

# On the Water



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*Kids posed and had their pictures taken with the Big Muskie Smiles board at the Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration on June 24. Look for the Big Muskie Smiles billboard near Rogers on I-94. More about the Armed Forces Family Fishing inside.*

## President's Award

**A**t the Banquet this winter, a new award, the President's Award, was presented to Frankie Dusenka of Frankie's Marine. The purpose of this award is to honor and thank a person or business.

The President's Award can be presented to any person or business whether a chapter member or not. Qualifications for the President's Award can be: Service to the chapter, Helping with the muskie resource, Helping with the goals of Muskies Inc.

There is no limit to the number of President's Awards that can be handed out and there is no specific time limit. It is not necessarily an award that will be given out each year, only when a party is deemed worthy of the award.

Any chapter member can submit a person or business for this award. If you find a worthy recipient of this award, please give to any board member. It is necessary to submit a short, written notation. The Board will approve the recipient and the chapter president will present it.

## Chapter Meetings for the Summer

**T**he next two chapter meetings will be not held at the Knights of Columbus hall.

### July: On the Water

Join fellow chapter members for an evening on the water. Originally this meeting was scheduled for Hidden Falls on the Mississippi, but due to the amount of rain recently it has been moved to Lake Minnetonka. This is also a scheduled event for the chapter fishing league.

Meet at the Spring Park landing at 6 pm. If you need a boat partner or have room in your boat for a fellow chapter member, please contact Jody Dahms at [jdahms@aquali.com](mailto:jdahms@aquali.com) or 952-356-6047.

This is also the night of baseball's All-Star game. If you want to enjoy the game, you can meet at the Tonka Grill across from the Spring Park boat launch. Food orders must be placed before 9 pm. You can tie up at the Grill's dock or use the Spring Park docks. Overflow trailer parking is at the second intersection east of the launch.

### August: Annual Picnic

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.

This is an enjoyable night for the whole family, so bring the kids. Everyone is invited.

# Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration

from Youth Co-chair Tom Keith

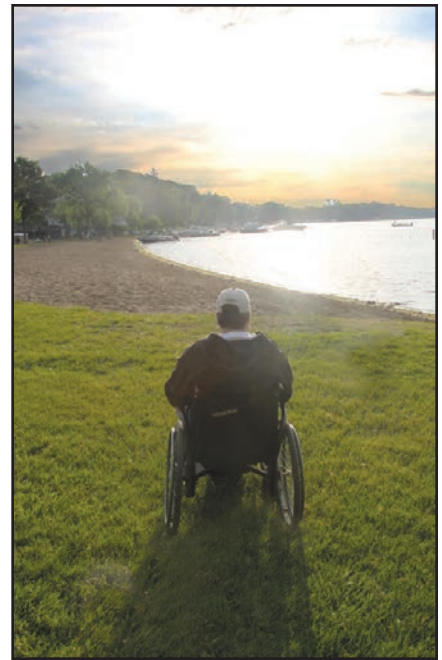
On Friday, June 24 the Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc collaborated with Fishing for Life in the third annual Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration. Approximately 40 military kids and 20 adults with connections to the military were taken out for a morning of fishing on Lake Minnetonka. About 20 wonderful guides did an outstanding job of getting these people on fish and safely bringing everyone back to the dock at Maynards.

All the kids were given a complimentary pack of five lures, two bobbers, and two boxes of hooks. These were either donated by chapter members or purchased with money donated by members.

The day started with MA Rosko from Channel 9 doing several live spots and interviews from the dock at Maynards. Shortly after the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner, everyone headed out to the lake for a morning of fishing. The anglers came in about 11:00 a.m. and while they weighed the fish, everyone was treated to a great meal from Maynards.

After the meal, an awards program, hosted by Mike Kurre from the DNR, was held. The largest fish in the Northern/Muskie category were each given a new rod, reel, and line, which were donated by a member of our Chapter.

It was a wonderful day. Thanks to all of you who donated time, money and prizes to this project!



## Capable Partners/ Military Veterans Outing

Several members of the Capable Partners and some of their family members enjoyed a morning of muskie fishing at Lake Minnetonka on June 12 with volunteers from our chapter. Joining them were members of the Wounded Warriors and other military groups in an event organized by Libby and Tim Hoene.

Everyone gathered bright and early and fished until it was time for a “shore lunch” of burgers, brats and chicken with all the fixin’s.

It is always rewarding to be able to share a love for the pursuit of muskies with a fellow outdoorsman, even though they may be physically challenged.

Thank you to Paul Hartman and the Hoenes for organizing the event. Also thanks goes to all those who volunteered their time and boats to take out the Capable Partners and veterans in pursuit of a muskie. It is always rewarding to be able to share a love for the pursuit of muskies with a fellow outdoorsman, even though they may be physically challenged.



Top: TC Chapter President Troy Zeulzke, center, presented rod and reel to the top finisher in the Northern/Muskie division. Mike Kurre, right, moderated.

Above: Youth Co-Chair Tom Keith with MA Rosko from Channel 9 on the dock after an interview.

Right: Second place finisher Northern/Muskie division.





**Top:** Chapter members, guides, Capable Partners and Wounded Warriors gathered in the early morning.

**Middle:** Paul Hartman and fishing partner head out for some muskie fishing.

**Bottom:** After a morning of fishing, the anglers headed down the dock back to a delicious shore lunch.

## Chapter Members Only Contest

from Eric Bakke, Members Only Contest Chair

Summer is finally here! The season has been open for a couple weeks now. Have you been out fishing yet?

There are four options for entering in your fish to the Members Only Contest. Muskies Inc. web site, [muskiesinc.org](http://muskiesinc.org), "Fish Submission," you can download blank forms at the web site, email me at [bakke193@umn.edu](mailto:bakke193@umn.edu), call me at 612-202-7169, or print a blank form and mail it to me at 290H BFAB; 516 15th Ave SE; Minneapolis, MN 55455 and I will take care of everything. Remember to enter your fish as soon as possible. All entries older than ONE month from the day the fish was caught will not count.

The Lunge Log is a collection of all the muskies that have been registered by Muskies Inc. members throughout the US since the 1970s. For those of you who haven't used the system before, it can be found at the [www.muskiesinc.org](http://www.muskiesinc.org) website.

The Lunge Log is completely customizable and you can find out as much or as little information you would like to know about a certain body of water, a certain type of bait – heck you can even look at where all the 50-inchers have been caught! It is a great tool if you haven't ever used it. But we do ask that if you do use this information to catch more fish, that you register the fish you catch.

We already have some great fish that have been caught. We still don't have a Junior or Women's Division fish registered, but it is early. Hope everyone has been able to throw a lure or two this year, if not find some time. They are starting to snap. Good luck to all and thanks for your participation

### MENS DIVISION:

- 1ST Pat McAllister - 46 points - 2 fish - 49.5" longest
- 2ND Eric Bakke - 45 points - 3 fish - 45" longest
- 3RD John Newman Jr - 37 points - 3 fish - 41" longest
- 4TH Marko Brinatte - 33 points - 2 fish - 43" longest
- 5TH Peter Janik - 26 points - 1 fish - 51.5"
- 6TH Eric Shultz - 20 points - 1 fish - 46"
- 7TH Brad Geisler - 15 points - 1 fish - 40.75"
- 8TH Corey DeZeeuw - 7 points - 1 fish - 33"

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

- 1ST Corey DeZeeuw - 1 fish - 33"

### MENS MASTERS DIVISION:

- 1ST Kris Astorp - 88 points - 5 fish - 48" longest
- 2ND Dean Roll - 24 points - 1 fish - 50"
- 3RD David Gustafson - 15 points - 1 fish - 41"
- 4TH Phil Groth - 13 points - 1 fish - 39"

### LUNKER OF THE MONTH

- APRIL - Official - no fish over 46"
- MAY - Unofficial - no fish over 46"
- JUNE - Peter Janik - 51.5" - June 19th - Waconia

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!

# Minnesota High School Muskie Tournament

from Youth Co-chair Tom Keith

The Twin Cities Regional event of the Minnesota High School Muskie Tournament was held on June 16. Teams from Bloomington Kennedy, Buffalo, Farmington, and St. Anthony Village competed.

The kids were primed, the weather was great. Jim Kroupa and I were working as judge boats. I had a follow on my fifth cast and my wife caught a really nice northern a couple of minutes later. We were pumped, knowing calls for a judge boat would be shortly coming.

All of a sudden, things shut down faster than the legislature. The only calls were from the kids asking if anybody is seeing anything. We talked to the teams throughout the day. The weigh-in showed that everyone caught fish, just not what we were wanting. The winning fish was a 30-inch northern caught by Farmington HS. All in all it was a great day and their parents should be proud of their great kids.

Farmington and Buffalo will advance to the State Tournament next month on Lake Alexander, where they will be competing against two teams from Bemidji and the winners of the Brainerd Lakes Chapter Regional event.

All four teams from our regional received a prize package of lures, bobbers, and hooks. Farmington also received a rod and reel and Buffalo received a rod. All of the prizes were donated by members of our chapter. The teams were very appreciative and are looking forward to competing in our regional again next year.

Thanks to all of you for your donations and Jim Kroupa for his help!



*Top: Tom Keith presented the Farmington HS team, Zack Weyland and Dan Becker with their first place plaque.*

*Middle: Competing teams from Bloomington Kennedy, Buffalo, Farmington, and St. Anthony Village.*

*Bottom: Second-place team from Buffalo HS. They caught a northern and had several muskie follows.*

## Chapter Fishing League

The first outing of the chapter fishing league was held June 11 on Forest Lake. This was the same day as the Metro Muskie Tournament. Five members decided to fish Forest Lake that day. As it turned out, Forest Lake was the hot spot for the Metro Tournament, although not necessarily for the league fishermen.

The league is intended as a fun outing with other chapter members. Everyone is welcome to join the league outings. For those of you that don't have a fishing partner, we will find space in a boat for you to take part in the event. Just contact organizer Jody Dahms at [jdahms@aquali.com](mailto:jdahms@aquali.com) or 952-356-6047.

Scoring is the same as the Member's Only Contest: 4 points for a 30" muskie and 1 point for each inch over 30". Participants will receive 5 points per event fished (weekend event counts 5 points per day), 3 bonus points will be awarded to each boat partner of a successful catch during league fishing.

Chapter members who fished the Forest Lake league outing were David Bond, Matt Murtha, Eric Schultz, Nic Romero and Brad Hjemvick. No fish were reported from the five.

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



## Two Tournaments Scheduled for September this Year

Our chapter will again hold two fund-raiser tournaments this year, the three-day Frank Schneider Memorial Tournament in northern Minnesota which funds our chapter operating budget and the one-day George Wahl Memorial Tournament on metro-area lakes. 100% of the proceeds raised by this event will go to improve the local metro-area muskie fishery.

### Frank Schneider Memorial Tournament

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. It is scheduled for September 9, 10 & 11. Tournament anglers can fish their choice of 22 northern Minnesota lakes.

The tournament is not a big-time team event. For most contestants this is the only tournament they fish in during the year. Each participant has equal chance to make the top ten.

Entry 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 is 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, a long-time supporter of Muskies Inc.

With over \$35,000 in prizes, it promises to be a great event. Prizes will be awarded through 10th place for released muskies with the top three juniors also receiving prizes. The first-place finisher will receive a week-long trip to Red Wing Lodge on Lake of the Woods. Fenwick rods,

Abu Garcia reels, Sébile bait packages and Spiderwire line as well as trips to Canadian and US resorts are part of the prize packages.

The event will also feature opportunities for everyone 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. If you've participated in the our tournaments in the past three years, you should receive tournament information in the mail. Enter the tournament by sending back the form from the mailing, on-line at the chapter website [www.twincities-muskiesinc.org](http://www.twincities-muskiesinc.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.

Join the people who keep coming back year after year for the tradition, comraderie and fun.

### George Wahl Memorial Tournament

The third annual George Wahl Tournament will be held Saturday, September 24 on 13 metro-area muskie waters.

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 Thornes 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. in Blaine and will include a "feed" for all participants. Tournament entry is \$50.

Registration forms will be included in the July mailing. Send in your form, register on-line at the chapter website, or at Thorne Bros. in Blaine, Joe's in St. Paul, or Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle in Oakdale.

Fishing the George Wahl tournament is a fun way to contribute to the muskie fishery that we all use and enjoy. We hope to see every chapter member on September 24.

### 2010 Tournament Boat Available



Last year's Grand Prize tournament boat is for sale. The Skeeter SX190 dual console bass boat is brand-new and has never been in the water. It has full factory warranty, is equipped with a Minnkota trolling motor, locators at the bow and console, and comes with matched Skeeter e-z loader trailer, stainless steel prop and cover. The boat is currently at Frankies Marine in Chisago City. Contact Frankies at 651-257-6334 to see this boat. At \$21,995 this is a great price!!

## calendar of events

### JULY

- 12 General Meeting/Fishing League: Lake Minnetonka, Spring Park Boat Launch, 6-10 pm
- 16-23 Winnipeg River Outing: Contact Eric Bakke (bakke193@umn.edu, 612-202-7169)
- 25 Fishing League: Lake Minnetonka, Gray's Bay Landing, 6-10 pm

### 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)

### AUGUST

- 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
- 13 General Meeting
- 14 Fishing League: Lake Waconia, 6-10 pm
- 24 George Wahl Memorial Muskie Tournament

### OCTOBER

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

## Chapter Outings

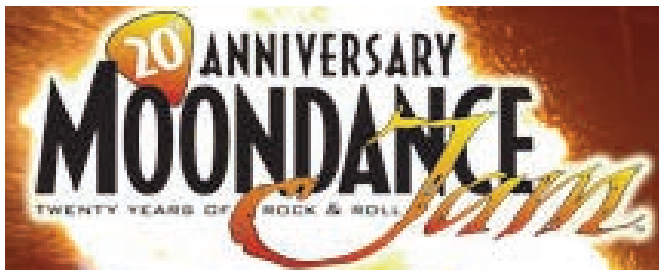
The two Canadian outings have room for a few more people. Outings are open to any chapter muskie angler and/or their friends.

### PARADISE COVE, MINAKI, ONTARIO July 16-23

Contact Eric Bakke (bakke193@umn.edu, 612-202-7169) for information or to sign up. Cost is \$297.50 per person for the week.

### RED WING LODGE, LAKE OF THE WOODS August 13-20

Contact John van Ingen (maxjo@mac.com, 651-699-5172) or Pat Miller (donnagmiller@comcast.net, 651-429-1629) to make your reservation. Cost per person in housekeeping cabins is \$300 (US Funds), which breaks down to just \$42.85 per day for Canadian muskie fishing.



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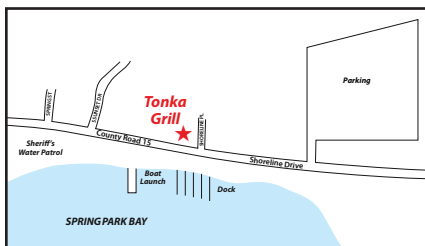
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## next meeting

JULY 12

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Launch at Minnetonka's Spring Park, with any fish caught between 6 and 10 pm counting toward the chapter's fishing league standings. Many of us will meet at Tonka Grill (4106 Shoreline drive, accross from the boat launch) at 8:45 pm to eat fabulous BBQ and enjoy the All-Star game. Use the Grill's dock, or the overflow boat trailer parking (2nd intersection east of the launch). Communicate on marine band channel 69.



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