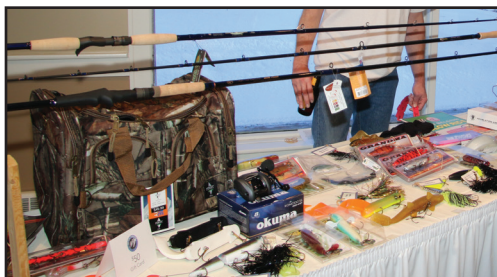


## Chapter's Annual Sportsman's Banquet is Set for January 18



The Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet, our chapter's annual fundraising event, will be Saturday, January 18 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, 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.

By purchasing a Gold or Platinum package, attendees can save up to \$60. The Platinum package (\$220 value) includes dinner (choice of chicken or salmon) 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. We will have banquet registrations at the December meeting. Invitations with reservation forms will also be 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.

All attendees who purchase a Gold or Platinum raffle ticket/dinner package before January 6 will be entered in an early-bird bonus drawing for a rod and reel combo from Abu Garcia.

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 or Dale Mueller or email [tcmi.sponsor2@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.sponsor2@gmail.com).

## Chapter Elections in December

The chapter will be holding annual elections at our December meeting. We will first elect the Board of Directors who will serve 2-year terms starting in January. Then from all the members of the board, we will elect officers who will serve for one year.

If you're interested in joining the Board of Directors contact Jim Doyle (952-920-9818, [tcmi.president@gmail.com](mailto:tcmi.president@gmail.com) or [doyle\\_jim@hotmail.net](mailto:doyle_jim@hotmail.net)), or a current board member. The Board meets the first Tuesday of the month for about two hours at the Knights of Columbus hall where we have our regular meetings.

## Gift Exchange at December Meeting

We will again have a gift exchange at our December meeting. We've done this several times in the past and it always has proved to be interesting.

If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped lure or other small item to exchange. It does not necessarily have to be new. Go through your tackle box. You might have something that you've only used a couple of times that just hasn't produced for you, but it might for someone else. You could also bring a "white elephant" gift. Those who participate can take their chances. As we said, it has sometimes proved to be interesting.

Participation is not mandatory – only bring something to exchange if you want to participate.

*From Our President,  
JIM DOYLE*

*Well, the 2019 season  
is in the books. I hope everyone  
made some Muskie memories!  
Don't forget to submit a  
"Muskie Tale" to share with  
fellow anglers.*

*Now comes the awards,  
banquet and show season.  
We also have board elections  
coming up at the December  
meeting.*

*We are always looking for  
help with chapter efforts and  
activities whether people are  
on the board or not. Please let  
us know if you are interested.*



## **A Muskie Tale**

**T**he 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 you review the past season, keep in mind events that might make a good "Muskie Tale". Not necessarily a "big fish" story – we're looking for stories that are something a little out of the ordinary – what happened while fishing; on the way to fishing; on the way back. Maybe some kind of mishap happened while you were out fishing; or you found something interesting on the end of your line.

Send your "tales" to Denise Olson at [olsonat3pete@gmail.com](mailto:olsonat3pete@gmail.com).

## **Nominations for the Muskie Award**

**T**he Muskie Award is presented each year 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.

The first Muskie Award was presented to Muskies, Inc. founder, Gil Hamm in 1974. At that time, our national umbrella had not yet been formed and the award recipient was chosen from among all Muskies, Inc. members, regardless of chapter affiliation. Once there were a number of chapters, it became too difficult to choose a recipient from the entire organization and the Muskie Award was dropped in 1980. The Twin Cities

chapter made the decision to continue the award for our chapter.

Submit nomination of an individual for the Muskie Award in writing. Include the reasons you are nominating that person or a history of the person's involvement with the Twin Cities Chapter over the years.

Nominations must be in by December 31. Send to Jim Kroupa at 6311 Steller Circle, Excelsior, MN 55331. Or email it to Jim at [kroupaandsusan@gmail.com](mailto:kroupaandsusan@gmail.com). Call Jim at 952-474-5967 if you have questions.

The Board of Directors will vote on the nominees and the award will be presented the award at our annual Sportsman's Banquet in January.

## **Applications Being Accepted for Hugh C. Becker Grants**

**APPLICATION PERIOD:** November 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020

**MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The ORIGINAL and FOUR copies (total of 5) should be sent to Hugh C. Becker Committee of Twin Cities Chapter of Muskies, Inc., postmarked no later than 25 January 2020, c/o George Selcke, 5217 Nolan Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343-8996. E-mail applications will not be accepted. NEW - include your EIN number (Employee Identification Number) IRS

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Requests are not to be more than five (5) legibly typed pages and must include all the following criteria:

- 1 Name and address of the group, and the group's EIN# (Employee Identification Number) from the IRS. If applicable, include a history of the group's accomplished projects to date.
- 2 Demonstrate need - how will this project benefit the Muskellunge program(s) in area, region, or range (Canada included).
- 3 What is the project and what is purpose of project?
- 4 Where is this project taking place?
- 5 What is the duration of this project/start and finish dates?
- 6 What are the cost breakouts? Itemize equipment and labor, and provide quotes.
- 7 Who will be involved: the project team, project manager/coordinator, and applicable means of contact (phone numbers).
- 8 Submit "milestone" dates for progress reports and accountability.
- 9 Can the requesting group match funds from another source? Please list.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Cap on any individual grant/fund will be \$10,000; incrementally within year or over the course of years, unless the Grant Committee decides otherwise on any specific proposal
- Successful recipients of awards must give the Hugh C. Becker Foundation appropriate credit and acknowledge the financial contribution in any product or any publicity relating to the project.

**HUGH C. BECKER GRANTS** continued on page 4

*On the Water*



# Chapter Members Only Contest

from Members Only Chair, Mike Darley

And... the 2019 Muskie season has come to an end. Only five fish have been registered so far for the month of November. Matt McDonald started out the month with a 53-incher from Mille Lacs. Remember, you have 30 days after the fish is caught to register them. Standings here were used with data from December 2.

I am collecting fish pictures to put together our end-of-the-year slides. If you have pictures that you can send to me in advance of me reaching out, please send them to me at Michael.Darley@LibertyMutual.com with subject 'Muskie'.

We will present our Members Only Contest and Lunker of the Month winners plaques at our February 11 meeting. Join us to hear some good stories and see pictures of the fish. In addition to the plaques, we will be presenting a replica to the person who registered the longest fish of the season and picking the winner of the "Muskie Tale".

## JUNIORS DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Olin Knutson	32	2	41.5
2ND	Isaiah Chrissis	18	2	39.5
3RD	Finn Knutson	13	1	39

## WOMEN'S DIVISION

1ST	Lauren Stout	24	1	49.5
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## WOMEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Cindy Hegdahl	193	15	46
2ND	Kimberly Hartman	48	4	46
3RD	Linda Knutson	12	1	38

## MEN'S DIVISION

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST
1ST	Nolen Ryba	244	14	52.88
2ND	Ethan Stout	234	16	48
3RD	Derek Boomer	106	9	47
4TH	Mike Darley	104	9	44.5
5TH	Jeremy Knutson	90	6	47.5
6TH	Matt McDonald	85	5	53
7TH	John Harazin	82	5	47
8TH	Luke Manthey	67	5	47
9TH	Josh Hawke	66	5	51.5
10TH	Brent Lenke	58	2	57.25

## MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

1ST	Mark Fredrick	126	8	46
2ND	Brian Hanson	115	7	46
3RD	Brent Hirsch	111	9	47

## HYBRID DIVISION

1ST	Luke Manthey	33	3	39
2ND	Craig Johnson	31	3	37.5
3RD	Kimberly Hartman	14	2	36

## LUNKER OF THE MONTH

JUNE - Brent Lenke - 6/1 - 57.5" - Mille Lacs

JULY - Colin Hulke - 7/24 - 52.75" - Minnetonka

AUGUST - Nolen Ryba - 8/8 - 52.88" - Minnetonka

SEPTEMBER - Jim Doyle - 9/7 - 54" - Winnibigoshish

OCTOBER - Jeremy Knutson - 10/16 - 47.5" - Bald Eagle

NOVEMBER (unofficial) - Matt McDonald - 11/3 - 53" - Mille Lacs

## 'Tis the Season for Giving

Can't think of a gift for the outdoors person on your list who is a muskie angler or wants to become one? Give a Muskies, Inc. membership. Sign them up at [www.muskiesinc.org](http://www.muskiesinc.org).

Or buy them a ticket to the chapter's annual Sportsman's Banquet on January 18. Lots of fun and lots of opportunities to take home some new muskie gear, lures, rods and reels, or a trip to a great Canadian or Minnesota destination.

Or invite them on a trip to Red Wing Lodge, Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods. Our annual outing with the North Metro chapter is scheduled for August 8-15, 2020.

Or get something from Joe's Sporting

Goods and use a Joe's Bucks card for a \$10 discount. The cards are available by the welcome table at our meetings.

And remember, if you show your Muskies, Inc. membership card at Blue Ribbon Bait & Tackle in Oakdale or Thorne Bros. in Blaine, you can get a 10% discount.

We will also have Twin Cities chapter muskies apparel to order and t-shirts from the past Frank Schneider tournaments on sale at the December meeting.

Or give back to your chapter by volunteering to fill one of the vacant chairperson jobs. Or volunteer to be on a committee. Or volunteer to work at the annual banquet January 18.

## Thank You

*I just want to thank everyone in the Twin Cities and North Metro chapters who signed cards. I received them at our last meeting. It was so nice to know that John had so many friends and acquaintances in the muskie world.*

*Denise Olson and family*

- The Hugh C. Becker Foundation reserves the rights to edit all publications.
- If this project fails to reach its purpose, through false reporting, deceit, and/or other unprofessional acts, the requesting group may be responsible for restitution (committee determination).

NOTE: No indirect costs (overhead) will be awarded on research proposals.

**ADDENDUM:**

Like projects/activities that may qualify per the wishes and conditions of Hugh C. Becker include, but are not limited to:

- Muskie propagation by the Twin Cities Chapter #1, in their own ponds (?) with their own equipment
- Stocking, by either raising Muskie fingerlings or purchasing fingerlings/yearlings/adults for public use in designated waters
- Habitat protection and improvement
- Clean water (quality) protection and

improvement

- Professional research by qualified personnel (not limited to Minnesota, but must include accountable data)
- Expansion of the present muskellunge range (special consideration for the Missouri river system in North/South Dakota)

The Twin Cities Chapter #1 Committee will consider projects based on their respective merits per criteria above, and awards will be published in the Muskie magazine. The principles of Muskies, Inc., Youth, Research, and Fisheries are guidelines inclusive in qualifying and evaluating proposals.

NOTE: Accountability reports (documentation of grant usage), including DNR letters, research papers, publications, university acknowledgments, and any other follow-up information for awards given in a particular year will be required before any individual or group is given consideration for future grants.

## **Musky Insider**

If you have attended any of Josh Borovsky's recent seminars, you may remember him mentioning that he was planning to start a free weekly musky fishing email newsletter. This summer, Josh and Nick Lindner launched a free, weekly newsletter, *Musky Insider*.

They already have over 10,000 subscribers! You can subscribe at [muskyinsider.com](http://muskyinsider.com). Follow them on Facebook and Instagram as well. Their goal is to bring something fresh and new to the musky world.

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# next meeting

**DECEMBER 10**

**Speaker: Josh Borovsky**

*Josh splits his season between Lake Vermilion and the Metro. Josh will give an update on his season, reveal his "pink" days for 2020, and most importantly give us the inside scoop. He has caught his largest fish of the year on a "pink" day about 75% of the time over the last 15+ years.*

*Josh's new online newsletter, Musky Insider, gives weekly updates of everything muskie.*

*We will hold annual election of chapter board members and officers. Bring a wrapped gift if you plan to participate in the gift exchange.*

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*Muskies Inc. Twin Cities chapter meetings (except summer) are held at 7:00 pm the second Tuesday of every month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 American Boulevard West, Bloomington, MN (just off I-494 & Lyndale Ave.).*



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