

# On the Water



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## Fishing Opener at the Minneapolis Veteran's Home



Many volunteers came out on May 4 at the Minneapolis Veteran's Home to help the residents catch a fish from the trout pond erected outside on the lawn, or to clean trout, slice buns, fry potatoes, cook beans and serve a shore lunch of fresh-caught trout with all the fixin's. About 500 meals were served to the veterans and their family members. Many thanks to all the hard work by Troy Zuelzke who headed up the event.



### Metro Muskie Tournament Saturday, June 8

Don't miss the Metro Muskie Tournament on Saturday, June 8 from 6 am to 3:30 pm. It's a great way to start your muskie season. 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 7. A printable form can be found on the tournament site: [metromuskietournament.com](http://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.

More information is available at the website: [metromuskietournament.com](http://metromuskietournament.com) or you can contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 if you have questions.

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

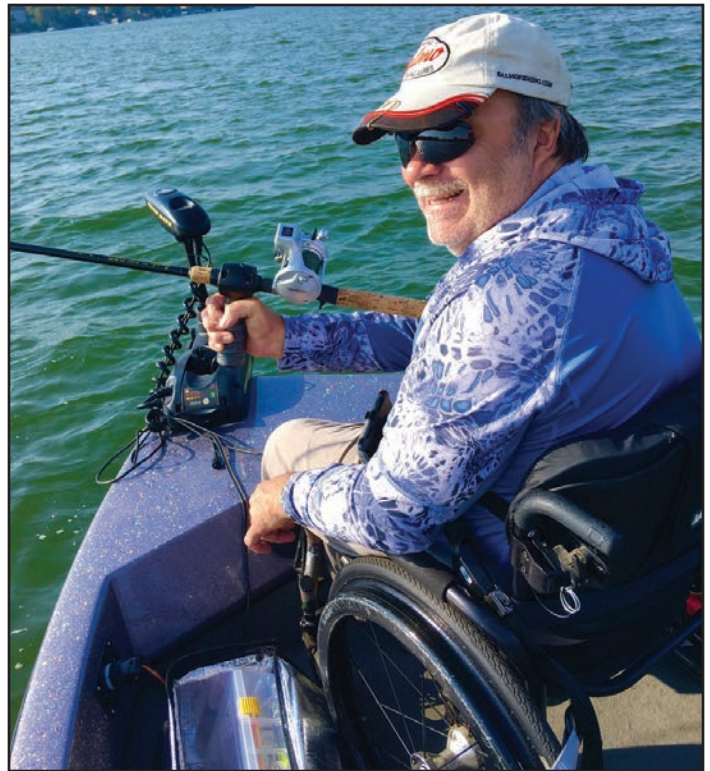
*Ready, Set, Go! Hope that everyone had a great Minnesota Muskie Opener. Perhaps you had an earlier out-of-state excursion, but our Minnesota season is finally here.*

*While we won't have chapter meetings in June or July, we have plenty of events on the calendar to participate in and opportunities to volunteer. Please consider taking a few hours of your time to contribute to your chapter. You only get out of your membership what you put into it.*

*First off is the Chapter 1 qualifier event for the state High School Tournament on Friday, June 7 on Lake Waconia. Youth chair Terry Schar has done a great job of organizing this, but will need a couple more judge boats out on the lake from early morning to 1:00 pm.*

*Our annual outing with members of the Capable Partners organization on Minnetonka is Sunday, June 9. The annual Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration, also on Minnetonka, is Thursday, June 13. For both of these events we will need people with boats to take participants from the other organizations out for a morning of fishing followed by a lunch. If you can't bring a boat, consider helping with the meal.*

*Also, don't forget the Metro Muskie Tournament on June 8 or the Mini-Challenge with the North Metro chapter scheduled for June 18. Just fishing, no "work" involved.*



### **Capable Partners Outing Scheduled for Sunday, June 9 on Minnetonka**

**C**apable Partners is a non-profit organization that provides hunting, fishing, and related outdoor opportunities for physically-challenged individuals. Join members of our chapter and the Capable Partners organization for a morning of muskie fishing followed by a delicious shore lunch.

We'll be gathering at 6:30 am on Sunday, June 9 at Surfside Park in Mound on Cook's Bay, Lake Minnetonka and fishing until around 1:00 pm. Anyone who wants to continue fishing in the afternoon after lunch is welcome to do so.

We've been having this outing with the Capable Partners for quite a few years. Some years we've boated several muskies and some years we've gotten skunked. But it's always a good time. It's great to be able to share your love for the pursuit of muskies with a fellow outdoorsman.

This is great way to participate with chapter members, give back to your chapter, and put in a morning of muskie fishing. Volunteers with boats are needed to take guests out fishing. About one-half of the Capable Partners participants will need space for wheelchairs, but any size boat can be matched with one of their members.

You don't have to go fishing to join in. Volunteers to help put together the lunch as well as serve the meal will be needed as well.

Please contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 or [mnmuskieexpo@yahoo.com](mailto:mnmuskieexpo@yahoo.com) to volunteer with taking out people fishing. So far, only 5 boats have committed. A dozen or more boats will be needed.

### **Youth Chairperson Needed**

**T**he chapter is looking for a person to take over for Terry Schar as our Youth Chairperson. Terry has retired and will be moving out of state at the end of the month.

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 chair also welcomes and hands out lures to youths at our monthly meetings. Contact Terry at [twschar@yahoo.com](mailto:twschar@yahoo.com) or 612-865-4200 if you can take over for him. Or let president Jim Doyle know of your interest [doyle\\_jim@hotmail.com](mailto:doyle_jim@hotmail.com) or 952-920-9818.

## **Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration is June 13**

The 10th annual Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration will take place Thursday, June 13 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 morning of multi-species fishing.

Volunteers are needed 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 starting at 9 am and then be treated to a great meal at Lord Fletcher's. Following will be an awards ceremony with trophies and medals for youth participants and an on-the-dock fishing contest for the kids. 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 please contact Tom Goodrich at [tom@fishingforlife.org](mailto:tom@fishingforlife.org).



## **Mini Challenge with North Metro Chapter Tuesday, June 18**

The annual "Mini-Challenge" between our chapter and the North Metro chapter on White Bear Lake or Bald Eagle Lake is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18 this year. Come on out and help us win the Challenge.

Fishing hours for the Mini-Challenge are from 5 - 9 pm and you can fish either lake. We would like to see that at least one person in your boat is someone from the North Metro chapter. That way each boat will have at least one person from each chapter. More than 2 people can fish from a boat. Your partner from the other chapter must witness your fish's measurement. The chapter that catches the most fish (points awarded using Muskies, Inc. point system) will win.

All participants are invited to gather for a little adulation/groaning after fishing at Jimmy's in Vadnais Heights. The losing chapter will treat the other chapter. Let's have a good turnout this year. We want to see the North Metro be paying for the snacks after.

## **Twin Cities Chapter Members Only Contest**

*from Members Only Chair, Mike Darley*

Good luck to all for the upcoming season. It's finally here! A few reminders as you head out chasing muskies:

- Register your fish on-line at the national website [www.muskiesinc.org](http://www.muskiesinc.org). You must sign in to the site to register your fish.
- All fish must be caught during open season for that body of water. Fish must be registered within 30 days of the catch. Fish that are not registered before the 30-day limit will not count towards a member's total points.
- Registering a fish caught for the Summer Fishing League does not automatically enter it in the Members Only Contest. You still need to register it at [www.muskiesinc.org](http://www.muskiesinc.org).
- Points are based on 4 points for each release 30" or over and 1 point for each inch over 30". Any measurement of ½" or longer will be rounded up. Any fraction of less than ½" will be dropped.

## **Minnesota State High School Muskie Tournament Qualifier**

For the tenth consecutive year the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc. is hosting a regional qualifying event for the state High School Muskie Tournament. Each Muskies, Inc. chapter in Minnesota will be hosting a regional qualifier to advance two teams to the State Tournament.

Eighteen two-man teams have registered for the Chapter 1 qualifier June 7 on Lake Waconia, setting a new record for participants in this event. Six of the team members are girls, also setting a new record. The eighteen teams represent eight area high schools in the metro area. Participants are in grades 8-12.

Teams will gather early in the morning of Friday, June 7 and have until 1 pm to fish. Scoring is based on the length of muskies caught by each team. If no or few muskies are registered, northern pike will also be counted. The top two teams from this qualifier will move on to participate in the state High School Muskie Tournament being held Friday, June 21 on Lake Vermilion.

If anyone is interested in helping at the qualifier on June 7, please contact Terry Schar, current chapter youth chair at 612-865-4200 or [twschar@yahoo.com](mailto:twschar@yahoo.com). This is Terry's last year running the chapter's qualifier. We would really like someone who is interested in taking over for him to come help this year and learn more about hosting the qualifier as Terry will not be available for next year's event.



## Look for Tagged Muskies in White Bear, Bald Eagle and Minnetonka

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.

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## 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. We recently found out that 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.

Since we have had no time to find a person to run a league strictly for our chapter and the season is upon us, we are asking our members who want to participate in a league this summer to join Jon's league at [fishingclash.com](http://fishingclash.com). The cost to join that league is \$20.

The Fishing Clash league runs on the same format as our chapter league did last year. You have all week to find a time to fish the designated lake(s) for that week. You will need to check-in at the boat launch on your phone. Once you check in, you have up to 8 hours to fish. Bring a deck of cards with you. To register a fish, you will be given a specific card that must be included in your pictures.

The Twin Cities chapter will have incentive prizes for our members who join the Fishing Clash league. If you decide to participate in the Fishing Clash league, after you sign up you must notify the chapter that you have joined and let us know your league name at [tcmi.fishingleague@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.fishingleague@gmail.com) so we can track progress of our chapter members in the league.

The Fishing Clash league will run all season with a break during July-August for the hot weather. Schedule for the first half of the season is:

June 1-7:	Lake Minnetonka	Bald Eagle Lake	Lake Elmo
June 8-14:	Lake Independence	White Bear Lake	Forest Lake
June 15-21:	Eagle Lake	Bryant Lake	Lake Nokomis
June 22-28:	Lake Waconia	St. Croix River	Orchard Lake
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	

## 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 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.

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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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