

On the Water



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A Great Time Was Had at the Fishing Opener at Minneapolis Veteran's Home



Many volunteers came out on May 5 at the Minneapolis Veteran's Home to help the residents catch a fish from the trout pond erected outside on the lawn, or to clean trout, slice buns, fry potatoes, cook beans and serve a shore lunch of fresh-caught trout with all the fixins. About 500 meals were served to the veterans and their family members. Many thanks to all the hard work by Troy Zuelzke who headed up the event.



Metro Muskie Tournament is Saturday, June 9

Start your muskie season in a big way. Don't miss the Metro Muskie Tournament on Saturday, June 9. The tournament gives you a choice of over 20 metro-area waters to fish. Hours are from 6 am to 3:30 pm. An Awards program will be held at Thorne Bros. starting approximately 4:30.

Tournament entries are available at Thorne Bros. or Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle through Friday, June 8. If you've participated in the tournament within the past five years, you will have been mailed a flyer with an entry. 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.

More information is available at the website: metromuskietournament.com or you can contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 if you have questions.

From Our President, JIM DOYLE

The season is at last upon us! With rapidly warming water, things should be heating up quickly this season. Make sure to check out and hopefully join the new Twin Cities Chapter Fishing league. We have made some exciting changes to get everyone involved. With flexibility in fishing hours, multiple lakes per week, and on-line fish registration providing fishing league participation opportunities like we have never seen. The idea is flexibility in fishing time for all in addition to scheduled group outings for camaraderie.

Additionally, good news on the Muskie regulation situation. The anti-Muskie legislation was vetoed by the Governor. Muskie anglers strong voice was heard loud and clear. Many legislators on both sides of the aisle understood the science and value of the Muskie fishery in Minnesota and put up a good fight to stop it from being included in the first place, but the legislator adding the verbiage is well placed to override these objections. The language was included but eventually vetoed. Thank you to all that called, e-mailed etc. The efforts to limit lake access and stop stocking will continue but we are in good shape for the year now.

Have a great start to the 2018 season!

On the Water Meetings

This summer, the chapter will not have our regular meetings at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington. Instead, we've planned a couple of "on-the-water" nights for June and July at Lake Minnetonka and we'll have our annual family picnic in August.

Tuesday, June 12 come out to Lake Minnetonka, fish and then join chapter members at the Wayzata American Legion around 9:30 pm. They will be staying open later for us. Even if you don't get a chance to go fishing for the evening, come on out and have a good time.



Capable Partners Outing Scheduled for Sunday, June 10 on Minnetonka

Join 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 10 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.

We've been doing this event with the Capable Partners for quite a few years. Some years we've boated several muskies and some years we've gotten skunked. But it's always a good time. It's great to be able 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

The annual "Mini-Challenge" between our chapter and the North Metro chapter on White Bear Lake or Bald Eagle Lake is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19 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.

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 to gather for treats after fishing. The losing chapter will treat the other chapter. Meet at Rudy's Red Eye Grill at the White Bear Lake Country Inn on Highway 61. Let's have a good turnout this year. We want to see the North Metro be paying for the snacks after.

White Bear, Bald Eagle and Minnetonka Tagged Muskies

Muskies stocked in Lake Minnetonka, Bald Eagle Lake and White Bear Lake for several years are part of a multi-year DNR study on stocking. All muskies stocked in those lakes have a small yellow tag near the dorsal fin. When fishing those lakes, you should be looking for fish that 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 needs data from you to complete the study. DO NOT REMOVE THE YELLOW TAG. It is important that they get data on the re-catchability of fish. They will need the number on the yellow tag, the name of the lake, and the length of the fish. They would also appreciate your name and phone number in case they need to follow-up. 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.

A Muskie Tale from Chris Corliss

As you get ready for the upcoming muskie season, keep in mind events 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 end-of-the-season chapter Awards Program. The person with the best Muskie Tale will take the Muskie Tale Award home with them for the year.

Share your story with us by emailing your “tale” to Denise Olson at olsonat3pete@gmail.com.

This tale from a July Canadian trip was submitted last year by Chris Corless.

My friend Troy and I were partially through a nine hour drive into Canada to chase muskies around for the next two weeks. We were both excited and talking about all the monsters we were going to get our pictures taken with. I was particularly excited this trip because I have a brand new 9'-6" double-blade-flinging custom rod complete with the new style synthetic cork grips and a new Shimano Tranz 400 HG. The Muskies didn't stand a chance!

So we arrive midafternoon at our destination in muskie paradise, quickly throw all of our gear and supplies into the cabin and race to the boat for some muskie catching. It was a perfect day, we were a few hours from primetime and we had our spots all picked out.

So, we get to our first spot and I grab my new custom rod and reel combo, complete with my favorite double-bladed lure and get right to work. Right away, on my first cast, I get a troubled look on my face. Everything is working fine and life is good, but I kind of don't like the feel of the synthetic cork handle on my new rod!

I keep casting but the synthetic cork is front on my mind. It's slippery, a little scratchy and kind of itchy. I keep casting, working the spot like pro and trying to remain positive – thinking to myself, it just needs some time to

break in and it will be fine. We head to the next spot and again I start casting and I just can't get past this new handle.

Now I start complaining out loud declaring to my friend Troy that I don't think I like this new synthetic cork handle. The whole spot I complained as I casted and wondered how I was going to make it through two weeks of this new handle driving me crazy.

We went to our third spot and right away I am complaining again while I casted. But this time while I am reeling in and looking at my handle and paying no attention to my bait in the water, my friend Troy says “Dude, you have a fish following”.

I look away from the important business with the handle and realize that Troy was indeed right. Instinctively I go into fish-catching mode. It was a nice fish and it was coming in hot!

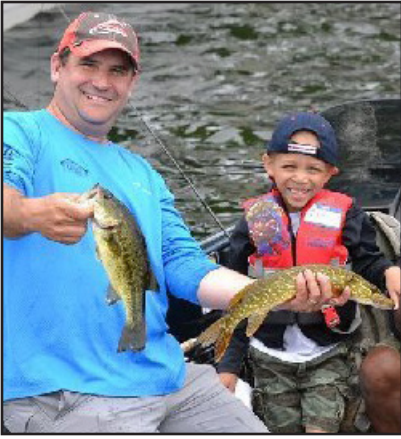
As my bait came to the boat I went into the figure 8. The fish raced right around with it and on the third time around, as I was coming out away from the boat, the fish just crushes my bait. I pull back hard to set the hook as the fish thrashes its head in the other direction and proceeds to rip my new custom rod complete with new synthetic cork handle and new reel out of my hands and into the water.

Shocked, I screamed like a little girl as my new rod and reel hit the water and immediately start sinking just out of my reach. As I check my pockets for my phone and prepare to jump in, my friend Troy is up front howling, doubled over with laughter, probably thinking to himself “we just got here and this is the best trip ever”.

Right as I am about to dive in, the fish – still hooked to my line – decides its time to take off and when it does, it pulls my rod right back to me. As it's zinging past me, I grab the rod with one hand, swing around and stand up. Fish on!

I tell Troy to pull himself together and get the net. A short time later I am releasing a nice 46" fish as I tell Troy about my new technique.

I ended up using the rod the whole trip. Once the handle broke in a little it wasn't so bad.



Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration

The 10th annual Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration will take place on Thursday, June 14 (the Army's birthday) on Lake Minnetonka. This event is a collaborative effort with Fishing for Life and our chapter. Military kids and adults with connections to the military enjoy a morning of multi-species fishing from the docks as well as out on Lake Minnetonka.

We are looking for volunteers to take out kids and/or families. 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 starting at 9 am and then be treated to a great meal including a birthday cake for the Army at Lord Fletcher's. 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. If you can guide families or want to donate money or lures, please contact Terry Schar at twschar@yahoo.com or 612-865-4200.

Chapter Summer Fishing League

The Chapter Summer Fishing League is an opportunity to participate and enjoy a little friendly rivalry with fellow members on lakes throughout the metro area. We've made some changes this year to make it easier to participate in the league. The league runs all summer (except July 15-August 15) with different lakes each week. We've tried to have a variety of east and west metro options as well as smaller city lakes for each week.

Fishing times are not limited to outings on a specific day and time. League anglers can pick the best time for them each week to fish. We've also included some group outings throughout the summer. Our June and July monthly meetings are on-the-water events. We'll have a gathering on meeting evenings for everyone to join. You don't have to participate in the group outings to get points for that week, but if you want to see the group, come out on those Tuesdays.

A drawing will be held at the end of the season for prizes. For every week you fish, you will get a ticket in the drawing. So the more time you put in, the more chances you will have in the drawing.

Points will also be given each time anglers fish. Each fish registered will earn points following the Muskies, Inc. Members Only system. At the end of the season prizes will be awarded for the most points earned, the longest fish, and the longest tiger.

Sign Up For the League

The first step is to sign up for the chapter's Summer League. There is no charge for chapter members. Just register with www.fishingclash.com with a user name and password of your choice. Once registered at the site, you must enter the chapter's Summer League. On the leagues page, go to Muskies Inc. Chapter #1 > More Details and click the "Enter with \$0" button. You will be asked for an ID. This is your Muskies, Inc. member number.

Now, just go fishing each week!

Check In at the Ramp Before you Start Fishing

Each week when you go fishing for the league, you must check in at the boat ramp using your smart phone. Go to www.fishingclash.com and log in. You must ALLOW the site to know your location. Go to the league page and choose your check in location from the pull-down menu. You'll get a message when you're successfully checked in. Once you've checked in, you'll have 5 hours to fish.

Each check-in location has GPS coordinates, so if you're having trouble take a few steps either direction and try again.

Enter Your Fish Using Your Smart Phone

When you go fishing for the Summer League, remember to bring a notepad or piece of paper and a pen. You'll use your smart phone to enter your fish. Log on to www.fishingclash.com and click on the "Enter a Fish" button. You'll be given a random word to write on that paper. The paper with the random word must be in your pictures – one of the fish on a board, and one of you holding it.

Invite Your Friends

If you have friends who aren't chapter members who want to fish the league they can join. Muskies, Inc. members who are not Twin Cities chapter members can participate for \$10. Anglers who are not Muskies, Inc. members can participate for \$35. We will give them a web-only membership in the Twin Cities chapter. If they want full membership they can upgrade for an additional \$10.

So far we've got over 20 people entered in the chapter's Summer League. It's a good start, but we'd like to see a lot more people sign up.

Jon Best will be heading up the league this year. If you have questions, please contact him at tcmi.fishingleague@gmail.com.

Twin Cities Chapter Summer Fishing League Schedule

JUNE 3-9: WEEK 1

Lake Independence Bald Eagle Lake

JUNE 10-16: WEEK 2

June 12: Group Outing 5:00 pm Lake Minnetonka

**St. Croix River Lake Minnetonka
Calhoun Chain/Harriet/Nokomis**

JUNE 17-23: WEEK 3

June 19: Mini Challenge with North Metro Chapter

**Bald Eagle Lake White Bear Lake
Eagle Lake (Hennepin Cty.)**

JUNE 24-30: WEEK 4

Forest Lake Lake Waconia Lake Gervais

JULY 1-7: WEEK 5

**Rush Lake Sugar Lake
Crystal Lake (Dakota Cty.) Lake Johanna**

JULY 8-14: WEEK 6

July 10: Group Outing 5:00 pm Lake Minnetonka

**White Bear Lake Lake Minnetonka
Lake Owasso Orchard Lake**

JULY 15-AUGUST 18: WEEKS 7-11

No league fishing scheduled

AUGUST 19-25: WEEK 12

St. Croix River Lake Elmo Bryant Lake

AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 1: WEEK 13

**White Bear Lake Lake Minnetonka
Crystal Lake (Dakota Cty.) Lake Johanna**

SEPTEMBER 2-8: WEEK 14

No league fishing scheduled - closed for Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament

SEPTEMBER 9-15: WEEK 15

**Rush Lake Sugar Lake Lake Owasso
Orchard Lake**

SEPTEMBER 16-22: WEEK 16

**Forest Lake Lake Independence
Lake Gervais Eagle Lake**

SEPTEMBER 23-29: WEEK 17

**George Wahl Memorial Tournament -
All lakes, Hours 7 am-5:30 pm**

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 6: WEEK 18

**Bald Eagle Lake Lake Waconia
Calhoun Chain/Harriet/Nokomis**

OCTOBER 7-13: WEEK 19

**White Bear Lake Lake Minnetonka
Bryant Lake**

On the Water



Join other Muskies, Inc. anglers participating in the The Minnesota Muskies, Inc. Tournament Trail. M.I.T.T. anglers must participate in a minimum of three tournaments held by Minnesota Muskies, Inc. chapters throughout the season. Points are accumulated during the season and the winner will take home a \$500 prize.

Two of the qualifying Muskies, Inc. tournaments will be held this month. The remaining three are scheduled for September and October. Qualifying tournaments are:

- JUNE JAM June 16-17, 2018 www.nmmuskies.org
- BEMIDJI-CASS LAKE MUSKIE TOURNAMENT June 16, 2018 www.bemidjicassmuskies.org
- FRANK SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL MUSKIE TOURNAMENT September 7-8-9, 2018 www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org
- GEORGE WAHL MEMORIAL MUSKIE TOURNAMENT September 29, 2018 www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org
- BRAINERD LAKES MUSKIE SHOOTOUT October 13-14, 2018 www.muskieshootout.com

It costs nothing to sign up. It's a way to encourage participation in the Muskies, Inc. chapters events. Go to www.muskiesinctournamenttrail.com. Who knows you might win that \$500!

Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest

Good luck to all for the upcoming season. It's finally here! A few reminders as you head out chasing muskies:

- There are two ways to register your fish.
 - a. On-line at the national website 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 at cfriskney@gmail.com.
- All fish must be registered within 30 days of the catch. Fish that are not registered before the 30-day limit will not count towards a member's total points.
- Registering a fish for the Summer Fishing League does not automatically enter it in the Members Only Contest. You still need to register it at www.muskiesinc.org.
- Points are based on 4 points for each release 30" or over 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.

Todd Cleveland

Many of you know Todd Cleveland, creator of Phantom lures. Todd has suffered health problems over the past 2-3 years and has huge medical bills. Currently he is fighting a brain tumor and tumor in his lung. Todd's family has started a GoFundMe page for him. If you would like to contribute, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/todd-cleveland-fund>

State High School Muskie Tournament

Our chapter's qualifier for the state High School Muskie Tournament will be held June 8, sunup to noon on Lake Waconia. Eleven two-man teams from area high schools will compete for a chance to participate in the state High School Muskie Tournament final being held June 22 on Lake Vermilion. Each Muskies, Inc. chapter is hosting a qualifying event for high school students in grades 8-12.

June Jam is June 16-17

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. Or contact their tournament director 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 25-31 for the 2018 Gil Hamm Memorial Chapter Challenge. Our chapter has registered for two teams of 6 people each. The group needs more anglers to fill out the teams. The Challenge is officially Wednesday-Friday, August 29-31, but most participants come for the entire week to pre-fish.

Lodging is reserved for our teams. 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 McIntosh is heading up our Challenge teams this year. Contact him at smcintosh@horwitzinc.com or 612-499-7328 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 Muskies, 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 11-18.

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Cost per person in housekeeping cabins remains at \$350 (US Funds) for 2018, 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, 2108 Palace Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105 or John Genosky, (651) 329-4898 John@Protacinc.com, 904 81st St., Lino Lakes, MN 55014

Muskie Tale

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On-the-Water: LAKE MINNETONKA

Spend the afternoon/evening fishing on Lake Minnetonka. If you're signed up for the chapter's Summer Fishing League, use the time to earn league points. Show up at the Wayzata American Legion, 949 Wayzata Boulevard East in downtown Wayzata, between 9:30 and 11 pm to visit with fellow anglers and discuss the day's catch. Park in the Wells Fargo parking lot across the street if there's not room at the Legion.

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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