

# On the Water



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## Annual Sportsman's Banquet January 27



One consequence of whining at the Sportsman's Banquet – you get to wear a pink hat!

**D**on't miss the Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet, our chapter's winter fundraising event, on 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 Temple Fork Outfitters muskie rod. Those who purchase Platinum early-bird packages will participate in an exclusive bonus

drawing for a Okuma Komodo SS muskie reel as well as the drawing for the rod. Deadline for the early-bird bonus raffles is January 12.

Seating is limited to the first 200 who purchase tickets and they will go fast, so get your reservations 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 also available for sale at the January chapter meetings. Cost of the dinner only is \$40 per person. Attendees have a meal choice of roast pork or salmon.

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 [temi.sponsor2@gmail.com](mailto:temi.sponsor2@gmail.com).

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

## 2018 Chapter Officers Elected

**E**lections for our chapter's Board of Directors and officers for 2018 were held at the December meeting. Re-elected to serve two-year terms on the Board of Directors starting January 1 were Eric Bakke, Mike Darley, Greg Ide, Jim Kroupa, Doug Malsom, Stu McIntosh, Jon Meyers, and Terry Schar.

Retiring from the board are Brad Coyne, who has a conflict with work schedules, and Andy Wayt. We thank them both for their dedicated service on the board.

Once the election for board members was done, officers were elected. Officers of the chapter must be members of the Board and are elected to serve one-year terms.

Officers of the chapter for 2018 are President, Jim Doyle; First Vice President, Terry Schar; Second Vice President, Shawn Kellett; Treasurer, Alex Worobel; and Interim Secretary, Elaine Randolph. Thanks to Shawn Kellet for his past year as president.

The chapter Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus. There are still a few open spots on the Board. The Board needs people who are interested and willing to participate in the chapter and its future. If you want to be more involved contact President Jim Doyle (952-920-9818, [temi.president@gmail.com](mailto:temi.president@gmail.com) or [doyle\\_jim@hotmail.com](mailto:doyle_jim@hotmail.com)), or a current board member.

## *From Our President, JIM DOYLE*

*Muskie new year to all and to all a good BITE! Hopefully everyone had a season of muskie gifts of all kinds! I would like to thank you for electing me President of the Twin Cities chapter for 2018. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to lead the chapter this year. I hope all of the members of the founding and largest chapter of Muskies, Inc. feel welcomed and gain information from our chapter and the organization as whole.*

*The issues muskie fishery supporters have always faced are essentially the same, but take on new forms over the years. We must continue spreading the message of our founding principles to ensure the health of our fisheries and muskie fishing in the future. The core principles are; supporting youth in fishing, science-based fishery support and expansion, and fishery research. We are for the best overall fishery health in lake and river systems that fit the criteria to include muskies as a top level predator in this region's waters. This support of science-based management in the long run should support the fishery in the face of challenges from groups or individuals looking to ban muskie fishery management.*

*Lake access limitation issues continue to advance across the state for all anglers. In addition to already in place city park programs to limit lake access, private citizen lake associations have now very*

*quickly and successfully installed area wide controls on lake access. This has been achieved almost entirely because of lake association pressure on the DNR under the pretense of limiting invasive species movement in already contaminated waters. As an organization we run one of the largest fishing tournaments in the state, the Frank Schneider Memorial Tournament, and have worked with the DNR to implement a first of its kind regional boat inspection and decontamination process. We are proud to help develop techniques to prevent the spread of invasive species without decreasing public access or DNR muskie fishery goals.*

*Lastly, information on muskies and fishing is now spread through a far broader range of media than it was only a few years ago. On-line resources are immediately accessible to most anybody in contrast with only a few books and magazines dedicating print to the sport 15 years ago. This has definitely impacted our chapter and organization. Muskies, Inc. is dedicating more resources to on-line efforts for the good of the membership. Even more important are ideas from members to make monthly meetings and gatherings more valuable. If you have ideas for topics, types of meeting formats, etc. that would make them a better use of time or resource for information we certainly would welcome the input to get more members and their friends involved!*

## **Share Your Muskie Tales**



**A**s 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. Muskie Tales will be told at our chapter Awards Program at the February meeting. The person with the best Muskie Tale will take the Muskie Tale Award home with them for the year. The award is a replica of the tale of the biggest muskie on record.

Take home the Muskie Tale. Share your story with us by emailing your "tale" to Denise Olson at [olsonat3pete@gmail.com](mailto:olsonat3pete@gmail.com).

## **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.



# Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest

from Casey Friskney Members Only chair

This should just about do it for our 2017 Muskie Season. Over the last month I believe we had a couple more November fish get reported and one single December fish with Men's Division Top 10 standings implications. Similar to last year, the late season keys to success were mainly on suckers, followed by big cranks, big rubber, and the mysterious late season (November) fly fishing bite.

I'd like remind all of you that the Members Only Contest Award Program will be held at the February 2018 Twin Cities monthly meeting. Come one come all and celebrate the season of successes. I'll also be providing a more in-depth breakdown of this season's worth of catches and observations for *On The Water*, so stay tuned.

Noteworthy action on the Members Only Contest Board: Josh Hawke, my tournament partner and regular fishing buddy, braved the elements with me on December 1st and boated what was possibly the second-to-the-last muskie legally caught in the metro for the 2017 Minnesota season. His 42-incher launches him into a three-way-tie for the 10th place spot in the Men's Division. I call his fish the second-to-the-last fish caught in the metro for the season because we had another low-40s muskie with a distinctive mark on its face babysitting one of our suckers for about 20 minutes, and as we passed another boat we joked that we'd drop off the babysitter with them. They caught it about a half hour later just after sundown.

## JUNIOR DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Lily Hartman	29	2	43"
2ND	Olin Knutson	24	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

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"



Josh Hawke caught this 42-incher from Lake Independence on the last day of the season, putting him in a three-way tie for 10th place in the Men's Division

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
8TH	Derek Boomer	108	9	44"
9TH	Patrick Thiry	103	5	50.5"
10TH	Josh Lunde	101	11	44"
10TH	John Newman	101	9	42"
10TH	Joshua Hawke	101	5	50"

## 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	21	53.75"
2ND	Alexander McLean	187	11	46.5"
3RD	Peter R Janik	125	8	52"

## LUNKER OF THE MONTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DECEMBER - Josh Hawke - 12/1 - Independence - 42"

That's all for now, I'll see you at the January 27 banquet, expos, and at our monthly meetings!

-Casey

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# Red Wing Lodge Outing August 11-18, 2018

The annual August trip is open to members of both the North Metro and the Twin Cities 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.

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- 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

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- 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.

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**Dinner Only – \$40** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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# next meeting

**JANUARY 9**

**Speaker: Erin Schaeffer**

*State agencies have installed acoustic receivers in the Saint Louis River system. Cooperative agencies have installed transmitters in many species of fish to follow fish migration in the system, and in and out of Lake Superior. Erin Schaeffer has been examining the Saint Louis River fish migration data accumulated by these receivers. Come hear Erin as she gives the first talk anywhere on this exciting data.*

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