

# On the Water



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## Minaki Outing Yields 49 Muskies for Participants

Seventeen of us just got back from our chapter's Outing to Minaki, Ontario fishing the Winnipeg River. We were at Paradise Cove from July 16-23 and experienced a very hot, but memorable week in NW Ontario. Fourteen in our group boated and released 49 muskies.

Big fish of the week went to Jodi Maronick with a 50.5-inch beast, her first 50 incher and second muskie of her life. Jeremy Knutson caught a 50-incher on the "Coot" making this the second year in a row that the "Coot" took down a 50-incher on our trip. One member of our group had a 6-fish day, with seven total in the boat on Friday. Now that's getting it done.

Other muskies included 24 between 40-50" with 12 of them being 45" or over, 19 between 30-40", and 3 between 24-30". Besides the ones that were caught and released, the group had their chances at some "biggies" (50-56") with a couple of them eating but getting little or no hooks in them.



Jodi Maronick caught the biggest fish of the chapter's Minaki outing. The 50.5-incher was caught right at dusk on the first day of the trip, while trolling a Grandma. Jodi says, "When we go in the boat, it was amazing how large it really is."

The week started out hot and calm and ended with some wind, 5 footers in some places, and cooling water temps. Next year several members of the group have already committed to return. Eric Bakke will be organizing this event again which will probably take place July 14-21, 2012.

## Frank Schneider Tournament Brings Back a Bit of History

The Frank Schneider Tournament is Muskies Inc.'s oldest fishing contest. For over 40 years this tournament has been held the weekend after Labor Day.

In the late 60s and early 70s contestants were each issued a tournament button. At that time, the tournament included a division for kept muskies and there was no need to have a witness for your released fish. As the Muskies Inc. catch and release philosophy grew, the tournament changed.

The fish that were released needed to have verification to be

registered. A person from another boat that was also fishing in the tournament was required to sign the witness form. In order to identify other boats in the tournament, hats were issued to all contestants. Hats were extremely bright colors that could be seen across a lake to make it easier to identify other contestants.

In the late 90s the DNR asked us to change the rules to shorten the time between when a fish was caught and when it was released. Sometimes it took a long time to locate another boat with tournament contestants to witness the fish. Rules were changed

so that a fish could be witnessed by another person in your boat.

The hats had become a tradition of the tournament, and that tradition continued. This year we are bringing back another tradition, the button used to identify tournament contestants. We understand that contestants keep their tournament hats for many years. There will be a limited number of tournament hats available for those who want to purchase them. If you want a hat, be sure to mark that on your tournament entry.

More about the Frank Schneider Tournament inside.

## **Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament**

**T**he 44th annual Frank Schneider Memorial Muskie Tournament is scheduled for September 9, 10 & 11. Tournament anglers will have their choice of 23 lakes in the Bemidji-Cass-Leech-Longville are of northern Minnesota this year.

The tournament includes three days of muskie fishing, feeds Friday and Saturday nights, and an awards program and feed at Moondance Fairgrounds in Walker on Sunday. Bill Sherck, from TV's Due North Outdoors and Minnesota Bound will host Sunday's program.

Anyone who registers a 40" or longer muskie will be entered in the drawing for the grand prize, a Skeeter WX1790T with a Yamaha 75 hp 4-stroke. The boat/motor/trailer package came from Skeeter Boats and Frankies Marine in Chisago City.

With over \$35,000 in prizes, the tournament promises to be a

great event. Prizes will be awarded through 10th place for released muskies with the top three juniors also receiving prizes. Prize packages include Fenwick rods, Abu Garcia reels, Sébile bait packages and Spiderwire line. The first-place finisher will receive a week-long trip to Red Wing Lodge on Lake of the Woods. Trips to Canadian and US resorts are also included in the top prizes.

The tournament will also feature opportunities for all tournament anglers to win Canadian and US resort stays, guide trips, custom fishing equipment, and door prizes.

Tournament entry is \$95, \$30 for juniors and \$175 for a family package of two adults and two juniors or one adult and three juniors in the same family. Tournament registration is now open.

If you've participated in the our tournaments in the past three

years, you should have received tournament information in the mail. Enter the tournament by sending back the form from the mailing, on-line at our website [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org), or in person before September 1 at Thorne Bros. in Blaine, Joe's in St. Paul, Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle in Oakdale. Entries will be at Reed's Family Outdoor Outfitters in Walker, and One Stop in Longville until Thursday, September 8.

This tournament is is not a big-time team event. Each person enters as an individual. For most contestants the Frank Schneider is the only tournament they will fish in during the year. We have many family groups and weekend buddies that have made this a tradition over the years. Join the people who keep coming back year after year for the tradition, comraderie and fun.

## **George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament**

**I**f you've ever fished for muskies in a metro-area lake, then you should participate in the third annual George Wahl Tournament on Saturday, September 24. 100% of the profits from the tournament will go to improve the metro-area muskie fishery. Fishing in the George Wahl tournament is an easy, fun way to contribute to the muskie fishery that we all use and enjoy.

George Wahl was the inventor and manufacturer of the Eagle Tail lure who passed away in 2008. The tournament was conceived as a way to honor his love of muskies and muskie fishing, his contribution to the muskie fishing industry, his generosity sharing infor-

mation with others, and his encouragement to muskie anglers.

Thirteen metro-area muskie waters are included in the tournament. Prizes will be awarded through 10th place and to the top-placing juniors. There will be opportunities for everyone to win resort stays, guide trips, a custom Thorne Bros. rod and many other prizes.

The grand prize is a week-long stay at Whitefish Bay Camp on Lake of the Woods plus \$1000 cash. Every person who enters a muskie is eligible for the grand prize drawing.

The awards program will be held at Thorne Bros. and includes a "feed" for all participants.

Tournament entry is \$50. Registration is now open. If you've fished the tournament before, you should have received informatin with registration form in the mail. Send in your form, register on-line at [www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org](http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org), or at Thorne Bros. in Blaine, Joe's in St. Paul, or Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle in Oakdale.

For those who've fished the George Wahl tournament in the past, your \$50 contribution has gone to stocking muskies in White Bear Lake, Lake Minnetonka and Bald Eagle Lake as well as contributing to the MN DNR muskie tagging study. We hope to see every chapter member on September 24.

# Chapter Members Only Contest

from Eric Bakke, Members Only  
Contest Chair

The summer heat is here and so are the very high water temps. Please use your best judgment on whether or not we should be fishing on certain waters. Once water temps get above 80 degrees it is really hard on the fish to be caught and recovery time can be long and sometimes no matter what you try, these fish won't make it. Be sure to get the fish unhooked as soon as possible and limit the time the fish is out of the water. Remember, there are many who have worked hard to create and protect this wonderful resource we have, so if it isn't a trophy for you please keep the fish in the water and pass on the traditional picture and measure. Take a picture of the fish in the net and let them go right away. You can do your best to estimate the length and report your best guess. Let's not be careless in the chase for these great fish.

Even in Canada we found 84 degree water temps! I just got back from the Chapter Outing to Minaki, Ontario and it proved to be everything Canadian trips should be. Great scenery, great fishing, and great people! If you haven't been to or heard about the Chapter outing, give me a call and I can fill you in on the details and the plans for next year's trip!

We have some movement in the standings for the Men's Master and Men's divisions and we finally have an entry in the Women's Division. We are still looking for the first registered Junior fish for the season. It's still early in the year, so get out there and get your name on the board.

Good luck to all and thanks for your participation

## WOMENS DIVISION:

1ST Sharon Rouse - 12 points - 1 fish - 38"

## MENS DIVISION:

1ST Eric Bakke - 134 points - 9 fish - 48.5" longest  
2ND John Newman Jr - 131 points - 13 fish - 45" longest  
3RD Nicholas Goltz - 62 points - 5 fish - 41" longest  
4TH Marko Brinatte - 61 points - 4 fish - 43" longest  
5TH Corey DeZeeuw - 54 points - 5 fish - 44" longest  
6TH Peter Janik - 46 points - 2 fish - 51.5" longest  
6TH Pat McAllister - 46 points - 2 fish - 49.5" longest  
8TH Jason Sanvig - 38 points - 2 fish - 50" longest  
9TH Jack Hilbert - 33 points - 2 fish - 44" longest  
10TH Greg Randolph - 27 points - 1 fish - 53"

**MENS HYBRID DIVISION:** (points tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST Corey DeZeeuw - 1 fish - 33"

## MENS MASTERS DIVISION:

1ST Kris Astorp - 202 points - 12 fish - 49" longest  
2ND Dean Roll - 130 points - 7 fish - 50" longest  
3RD Phil Groth - 75 points - 5 fish - 50.5"

## LUNKER OF THE MONTH

APRIL - Official - no fish over 46"

MAY - Official - no fish over 46"

JUNE - Unofficial - Peter Janik - 51.5" - June 19 - Waconia

JULY - Unofficial - Greg Randolph - 53" - July 10 - Cass

If there are any discrepancies in the numbers please let me know, I will adjust accordingly. Sometimes with the online submission things don't always go into the computer like you wanted them to. Let me know if there are any changes that need to be made with any duplicate fish or incorrect information in your submissions. Thanks again to everyone for your participation.

See you On the Water!

## calendar of events

### AUGUST

- 9 Annual Picnic, Minnehaha Falls  
13-20 Red Wing Lodge, LOW Outing: Contact John van Ingen (maxjo@mac.com, 651-699-5172) or Pat Miller (donnagmiller@comcast.net, 651-429-1629)  
18 Fishing League: Lake Minnetonka, Gray's Bay Landing, 6-10 pm  
23-26 Chapter Challenge, Red Wing Lodge, LOW

### SEPTEMBER

- 9-11 Frank Schneider, Jr. Memorial Muskie Tournament, Bemidji-Cass-Leech-Longville-Winni area of Northrn MN  
13 General Meeting  
14 Fishing League: Lake Waconia, 6-10 pm  
24 George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament, 13 metro-area lakes

### OCTOBER

- 8-9 Fishing League: Lake Minnetonka, Gray's Bay Landing, times TBD  
11 General Meeting

### Seeking Ride/Partner for Trip to Andy Myers Lodge

Mark Merkle, a member of Chapter 8 (Madison) is looking for ride from the Minneapolis airport to Andy Myers Lodge on August 26, returning September 3. He is willing to pay considerably for gas to and from. He does not have a partner this year and would like to hook up with a Twin Cities member. Mark has been to Eagle 11 times in past 10 years. If anyone is intrested please contact Mark at markmerkle@bellsouth.net.



## Chapter Fishing League

The league is intended as a fun outing with other chapter members. Everyone is welcome to join the league outings.

Unfortunately this year we have been fairly unsuccessful during league fishing. No one has caught a fish yet. Outings had to be cancelled due to weather and high water temps. They won't be re-scheduled until water temps come down. Check the newsletter, or league organizer Jody Dahms will send out emails when outings have been re-scheduled.

For those of you that don't have a fishing partner, Jody will find space in a boat for you to take part in the event. Just contact him at [jdahms@aquali.com](mailto:jdahms@aquali.com) or 952-356-6047.

League outings are scheduled through October. Come fish in a league outing and join in the fun!

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## Chapter Challenge

Twelve chapter members will represent our chapter at the Gill Hamm Chapter Challenge. Teams from Muskies Inc. chapters nationwide will gather August 23-26 for the Challenge. The challenge will take place this year at Red Wing Lodge, Lake of the Woods. Wish them good luck!

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The August meeting will be our annual Pot Luck Summer Picnic at Minnehaha Falls Park. Burgers, brats, buns and pop will be provided. Everyone should bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meet at 6:00 pm at the pavilion on Minnehaha Parkway by the falls.

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