

# On the Water



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## Summer Fishing League Wraps Up

The chapter's Summer Fishing league wrapped up the season with an outing October 8 on Lake Independence. A number of fish were seen, but only one was boated. BJ Olson turned in a 39.5-incher.

The chapter fishing league provides an opportunity to fish with other chapter members on lakes throughout the metro area. If league anglers choose to do so, they may participate for cash prizes. League anglers who make a \$50 donation to the chapter's stocking and projects fund are eligible for the cash incentives.

In the final standings Greg Kappes took first place with 38.5 points with a 39-incher from Bryant Lake and a 41.5-incher from Lake Harriet. Greg also caught a 38-incher on Harriet, but forgot to take a bump board picture to submit for league fishing so was only awarded 10 points for that fish.

Ryan Ryskiewicz came in second with a 41-incher at the first league outing on Lake Minnetonka. BJ Olson placed third with his 39.5-incher from Independence.

The total purse for the members



First place finisher, Greg Kappes will keep the chapter Summer League traveling trophy, created by Todd Cleveland for the next year.

participating for the cash incentives was \$350. Of this, \$70 will be placed in the stocking and project fund. Greg will receive \$180 for his first place finish. Nate did not participate for the cash prizes, just went fishing. BJ will receive \$100 for his third place finish. The prizes will be awarded at the November chapter meeting. Greg will also have the honor of keeping the league's Phantom traveling trophy for the next year.

Thanks to all who participated in the chapter Summer Fishing League. It was another fun season.

## Chapter Elections at December Meeting

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 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, if you want to be able to have a say in how the chapter uses its funds, if you would like to influence how the chapter deals with Muskies Inc. National, the DNR, or other muskie clubs, become a board member.

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.

## In Memoriam: Peter Hadley

Peter Hadley, an early pioneer of Muskies, Inc., passed away on October 23. Pete was an extremely very active member in the early years of the organization. He participated in every project – helping at the hatchery, sucker stripping, working with the stocking program. He also found time to chair the annual awards banquet.

Pete was elected to serve as assistant treasurer in 1973 and treasurer in 1974. He served as president of Muskies, Inc. in 1976 and again in 1977.

When Muskies, Inc. chapters combined to form the new "International Muskies, Inc.", Pete was part of the group that revised the by-laws, worked on a revenue stream, and held an election for At-Large Directors. In March of 1979 Pete became the President of International Muskies, Inc. and Chair of the Executive Committee.

Pete continued to work on chapter level projects for many years. At the 25th Anniversary of Muskies, Inc. in 1991, he was inducted as a member of the very first class to the Hall of Fame, a honor very well deserved.

Memorials are preferred. Send to Muskies, Inc. to Andy Wayt, 747 Winslow Ave, St. Paul, MN 55107. Make checks out to Muskies, Inc.

## *From Our President, SHAWN KELLETT*

*It's time to start thinking about nominations for next year's board and officers. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!*

*I know everyone has things going on, but that's not an excuse for doing nothing. We've had a couple of new people join the board in the past two years, but we need more people to step up.*

*Here's a few myths about being on the chapter board:*

- *PEOPLE DON'T WANT SOMEONE LIKE ME! Trust me, you can't be more abrasive or stubborn than me when I want to be. We need the type of people who aren't afraid to dig in and get things done.*
- *BEING ON THE BOARD IS A HUGE TIME COMMITMENT. How does 10 Tuesday nights a year sound? That's it. We usually spend an hour or two on business and the rest socializing.*
- *I DON'T CATCH FISH, SO WHAT DO I KNOW? Trust me, I know lots of people who DO catch fish and don't know anything! Really, the ability to get an animal with a brain the size of a peanut to open its mouth and chomp on a 2x4 or a clump of deer's butt-hair has nothing to do with decision-making ability or pitching in.*
- *If you look back at past board members, you'll probably find that the best were not necessarily the best fisherman. They happened to be the ones that cared about the chapter and the resource the most. It's those types of people that give of themselves to*

*the club and fishery that get my respect over the local (or national) "Big Sticks." Anyone can take what someone builds; it's those that build what others take for granted that deserve our respect.*

- *I DON'T KNOW ANYONE. See #2. You'll find yourselves a TON of new friends by volunteering. Just a few years ago I really didn't know anyone. When you give of yourself, you usually get x2 back; usually even more. Trust us, nobody bites, will judge you, will think you're stupid for asking something that some (but for sure not all) veteran board members know.*
- *I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CHAPTER, SO WHAT GOOD CAN I DO? We're all still learning the ins and outs of this organization. Ours is the original Muskies Inc chapter – the one that started it all. That takes time to learn. Lucky for you, we have plenty of veterans to help you (and me sometimes) get up to speed. You learn by doing, so let's get to work!*

*If you can't be on the board, it doesn't mean you can't do something in the chapter to help. Join a committee, help with our chapter's tournaments held in September, our annual banquet this January, the Capable Partners outing, at the Veteran's Home in May. Even if you can just be given a few simple tasks to do on your own, that would be a great help to the organizers of these committees. Remember, you only get out of an organization what you put in to it. So, get as much as you can out of your Muskies, Inc. membership.*

## **Muskie Fingerling Harvest Scheduled for November 11**

**P**aul Hartman and the Minnesota Muskie Expo paired up with Frankie's Live Bait and Marine this year to secure a pond for rearing muskies. In June the Minnesota DNR provided 5,000 nearly 1 inch long fry for the pond. By this time they should be 10-12 inches in size. They are scheduled to be stocked in White Bear Lake and Bald Eagle Lake.

Harvesting these muskies for stocking is scheduled for Saturday, November 11. If you are available to help at the pond please contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144.

Volunteers should meet at the Kwik Stop gas station on the

southwest corner of the Stacy exit (County Road 19) off of I-35 at 9 am. We will caravan to the pond.

The plan is to use a fine-mesh seine net to gather the fingerlings in one end of the pond. Then they will be netted and loaded on to the DNR transport truck that will be on-site.

If you volunteer to help, be sure to dress for the weather. If you have bib-waders or other waders, be sure to bring them.

This is a terrific opportunity to be a part of what many of us joined Muskies, Inc. to do. So come on out November 11 and see what we do.

## **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. It would be a huge help to their project to be able to take the time to answer some questions.

# Applications Now Being Accepted for Grants from Hugh C. Becker Foundation

**APPLICATION PERIOD:** November 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018

**MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The ORIGINAL and FIVE copies (total of 6) should be sent to Hugh C. Becker Committee of Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc., postmarked no later than 25 January 2018, c/o George Selcke, 5217 Nolan Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343-8996 (E-mail applications will not be accepted).

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Requests are not to be more than five (5) legibly typed pages and must 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 "milestones" 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
- Successful recipients of awards must give the Hugh C. Becker Foundation appropriate credit and acknowledge the financial contribution in any product or any publicity relating to the project.
- The Hugh C. Becker Foundation reserves the rights to edit all 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 (documentation of grant usage), including 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.



## 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.

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**ADVERTISE IN ON THE WATER.** 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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## **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.

## **Keep Your Eye Out for the Yellow Tag**

Don't forget that if you are fishing on Lake Minnetonka, Bald Eagle Lake or White Bear Lake, you need to watch for a small yellow tag near the dorsal fin on any muskie you catch. The fish are part of a joint study with the Minnesota DNR started in 2008. 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, DO NOT REMOVE THE YELLOW TAG. It is important that the DNR gets data on re-catchability also. Data the DNR needs includes the number on the yellow tag, the name of the lake, and the length of the fish. You can go online to the DNR tag reporting website page [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/tagged\\_fish\\_reporting/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/tagged_fish_reporting/index.html) or leave a message for BJ Bauer at 952-826-6771.

## **Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest**

**W**e did not get a report in time for publication in this issue. We have tried to re-construct the current standings from information from the online Lunge Log. Hopefully, there are not too many miscalculations. If you find anything that needs to be changed, please contact members only chair Casey Friskney at [tcmi.membersonly@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.membersonly@gmail.com)

Current standings:

### **JUNIOR DIVISION**

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

### **WOMEN'S DIVISION**

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

1ST	Cindy Hegdahl	193	13	53"
2ND	Linda Knutson	68	4	47"
3RD	Tera Castillo	5	1	31"

### **MEN'S DIVISION**

1ST	Nick Eddy	373	23	49"
2ND	Nolen Ryba	362	21	53.25"
3RD	Casey Friskney	140	10	52.5"
4TH	Nathan Ryskiewicz	135	10	45.25"
5TH	Dave Gustafson	130	8	43"
6TH	Tom Batina	111	9	48.5"
7TH	Patrick Thiry	103	5	50.5"
8TH	Josh Lunde	80	8	44"
9TH	Tom Kenefick	98	6	46"
10TH	Peter R Janik	95	6	52"

### **MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION**

1ST	Brent Hirsch	292	21	53.75"
2ND	Alexander McLean	187	11	46.5"
3RD	Eric Bakke	121	7	47"

### **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 - Unofficial - Brent Hirsch - 9/27 - Lake Waconia - 53.75"

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# next meeting

**NOVEMBER 14**

**Speaker: Mark Dresow**

The glide bait in Jon Q. Wright's 1996 painting "Provoked Musky" is one of Mark's provokers. Mark has been building glide baits for decades, and testing them on Minnesota and Canadian waters. You've seen Mark on YouTube, fishing with Bob Mehsikomer. Mark worked on lure development with Waterworld lures, Topline Tackle and the early years of Phantom. His current company is Muskie Solutions, maker of the Twisted Sucker.

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

*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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