep an eye out for the detailed fall invitation that will officially begin the sign-up period for the 2017 Red Wing outing. Dates for the 2017 outing will be August 12-19.

Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest

from Members Only Contest Chair, Casey Friskney

Three months down and three to go here in our Minnesota Muskie season. Hopefully, we're through the hot "dog-days of summer" and moving on to my favorite part of the year, early fall. The main trends I noted over the last month can be broken down like this:

Step 1: Go North

Step 2: Throw Bucktails.

A vast majority of the fish registered so far for August were caught far north of our local lakes; with a majority of them coming out of the Canadian side of Lake of the Woods.

Here are some other notables from the leaderboard:

- The big names from last month are still leading. Josh Borovsky's "Big Fish" (56.5"), Nolan Ryba in the Men's Division, and Tera Castillo who continues to improve on her command over the Women's Division.
- Below the top three there's been quite a bit of movement in the Men's Division with 4 new guys climbing into the top 10.

My August 2016 Secret: I went to Canada and I threw bucktails...

Congrats to all who've boated fish so far, keep catching and registering, and I'll check back in after the Frank Schneider and George Wahl tournaments.

Current standings:

JUNIOR DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Elijah Woods	25	1	50.5"

WOMEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Terra Castillo	117	6	54"
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MEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Nolens Ryba	171	11	45"
2ND	Mike Dahlstrom	95	6	49.5"
3RD	Alexander McLean	79	5	46.5"
4TH	Jeff Nelson	66	5	53"
5TH	Gary I Woods III	64	5	43"
6TH	Casey Friskney	62	6	40.5"
7TH	Pat McAllister	58	3	50"
8TH	Mike Darley	48	2	51"
9TH	Erik Chrissis	45	3	47"
10TH	Tom Kenefick	34	3	43"

MEN'S HYBRID DIVISION

(points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST	Jesse Carpentier	15	2	34"
2ND	John Harazin	10	1	36"
3RD	Erik Chrissis	4	1	30"

MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Brian Hanson	63	3	51"
2ND	Eric Bakke	52	3	46"
	Brent Hirsch	52	3	43"

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 - Unofficial - Pat McAllister - 8/1 - Bald Eagle - 50"

Remember, 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.

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.

— this 'n that —

Tell Us Your “Muskie Tale”

While you're fishing this season, keep in mind all the things that happen while you're out. It might earn you the chapter's “Muskie Tale”. 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.

We've already seen a picture of a giant snapping turtle caught during the Metro Muskie Tournament. We're not necessarily looking for the “big fish” story. We all hear enough of those. Share with us by emailing your “tale” to Denise Olson at olson@3pete.com. The person with the best tale will have the honor of keeping the chapter Muskie Tale Award for a year.

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 temi.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>

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



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