

# On the Water



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## Annual Sportsman's Banquet Scheduled for January 27

The Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet, our chapter's winter fundraising event, will be held Saturday, January 27 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. This year's banquet will be bigger and better than ever with over \$20,000 in prizes including stays at Spring Bay Resort on Lake Vermilion and Trappers Landing Lodge on Leech Lake, fishing trips with renowned muskie guides, rods, reels, ice fishing gear, H30 sunglasses, entertainment packages, guns, and loads of tackle, storage and other outdoor gear. There will be themed raffle tables worth more than \$1,000 each, cash raffles and games, as well as silent auction items.

Again this year, pre-event early-bird packages will be available. By purchasing a Gold or Platinum raffle ticket package that includes your dinner, you can save up to \$60. Attendees who purchase early-bird packages will participate in an exclusive bonus drawing for a muskie rod. Those who purchase Platinum early-bird packages will participate

in an exclusive bonus drawing for a muskie reel as well as the drawing for the rod. Deadline for early-bird packages and the bonus raffles is January 15.

Seating is limited to the first 200 who purchase tickets and they will go fast, so get your orders in early. You may purchase your tickets two ways. Use the order form in this issue and mail in your reservations. Purchase on-line with a credit card or PayPal account at our website [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org). Dinner reservations and early-bird packages will be available for sale at the December and January chapter meetings. Cost of the dinner only is \$40 per person.

The banquet committee can use help if you are planning to attend. Volunteer to help with check-in or man one of the prize tables or games. Please contact Denise Olson, Elaine Randolph or Shawn Kellet or email [tcmi.sponsor2@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.sponsor2@gmail.com).

Don't forget to invite a friend. This is a fun night out whether you are "into" muskie fishing or not.

## Seeking Nominations 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.

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](mailto:kroupaandsusan@gmail.com). Call Jim at 952-474-5967 if you have questions. Nominations must be in by December 31.

## Gift Exchange at December Meeting

We will again have a gift exchange at our December meeting. We've done this several times in the past and it always has proved to be interesting. If you would like to participate in a gift exchange at the December meeting, please bring a wrapped lure or other small item to exchange.

Participation is not mandatory – only bring something to exchange if you want to participate.

## Chapter Elections in December

The chapter will be electing new members to the Board of Directors at the December meeting. Board members serve a two-year term starting in January. Consider joining the board. The Board needs people who are interested and willing to participate in the chapter and its future. Once the new board is elected, we will elect new officers.

Up for re-election for two year terms are Eric Bakke, Brad Coyne, Mike Darley, Greg Ide, Jim Kroupa, Doug Malsom, Stu McIntosh, Jon Meyers, Terry Schar, and Andy Wayt.

Contact president Shawn Kellet (tcmi.president@gmail.com or 612-201-0209) 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.



Nine hardy individuals showed up on the morning of November 11 to harvest muskie fingerlings from the pond where the MN Muskie Expo and Frankies Live Bait had raised them over the summer. The morning was cold and a 2-inch film of ice covered the pond. Pictured (left to right) are: Gracie Hartman, Mike Lee, Lily Hartman, Boden Lee, Owen Werner, Owen's friend Alex, and Landon Jetmund from Oklahoma who was ice fishing for the very first time.

5,000 fry were put in the pond in June. The pond was previously used to raise and harvest walleye. All the walleye were thought to have been removed from the pond. Unfortunately, that was not the case. A sampling earlier in the week didn't show any muskies. The plan then became one of fishing out the walleye. But even then they thwarted plans. Only 5 walleye were caught. There are plans to winter-kill the pond for better results next year.

## Red Wing Lodge Outing August 11-18, 2018

The annual August trip is open to members of both the North Metro and the Twin City chapters of Muskies, Inc. This outing is an amazing combination of great fishing in a beautiful shield environment, with a resort base that is clean and comfortable, where everything works. The Bartlett family has hosted Muskies, Inc. outings for years with personal and friendly service, understanding well what muskie people need and like.

Thirty anglers enjoyed this opportunity last summer. Be part of the group this year. Get your name engraved on the Big Fish plaque for 2018.

Facts about this quality lodge on beautiful Lake of the Woods, Sabaskong Bay (no waiting in line for spots):

- Family owned and operated for 50 years.
- Eleven-time Chapter Challenge headquarters: in '83, '86, '93, '97, '03, '04, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, and also again in August of 2017.

- Floating docks provide for the easy and safe boarding of boats
- A/C units have now been installed in all cabins
- Huge generator has been installed for any power outages
- Services available include: license, maps, premium gas (no ethanol!), ice, tackle
- Check out the muskie information, including the Red Wing Lodge Hall of Fame, as well as the first live cam in Morson, at [www.redwinglodge.net](http://www.redwinglodge.net)

Cost per person in housekeeping cabins remains at \$350 (US Funds) for 2018, just \$50 per day for big-time Canadian muskie fishing.

Included in the full value of the 2018 Muskie Inc. trip:

- Free dockage (\$72 value)
- Free dinner one night, courtesy of the Bartletts
- One free trip, given away in drawing, courtesy of the Bartletts
- Free wireless internet service

throughout the resort

- Free daily bag of ice; door prizes

Reservations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit, made out to Red Wing Lodge. Deposits officially confirm reservation holds. First come, first served.

Early deposits are appreciated by the Bartletts, these funds are used to purchase materials for cabin improvements, most of which can only be made over the winter.

To make reservations, or any questions or suggestions for improving the trip, contact:

John van Ingen, (651) 336-3622, [maxjo@mac.com](mailto:maxjo@mac.com), 2108 Palace Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105 or John Genosky, (651) 329-4898, [John@Protacinc.com](mailto: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.

# Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest

from Casey Friskney Members Only chair

As you read this our Minnesota season has come to an end. If I had to reflect on this November I'd say it was a bit colder than the Novembers of the past couple years, with the exception of this last week, yet the keys to success have generally stayed the same:

- Soaking Suckers – produced 4 of the 8 registered November fish
- Trolling – caught the [unofficial] Luncker of the Month
- Fly Fishing – 2 fish caught on the fly
- Jigging – I don't know how but John Newman seems to always produce late season by jigging creatures.

Moving forward I suspect a few fish to trickle into the Lunge Log for November that have not yet been registered. Hopefully we'll see a few adventurers catch some fish on December 1st here in Minnesota to close the season out, as well as maybe a few fish from foreign state's waters where the season is still open.

Noteworthy action on the Members Only Contest Board:

- Ryan Logelin makes his first entry to the Lunge Log with a late November 51-incher he trolled up out of White Bear. This fish takes over as the present unofficial Luncker of the Month and marks the only logged trolling fish of November.
- Josh Hawke hit his new personal best and first 50-incher, a Minnetonka sucker fish that I had the pleasure of being the netman for.
- Peter Janik suckered two fish (39 and 43 inches) to pass Eric Bakke for 3rd place in the Men's Masters Standings.
- Tom Keith and Ben Tollefson both made good on the "November Fly-Bite" with Tom catching a 30-inch river fish and Ben registering a 43-inch metro muskie.
- Johnny Newman is up to his old tricks. You might recall last season when he jigged up a 49-incher on the last day of the Minnesota season (12/1/16). Well now he's managed to jig in a 39-incher to cause a 9th place tie in the Men's Division. We'll see if he can't repeat his same end-of-the-season jigging success...

Current standings:

## JUNIOR DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Lily Hartman	29	2	43"
2ND	Olin Knutson	28	1	49.5"
3RD	Finn Knutson	9	1	35"
4TH	Adelei Knutson	4	1	30"

## WOMEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Kimberly Hartman	28	2	44.5"
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## WOMEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Cindy Hegdahl	214	14	53"
2ND	Linda Knutson	68	4	47"
3RD	Gracie Hartman	15	1	41"

## MEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Nick Eddy	373	23	49"
2ND	Nolen Ryba	362	21	53.25"
3RD	Ben Tollefson	202	13	45"
4TH	Casey Friskney	156	11	52.5"
5TH	Nathan Ryskiewicz	135	10	45.25"
6TH	Dave Gustafson	130	8	44"
7TH	Tom Batina	111	9	48.5"
8TH	Patrick Thiry	103	5	50.5"
9TH	John Newman	101	9	42"
9TH	Josh Lunde	101	11	44"
10TH	Tom Kenefick	98	6	46"

## MEN'S HYBRID DIVISION

1ST	Josh Lunde	59	8	35.5"
2ND	Luke Manthey	38	4	38.5"
3RD	Casey Friskney	19	1	44.5"

## MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Brent Hirsch	292	11	53.75"
2ND	Alexander McLean	187	11	46.5"
3RD	Peter R Janik	125	8	52"

## LUNKER OF THE MONTH

APRIL - Official - John Newman - 4/29 - Clear Lake, IA - 42"

MAY - Official - John Harazin - 5/21 - Clear Lake, IA - 41"

JUNE - Official - Nolen Ryba - 6/21 - Lake Minnetonka - 50.5"

JULY - Official - Tim Hoene - 7/9 - Lake Minnetonka - 54"

AUGUST - Official - Nolen Ryba - 8/6 - Lake Minnetonka - 53.25"

SEPTEMBER - Official - Brent Hirsch - 9/27 - Lake Waconia - 53.75"

OCTOBER - Official - Brian Hanson - 10/13 - Lake Miltona - 50"

OCTOBER - Official - Nolan Ryba - 10/28 - Detroit Lakes - 50"

NOVEMBER - Unofficial - Ryan Logelin - 11/3 - White Bear Lake - 51"

That's all for now, I'll see you one the water!  
-Casey

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## **Muskie Tales**

Only a few days left for muskie fishing this year. As you reflect back on the season, keep in mind events that happen that might make a good "Muskie Tale". 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. Maybe some kind of mishap happened while you were out fishing; or you found something interesting on the end of your line. We heard a good story at the George Wahl tournament that would be perfect to submit as a muskie tale. We also understand that someone caught a something that flies during the Chapter Challenge. We're hoping to hear both those stories again as Muskie Tales at our banquet.

Share with us by emailing your "tale" to Denise Olson at [olsonat3pete@gmail.com](mailto:olsonat3pete@gmail.com). The "Muskie Tail" Award will be presented to the best story shared at our Chapter Awards program at the end of the season.

## **Help Students with Research Project**

A group of students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute is conducting a research project regarding fishing licenses. They contacted our chapter and asked if we had anyone who would be willing to be interviewed by the group for the project. They are hoping to gain the opinions of recreational fishermen in regards to their recreational license program. If anyone in the chapter is willing they should contact Quintin Barker at [qbarker@wpi.edu](mailto:qbarker@wpi.edu). It would be a huge help to their project to be able

to take the time to answer some questions.

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## **WANTED.**

Navionics chip for Lowrance 5000C. Must have Lake of the Woods and Minnesota on it. Call Larry: 952-896-3477 or [lproskin@msn.com](mailto:lproskin@msn.com)

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Classified ads to run in the newsletter may be submitted by Twin Cities Chapter members. Charges are \$5.00 per month per ad. Ads can include a photo of an item for sale. Send ad information to Denise Olson at [olsonat3pete@gmail.com](mailto:olsonat3pete@gmail.com).

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## **TWIN CITIES SPORTSMAN'S BANQUET RESERVATION ORDER**

**Saturday, January 27, 2018 - Minnesota Valley Country Club - Doors open at 5:00 pm**

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**PLATINUM BONUS PACKAGE – \$160 (\$220 value)** Includes dinner and \$180 in "Muskie Bucks" QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Salmon Dinner     Roast Pork Dinner

*If purchased before January 12, 2018 will be entered in EARLY-BIRD drawing for muskie rod and reel.*

**GOLD BONUS PACKAGE – \$110 (\$140 value)** Includes dinner and \$100 in "Muskie Bucks" \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Salmon Dinner     Roast Pork Dinner

*If purchased before January 12, 2018 will be entered in EARLY-BIRD drawing for the muskie rod.*

**Dinner Only – \$35** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# next meeting

**DECEMBER 12**

## **Speaker: Josh Borovsky**

*Josh splits his time between Lake Vermilion and the metro area lakes. He typically guides on Lake Vermilion during the warm water summer period as well as the late fall and guides in the metro area early season and then again from mid-August through mid October.*

*Josh his known for his consistency both in guiding and the tournament world. Josh will compare the last few seasons, some new techniques, and, reveal his 2018 pink days calendar.*

**EVERY YOUTH MEMBER AT THE MEETING WILL RECEIVE A NEW LURE.**

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*Muskies Inc. Twin Cities chapter meetings are held at 7:00 pm the second Tuesday of every month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN (just off I-494 & Lyndale Ave.).*



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*A big thank you to all the manufacturers, retailers and resorts that have helped the Twin Cities chapter in the past year by donating merchandise and trips used for prizes at our Banquet and Tournaments as well as at the welcome table at each meeting.*

*Please make an effort to support our sponsors so they have an incentive to keep on supporting us. Without them this chapter could not do what it does for the resource and its members.*

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