

Chapter Members Only Contest

from Eric Bakke, Members Only Contest Chair

And there it was... Gone!! Hope you had a chance to get out on the water at the end of November. It was absolutely wonderful. Didn't even need gloves on the last day of the year! Wish there was a couple more weeks of fishing left. Thanks to all that participated in the Members Only Contest. It is great to be able to attain so much information so we can keep an eye on the health of our resource. These totals will not be official for 30 more days, but they give you a pretty good idea of who will be receiving some hardware this year. The Awards Program and Social will be our February meeting.

Next month I will break down the totals from this season and where it ranks! Here are the standings:

JUNIOR DIVISION:

1ST Zach Weyland - 28 points - 3 fish - 41" longest

JUNIOR HYBRID DIVISION: (points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST Zach Weyland - 1 fish - 35"

WOMENS DIVISION:

1ST Linda Knutson - 38 points - 4 fish - 39" longest

2ND Jody Maronick - 25 points - 1 fish - 50.5"

3RD Sharon Rouse - 23 points - 2 fish - 38" longest

WOMENS MASTERS DIVISION:

1ST Cindy Hegdahl - 177 points - 16 fish - 48" longest

MENS DIVISION:

1ST Marko Brinatte - 376 points - 23 fish - 47" longest

2ND Pat McAllister - 320 points - 17 fish - 51" longest

3RD Eric Bakke - 280 points - 19 fish - 50.5" longest

4TH Jeremy Knutson - 277 points - 15 fish - 50" longest

5TH Dave Knutson - 254 points - 15 fish - 47.5" longest

6TH Tim Hoene - 191 points - 12 fish - 51" longest

7TH Peter R Janik - 183 points - 11 fish - 51.5" longest

8TH John Newman Jr - 177 points - 17 fish - 46.5" longest

9TH Corey DeZeeuw - 166 points - 13 fish - 55" longest

10TH Larry Maronick - 145 points - 10 fish - 49" longest

MEN'S HYBRID DIVISION: (points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST Corey DeZeeuw - 1 fish - 33"



We have two 55-inchers for Lunker of the Month this year. Corey DeZeeuw caught this 55-incher September 17 on Lake Waconia. Chris Weglinski turned in a 55-incher from Mille Lacs for November.

MENS MASTERS DIVISION:

1ST Dean Roll - 1390 points - 85 fish - 51" longest

2ND Kris Astorp - 1076 points - 58 fish - 52" longest

3RD Tony Sommerfeld - 193 points - 11 fish - 51" longest

MEN'S MASTERS HYBRID DIVISION: (points already tabulated with pure-strain releases)

1ST Kris Astorp - 2 fish - 36" longest

LUNKER OF THE MONTH

APRIL - Official - no fish over 46"

MAY - Official - no fish over 46"

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

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

AUGUST - Official - Brent Hirsch - 53.5" - August 10 - Vermilion

SEPTEMBER - Official - Corey DeZeeuw - 55" - September 17 - Waconia

OCTOBER - Unofficial - Kris Astorp - 52" - October 22 - Minnetonka

NOVEMBER - Unofficial - Chris Weglinski - 55" - November 14 - Mille Lacs

If there are any discrepancies in the numbers please let me know. Hope you all had a good season!

Board Elections at December Meeting

Elections for our chapter's Board of Directors will take place during our December meeting. Nominations will remain open until just before the elections take place. Board members elected at the December meeting will serve a two-year term starting in January. Accepting nominations for re-election this year are Brad Coyne, Dianne Dahl, Greg Ide, Stu McIntosh, Tom Keith, Jim Kroupa, Denise Olson, Shawn Kellett and Eric Schultz. Currently listed on the board but not having accepted a nomination for another term are Scott Crawford, Terry Hanson, Mike McGrath and Joe Mellott. There are currently open spots for anyone to join the board.

The Board needs people who are interested and willing to participate in the chapter and its future. If you want to be more involved and have a say in what the chapter does on a day-to-day basis, become a board member. If you like to help plan events, or have a say in how they are planned, become a board member. If you want to be able to have a say in how the chapter uses its funds, become a board member. If you would like to influence how the chapter deals with Muskies International, the DNR, or other muskie clubs, become a board member.

Consider taking part in making decisions that affect you as a member of this chapter. If you're interested in becoming a member of the Board contact Eric Schultz (651-917-8272 or eschultz33@comcast.net), Troy Zeulzke (952-955-3890 or tzeulzke@yahoo.com), or a current board member.

Win a Leech Lake Stay

At the December meeting we will hold a special raffle for a 4-night stay in a beautiful 3 bedroom townhome at Trappers Landing Lodge on the southern shores of Leech Lake. The trip can be scheduled any time before September 13, 2012. Trappers Landing is open year-round so think ice fishing, eel pout festival, or muskie fishing next season. Or, we know someone who spent a long weekend scrapbooking with girlfriends at a Trappers Landing townhome. Look for discount coupons for Trappers Landing ice house rentals at the welcome table.

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DECEMBER MEETING GIFT EXCHANGE

Bring a wrapped Muskie-related item to the December meeting for a chapter gift exchange. Go home with a something that's new to you.

NOMINATIONS FOR MUSKIE AWARD

The Muskie Award is presented each year at our Winter Banquet to a deserving chapter member who has constantly and unselfishly devoted time and energy over the years to promoting and improving the goals of Muskies, Inc. Nominations for the Muskie Award must be submitted in writing. Include a history of the person's involvement with the Twin Cities Chapter over the years. Send your nominations to Jim Kroupa at 6311 Steller Circle, Excelsior, MN 55331. Or email them to jkroupa@ties2.net. Call Jim at 952-474-5967 if you have questions. Nominations must be in by January 31. The winner will be selected by secret ballot at the February Board meeting.

MUSKIE TALE

Tell us your "muskie tale" – a story about something a little out of the ordinary – something that happened while fishing; on the way to fishing; on the way back from fishing; finding something interesting on the end of your line; some kind of mishap that happened while you were fishing. Think back over the events of this season and jot down your "tale". Send it to last year's winners, Denise Olson and Elaine Randolph. E-mail the story to Elaine at erand@umn.edu or Denise at olson@3pete.com. Or mail it to 7125 17th Ave. So., Richfield, MN 55423. Please submit by January 15th. The person with the best tale will have the honor of keeping the Muskie Tale Award for a year, and choosing the next winner.

RED WING OUTING

The annual chapter outing with the North Metro chapter at Red Wing Lodge, Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods is scheduled for August 11-18, 2012. In 2011, 26 anglers

enjoyed this trip. Cost per person in housekeeping cabins remains at \$300 (US Funds). Reservations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit, made out to 'North Metro Muskie Inc.' Deposits officially confirm reservation holds. First come, first served. To make reservations, or to ask any questions contact: John van Ingen - (651) 699-5172 - maxjo@mac.com or Pat Miller - (651) 429-1629 - donnagmiller@comcast.net

SPORTSMAN'S BANQUET

Our chapter's annual Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 17 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. This year's banquet should be bigger and better than ever so save that date on your calendar. Look for information in upcoming issues of On the Water about early-bird reservations. The banquet committee can use help both in the planning stages and the night of the event. Please contact Joe Mellott, Troy Zuelzke or Jody Dahms or email banquet@twincitiesmuskiesinc.org



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Don't forget to bring a wrapped muskie-related item for the chapter gift exchange.

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