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## Annual Sportsman's Banquet March 30

The Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet, our chapter's annual fundraising event, will be Saturday, March 30 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. This year's banquet features over \$20,000 in prizes including stays at Canadian and US resorts, fishing trips with muskie guides, rods, reels, 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 options are available. All attendees who purchase a Gold or Platinum raffle ticket/dinner package before March 15 will be entered in an early-bird bonus drawing for an Abu Garcia MaxToro rod and reel combo.

By purchasing a Gold or Platinum package, attendees can save up to \$60. The Platinum package (\$220 value) includes dinner and \$180 in Muskie Bucks for only \$160. The Gold package (\$140 value) includes dinner and \$100 in Muskie Bucks for only \$110. Muskie Bucks are used to purchase tickets for table raffles and bucket raffles. Cost of the dinner only is \$40 per person.

You can register on-line at [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org) or use the reservation form in this issue. Invitations with reservation forms have also been mailed to past attendees. You must make reservation to attend. Seating is limited, so get your reservations in early.

Who knows? You may be the person who goes home with a new rod or reel, a trip for next summer, or any number of other prizes. And, don't forget to invite a friend. This is a fun night out whether you are "into" muskie fishing or not.

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 Kellett or email [tcmi.sponsor2@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.sponsor2@gmail.com).

## Winter Picnic and Chapter Members Only Awards

Don't miss our February 12 meeting – the chapter's annual "Winter Picnic" and chapter Awards Program. The evening will start earlier than usual around 6:30 pm with a winter picnic meal. Following dinner, plaques will be presented to this year's Member's Only Contest top winners.

We will also be choosing the winner of this year's Muskie Tale. So, come hear all the great stories!!

Feel free to bring your significant other and families to our event, it should be a great time!

## Share a Muskie Tale

One of the highlights of the Winter Picnic and Awards is hearing all the "Muskie Tales" and choosing the winner. The Muskie Tail is presented every year to the person who has the best "tale" from the previous season. 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. Maybe you found something interesting on the end of your line. Maybe something or someone went overboard during a fishing expedition.

Write down your tale and bring it to the February meeting and you might be the one to carry home the Musky Tail – a replica of the tail from world record muskie.

## *From Our President,* **JIM DOYLE**

*Muskie shows and Banquet season are upon us! Stock up over the next couple months on gear and prizes and dream of open water!*

*In addition they can be an opportunity to become a more active member of your chapter. We need volunteers to man our booths at both the MN Muskie Expo March 8-10 and the Northwest Sports Show March 21-24. Shifts are short so you'll have time to enjoy the shows. If you can help out at the MN Muskie Expo, contact Eric Schultz at [eschultz33@comcast.net](mailto:eschultz33@comcast.net) or 651-353-3769. If you can help out at the Northwest Sports Show, contact Greg Ide at [gregide@aol.com](mailto:gregide@aol.com) or 612-331-5034.*

*Or volunteer to help out at our annual Sportsman's Banquet on March 30. The Banquet Committee is working hard to make sure this is a great event. But the evening of banquet they will need a whole lot of people to make it happen. If you can help out that night, contact Denise Olson at [olsonat3pete@gmail.com](mailto:olsonat3pete@gmail.com) or 612-804-4687 or Elaine Randolph at [e-rand@umn.edu](mailto:e-rand@umn.edu) or 612-708-6851.*

*We hope to see you all at our Winter Picnic in February. Come hear the about all the fish caught by the top anglers in our chapter. An you don't want to miss all the Muskie Tale stories.*



## **George's Minnesota Muskie Expo**

**D**on't miss George's Minnesota Muskie Expo March 8-10 at Ganglehoff Center, Concordia University in St. Paul. The Expo was founded over 20 years ago by chapter member George Wahl, inventor and manufacturer of the Eagle Tail lure. The three-day event is dedicated to muskies and muskie fishing – featuring some of the world's top muskie anglers sharing secrets of success in seminars, retailers offering great prices, as well as guides and resorts. The unique aspect of the Expo is being able to buy direct from lure manufacturers, getting low prices, custom colors and the newest prototype baits. Again this year, if you bring an Abu Garcia or Shimano reel, company reps will be available to help clean or repair one reel per person.

A large "Kids Midway" area with a trout pond, games and prizes for kids is provided by Fishing for Life. At George's Tackle Box, kids can make their own lures and take them home. Seminars this year feature Ryan McMahon, Mike Keyes and Gregg Thomas on Friday; Luke Ronnestrand, Jim Saric, Jeff Andersen and Kevin Cochran on Saturday; and on Sunday a Minnesota Guide Panel, Steve Heiting and Matt Seifert.

The Expo is open from 2 to 9 pm Friday, from 10 am to 7 pm on Saturday, and on Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. Kids 12 and under are free, so bring the whole family. Entry to the Expo is the same as it was when the Expo first started. Adult entry is \$10 per day, a three-day pass is \$17. Expo information can be found online at [mnmuskieexpo.com](http://mnmuskieexpo.com).

## **Opportunity to be Youth Chairperson**

**T**he chapter is looking for someone to take over for Terry Schar as our Youth Chairperson. Terry has retired and will be moving out of state. The Youth Chairperson coordinates and hosts a one-day event in June to qualify two teams for the state High School tournament. They will work with the sponsorship committee to obtain prizes and awards for that event. They will also work with the chapter to complete and submit an application and accountability report for a Hugh C Becker grant for the youth program. The chair coordinates working with Fishing for Life (FFL) including the club's donation which helps FFL run activities like the Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration. Terry will be around for a while and will help the new volunteer with the youth program. The chair also welcomes and hands out lures to youths at our monthly meetings. Contact Terry at [twschar@hotmail.com](mailto:twschar@hotmail.com) or 612-865-4200 if you can take over for him.

## **Muskie Award to be Presented at Annual Sportsman's Banquet**

The Muskie Award is presented each year to a deserving chapter member who has "constantly and unselfishly devoted time and energy over the years to promoting and improving the goals of Muskies, Inc."

The first Muskie Award was presented to Muskies, Inc. founder, Gil Hamm in 1974. At that time, our national umbrella had not yet been formed and the award recipient was chosen from among all Muskies, Inc. members, regardless of chapter affiliation. Once there were a number of chapters, it became too difficult to choose a recipient from the entire organization and the national organization dropped the Muskie Award in 1980. The Twin Cities chapter made the decision to continue the award for our chapter.

Nominations of an individual for the Muskie Award must be submitted in writing. Include the reasons you are nominating that person and/or a history of the person's involvement with the Twin Cities Chapter over the years.

The Board of Directors will vote on the nominees and the new recipient will be presented the award at our annual Sportsman's Banquet in March.

Send your nomination to Jim Kroupa at 6311 Steller Circle, Excelsior, MN 55331. Or email them to Jim at [kroupaandsusan@gmail.com](mailto:kroupaandsusan@gmail.com). Call Jim at 952-474-5967 if you have questions.

Nominations must be in by February 15.

## **Help Kids Build Lures at George's Tackle Shop**

George's Tackle Shop is one of the most-visited areas at the Minnesota Muskie Expo. At the Tackle Shop kids are able to create their own muskie lure(s) and take them home with them. Linda and Dave Knutson, along with many volunteers, have run the Tackle Shop for the past few Expos. It's a busy place and they cannot do it alone. This year, Dave will be recovering from shoulder surgery and they will need more volunteers than ever to make it a successful visit for the kids.

Consider giving a few hours of your time to help the kids put together lures. You don't have to be a "lure maker" yourself. All instruction will be provided. If you are willing to help out, please contact Dave Knutson at 651-455-9755 or 651-328-4622 or Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144.

## **Join Fellow Muskies, Inc. Anglers for Red Wing Lodge Outing**

Do you need more opportunity or more baits, more opportunity or more tools for catching that big muskie? Big fish opportunity is awaiting you at Red Wing Lodge on Lake of the Woods, Canada. The resource and the big fish culture that has developed over the years at Red Wing can be captured in good part with the following single stat: 15,000 muskie releases!

Package up big fish opportunity with a reservation for the annual August Muskies, Inc. Outing to Red Wing Lodge. This opportunity has been provided for years by the cooperative support of Mike and Anne Bartlett of Red Wing Lodge and our two local Muskies, Inc. chapters. The annual trip to Red Wing is a great choice for either that first Canadian trip or for the veteran's extra trip.

Dates for this year's outing: August 10-17, 2019. Save your surprises for muskie action, you don't need them at base camp. Red Wing Lodge offers a resort base that has been family owned and operated for 50 years, is clean and comfortable, where everything works. The Bartlett family has hosted Muskies, Inc. outings for years with personal and friendly service, so they understand what muskie people need and like.

Thirteen times Chapter Challenge headquarters, and chosen again for this August of 2019. 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 2019, just \$50 per day for big-time Canadian muskie fishing.

Included in the full value of the 2019 Muskies, Inc. trip:

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- One free trip, given away in drawing, courtesy of the Bartletts
- Free wireless internet service throughout the resort
- 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 as these funds are used to purchase materials for cabin improvements, most of which can only be made over the winter.

Don't just wish. Make it happen. Any questions or suggestions for improving the outing, please contact:

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**Clean Out Your Tackle Box**

Take time before the MN Muskie Expo to go through your lures, rods, reels and other fishing equipment. We will have a donation box at our chapter booth for new or gently-used items. Our Youth Chairperson, will use the donated lures, rods, reels for youth activities throughout the year.



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**North Metro Banquet**

The North Metro chapter's annual banquet is Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the Coon Rapids VFW Post 9625, 1919 Coon Rapids Boulevard. Social hour begins at 3:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm with raffle drawings following.

Dinner tickets are \$35 in advance, \$45 after February 8. Dinner/raffle combo packages are available. Muskie Package is \$185, Tiger Package is \$130, and the Pike Package is \$85. Dinner and Package tickets can be purchased online at the North Metro website: [www.nmmuskies.com](http://www.nmmuskies.com) or at the door.

**Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge 2019**

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.

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](mailto:smcintosh@horwitzinc.com) or 651-499-7328 if you're interested in representing our chapter at this event.

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**STARTING AT 6:30 PM**

*We will start at 6:30 pm with a picnic meal followed by the presentation of plaques to this year's Member's Only Contest top winners.*

*Help choose the winner of the Muskie Tale after listening to all the great stories.*

*Feel free to bring your significant others and families to our event, it should be a great time!*

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*Muskies Inc. Twin Cities chapter meetings (except summer) 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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