

# On the Water



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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. Come to the Sportsman's Banquet and be in the running.

## Chapter's Annual Sportsman's Banquet is 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 Muskies Bucks for only \$160. The Gold package (\$140 value) includes dinner and \$100 in Muskies Bucks for only \$110. Muskies 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. 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, Eric Schultz or Shawn Kellett or email [tcmi.sponsor2@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.sponsor2@gmail.com).

## Don't Miss George's MN Muskie Expo

The 25th annual Minnesota Muskie Expo will be held March 8-10 at Ganglehoff Center, Concordia University in St. Paul. The Expo was founded 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 McMahan, 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 25 years ago. Adult entry is \$10 per day, a three-day pass is \$17. Expo information can be found online at [mnmuskieexpo.com](http://mnmuskieexpo.com).

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

*Spring has nearly arrived! With all this snow it can't come soon enough. Hopefully, all are now in full tackle frenzy in preparation for the open water sure to come along in the coming months.*

*George's Minnesota Muskie Expo is imminent, March 8-10. The chapter's Sportsman's Banquet is coming right up March 30 as well.*

*We are doing our part in support of the DNR maximizing fish production as preparations for egg take, raising fry and rearing fingerlings are underway. The 2018 rearing season was challenging with very late ice out and a short growing season). Our chapter has agreed to make up for some of the shortfall of DNR 2018 stocking in muskie lakes to help keep things on track. Everyone hope for an early spawn so we get a good growing season this time around!*

*And don't forget – if the fishing itch gets too strong, the Heartland chapter has an April event in Clear Lake, Iowa coming soon as well.*

## **Lunker of the Year**

**N**olen Ryba caught the biggest fish of the year by any chapter member – a 55.5 Minnetonka fish. Typically, the chapter gives the person who wins the Lunker of the Year a replica of that fish. Nolen chose not to get the replica so we could use that money for the local-area muskie fishery. The chapter did give Nolen a custom-painted lure from Supernatural Big Baits.



## **Become a More Active Member**

**O**pportunities are available at upcoming events to become a more active member of your chapter. Volunteer to work at either the Minnesota Muskie Expo or the Northwest Sports Show this month. Shifts are short so you can have time to enjoy the rest of the show while you're not working at our booth. To volunteer for a shift at the Expo, contact Eric Schultz at [eschultz33@comcast.net](mailto:eschultz33@comcast.net) or 651-353-3769. To take a shift at the Northwest Sports Show March 21-24 at the Minneapolis Convention Center, contact Greg Ide at [gregide@aol.com](mailto:gregide@aol.com) or 612-331-5034.

You could also volunteer to help out at George's Tackle Box at the Minnesota Muskie Expo. George's Tackle Shop is one of the most-visited areas at the 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 years. 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.

Another way to help out the chapter would be to take over for Terry Schar as our Youth Chairperson. Terry has retired and will be moving out of state. The most time-consuming part of the job is to coordinate and host a one-day event in June to qualify two teams for the state High School tournament. Terry will still be here in June 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.

Our Veteran's Home Fishing Opener event at the Minneapolis Veteran's Home is coming up May 4. We erect a trout pond at the home and residents can come out and try their luck catching lunch. The fish are cleaned and cooked and served to all who participate. If you haven't ever been to the "fishing opener" at the Vet's Home, you've really been missing out. It's a great time for all. Volunteer to help the residents get their fish or to serve the shore lunch.



## A Muskie Tale

The Muskie Tale Award is presented every year to the person who has the best “tale” from the previous season. At our Winter Picnic on February 12, we got to hear several great “muskie tales”. Doug Malsom’s adventure while participating in the Muskie Mission Complete event last fall on Leech Lake was voted the best. Here’s his story:

*I participated last fall in the “Musky Mission Complete” outing that takes veterans out for a couple of days of muskie fishing and camaraderie. On the first day, because of repairs on the trolling motor, I am two hours late and moon time is fast approaching. I rush to take Tim, my assigned Vet, to the first island out of camp to teach some casting skills. Contrary to rumors flying about, Tim is not a disabled Korean war vet, but a young, strong guy about 25 (this is important later). I asked Tim if he has fished before. “Yup, when I was 8 in a trout pond”.*

*Oh boy, here we go... I grabbed a rod and explained to him how to cast and retrieve the lure. Then I casted a second time while explaining and handed Tim the rod. About three rips later, Tim thinks he has a fish. Sure enough, he’s caught a 28-inch pike. Zero casts and a 28-inch pike!! This guy is good!*

*Now his turn to cast. First cast goes straight up and lands 2 feet from the boat. I slyly ask Tim if he was artillery when he was in the Army. Nope, supply! Next cast is much better and within five casts Tim is casting a baitcaster expertly.*

*I ask Tim if he can swim. “Yes, really good, why?” I explain that the rod and reel are \$500 and if you throw it in, you dive in and get it.*

*Time to go Muskie fishing. We take a short 5-minute run to some weeds in the middle of a big bay. Tim starts off fine and is doing great for a newby, casting as well as some pretty good figure-eights. I head up*



A wet Tim showed off his first ever muskie, a nice 41-inch Leech Lake muskie.

*front and start bombing a topwater as I watch his work on the crankbait. As I bomb my third or so cast, I am watching Tim figure-eight and a muskie smashes his lure on the first turn.*

*This is where the S%!7 show starts. I dropped my rod before my bait even hit the water and grabbed the net. We hadn’t talked about setting a hook, drag, netting the fish, measuring, pics or anything yet!! Tim now has a low 40-inch Muskie on about 12 inches of line and I swear he is trying to flip it in the boat BassMasters style.*

*After a minute of much yelling and three aborted netting attempts, we have the fish in the bag! All three trebles in the Muskie and all three in the net. Quite a mess but we got the fish! High fives all around. I figure out I am going to take the hooks out, measure the fish, get everything safe and then get a picture of Tim holding his fish. While holding up Tim’s fish in the net, cutting hooks I hear a “thunk”. “What was that?” I ask. Tim says “Your rod just went in!” I have a handful of fish and hooks, so I holler “Well get in and get it!”*

*I continue with the fish and look up a few seconds later to see Tim in the lake treading water, rod tip high,*

*fighting another fish! I am thinking, “No way, this is incredible”. Suddenly Tim says, “Oh no, its caught in the motor.”*

*In the excitement of the moment I had not turned off the trolling motor and it had wrapped up all my loose line. I helped Tim back in the boat and we got a nice pic of his first Muskie, a really pretty 41-incher. Tim is dripping wet but none the worse for wear and, hey, I told him to put his watch, wallet and phone in the glove box when we left...*

## Musky Mission Complete

Learn more about Musky Mission Complete at their website: [muskymissioncomplete.com](http://muskymissioncomplete.com)

The 2019 event for 12 veterans will take place at Cass Lake Lodge in northern Minnesota August 12-15. If you know a veteran who would like to participate in this event, have them apply at the above website.



## Members Only Contest Awards Presented at Winter Picnic

The February meeting proved to be a great time for all. The evening started off with a "Winter Picnic" meal and concluded with stories told and plaques being presented to the winners of the chapter Members Only Contest by Chairperson Mike Darley.

The Knutson brothers, Finn and Olin, were the winners in our Junior Division this year. Finn led with one more muskie than his brother. Finn's longest fish was 49.5 inches and Olin's was 48 inches. Nice work boys!! Many of our anglers don't see fish that big during the season.



Finn (top) and Olin Knutson, our Junior Division winners.

The Women's division was won by Lauren Stout who registered four muskies. Her biggest was a 50.25 inch. As the winner of the division, Lauren will be fishing in the master's division next year.



Women's Division winner, Lauren Stout's biggest muskie this year came during a September trip to Lake of the Woods.

Cindy Hegdahl again won the Women's Masters division with 11 fish. Cindy lives and fishes in the Bemidji area and always registers a number of fish each year. The Women's Masters division was rounded out by Kimberly Hartman with 6 muskies and Linda Knutson with a nice 50-incher.



Cindy Hegdahl was the Women's Masters Division winner.

The Men's division was won this year by new chapter member Dale Mueller. Dale registered 25 muskies for a total of 408 points. Dale will also move to the Master's division next year.



Dale Mueller, Men's Division winner, caught his biggest fish, this early season 52.5-incher from Lake Minnetonka.



Nolen Ryba came in second in the Men's division again this year. Nolen caught 21 muskies for 376 points. He turned in the biggest fish for the chapter this year, a 55.5-inch Tonka muskie and caught the Lunker of the Month twice.



Nolen Ryba came in second in our Members Only contest this year. Nolen had several big fish in the books, with this 55.5-incher, our chapter Lunker of the Year.

Third place was won by Jeremy Knutson who also turned in 21 muskies, most of them caught during the fall. His biggest was 50 inches.



Third place winner, Jeremy Knutson, spent a lot of time fishing with his sons.

Matt McDonald who won the Frank Schneider Memorial Tournament with 4 Leech Lake muskies, two over 50 inches, placed fourth in the Members Only Contest.



Fourth place winner, Matt McDonald, entered 20 fish this year. He won the Frank Schneider tournament and had the biggest fish of the George Wahl tournament.

The remaining places for the Men's division were won by Ethan Stout with 16 muskies, Ben Tollefson, summer league winner, with 13 muskies, Ryan Boomer whose biggest fish was 54.5-inches, Mike Darley with 9 muskies, Todd Lindberg with 6 muskies and Chris Dahl with 5 muskies, his biggest was also 54.5-inches.

Brent Hirsch with 20 fish totaling 253 points took the Men's Masters again division this year. Eric Bakke and Mark Frederick placed second and third.

## Members Only Contest Final Standings

### JUNIOR DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Finn Knutson	89	5	49.5"
2ND	Olin Knutson	67	4	48"

### 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	408	25	53.5"
2ND	Nolen Ryba	376	21	55.5"
3RD	Jeremy Knutson	345	21	50"
4TH	Matt McDonald	339	20	51.5"
5TH	Ethan Stout	216	16	49.25"
6TH	Ben Tollefson	188	13	53"
7TH	Ryan Boomer	120	12	54.5"
8TH	Mike Darley	117	9	48.25"
9TH	Todd Lindberg	108	6	48"
10TH	Chris Dahl	103	5	54.5"

### MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Brent Hirsch	253	20	48.5"
2ND	Eric Bakke	147	9	48"
3RD	Mark Fredrick	97	8	43"

### HYBRID DIVISION

1ST	Luke Manthey	28	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 - Tom Kenefick - 10/25 - 53" - Lake of the Woods

NOVEMBER - Brian Hanson - 11/3 - 50" - Little Sand Lake (ON)



Doug Malsom won our Muskie Tale Award this year. He will keep the Muskie Tail and present it to the person who has the best tale next year.

## Take Home the Muskie Tale

The Muskie Tale award is a replica of the tail of the longest muskie on record. Our chapter presents this award each year to the person who has the best “muskie tale” from the previous season.

As your 2019 fishing season unfolds, keep in mind events that might make a good “muskie tale” – something a little out of the ordinary. Maybe something happened on the way to fishing or 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.

### Members Only Contest Plaques

Not all the winners were able to attend the Winter Picnic last month. If you have a plaque from our chapter’s Members Only Contest from this year that you have not able to receive at the February meeting, we will have them available at the Minnesota Muskie Expo at our booth for pick up.

## 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.

## 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:

- Free dockage (\$72 value)
- Free dinner one night, courtesy of the Bartletts
- 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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## 2019 Hugh C. Becker Foundation Awards Announced

The Hugh C. Becker Grant Committee of the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc., is pleased to announce the 2019 Hugh C. Becker grant recipients. With these awards, the total of grants issued since the beginning of the program in 2008 will be over \$1,507,000.00. Reissue of funds returned, totaling \$5,667.00, from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point; Bills Musky Club, and the Upper Great Lakes Chapter #29 of Muskies, Inc. are included in this disbursement. The order of funding dates for 2019, with amounts totaling \$105,000.00 are:

To partially fund the “Temporal stability of adult muskellunge in northern Wisconsin lakes” research project through the University of Wisconsin/Stevens Point College of Natural Resources.

FEBRUARY.....\$9,900.00

To provide funds for equipment to the Great Lakes Aquarium needed to assist in the ongoing muskellunge research in the St. Louis River estuary of the border between Minnesota and Wisconsin.

FEBRUARY.....\$2,600.00

To fund the cooperative “Catch-and-Release Mortality Study (in southern waters)” by West Virginia University and Coastal Carolina University with research equipment.

FEBRUARY.....\$8,000.00

To provide funds to continue support the research on the St. Louis River estuary by the Lake Superior Chapter #33 of Muskies, Inc.

FEBRUARY.....\$1,800.00

To fund the Wisconsin DNR at Eau Claire for the genetic research study on Lake Wissota, WI.

FEBRUARY.....\$2,400.00

To match funds to the Wausau Area Chapter #62 of Muskies, Inc. for pit-tags for research on stocked muskies in their Wisconsin River area waters.

FEBRUARY.....\$2,250.00

To support the Minnesota State High School Muskie-Fishing program through the North Metro Chapter #21 of Muskies, Inc.

MARCH.....\$4,500.00

To partially match funding of the sectional program of the Minnesota State High School Muskie-Fishing program through the North Metro Chapter #21 of Muskies, Inc.

MARCH.....\$1,500.00

To provide funding for the Big Brothers and Sisters and youth programs by the

St. Cloud Chapter #37 of Muskies, Inc.

MARCH.....\$2,000.00

To match funding of the Twin Cities Chapter #1 of Muskies, Inc. for their program of the Minnesota State High School Muskie-Fishing program.

MARCH.....\$2,500.00

To support the Youth Conservation Alliance (YCA) programs throughout the year in the Hayward, WI., areas.

MARCH.....\$5,000.00

To partially match funding of the Fox River Chapter #39 of Muskies, Inc. for their 2019 youth programs.

MARCH.....\$2,000.00

To assist in supporting the Fishing for Life (FFL) youth programs in Minnesota.

MARCH.....\$4,000.00

To support the Kinkaid Lake Clean-Up program by the Shawnee Muskie Hunters Chapter #28 of Muskies, Inc.

MARCH.....\$1,200.00

To provide funds for an additional 10 ft. Talon Anchor for the Minnesota DNR Fisheries office in Little Falls, MN for the assessment netting project through the St. Cloud Chapter #37 of Muskies, Inc.

MARCH.....\$1,900.00

To provide funds for additional pit-tagging equipment for the Sauk Rapids, MN Fisheries office through the St. Cloud Chapter #37 of Muskies, Inc.

MARCH.....\$2,500.00

To match funding by the Minnesota DNR for replacing outdated fish-feeding equipment at the St. Paul, MN Hatchery.

APRIL.....\$2,800.00

To match funding by the Minnesota DNR for live minnow-feed at the New London, MN Hatchery.

APRIL.....\$3,000.00

To provide funds to the Upper Great

Lakes Chapter #29 of Muskies, Inc., for minnow feed and tagging equipment at the Iowa DNR Spirit Lake Hatchery.

APRIL.....\$5,000.00

To support the Musky Mission Complete (veterans) program in 2019.

APRIL.....\$1,050.00

To assist the stocking efforts of the Twin Cities Chapter #1 of Muskies, Inc.

APRIL.....\$9,000.00

To help fund stocking muskies through the 12 Apostles Musky Club of Wisconsin.

APRIL.....\$5,000.00

To help fund stocking muskies through the Consolidated Musky Club of Wisconsin.

APRIL.....\$4,000.00

To fund stocking muskies through the Fox River Valley Chapter #39 of Muskies, Inc.

APRIL.....\$4,000.00

To fund stocking muskies through the Nittany Valley Muskie Alliance Chapter #64 of Muskies, Inc.

APRIL.....\$2,500.00

To fund the muskie stocking project for 2019 in Lake Geneva, WI, by the Chicagoland Chapter #3 of Muskies, Inc.

APRIL.....\$2,500.00

To provide funding for equipment for the Illinois DNR Jake Wolff Hatchery through the Illinois Muskie Alliance.

APRIL.....\$3,600.00

To provide live minnow feed at the Pennsylvania Linessville Hatchery through the Three Rivers Chapter #16 of Muskies, Inc.

APRIL.....\$1,500.00

To provide funding for live minnow feed at the Spooner, WI Hatchery through the Hayward Lakes Chapter #13 of Muskies, Inc.

APRIL.....\$7,000.00

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