

# On the Water



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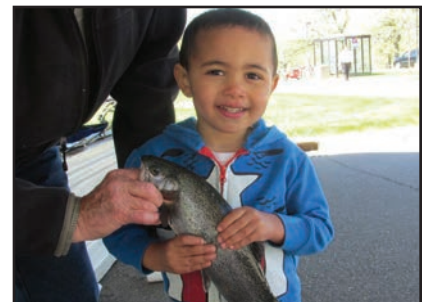
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## Fishing "Opener" at the Minneapolis Veteran's Home

Residents of the Minneapolis Veteran's Home and their family members enjoyed a great morning of fishing on Saturday, May 6. They caught as many trout as they were able from the pond that was set up and stocked in the Vet's Home yard. And they were all treated to a "shore lunch" of fresh-caught trout, potatoes and beans with all the fixings.

It's extremely rewarding to see our veterans who may never get the chance any other time during the year come out and enjoy themselves fishing.

Many thanks to Troy Zuelzke who spearheaded this event and contacted all the VFW, AmVets and American Legion posts who help support the Vet's Home Opener. Thanks also to the many volunteers who boiled potatoes the night before, cut and buttered the buns, cut up the pickles, breaded the trout, fried the potatoes, minded the beans, and then served it all to nearly 500 veterans and their families. Special thanks to the Heath family and helpers who cleaned all those trout, and to Tom Lund who fried them all up. Without the many volunteers this event would not be possible.





## *From Our President,* **SHAWN KELLETT**

*"It's the most, wonderful  
tiiiitime of the year."*

*After what felt like an eternity,  
Minnesota Muskie opener is finally  
here! I'm not sure where I'm going,  
but my family knows that Dad will be  
gone for the weekend.*

*There are quite a few things to pass  
along:*

*None of the anti-muskie legislation  
came back up at the end of session  
this year. It seems our hard work has  
paid off and the legislature doesn't  
have any desire to open that can of  
worms with us any time soon. Thank  
you to all who have supported our  
initiatives to give your input to our  
elected officials in the past as it's that  
large voice that has earned us their  
respect going forward.*

*June 16th is the annual Armed  
Forces Family Fishing Celebration  
on Lake Minnetonka. We need more  
volunteer boats to help us take these  
families of our veterans out fishing  
for the morning. We will be going  
out of the Wayzata Depot docks with  
volunteers showing up around 6am.  
Our Facebook page has more detail on  
the feed.*

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the Twin Cities chapter members  
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the coupon code to take advantage of  
this great offer.*

*Big thanks to Troy Zuelzke and crew  
for pulling off another great Veterans  
Home Opener event! Fun and  
memories were had by all.*

*We are also looking for a team of  
people to help us expand our online  
presence. We would like to add Tinder,  
Snapchat and the Twin Cities MI  
Youtube channel to get our name out  
there to a larger degree. Please drop  
me a line and I can get you in touch  
with the right people.*

*Have a fun and safe muskie opener!*



**Members of Capable Partners enjoyed an awesome lunch after a morning of muskie fishing at last year's outing. Six muskies, including a 51-incher and numerous other species were boated at the event last year.**

### **Capable Partners Outing**

**J**oin members of our chapter and the Capable Partners organization for a morning of muskie fishing followed by a delicious shore lunch. Capable Partners is a non-profit organization that provides hunting, fishing, and related outdoor opportunities for physically-challenged individuals. We'll be gathering at 6:30 am on Sunday, June 11 at Surfside Park in Mound on Cook's Bay, Lake Minnetonka and fishing until around 1:00 pm. Lunch for all participants will end the morning and anyone who wants to continue fishing in the afternoon is welcome to.

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.

You don't have to go fishing to join in. Volunteers to help put together the lunch as well as serve the meal will be needed as well as the guides. Please contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 to volunteer.

### **Mini Challenge with North Metro**

**T**he annual "Mini-Challenge" between our chapter and the North Metro chapter on White Bear Lake or Bald Eagle Lake is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20 this year. The Mini-Challenge is also one of the events for our chapter Summer Fishing League. Come on out and help us win the Challenge and get credit for participating in the chapter 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. So, this year our July on-the-water meeting is in June.

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 for treats after fishing. The losing chapter will treat the other chapter.

# Stocking and Projects Update

from John Newman, Stocking and Projects Chair

The Minnesota DNR has been busy this spring with their annual egg-stripping program for muskies. Because of the up-and-down temperatures we experienced this spring, the muskies came into the nets somewhat straggly. The DNR, however, was successful in stripping enough eggs to fulfill their quotas. Hatch rates have also been very good and the fish at this point are about three quarters of an inch long. Currently they are kept in buckets filled with 3000 muskies each. The fish will be raised until they are approximately an inch and three-quarters long and then stocked into rearing ponds for the rest of the summer. Hybrid muskie rearing has been successful and currently they will have enough for the stocking of our hybrid lakes.

Our chapter has also been active in supporting several DNR programs. We recently finished helping with the heating system at the East Metro

Hatchery to enable a better supply of water at the correct temperatures. This project was paid for by our chapter at a cost of \$1,800.

We also received a grant of \$500 from the Hugh Becker Foundation to purchase 15 new fishing reels for the Fishing in the Neighborhood (FIN) program that the DNR will use to teach kids how to fish. In addition, this spring we teamed up with the Duluth Muskies Inc. chapter to help the Duluth Fisheries office with equipment they needed to use for their St. Louis River muskie study. Our share of that project was \$2,700.

Our latest project will involve the purchase of two acoustic receivers for the on-going St. Croix muskie study. These receivers will help track the



**Master breeder Donn Schrader at the East Metro DNR Hatchery is watching over 24 buckets of muskie babies. Each of the buckets is filled with 3000 muskies.**

muskies as they go up and down the river.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on our banquet and our tournaments, and also to those who participate in these events. Funds raised at these events allow us to continue to enhance our musky fishery.

# Summer Fishing League

from Greg Kappes, Summer Fishing League Chair

The fishing league is an opportunity to fish with chapter members and to showcase your skills or learn from others. Points are awarded for fish caught and are accumulative throughout the season.

## Summer Fishing League Schedule

DAY	DATE	LAKE	TIME
Thursday	June 8	Minnetonka	5:00 to 9:30 pm
Thursday	June 15	Waconia	5:00 to 9:30 pm
Tuesday	June 20	White Bear/Bald Eagle	5:00 to 9:30 pm
		Mini Challenge with North Metro	
Sunday	July 9	Harriet/Calhoun	6:00 am to noon
Sunday	July 30	Rush	6:00 am to noon
Thursday	August 10	Minnetonka	5:00 to 9:30 pm
Sunday	August 20	Bryant	6:00 am to noon
Thursday	August 31	White Bear	5:00 to 9:00 pm
Sunday	September 17	Forest	6:00 am to noon
Saturday	September 23	George Wahl Tournament	
Sunday	October 8	Independence	7:00 am to 1:00 pm

A fish must be over 36 inches in length to qualify. A 36 inch fish is 10 points. Fish are measured to the nearest half inch, but it must be over so measurements are rounded down. A picture of the fish on a board must be submitted to the email address [tcmi.fishingleague@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.fishingleague@gmail.com). The fish must be on the board with head touching the upwards 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 viewed. I must be able to see fish's nose touching upward panel and tail at measurement for photo 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.

League participants can choose to compete for cash prizes that are awarded to the top finishers. If you choose to participate for the cash prizes, you must make a \$50 donation to the Twin Cities chapter stocking fund before fishing to qualify. For rules and/or to make your donation visit the chapter website at [www.TwinCitiesMuskiesInc.org](http://www.TwinCitiesMuskiesInc.org) and click on Summer League. If you have questions, contact me at [tcmi.FishingLeague@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.FishingLeague@gmail.com).

Opening night for the chapter fishing league is June 8 on lake Minnetonka from 5:00 to 9:30 pm. Hope to see you on the water!



## Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration

The 9th annual Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration will take place on Friday, June 16 on Lake Minnetonka at the Wayzata Depot Docks. This event is a collaborative effort with Fishing for Life and our chapter. Military kids and adults with connections to the military will enjoy a morning of multi-species fishing from the docks as well as out on Lake Minnetonka.

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. Everyone will fish all morning and then be treated to a great picnic lunch. 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 canceled 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](mailto:twschar@yahoo.com) or [tcmi.hsqual@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.hsqual@gmail.com)

## this n' that

### June Jam is June 17-18

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](http://www.nmmuskies.com). Or contact tournament director Steve Wernersbach at [junejam@nmmuskies.com](mailto:junejam@nmmuskies.com).

### Chapter Challenge

Teams from Muskies, Inc. chapters throughout the country will be gathering at Red Wing Lodge, Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods August 21-25 for the 2017 Gil Hamm Memorial Chapter Challenge. Our chapter has registered for two teams of 6 people each. The group needs two more to fill out the teams. The Challenge is officially Wednesday-

Friday, August 23-25, but most participants come for the entire week to pre-fish. There is a rules meeting on Tuesday evening.

Lodging is reserved for our teams for the week. Participants pay for their own lodging and share the costs of food. Wednesday and Thursday dinner is provided and on Friday lunch is served at the Awards program.

Stu MacIntosh is heading up our Challenge teams this year. Contact him at [smcintosh@horwitzinc.com](mailto:smcintosh@horwitzinc.com) or 651-699-9817 if you're interested in representing our chapter at this event.

### Red Wing Lodge Outing

Join members of our chapter and North Metro for the annual August Muskie Inc. Outing at Red Wing Lodge on Lake of the Woods, Canada for a great week of muskie fishing, fun and camaraderie. Dates for the outing are August 12-19, 2017.

Red Wing Lodge, family owned and operated for 50 years, is clean and comfortable, where everything works.

The Bartlett family has hosted Muskie Inc. outings for years with personal and friendly service, so they understand what muskie people need and like. Red Wing Lodge is a ten-time Chapter Challenge headquarters.

Cost per person in housekeeping cabins remains at \$350 (US Funds) for 2017, just \$50 per day for big-time Canadian muskie fishing. Included is dockage (\$72 value), launch (both ways, \$25 value), free dinner one night and one free trip - given away in drawing - courtesy of the Bartletts, wireless internet service, free daily bag of ice, and door prizes.

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

# Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest

from Members Only Contest Chair, Casey Friskney

Hello all! As I write this we sit just a couple days away from the long-awaited 2017 Minnesota Muskie Opener. I myself have already snuck out on a couple of fruitless attempts in foreign (Iowa and Wisconsin) waters, but by the looks of our leaderboard, particularly the Men's Division, there are fish being caught and tallied.

Good luck to all over the next month of our season!

Below is a quick rundown of the rules of our contest as well as the current leaderboard.

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 before the 30-day limit will not count towards a member's total points.

There are two ways to register your fish in the chapter contest:

- a. Register your fish on-line at the national website. [www.muskiesinc.org](http://www.muskiesinc.org). You must sign in to the site to register your fish.
  - b. Fill out a registration form (can be downloaded from the website) and email it to Casey Friskney: [cfriskney@gmail.com](mailto:cfriskney@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.
  6. Any and all discrepancies will be brought to the Chapter Contest Committee for review and their decision will be final.
  7. Standings will be posted on the Twin Cities Chapter Muskies Inc. website and in the newsletter each month.
  8. The contest officially ends on December 31.

9. All awards will be handed out at an Awards Program during our chapter meeting in February.

## TWIN CITIES CHAPTER MEMBERS 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 MASTER** - 3 Awards. Any male member who has won the Men's Division.
4. **WOMEN'S MASTER** - 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. 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.

Current standings:

### MEN'S DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	John C Newman Jr	53	4	42"
2ND	Nathan Ryskiewicz	27	2	39.5"
3RD	Brady Hawks	23	2	39.5"
4TH	John Harazin	15	1	41"
5TH	Jesse Carpentier	13	1	39"
6TH	Mike Renstrom	8	1	34"

### LUNKER OF THE MONTH

APRIL - Unofficial - John C Newman Jr - 4/29 - Clear Lake, IA - 42"

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

Good luck to all over the next month of our season!  
I'll see you on the water,

Casey

# calendar of events

## JUNE

- 6 Minnesota Muskie Opener
- 8 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Minnetonka - 5-9:30 pm
- 9 State High School Muskie Tournament Regional Qualifier - Lake Independence
- 10 Metro Muskie Tournament - 16 metro-area lakes
- 11 Capable Partners Outing - Lake Minnetonka - Surfside Park in Mound - 6:30 am-1 pm
- 13 Chapter Meeting: Mike Keyes
- 15 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Waconia - 5-9:30 pm
- 16 Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration - Lake Minnetonka - 7 am-1 pm
- 17-18 North Metro June Jam Muskie Tournament - 7 Western Wisconsin waters

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

## JULY

- 9 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Harriet/Calhoun - 6 am-12 noon
- 30 Chapter Summer League Outing - Rush Lake - 6 am-12 noon

## AUGUST

- 8 Annual Picnic - Veteran's Park Pavilion - Richfield - 6-9 pm
- 10 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Minnetonka - 5-9:30 pm
- 12-19 Red Wing Lodge, LOW Outing
- 20 Chapter Summer League Outing - Bryant Lake - 6 am-12 noon

- 23-25 Chapter Challenge, Red Wing Lodge, LOW
- 31 Chapter Summer League Outing - White Bear Lake - 5-9 pm

## SEPTEMBER

- 8-10 50th Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament
- 12 Chapter Meeting
- 17 Chapter Summer League Outing - Forest Lake - 6 am-12 noon
- 23 George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament / Chapter Summer League Outing - 13 Metro area lakes

## OCTOBER

- 8 Chapter Summer League Outing - Lake Independence - 7 am-1 pm
- 10 Chapter Meeting

## Metro Muskie Tournament is Saturday, June 10

**D**on't miss the Metro Muskie Tournament on Saturday, June 10. The tournament gives you a choice of over 20 metro-area waters to fish. Entries are available at Thorne Bros. or Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle through Friday, June 9. A printable form can be found on the tournament site: [metromuskietournament.com](http://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 an Abu Garcia rod and 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.

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# next meeting

**JUNE 13**  
**Speaker:**  
**MIKE KEYES**

You've seen Mike Keyes on TV and YouTube on the Keyes Outdoors Channel. Mike fishes all over the US both solo and with local guides for the programs. Mike's "slime time" is a hallmark that kids (and some adults too) imitate, just like they did Kirby Puckett's batting stance. Come meet Mike at our June 13th meeting.

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