

On the Water



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Annual Fishing Opener at Minneapolis Veteran's Home



Residents of the Minneapolis Veteran's Home will be treated to their own Fishing Opener on Saturday, May 5. Our chapter, along with several VFW, American Legion, and AmVets Posts have sponsored the fishing opener for over 20 years at the Minnesota Veteran's Home.

A large, well-stocked trout pond will be set up in the yard at the Veteran's Home and residents will be able to come down to the pond and spend the morning fishing for the trout. Volunteers will prepare a "shore lunch" of fresh-caught trout, potatoes and beans and serve it to the veterans.

If you don't attend any other chapter event, this one is well worth it. It's extremely rewarding to see our veterans who may never get the chance any other time during the year come out and get some fishing in. Many of them are lined up waiting bright and early in the morning. The fishing opener event has been recognized for being one of the best volunteer events at Veterans Homes all over the country. Everyone who can should take some time Saturday morning and come out to the home.

Many volunteers are needed to help residents with the fishing, cleaning the fish, cooking and serving the meal, and generally making this a fun event. Last year we served many hundreds of meals to residents and their families and caregivers. Volunteers need to be at the Minneapolis Veterans Home around 7 am. The home is near Minnehaha Falls – use park entrance off Minnehaha Parkway at 46th Ave.

If you can bring 10 pounds of boiled potatoes with you, please contact event organizer, Troy Zuelzke at tzuelzke@yahoo.com and let him know you can help in that way. Otherwise, he will be boiling potatoes galore the night before.

New Format for Chapter Summer Fishing League

The fishing league is an opportunity for chapter members to participate with fellow members on lakes throughout the metro area. In the past few years we have not had as many chapter members participating in the summer league as we could. Many anglers found it hard to be at the lake on designated days or times. Some changes have been implemented this year to make it easier to be a part of the league.

Fishing times will not be limited to an outing on one specific day/time. League anglers will be able to pick the most convenient time each week to fish. We've also added more lakes. Each week there will be several designated lakes to choose from.

We've made it easier to check in when you're fishing for the league, just log in on your smart phone. Enter all your catches the same way. And keep up-to-date with the real-time leaderboard.

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.

FISHING LEAGUE

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From Our President,
JIM DOYLE

*At last the too long
awaited ice out seems upon us.*

*I would like to thank everyone
that contacted state legislators
regarding stopping anti-muskie
legislation, we gave significant
input. This is key to maintaining
the excellent fishery we have state
wide. As of this writing the fight is
not over but most all organizations
at the city, county and state levels
have heard our voices and are
vastly in support of the fishery.
This anti-muskie legislation is
routinely the work of a very few
well connected people and we
need to continue to set the record
straight. We will continue to help
get word to members when input is
needed and we again thank you for
your support.*

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SUMMER FISHING LEAGUE: GET REGISTERED NOW

We are using the Fishing Clash app to track league participation and fish caught. Anglers MUST register before they can participate in the league. There is no charge to register. Register at: www.fishingclash.com.

Because this will be a new system for the chapter fishing league, Jon Best, who will be running the league this year, will be available at the next meeting to go over the procedure and help people get registered.

If you are not able to make it to the meeting, and there is enough interest, there will also be a session on May 22 to help orient participants to the process.

More information including the schedule will be in next month's issue. If you have questions, please contact Jon Best at tcmi.fishingleague@gmail.com.

Metro Muskie Tournament is Saturday, June 9

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. Entries are available at Thorne Bros. or Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle through Friday, June 8. A printable form can be found on the tournament site: 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.

Minnesota State High School Muskie Tournament Qualifier

For the ninth consecutive year, the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc. will host one of the regional qualifying events for the Minnesota High School Muskie Tournament. Each Muskies, Inc. chapter in Minnesota will host a regional event and advance two teams to the State Tournament.

Area high school students in grades 8-12 are invited to participate in this year's Twin Cities chapter qualifier, June 8 on Lake Waconia (sun-up until noon). The top two teams from this qualifier will move on to participate in the State High School Muskie Tournament being held Friday, June 22 on Lake Vermilion.

Each high school may register an unlimited number of teams (2 students per team). If any of our members know of an area student who is interested in participating in the High School Muskie Tournament, they should have the student check with their high school principal or administrative office for additional information. If the high school does not have the tournament information, they can contact Terry Schar, chapter youth chair at 612-865-4200 or twschar@yahoo.com.

If anyone is interested in helping at the qualifier on June 8, please contact Terry Schar. Or, see Terry at the monthly chapter meeting.

Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge 2018

Represent the Twin Cities Chapter in the 2018 Gil Hamm Memorial Chapter Challenge this year. Teams from Muskies, Inc. chapters throughout the country will be gathering at Red Wing Lodge, Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods the last week in August for the Chapter Challenge. The Bemidji-Cass Lake chapter is hosting this year as they were the winners of last year's Challenge.

Our chapter has registered for two 6-person teams. The group invites chapter members to join them. They could use a few more people 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. There is a rules meeting on Tuesday. Lodging is already reserved for the week. Participants pay for their own lodging and share the costs of food. Wednesday and Thursday the host chapter will provide dinner 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.

A Muskie Tale

The Muskie Tale Award is presented every year to the person who has the best “tale” from the previous season. At our Winter Picnic in February, we got to hear several great “muskie tales”. This tale was submitted last year by someone who would prefer to remain anonymous.

I was fishing the Chapter Challenge in August on Lake of the Woods with this young man. He has been telling me how accurate he can cast – he can hit his spots right on! All day I am listening to this!! However, with his pin-point accuracy, we would have to go to shore to unhook line from rocks and trees.

As the day goes on, he wraps his line around a flying pelican. Then the fun began!!! After it was all over, that young man looked at me and said he was very accurate with his rifle – as a warning!!!



Upcoming June Chapter Events

The month of June brings not only the opening of the muskie season in Minnesota, but also a number of chapter activities and events. Every event needs volunteers from the chapter to help with fishing and/or event organization. Please consider making time to help out. More detailed information about these events will be in next month’s issue.

Capable Partners Outing

The chapter’s annual outing with members of the Capable Partners organization will be Sunday, June 10 from 6:30 am to around noon on Lake Minnetonka. Capable Partners is a non-profit organization that provides hunting, fishing, and related outdoor

opportunities for physically-challenged individuals. 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. A “shore lunch” will end the event and help is needed to cook or serve as well. Please contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 to volunteer.

Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration

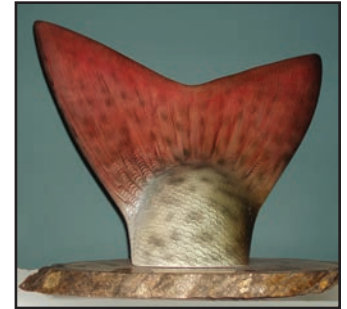
The 10th annual Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration will take place on Thursday, June 14 (the Army’s birthday) on Lake Minnetonka. This event is a collaborative effort with Fishing for Life and our chapter. Military kids and adults with connections to the military enjoy

A Muskie Tale for Another Year

As you get ready for the upcoming muskie 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 end of the year. 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.



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 and then be treated to a great meal. 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.

Muskie Inc. and Red Wing Lodge Prepare for August Outing

Yes, you can be part of such an outing. Mike and Anne Bartlett have expanded the cabins designated for our Muskies, Inc. group for this year's annual outing: August 11-18, 2018. Although 34 muskie hunters are already signed up for the outing, there is room for more!

Is it the resource or the quality of facilities and services at Red Wing Lodge that draws families and Muskies, Inc. back again and again over the years? It's both!

On the resource side, over 15,000 recorded releases say a lot about the resource and the resulting big-fish culture that has developed over the years at Red Wing. On the side of facilities and service, this muskie camp is a big time player: big floating docks, a serious backup generator, air conditioning in all cabins, and special discounts for services for Muskies, Inc. guests. Save your surprises for muskie action, you don't need them here.

Red Wing Lodge offers a resort that has been family owned and operated for 50 years. The Bartlett family has hosted Muskies, Inc. outings for years with personal and friendly service – so they understand what muskie people need and like.

This is a great choice for either that first Canadian trip or for the veteran's extra trip, offering the convenience of a drive-in camp with the privacy expected on an island.

Red Wing Lodge has been selected twelve times to serve as the Chapter Challenge headquarters, starting in '83 and again in 2018. 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

Cost per person in housekeeping cabins remains at \$350 (US Funds) for the week, just \$50.00 per day for big-time Canadian muskie fishing.

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- One free trip, given away in drawing, courtesy of the Bartletts
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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.

For answers to detailed questions regarding the cabins, you are invited to call Mike and Anne Bartlett toll free at 1-888-488-5601.



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Canadian Fishing Invitation

Dennis Lappen has booked a week at Bill Sandy's Black Hawk Resort for the week of June 23-30. He thought it might be fun to fish with someone new so he is reaching out to the club members to give them a heads-up on this. He is guess-to-mating the cost will be around \$750 for lodging and food. Reach Dennis at 952-994-5681 (text also available on this number) or email dennislappen@aol.com.

Participate in 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.

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Clean Out Your Tackle Box

Take time this month to go through your lures, rods, reels and other fishing equipment. We will have a donation box at the Twin Cities chapter booth for new or gently-used items. Terry Schar, Youth Chairperson, will use the donated lures, rods, reels for youth activities throughout the year.

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next meeting

MAY 8

Speaker: TIM PETERSON

Tim Peterson is not a guide. Just a guy who has fished extremely hard for muskies for many years. Tim is going to give seasonal tactics for his favorite local water, Minnetonka, as Tim lives in West Metro. And his favorite northern water, Vermilion, where his family has a cabin. Tim also spends some time chasing the big ones on Mille Lacs. Tim likes talking to muskie fishermen and sharing the tactics he's learned over the years.

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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