



On the Water

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More Waters Added to the Schneider Memorial Tournament

from Casey Friskney,
Schneider Tournament Director

Mantrap Lake, Lake Benedict and the Mississippi River between Lake Bemidji and Lake Winnibigoshish have been added to the northern Minnesota waters that participants may choose to fish for the 2019 Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament this September 6, 7, and 8. Started by Muskies, Inc. founder Gil Hamm in 1967 as a competitive chapter get-together, 3-day event maintains the get-together feel but has since evolved into one of the largest, most progressive events in the world of muskie fishing. This Catch-Photo-Release tournament gives every contestant a shot at boating a true giant as well as winning some awesome prizes.



Matt McDonald took first place in the 2018 Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament with four muskies from Leech Lake – two over 51 inches. This 51.5-incher is the longest. Matt received a week stay at Red Wing Lodge on Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods in addition to the Abu Garcia rod and reel, Spiderwire line and Sébille lure courtesy of Pure Fishing all the top ten were presented.

Also new this year is a tournament-only raffle. Tickets will be sold only during the tournament and pre-registration. Prizes include week stay at Canadian resorts, a Revo Beast reel and Simms bibs/jacket rain gear. Only 250 tickets will be printed and when they're sold out, they're sold out.

The \$15,000 Grand Prize will be divided into three equal payouts, essentially tripling the odds of winning some good money for contestants who register a qualifying 40-inch or longer muskie. The grand prize total amount is figured on a sliding scale. The \$15,000 amount is based on a field of 500 paid entrants. If there are less than 500 entrants, the total cash amount will

be less than \$15,000. If the number of entrants exceeds 500, the total cash amount will be more.

At the end of tournament hours Friday and Saturday, there will be four feed/registration stations spread across the tournament area for participants to register their fish, use their \$10 voucher for food and/or beverage, and mingle with other participants. Whether you are fortunate enough to register a fish or not, the feeds are worth stopping out for.

After tournament hours on Sunday, the Awards program will be held at the Northern Lights Casino and Events Center. This event brings all contestants together and provides everyone with a great time to reflect on the weekend of fishing and good times over

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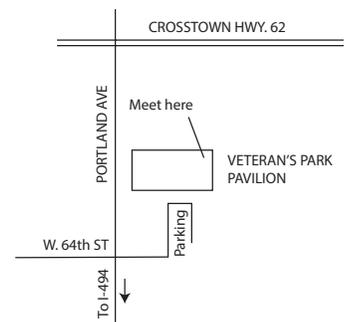
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August Annual Chapter Picnic

The chapter's August meeting, our annual summer picnic, will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Park pavilion in Richfield. Veteran's Park has hiking trails and a miniature golf course for the kids. So, plan on seeing us there and bring the whole family.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The chapter will provide burgers and brats, buns, beverages, plates and silverware.

Veteran's Park is conveniently located just 2 blocks south of the Portland Avenue exit off of the 62 Crosstown Highway. There is free parking at the pavilion and more parking at the adjacent ice arena/pool. We hope to see you all there!!



Be Part of the Team at Chapter Challenge

Represent the Twin Cities Chapter at the 2019 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 in August for the Chapter Challenge.

Mid-July the chapter had a full compliment of two 6-angler teams, however, unfortunately health problems have happened and four of the people have had to drop out. Lodging is already reserved for 12 people and will have to be paid for whether it is used or not.

Please consider taking a few days of your time to participate in the Challenge. The Challenge is officially Wednesday-Friday, August 21-23, but most participants come for the entire week to pre-fish. There is a rules meeting on Tuesday. 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 and using the reserved lodging at this event.

A Muskie Tale

Keep in mind events that might make a good "Muskie Tale" for this season. Not necessarily a "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.

Make It Happen!

Your chapter of Muskies, Inc. doesn't just happen. Everything the chapter does – stocking efforts, members only contest, our two fishing tournaments, the winter banquet, the summer picnic, Vet's home and Capable Partners in the spring, outings, our meetings with guest speakers... None of those things happen without a person (or people) behind them. So, in order to keep our events and activities, the chapter is asking for a little help from its members.

Schneider Tournament

The upcoming Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament September 6, 7 and 8 in the Bemidji, Cass Lake, Walker, Longville area of northern Minnesota draws upward of 450 participants with feeds in five locations Friday and Saturday nights as well as an awards program with raffles and drawings on Sunday. None of this can happen without help. Think about giving a little of your time to the chapter. People are needed at the tournament to: distribute tournament packets to participants on Thursday, September 5, at three locations, work 2-3 hours at the Friday and Saturday feeds at five locations taking in fish registration forms and checking downloaded photos, tally fish caught as they are called in, as well as the 20+ workers needed at the Sunday program. A few hours of your time would make all the difference to this event that has been part of our chapter's history for over 50 years. Contact tournament director, Casey Friskney at (715) 419-1187 (call or text) or tcmi.fstourneydirector@gmail.com if you would be willing to help.

Chapter Youth Chairperson

Terry Schar, our current Youth Chairperson is moving out of state. The most time-consuming part of the Youth Chairperson job is to coordinate and host the Twin Cities chapter's qualifying one-day fishing event in June for the state High School tournament. The Youth Chair is a board position. In addition to planning the High School qualifier, the Youth Chair attends the chapter Board of Directors meetings the first Tuesday of each month.

The chair also welcomes and hands out lures to youths at our monthly meetings. Contact president Jim Doyle at doyle_jim@hotmail.com or 952-920-9818 if you would consider .

Lures, Lures, Lures

Several years ago, Youth Chair Tom Keith started making the bucktails that are handed out to youths at our meetings. This is not a really requirement of being Youth Chair. The chapter would like to continue with making the lures, and is looking for a person or persons to take over this task. All tools and supplies will be provided by the chapter.

On the Water Newsletter Editor

Newsletter editor Denise Olson is looking for someone to take over for her. The person who takes over would be responsible for content, producing the newsletter, emailing it to the majority of subscribers, and uploading current copy to website on or about the first of each month. Currently about 70 *On the Water* subscribers receive the newsletter by snail-mail. Those copies need to be printed, folded, tabbed, stamped and mailed.

The newsletter editor does not have to be a board member, but it helps to know what is going on in the chapter. The editor is reimbursed for supplies at \$1 per sheet. Current electronic files for *On the Water* are created using the Adobe InDesign program. All files will be turned over.

If you're interested in taking over production of *On the Water*, please contact Denise Olson at olsonat3pete@gmail.com or 612-804-4687 for more information.

Chapter Members Only Contest

from Members Only Chair, Mike Darley

We are two months into the Minnesota fishing season and temperatures are already touching the 80s in many parts of the metro. Fishing has been down compared to last year. Number of catches are down, and the big girls have definitely steered clear of any hooks.

In comparison, in 2018 we had 15 fish over 48 inches caught by the time of writing the July article. This year we only have three, highlighted most recently by Colin Hulke (52.75") in July on Minnetonka, as well as Brent Lenke (57.5" and 53") June fish on Mille Lacs.

Baits and structure this year seem to be a little different from last year as well. A lot of fish are getting caught over boulders, and by the means of crank baits. Rubber baits have almost been nonexistent with fish registries this year as well. Last year seemed like many of the fish were coming by blades in July.

Another note, the metro has been extremely light on fish registered. We have only three of the 17 fish registered from the metro. On top of that, it only seems we have had one July Canada trip, which spring-boarded Ethan Stout to the top of the Men's Division.

Best of luck on the water as we try to turn this cold July around into a hot August.

Standings as of July 30, 2019:

WOMEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Cindy Hegdahl	20	1	46

MEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Ethan Stout	121	8	46.5
2ND	Nolen Ryba	84	5	46.5
3RD	Brent Lenke	58	2	46.5
4TH	Mike Darley	52	5	43.75
5TH	Matt McDonald	29	2	41.5
6TH	Ryan Boomer	28	2	42
7TH	Colin Hulke	27	1	52.75
8TH	Tom Batina	26	1	42
9TH	Erik Chrissis	23	2	40.5
10TH	Derek Boomer	20	2	39

MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Brian Hanson	51	3	46
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HYBRID DIVISION

1ST	Ethan Stout	9	1	35.5
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LUNKER OF THE MONTH

JUNE - Brent Lenke - 6/1 - 57.5" - Mille Lacs

JULY (unofficial) - Colin Hulke - 7/24 - 52.75" - Minnetonka

George Wahl Tournament: Supporting the Local Muskie Fishery

Our chapter's second fundraising tournament, the 11th annual George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament will be held on September 28 on 12 lakes in the metro area. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the tournament will be put back into the local metro-area muskie fishery.

First place is \$1000 cash. Prizes, including Thorne Bros. Gift Certificates

are awarded through 5th place. Every person who registers a muskie during the tournament is entered into a drawing for the Grand Prize – a trip to Whitefish Bay Camp on Lake of the Woods and \$500.

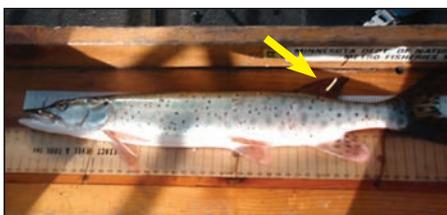
Tournament hours are from 7 am to 6 pm. Tournament headquarters and the Awards program will be at Thorne Bros. in Blaine. There will be raffles

and other opportunities to win items to take home.

Entry for the tournament is \$50, a small price to pay to ensure that the quality of our local fishery will continue for years to come. If you've ever fished for muskies in a metro-area lake, do your part for this fishery. Participate in the George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament.

Look for Tagged Muskies in White Bear, Bald Eagle and Tonka

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.

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a hot meal. There will be drawings for door prizes, and raffles with fishing tackle, lures and outdoor equipment so everyone has a chance to take home something. And lastly, for those of you who were unable to connect on a 40-inch muskie, take advantage of the unique and unfortunate pleasure of entering the "I did not catch a fish" raffle.

Awards will be presented to the top 10 anglers and the top juniors of the tournament, who will receive rods, reels, line and lures from Abu Garcia, Spiderwire and Sébile. The first place winner will receive a trip to Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods. Bonuses will be awarded to the top 3 ladies, the top 3 fish caught using an Abu Garcia reel, the top 3 fish caught fly fishing, the person who netted the largest fish, and all those who registered a 50-inch or longer muskie. Lastly, we will draw for the three winners of the grand prize payouts.

One of the tournament requirements again this year is that you take a photo of your fish on a commercially-

manufactured bump board. We will have a limited number of bump boards for sale at \$75. If you want to reserve one, you should pre-register.

Registration Opens August 10

There are three different ways to sign up for the Schneider Memorial Tournament: in-person, by mail, or online. You can register in person until Labor Day (September 2) at Blue Ribbon, Joe's Sporting Goods, and Thorne Bros. in the Twin Cities, or at Reed's in Walker and One Stop in Longville.

Everyone who fished in the tournament for the past three years will be mailed tournament information that will include an entry form that can be mailed in. Or you can visit our website to print out an entry form. Entries must be mailed by August 25.

The third, and hopefully most convenient, option is to use our updated online registration. The registration site is mobile friendly, so you can sign up for the event right from your phone. You can find the registration link on the chapter website, twincitiesmuskiesinc.org or on our Facebook page. Online registration is open through Wednesday, September 3, though after September 1 your options for packet pickup locations become limited.

Cost to enter the three-day event is \$100 for adults, \$30 for juniors, and \$180 for a family of 2 adults and 2 juniors or 1 adult and 3 juniors. Labor Day the cost goes to \$120 adults, \$40 juniors and \$200 family package.

Feel free to make every effort to sign up as early as possible! It will help us administratively and not only will you save on entry fees, you will be able to pre-order tournament hats, t-shirts, raffle ticket and bump boards.

You will also be able to register in person on Thursday, September 5 at Reed's until 5:30 pm and from 6-10 pm at Northern Lights Casino in Walker, all day at One Stop in Longville and from 3-8 pm at Destination Sports in Bemidji.

For students and people who cannot get away on Friday, we have a 2-day Saturday/Sunday option. 2-day entry is \$80 for adults, \$20 for juniors, and \$150 for a family package before Labor Day and goes up to \$100/\$30/170 after Labor Day.

The Frank Schneider tournament is one of the chapter's primary fundraisers, providing funds for stocking efforts and all of our chapter's other activities.

Make this September a win-win. Call up that old boat partner and come make some memories up in the Bemidji/Leech Lake/Longville area while supporting your Twin Cities chapter of Muskies, Inc!

Contact Casey Friskney - Tournament Director, at (715) 419-1187 (call or text) or tcmi.fstourneydirector@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

You can imagine that with over 20 lakes, four feed locations and up to 500 contestants, it takes a great number of volunteers to make the event happen. So if you can help at one of the feeds or on Sunday, please let Casey know.

We hope to see all of you there!!

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next meeting

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Annual Picnic**

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