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**SPEAKER:
STEVE GENSON**

You've seen Steve on TV as the co-host, with Mike Keyes, for Keyes Outdoor TV, airing on Fox SportsNet. Although Steve has a degree in fisheries biology, he now spends 100% of his time guiding on MilleLacs and northern Wisconsin, and creating the TV program. Steve has been among the top ten finishers at eleven PMTT events.

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For years, the Twin Cities Chapter and Paul Hartman's Tournament trail have been rearing muskies in various ponds leased or owned by Frankie Dusenka, of Frankie's Marine and Live Bait. Frankie's has donated time, equipment, feeding minnows and ponds to the projects. The North Branch pond featured on the cover of the December 2005 issue of MUSKIE magazine has now produced thousands of fish, with hundreds between 22 and 34 inches stocked into White Bear Lake. Muskie fry used to stock these ponds come from the Minnesota DNR. On January 27, 2008, a group netted the Scandia pond shown here through the ice. The pond had been netted in the fall, but the net developed a hole which allowed the young muskies to escape. Left: Greg Kappas with one of the netted muskies. Right: Jeff Riedemann and Brad Westerberg are operating the net-pulling winch, while Lance Christiansen and Jordan Miller are in the ice hole keeping the net lead line down as the net is pulled. Mike Habrat and Chris Longhenry from the Minnesota DNR assisted Brad Coyne, Zack and Troy Zuelzke, and Greg Kappas from the Twin Cities chapter.



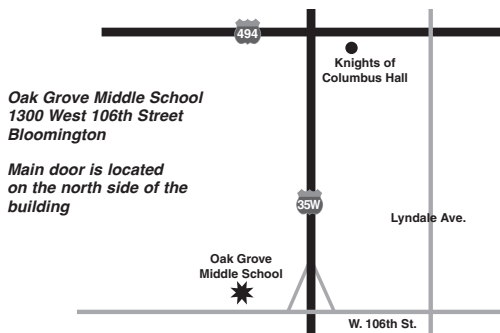
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Poolside Demo and Manufacturer's Night Scheduled for April

The chapter's April 8 meeting will be a combined Manufacturer's Night and poolside demonstration to be held at Oak Grove Middle School in Bloomington. There will be in-the-pool demonstrations of new baits and tips to get the most out of the baits you currently have. A number of manufacturers will be on hand with new offerings and tried-and-true baits for sale. This joint meeting with North Metro chapter will start early at 6:30 pm.



Got One! Banquet Speaker, Larry Dahlberg (center) got some help from "The Griz" (left) and Frankie Dusenka (right) demonstrating a "quick-release" technique at the chapter's Winter Banquet on February 15 at the Ft. Snelling Club. Larry, of the Hunt for Big Fish television program, entertained the crowd with his many muskie fishing stories and film clips. The crowd enjoyed playing games of chance, participating in raffles and a silent auction before the meal. Many thanks to Amy Orr, Joe Mellott and Shawn Kellett who planned and executed a great, fun-filled evening. Special thanks go to Mike McGrath, Stu McIntosh, Linda Newman, Linda Knutson, Gregg Ide and those who helped operate the games. The funds raised by this event will be used to offset decreases in proceeds from the tournament and pending completion of the 2008 budget, surplus will likely be invested in stocking efforts. More pictures inside, page 3.

Muskie Award Presented to Brad Coyne

The Twin Cities Chapter Muskie Award is presented each year to a most deserving member who has constantly and unselfishly devoted time and energy to promoting and improving the goals of Muskies, Inc.

This year Brad Coyne was presented the prestigious Muskie Award at our chapter's Winter Banquet. Brad has put endless hours of dedicated service to our chapter throughout the years. He always offers his time and rarely says no to a request for help. No matter what the chapter event, you can always

find Brad working in one capacity or another.

Brad has served as Vice President for many years. He is involved with the raffle committee and is in charge, from set up to recruiting volunteers, of our show booth at special events like the Expo and sport shows. In addition, he serves as our chapter membership chairperson and assists at the welcome table.

Brad is committed, dedicated and very deserving of this award. Congratulations, Brad!



A very surprised Brad Coyne accepted the chapter's Muskie Award at the Winter Banquet February 15.

From Our President

SHAWN KELLETT

Whewwww...February sure a busy month for it being the shortest.

I'd like to thank everyone who attended and helped pull off our 2nd Annual Banquet. It was a great time with a great speaker. If you missed it, be sure to plan on coming next year. We are already coming up with ways to improve the event.

Another event that took place that is gaining momentum is our Family Night/Awards Meeting. We had around 30 kids that came and played games, had hot dogs and won prizes. The adults seemed like they were having their fun too. I say "seemed" because I swear I was chasing around "The Boy" all night long. I swear someone keeps feeding that kid Red Bull when I'm not looking!

I'd like to congratulate Brad Coyne on winning our most honored award: The Muskie Award. If you're a newer member (in the last 10 years or so) there's a good chance that Brad was the one that signed you up. I know the reason why I'm with this chapter is because of Brad, now whether that's a good thing or not I'll let you decide) He's also the first one to volunteer and the last one to gripe about anything. Great job Brad!

Remember that this is our year to hold the annual pool side demo (North Metro does it in odd calendar years). It will take place in April at the Oak Grove Middle School in Bloomington. It's a great time to see all the new baits in action. Be sure to dress for hot and humid conditions as it can get pretty uncomfortable if you don't.

When you're down at the Minnesota Muskie Expo this March 7-9th be sure to come on by our booths at the Expo and say hi.

Muskie Tale Award

The Muskie Tale is awarded to the person who submits the best story from the past fishing season. A story not about the biggest fish, but about events or happenings relating to fishing. This year's Muskie Tale Award was presented to Jim Kroupa at the Winter Banquet February 15.

Here is Jim's winning tale.

This was the year of the bad electric motor mojo.

While on the club trip to Minaki, I was rammed by a Canadian. I was in the bay in front of Paradise around 9:30 in the evening. The night before, I had come in after dark and someone took my dock spot. I fumbled around in the dark getting eaten and hitting rocks trying to find a new one. This night I came in early to beat the bugs and to get a boat slip. This Canadian came roaring around the corner and almost took me out broadside. He swerved at the last minute and hit the bow and broke my trolling motor.

On a second club trip, this one to Long Legged Lake, I was fishing in Al Larson's boat. His electric motor sprung a seal and died. The resort gave us a little one to use off the back. It worked but... ripped off on the way to the next spot.

If this electric motor mojo continues this year, I may have to resort to drifting or trolling.

If you have a great story, remember to submit it to this year's winner, Jim Kroupa. Call him at 952-474-5967 or e-mail to jkroupa@ties2.net.

Minnesota Muskie Expo March 7, 8, 9

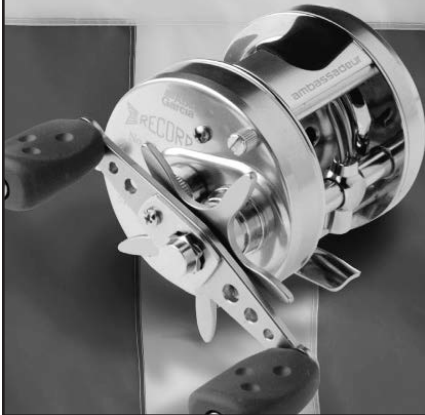
Make plans now to attend the 14th annual MN Muskie Expo at the National Sports Center in Blaine. This three-day event is devoted exclusively to the muskie and muskie fishing. The Expo is open from 2 to 9 pm Friday, Saturday from 10 am to 7 pm, and on Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Muskie-related exhibitors including lure manufacturers, guides, resorts, as well as retailers and boat dealers with show specials will be represented at the Expo. All three days will feature seminars by top muskie pros Jim Saric, Bob Mehsikomer, Bill Schwartz, Doug Kloet, Luke Ronnestrand, Jason Hammernik, Mike Hulbert, Rob Kimm and Jack Burns. There will be a large "Kids Midway" area with games and prizes for kids sponsored by Edina Realty, with all proceeds going to Hospitality House and Teen Challenge. Kids 12 and under are free, so bring the whole family. Adult entry for the Expo is \$10, a three-day pass is \$17.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHAPTER BOOTH AT MUSKIE EXPO

Come help at the chapter booth at the Minnesota Muskie Expo March 7, 8 or 9. Contact Brad Coyne at 763-412-6697 to volunteer. Volunteers get free entrance to the Expo. So come work part of a day and spend the rest of the time taking in the Expo.

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Start Planning for Summer Fishing

Three great fishing trips are in the works for the coming muskie season. A trip to the Winnipeg River and also to Red Wing Lodge are annual events club members have enjoyed for many years. New this year is a trip to Ontario's Eagle Lake.



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JULY 12-19 – WINNIPEG RIVER

Our annual Winnipeg River outing is at Paradise Cove Resort. The waters include world class muskie, walleye, pike and smallmouth fishing. The group is limited to 24 with most spots filling with returning participants. This is a great trip for only \$300 per person. A \$50 deposit will reserve your spot. Contact Paul Hartman at 651-786-6031.

AUGUST 2-9 – EAGLE LAKE

The trip to will be to Andy Meyer's Lodge on Eagle Lake in Ontario. Eagle Lake is a terrific muskie and walleye fishery and this will be a new moon period. The week includes housekeeping cabin, guide trip, seminars and a Wednesday free fish fry for the entire camp. There is access to five remote lakes and if you want, fly-in trips can be arranged. The trip will be discounted to \$539 per person for the week – \$799 if you want to include evening meals. There are 12 spots available. A

\$100 deposit needs to be paid as soon as possible to reserve the spot. Contact Troy Zuelzke by phone at 952-955-3890 or at tzuelzke@lesterbuildings.com by e-mail.

AUGUST 16-23 – RED WING LODGE

Our chapter's annual joint trip with North Metro Chapter to Red Wing Lodge on Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods is scheduled for August 16-23, the week of the full moon. Red Wing Lodge is a great sponsor of our chapter and has been host of many MI tournaments over the years. Included is housekeeping cabin, free dockage, free launch, a daily bag of ice. The Bartletts will host a free dinner one evening during the week and will also give door prizes and have a drawing for one free trip. Cost will be \$250 per person with a \$50 deposit. There are 16 places remaining. To make your reservations, contact John Van Ingen at 651-699-5172 or Pat Miller at 651-429-1629.



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At the Winter Banquet February 15



Far left: Brad Coyne with one of the games at the Winter Banquet. Left: Larry Dahlberg of TV's Hunt for Big Fish entertained the crowd with stories and film clips.



Left: Linda Knutson (seated) helped banquet committee Joe Mellott (center and Amy Orr (right) with ticket selling to the many in attendance. Above: Linda Newman (left), Russ Peterson (center) and Dianne Dahl (right).



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UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Recently the chapter sent notices to those who have listed their email address on the muskiesinc.org website. A large number of them came back as no longer active. Please, when you change your email address, remember to go to the Muskies Inc. website and update your member profile. Thanks.

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Thank Our Sponsors

A big thank you to all the manufacturers, retailers and resorts that have helped the Twin Cities chapter in the past year by donating merchandise and trips used for incentives and prizes for our fundraising events as well as the prizes for the Winter Picnic and the welcome table at each meeting.

Please make every effort to support these sponsors so they have an incentive to keep on supporting us. Without them this chapter could not do what it does for the resource and its members.

If you're looking for a new bait, keep in mind that manufacturers of some of the most productive baits ever designed are among our sponsors. And remember to buy them from sponsoring retailers. If you want a muskie trip this season, keep the sponsoring resorts in mind.

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Ron Sanders, 2008 Tournament Chairman and Ron Schara work together during 2008 Muskie Mania planning session.

Ron Schara to Serve as Honorary Grand Marshall and Celebrity MC for the 2008 Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament

from Ron Sanders, Tournament Committee Chair

Ron Schara, an award-winning outdoor columnist for the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, Executive Producer of *Minnesota Bound* on KARE-11 and member of the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, will be the Honorary Grand Marshall and Celebrity MC of the 41st Annual Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament.

The tournament will be themed “2008 Muskie Mania” borrowed from a book of the same title published by Ron in 1977! Inspired while once again reading *Muskie Mania* and realizing the tremendous improvements in the Minnesota Muskie Fishery since its writing, the tournament committee thought it appropriate to theme this years’ event in the book’s name. The gains over the last 30 years have been phenomenal, thanks to efforts of many. The Committee felt there was no better spokesperson to take us back through that journey than Ron Schara.

We will have many new additions to the tournament to help us embrace the “2008 Muskie Mania” theme while offering a full weekend of activities and camaraderie. Details will be announced in the coming weeks. It promises to be a very exciting, fun-filled tournament!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! The 2008 Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament, “2008 Muskie Mania” will take place on 21 waters in the Bemidji-Cass-Walker-Longville Area on September 5, 6, and 7, 2008.

Fishing Awards Presented at February Chapter Meeting

The February chapter meeting was Family Night. Kids of all ages were invited. Minnow races, spin the wheel and a casting contest were available for the younger set. Kids who provided fish lists of their season’s catches were honored in the Kids Fishing Contest.

Winners of the chapter’s Members Only Contest were also honored at the meeting.



Zachary Weyland took first place in the juniors division.

Juniors Division

Zachary Weyland took first place in the juniors division. He started putting fish in the boat in July and led for the rest of the season. He boated 5 fish, with the longest at 47". Evan Nicolai was second, also with 5 fish, with 41" being the longest. Third place was earned by Thomas Batina with a 36.5" muskie.

Womens Division



Lois Harvey won the Womens Division with this 52" fish.

The Womens Division was won by Lois Harvey who boated 4 muskies, the longest being 52". Carole Janik, also with 4 fish placed second.

Her longest fish was 47", one of three she caught on the same day. Third place was won by Christine Rein with a 35" fish.



Carole Janik boated three muskies in one day in July, including this 47" .



Cindy Hegdahl boated this 53.5" muskie, one of 15 she recorded this year.



Phil Groth took second place in the Mens Division.

June with a 51" fish and also in October with a 54". Others earning a place in the Mens Division are Mark Fredrick, Tony Sommerfeld, Adam J. Greengard, and Kurt Hostager.

Lunker of the Month

Brian Hanson won the Lunker title in June with a 51" and again in October with at 54". Both fish were from Mille Lacs. Bob Junghans caught the July lunker, the longest fish registered this year, a 56" from Kaniatarowanenneh, Ontario. The

Womens Masters

The Masters Divisions are made up of those who have won the Mens or Womens Division in the past. They will fish in the Masters Division for five years. Cindy Hegdahl with 15 fish won the Womens Masters division this year. Linda Knutson took second place with 9 fish.



Linda Knutson took second place in the Womens Masters Division.

Phil Groth took second place with 28 fish. His longest was 50". John Huss rounds out third place with 25 fish. Others placing in the Mens Division are John Newman, Bryan Walsh, David Nicolai, Brandon Bunney, Brent Hirsch, Jeremy Knutson and Brant Bunney.



Bob Junghans caught the longest fish registered in the chapter this year, this 56" taken in July in Ontario.

Mens Division

First place in the Mens Division was won by Kris Astorp who registered 55 fish this year.



Kris Astorp won the Mens Division. His longest fish was 54.5".



Dean Roll won the Masters Division with 15 fish.

August lunker, a 52"x22" from Mille Lacs, was caught by Dean Roll. Glen Bergman's 54"x25" from Vermilion was the September lunker. Cindy Hegdahl registered the November lunker a 53.5"x26" from Lake Bemidji.

Congratulations to all of this year's winners!

Mens Masters

Dean Roll won the Mens Masters Division for the second time in a row this year. He registered 15 fish, with a 52" being the longest. Second place was taken by David Gustafson with 12 fish. Brian Hanson with 9 fish took third place. Brian earned Lunker of the Month in



Brian Hanson registered the June and the October Lunker of the Month.