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Summer Fishing League Wraps Up

from Jon Best, Chapter Summer League Chair

The Muskies, Inc. Twin Cities Summer Fishing League is in the books for this year. The league provides is an opportunity to fish with other chapter members on lakes throughout the metro area. It was a year of changes and trying new things. We had great participation throughout the entire season – over 40 people signed up. I can say it was fun getting to know different guys within the chapter and sharing boat space and experiences throughout season.

First place winner, Ben Tollefson, went with the strategy of getting ahead early and led the league the entire season. He started out with a bang, bagging his new personal best – a beautiful 53-inch fish. From there he never looked back.

Two other anglers were nipping at his heels through the summer to keep the pressure on. Second place winner Jim Harmon put fish in the bag on back-to-back weeks, and then put another fish on the board October 13, the last day of league fishing. Behind him in third place was Jesse Amundson, with two nice muskies.

Prizes for the top finishers, including the summer league traveling trophy, will be presented at our November meeting. The Grand Prize drawing will also take place at the meeting. League participants got their name in the drawing each week that they fished and for each fish registered.

To cap off the season, league participants who had earned 25 points or more were invited to a final tournament on the last Saturday of October. And wouldn't you know it, one of those three top place guys scored big with just an hour left. Jim Harmon bagged a very nice 49-inch fish – which would be the only fish to scored that day. Earning him all the winnings of the season-end tournament – Thorne Bros. gift certificates, \$100 for most points for the day, \$25 for biggest fish and \$25 for most fish, Musky Addicts apparel, and a year-long subscription on Lake Labs.

Thank you to everyone that participated and gave feedback throughout the season. There were a lot of learning moments - and at times the software did not work as expected. Thank you for your patience and help, as we are trying to continue making this a better, easier system, for next year.

CHAPTER SUMMER LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

Ben Tollefson	148 Points
June 6 - 53 inches (27), August 21 - 36 inches (10) September 8 - 40 inches (14), 34 inches (8), October 1 - 50 inches (24)	
Jim Harmon	114 Points
June 12 - 40 inches (14), June 19 - 41 inches (15), October 13 - 41 inches (15)	
Jesse Amundson	98 Points
June 12 - 45 inches (19), August 28 - 40 inches (14)	

Happy 40th Anniversary to the Twin Cities Chapter!

In the early years of the organization, the Twin Cities Chapter WAS Muskies, Inc. With the addition of other chapters, Muskies, Inc. was reorganized in 1978 and the parent group became the Twin Cities chapter.

What does the future hold for our chapter? Will members step up and take a more active role in the chapter or will the chapter continue to slowly die? Yes... slowly die.

In 1978, 100 members or so attended each monthly meeting to share pictures of big catches, discuss how to work new baits and learn the hot spots on different lakes. Social media can provide all this, so why would anyone waste a couple of hours attending a meeting? Today, we see only a handful of people at our meetings.

In 1978, there were 10 to 15 members vying to become one of the 24 board members that had only 12 vacancies. Currently we have 5 vacant positions on the board. Will you volunteer to fill one of those positions?

The only requirements are to attend the board meeting the first Tuesday of the month, help with the many activities of the chapter and bring new ideas to a 40-year old chapter.

Will the Twin Cities Chapter still be here to celebrate 50 years? The answer will be "yes" only if you become more involved in your chapter. Elections are held at the December meeting so now is the time to step forward and become a member of the team.

From Our President, **JIM DOYLE**

I hope everyone is having a great fall! Less than a month to go hitting the water for a late fall giant. Good luck to the persistent anglers.

I would like to thank everyone that participated in the league and chapter events over the summer. Great times had by all, I hope.

We are now getting to the time of year we stock many of the fish we have helped the DNR raise over the year. We are hoping for good size and numbers production. We will certainly pass along updates as stocking and rearing information becomes available.

Coming up sooner than later is the deadline for Hugh C. Becker Foundation grants. These grants support many efforts directly improving muskie fishing.

If you have ideas for projects promoting youth fishing, fisheries improvements, or Muskie research please see the chapter website or contact the board to help get a request written and submitted for some money or matching funds.

I hope to see you at the upcoming meeting, this one will be a fascinating update on St. Louis River muskie movements and behaviour that we first saw initial data on last fall. There were some big fish questions yet to be answered!

Join the Chapter's Board of Directors

Now is the time to become an active member of your club. We need people who are interested and willing to participate in the chapter and its future to step up and join the Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted at the November meeting. Board members will be elected at the December meeting and each serve a two-year term starting in January.

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.

All it takes is a few hours a month. The Board meets the first Tuesday of each month and most meetings last around 2 hours. There hasn't been a new person the board for a couple of years. We always looking for new faces and fresh ideas.

New Officer and Chairperson

In addition, we are looking for a person to take over as chapter Secretary and someone to take over as Youth Chairperson.

We have been operating without a chapter secretary since January. Elaine Randolph, who has been serving as Interim Secretary, will be moving on. This is a Board position and being Secretary takes about an extra hour a month. Duties include:

- attending and taking minutes at the monthly board meeting – about 2 hours on the first Tuesday of the month
- typing up and making copies of the minutes – about 45 minutes
- typing up and making copies of an agenda for each meeting – about 15 minutes

Our chapter's current Youth Chairperson, Terry Schar, will be retiring soon and moving out of state. The Youth Chair does not necessarily need to be a member of the Board of Directors. Duties include:

- completing and submitting an application for a Hugh C Becker grant for the youth program and submitting an accountability report
- coordinating a qualifying event for the state High School tournament
- working with the sponsorship committee to obtain prizes and awards for the high school qualifier
- coordinating work with Fishing for Life including the club's donation which helps FFL run activities like the Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration
- handing out lures to youths at monthly meetings

Terry also works with the other club members to make approximately 100 spinners which are given to youths (high school tournament participants and Fishing for Life events).

Contact president Jim Doyle (tcmi.president@gmail.com, doyle_jim@hotmail.com or 952-920-9818) or a current board member if you're interested in joining the Board or helping the chapter as Youth Chair. Current board members are listed on the inside back page of this publication.

Schneider Tournament Shirts

We will again have tournament t-shirts available at our chapter meeting. Shirts this year are a different fabric – softer, sport-tek in a heather grey with dark green imprint. Shirts were ordered in a variety of sizes usually not available in tournament t-shirts. We have men's small, medium, large and extra-large shirts available for \$15. 2XL and one 3XL shirt for \$18.

This year we also ordered shirts in women's sizes. For the ladies, heather grey crew-neck shirts are available in small, medium, large, extra-large and XXL for \$15. Ladies V-neck shirts are available in medium and large, also for \$15.

Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest

from Mike Darley, Chapter Members Only Contest Chair

That was quick! The leaves have almost all fallen, turnover is past, and the muskies have been putting on weight by the hour. A lot of the fishing strategies have changed to running live bait and trolling crank baits while fisherman are all bundled up. We are on the home stretch for registering legal muskies here with about a month to go.

We've got some big fish yet again to mention this month. Tom Kenefick registered the longest fish yet through October at 53 inches. Josh Hawk got a fat 51.5-incher and Sharon Rouse came in with a 51-incher. The Knutson family – Jeremy (50"), sons Olin (48") and Finn (49.5") all turned nice fish. It was great to see the women and juniors catching just as many fish over four feet as the men this month.

One fish to note from September that got registered after I put the article together last month was a 55-inch giant from Paul Hartman which knocked out Ryan Boomer's 54.5-incher for the Lunker of the Month in September. In addition, I got a revised list of men who have qualified for the chapter's Men's Masters division. The results will reflect that moving forward.

The majority of October fish have been put in the boat using suckers. The next top-producing line of baits was crank baits. Most of the fish this month have been caught trolling.

We are getting close to the finish line here, don't forget to register those muskies.

Good luck this November, and I look forward to seeing the end of the year battles heat up.

All results through 11/1.

JUNIOR DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Olin Knutson	67	4	48"
2ND	Finn Knutson	54	3	49.5"

WOMEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Lauren Stout	75	4	50.25"
2ND	Sharon Rouse	25	1	51"

WOMEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Cindy Hegdahl	141	11	47"
2ND	Kimberly Hartman	76	6	47"
3RD	Linda Knutson	24	1	50"

MEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Dale D Mueller	384	24	53.5"
2ND	Nolen Ryba	376	21	55.5"
3RD	Matt McDonald	327	18	51.5"
4TH	Ethan Stout	147	10	49.25"
5TH	Jeremy Knutson	144	9	50"
6TH	Ryan Boomer	120	12	54.5"
7TH	Mike Darley	117	9	48.25"
8TH	Todd Lindberg	108	6	48"
9TH	Chris Dahl	82	4	54.5"
10TH	Tom Kenefick	81	5	53"



Paul Hartman boated the 55-inch September Lunker of the Month during a muskie/walleye trip to Leech Lake with George Selcke. George won the trip for 6 people to Trappers Landing Lodge on Leech at our chapter's Sportsman's Banquet last spring. Four muskies and a number of walleye were caught by the six people.

MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Brent Hirsch	253	20	48.5"
2ND	Eric Bakke	147	9	48"
3RD	Mark Fredrick	97	8	43"

HYBRID DIVISION

1ST	Luke Manthey	48	5	35"
2ND	Kimberly Hartman	26	3	37"
3RD	Josh McCabe	12	1	38"

LUNKER OF THE MONTH

MAY - Casey Friskney - 5/26 - 38" - Bone Lake (WI)

JUNE - Brent Lenke - 6/2 - 54.5" - Mille Lacs

JULY - Nolen Ryba - 7/26 - 53" - Minnetonka

AUGUST - Nolen Ryba - 8/31 - 55.5" - Minnetonka

SEPTEMBER - Paul Hartman - 9/23 - 55" - Leech Lake

OCTOBER (unofficial) - Tom Kenefick - 10/25 - 53" - Lake of the Woods

Applications Being Accepted for Hugh C. Becker Grants

APPLICATION PERIOD: November 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019

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 2019, 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.

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