

# On the Water



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## Armed Forces Family Fun Celebration

**F**ishing For Life (FFL) and our chapter teamed up for a fun day of fishing on Lake Minnetonka with military families, kids and service men and women on June 13. The annual event kicked off with bagpipes bringing in the Heroes of '75 Color Guard followed by swearing in of new Army recruits.

Following the opening ceremonies, volunteer guides took the nearly 200 participants fishing for a few hours. Lots of fish of many species were turned in as the fishing wrapped up. One Muskie was turned in – caught by veteran George Beniek. Following the fishing, participants were treated to fish fry and cake to celebrate the Army's birthday. Awards were handed out for fishing accomplishments and the day finished with the kids participating in a Sunny Shootout. Thank you to our chapter members who volunteered to take someone out fishing.



## Capable Partners Outing June 9



**T**he chapter's annual outing with members of Capable Partners, a group of physically-challenged outdoorsmen, netted one muskie in the boat, some sightings, and a great time for the fourteen boats out fishing. After a morning of chasing muskies, the group was treated to steaks and pork chops for lunch. Thank you to all the volunteers who took people out fishing and those who helped with the meal.



*Kevin Affolter from Capable Partners, fishing with Linda and Dave Knutson, caught his first-ever muskie, a 39.5-incher. He was trolling a Supernatural Big Bait's 10-inch walleye headlock!*





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

*I hope everyone is out chasing Muskies by this time and having some success! From what I've seen on-line so far, some really big fish have been caught by chapter members already – even a couple board members.*

*Another fantastic State High School season is in the books, many thanks to all of those involved running and participating in it.*

*Thank you also to all the volunteers who took people out fishing at the Capable Partners outing and the Armed Forces Family Fun Celebration*

*It sounds like DNR Muskie rearing efforts are going well this year. Conditions were excellent for collection of eggs, and the new fry food we are helping fund is growing much bigger fish in the hatchery before they go out to the rearing ponds. Signs look good for excellent production this season.*

*Hope to see you on the water!*

## **Youth Chairperson Needed**

**T**he chapter is looking for a person to take over for Terry Schar as our Youth Chairperson. Terry will be moving out of state soon.

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.

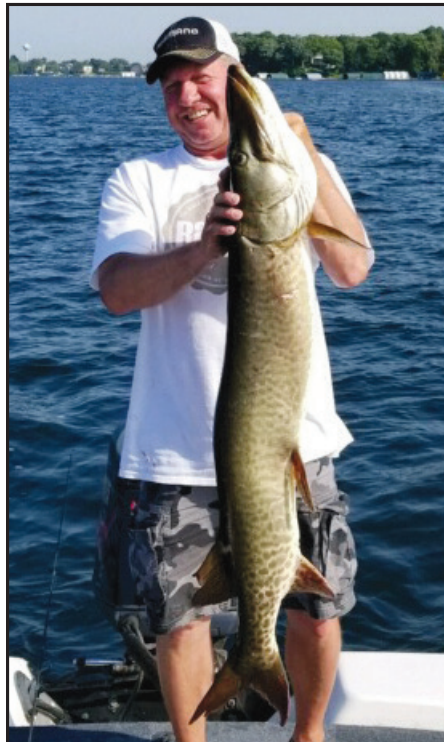
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## **The Second Time Around**

**T**he Metro Muskie Tournament on June 8 was won by Jeremiah Grimsley with a 49-inch muskie caught on Lake Minnetonka. As the fish were caught, photos of tournament fish were emailed to tournament headquarters at Thorne Bros. When the photos were reviewed, it was obvious that the 49-incher had a problem with its back that kept it from laying straight on the bumpboard.

Thorne Bros. employee Jay Carlson stopped by to look at fish photos coming in, he remarked that he had caught a fish like that last summer. Jay looked through his photos and found a picture of the fish. Sure enough, after examining both pictures it was the same fish. Last August, with barely a bend in its back, the fish measured 52 inches. This June, with the bend in the back more pronounced, the fish was 49 inches. Turns out, the fish was caught in the same Minnetonka bay both times. Go figure.

Congratulations to Jeremiah for winning the Metro Muskie Tournament!



*This Muskie was caught last August by Jay Carlson and measured 52 inches. The picture on the right is from the Metro Muskie Tournament on June 8. The same fish was caught by Jeremiah Grimsley and measured only 49 inches because its back could not be straightened.*

## **Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge 2019**

**R**epresent 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 21-23, 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 612-499-7328 if you're interested in representing our chapter at this event.

# Chapter Members Only Contest

from Members Only Chair, Mike Darley

It's here! After what seemed to be a long, cold winter, we are almost one month into our Minnesota muskie fishing season. By now you've probably launched multiple lures that you picked up new to your arsenal this year into lakes for the first time. Anyway, I can tell you I have. It always seems that baits look better on the shelves than on the water outside.

I am writing this article as of 6/27/19 with fish data through yesterday. So far, our chapter has registered a total of 21 legal muskies. No juniors or ladies have registered fish yet.

Only two fish have come via surface baits. The most productive bait has been a bucktail, catching one-third of the registered fish. There haven't been any lakes standing out with the limited number of catches entered, but we've had one Iowa fish, one from Wisconsin, five from Ontario, and the rest in Minnesota.

We've got an extremely large fish that was caught by Brent Lenke, who registered a 57.5" giant! This is one of the largest muskies we've had entered by the club in a while and will be a clear front runner for the annual replica given by the chapter. However, Brent couldn't just stop there. Two weeks later he landed another big fish measuring at 53 inches. Last year I believe I called him out for only registering 50+ inch fish in the log. It looks like not much has changed this year either. Congratulations on the impressive start, Brent!

There are whispers of some other giants out there, but they've yet to hit the lunge log so I won't spill the beans. Let that remind us all, to register your past and upcoming catches by logging on to the [www.muskiesinc.org](http://www.muskiesinc.org) web page.

Avoid those crazy boaters if you happen to be on the water. I've already been in the boat to a rod and bait casualty from a jet boat running over our trolling set up with planer boards out here in the metro.

Have a safe fourth of July, and good luck!



What a way to start the season. Brent Lenke caught this 57.5-inch monster on Mille Lacs on opening day of the muskie fishing season and a 53-incher a couple weeks later.

Standings as of June 26, 2019:

## MEN'S DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Brent Lenke	58	2	57.25
2ND	Mike Darley	52	5	43.75
3RD	Nolen Ryba	38	2	46.5
4TH	Ryan Boomer	28	2	42
5TH	Erik Chrissis	23	2	40.5
6TH	Derek Boomer	20	2	39
7TH	Jim Doyle	19	1	45
8TH	Ethan Stout	16	1	42
9TH	Nathan Ryskiewicz	15	1	41
10TH	Matt McDonald	13	1	38.5
11TH	John Harazin	12	1	38
12TH	John C. Newman Jr	5	1	31

## LUNKER OF THE MONTH

JUNE (unofficial) - Brent Lenke - 6/1 - 57.5" - Mille Lacs

## 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](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/tagged_fish_reporting/index.html) or leave a message for BJ Bauer at 952-826-6771.



## Mini Challenge with North Metro



On Tuesday, June 18 the Twin Cities and North Metro Chapters held a mini Challenge on White Bear and Bald Eagle lakes. The only fish above 30 inches was caught by North Metro member Chris Dolan, the only person to catch a fish on a few events. As the starting and ending times were not listed, it was unclear if Chris' first fish was before starting time, or his second after ending time, but at least one of the fish was caught during Challenge hours. John Newman from our chapter also caught an undersized muskie.

After the fishing was over, the group gathered at Jimmy's in Vadnais Heights. As the rules of the game state, the losing chapter – Twin Cities – treated the winning North Metro chapter to food at Jimmy's in Vadnais Heights. They had the porch to ourselves, the food was great, and boat parking is easy at Jimmy's. The group stayed late, watching the Twins through the 14th inning of a 17th inning game. The Twins eventually won.

A second Mini Challenge between the chapters is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17 on Lake Minnetonka with adulation/groaning at The Narrows in Navarre afterward. We hope to see many chapter members come out for the second Mini Challenge to help make sure that the North Metro chapter is the one treating our chapter to the treats after fishing.

## Summer Fishing League

The Chapter Summer Fishing League has always been an opportunity to participate and enjoy a little friendly rivalry with fellow chapter members on lakes throughout the metro area. Jon Best, who introduced a new league format and ran the chapter league for us last year, has started his own league following the same format for this year.

Because we had no time to find a person to run a league strictly for our chapter and the season had started, we are asking our members who want to participate in a league this summer to join Jon's league. The Twin Cities chapter will have additional prizes for our members who join that league.

With the first month of league in the books, it's clear that this is going to be an interesting season. Participation has been great, with nearly all of the 42 anglers registered in the league having fished at least one week. That said, it's still anyone's game as only two fish have been registered – both by chapter members. Nate Ryskiewicz is leading the league with a 41-incher and Matt MacDonald is in second place with a 38 incher.

We're still encouraging anyone that may be interested in participating to sign up. The league runs Sunday-Saturday every week and is web-based, so it works with nearly anyone's schedule. All you need is a smart phone (for check in and photos) and a deck of cards for registering any fish you catch.

Simply check-in on your phone at a designated launch and you'll have eight hours to fish. A card (ex. Ace of Spades) will be randomly picked when you check in. That card will need to be in the pictures of any fish registered (bump board and holding the fish). Points are given out for participation (1 point each week you check in) and for registering fish at least 30 inches long.

If you're interested in joining, go to [www.fishingclash.com](http://www.fishingclash.com). Register on the site and find the Musky Addicts - Twin Cities league. There's a \$20 entry fee for the year to cover prizes. After you sign up, notify the chapter at [tcmi.fishingleague@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.fishingleague@gmail.com) that you have joined and let us know your league name so we can track progress of our chapter members and to be eligible for the Twin Cities chapter prizes.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jon Best ([Jonb@muskyaddicts.com](mailto:Jonb@muskyaddicts.com)) or Ben Tollefson ([tolle141@gmail.com](mailto:tolle141@gmail.com)).

The Fishing Clash league runs all season with a break during July-August for the hot weather. Remaining schedule for the first half of the season is:

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| June 29-July 5: | Sugar Lake      | Rush Lake       | Crystal Lake      |
| July 6-12:      | Lake Minnetonka | White Bear Lake | Forest Lake       |
| July 13-19:     | Bald Eagle Lake | Bryant Lake     | Lake Calhoun      |
|                 | Crystal Lake    | Eagle Lake      | Lake Elmo         |
|                 | Forest Lake     | Lake Harriet    | Lake Independence |
|                 | Lake Minnetonka | Lake Nokomis    | Orchard Lake      |
|                 | Rush Lake       | St. Croix River | Sugar Lake        |
|                 | Lake Waconia    | White Bear Lake |                   |

## Red Wing Lodge Outing August 10-17

A few spots remain for the annual trip to Red Wing Lodge, Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods with the North Metro Chapter. Cost per person in housekeeping cabins remains at \$350 (US Funds) for 2019, just \$50 per day for big-time Canadian muskie fishing. If you're interested in joining the outing please contact John van Ingen, (651) 336-3622, [maxjo@mac.com](mailto:maxjo@mac.com) or John Genosky, (651) 329-4898, [john@protacinc.com](mailto:john@protacinc.com)

# 2019 Minnesota State High School Muskie Tournament

Congratulations to the team of Marryn Willberg and Tia Hickman representing Bemidji High School for taking first place at the Minnesota High School Tournament final on Lake Vermilion on June 21.

Muskies, Inc. chapters throughout the state held qualifying events to send teams to the final tournament. The chapter 1 qualifier was June 7 on Lake Waconia. Seventeen two-man teams representing 8 area high schools participated. The team of Alex Ebnert and Ryan Dvorak from Waconia won that event with the only muskie caught, a 32 incher. There were reports of muskie sightings with one mid-40 inch lost at the boat. Eight northern pike were also caught. The qualifying event sent not only the Waconia team, but also three other teams to the final on Lake Vermilion. Thanks to Youth Director Terry Schar and volunteers Mike Darley and Doug Malsom for a great event.

The 2019 High School final, headquartered at Vermilion Dam Lodge, hosted nineteen teams. Winners, Marryn Willberg and Tia Hickman, registered a 41-inch muskie and a 39-inch pike to earn first place.

Last year's champions, Ethan Pudil and Hayden Jensen from Lakeville High School placed second with a 30-inch muskie caught late in the day. The third place team, Karl Onge and Aidan Dario from Maplewood, caught a 36-inch pike, the second longest pike of the tournament.

The event ended with a meal and awards being presented to the winners.

Many thanks to Mike Riha from the North Metro Chapter who has served as State High School Tournament director for the past 5 years.



Nineteen teams from throughout the state participated in the 2019 Minnesota State High School Muskie Tournament held June 21 at Lake Vermilion.



State High School Tournament Director Mike Riha with State Champions Marryn Willberg (center) and partner Tia Hickman (right). This was Tia's first time muskie fishing and her first tournament experience.

## Newsletter Editor Position

After 18 years of producing your *On the Water* newsletter, editor Denise Olson has decided to retire from the job. She 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. It is pretty much a volunteer position with paper and ink being reimbursed at \$1 per page. Electronic files for *On the Water* are created using the 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](mailto:olsonat3pete@gmail.com) or 612-804-4687 for more information.



The Waconia High School team of Alex Ebnert and Ryan Dvorak won the Chapter 1 Qualifier for the State High School Muskie Tournament with this 32-inch muskie caught by Alex.



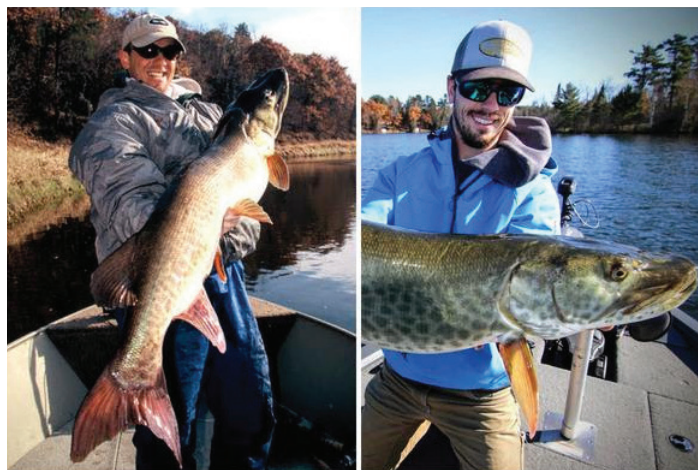
## Something NEW in the Musky World

If you attended any of Josh Borovsky's seminars this winter, you may remember him mentioning that he was planning to start a free weekly musky fishing email newsletter. On June 4th, Josh and Nick Lindner launched *Musky Insider*. They already have over 10,000 subscribers! You can subscribe for your free weekly newsletter at [muskyinsider.com](http://muskyinsider.com) and follow them on Facebook and Instagram as well. Their goal is to bring something fresh and new to the musky world.

- Hardcore tips & tactics
- Monster musky photos
- Latest news & lures/gear you need to know about
- Some (hopefully) funny fishin' memes

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More to come in the months ahead. Stay tuned!

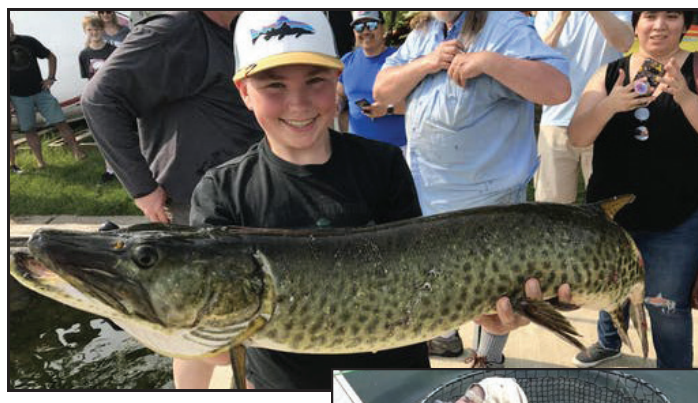


Josh Borovsky (left) and Nick Lindner (right) are the guys behind the *Musky Insider* – along with hardcore musky heads from all across the musky range.

## More of the Story

Perhaps you saw the story in the Minneapolis Star Tribune or saw it on WCCO news. Young Soren Bjornholm caught a 45-inch muskie from the dock on Lake Harriet opening day of Muskie fishing. You may not have recognized the two people behind him in the photo. None other than chapter members Brad Coyne and Greg Ide. Here's Greg's story on that catch.

*“On June 1 Brad and I had finished fishing and covered the boat. We noticed a kid fighting a big fish from the dock. We uncovered the boat, got out the net, and Brad netted the fish. The fish was covered with weeds but healthy. Brad handed it up to the kid and the crowd started taking pictures. The kid had targeted the muskie with his bass gear, a single hook on monofilament, tipped with a wacky worm. The fish was released and swam away.”*



The above photo of Soren Bjornholm with his 45-inch muskie appeared in the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Photo at right was snapped by Greg Ide as Brad Coyne netted the fish..

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# next meeting

**AUGUST 13  
Annual Picnic**

**NO CHAPTER MEETING IN JULY**

*The chapter's 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 joining us there and bring the whole family.*

*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!!*

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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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