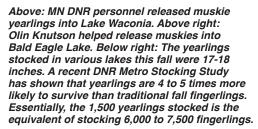


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Muskies Find New Homes in State Lakes

ast spring, the Minnesota DNR made the decision to not do egg takes to raise fry for any stocking for 2020. The chapter learned about some muskie fingerlings at a private producer that had been over-wintered. With the help of Muskies, Inc. chapters state-wide and many private donations, 1500 fingerlings (11.5-inch average) were purchased for grow-out to an advanced life stage to be stocked in the fall. The cooperation of Muskies, Inc. allowed the Minnesota DNR to evaluate yearling muskie stocking along with providing fish to be stocked in a COVID-19 era where fish would not have been available due to constraints with normal Minnesota DNR activities.

On June 26, 2020 the 1500 muskies were stocked in three ponds at the MN DNR fish hatchery in Waterville, Minnesota. These fish were raised until October when they were then harvested and stocked throughout Minnesota to fill the DNR's muskie program needs.

1359 of those muskie fingerlings survived and grew to 17-plus inches. These fish were stocked in Mille Lacs, Waconia, French Lake, Bald Eagle and White Bear Lake. Many of these fish were PIT tagged to further evaluate yearling stocking vs. fingerling stocking. Additionally, fish that over-wintered in the Grand Rapids area were also stocked to fill quotas in Mille Lacs, Alexander, Shamineau and Spider Lakes. In total 1,959 muskie yearlings were stocked in 2020.

Chapter Elections to be Held in December

7ith no in-person meetings being held and our chapter bylaws requiring an election in December, it was decided to take voting for board members online this year.

Chapter members have until December 7 to vote. Board of Directors who are elected will serve a two-year term starting in January.

To cast your vote for the chapter's Board of Directors go to:

> http://www. twincitiesmuskiesinc.org/ node/257

You can choose a button for all individuals up for election or choose each person individually.

Results of the online vote will be tabulated by the December 8 chapter meeting date. Once members of the Board have been determined, officers will be elected from among all Board members.

Currently, the Board meets in the evening on the first Tuesday of the month – an hour or two of your time. If you're interested in serving the chapter as a member of the Board of Directors, let president Jim Doyle know.



At last, we have some fish going into the Metro lakes for 2020! As I write this, the DNR is stocking the fish purchased this spring by TCMI, other MI chapters across the state, and lots of individuals. We appreciate all the funds that were quickly pulled together to make this all possible.

Hopefully, we get a few more weeks of open water in the Metro for the die-hard anglers after the near full on-set of winter in October.

We hope to resume some on-line meetings this winter as many of us are now quite accustomed to them and they are an excellent option to reach a wider chapter member audience at this time and perhaps into the future.

Stay safe everyone.

A Muskie Tale for Another Year

s you're out fishing this season, keep in mind events that happen that might make a good "Muskie Tale". We're not necessarily looking for the 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. We've already heard a few contenders.

Take home the Muskie Tale. Share your story with us by emailing your "tale" to Denise Olson at olsonat3pete@gmail.com.

Chapter Needs Treasurer and Editor

ur chapter's current treasurer, Elaine Randolph, will not be able to continue the job next year. The treasurer must be a board member and reports to the board monthly on the chapter's financial status. They also responsible balancing check books and entering banking information into Quick Books. The treasurer must work with the national accountant for end-of-year reports and Quick Books files. The chapter owns the PC with Quick Books and that will be turned over to the new treasurer. Elaine will work with the new treasurer to make the transition as simple as possible.

If you're interested in helping out the chapter as treasurer, contact president Jim Doyle at doyle_jim@hotmail.com or 952-920-9818.

While not a board position, the chapter is also looking for someone to take over for newsletter editor, Denise Olson. The newsletter editor is responsible for content, producing the newsletter, emailing it to the majority of subscribers, and uploading current copy to the website on or about the first of each month. About 70 copies need to be printed, folded, tabbed, stamped and mailed to subscribers receive the newsletter by snail-mail. All electronic files of current newsletter will be turned over.

If you're interested in taking over production of *On the Water*, please contact Denise at olsonat3pete@gmail.com or 612-804-4687 for more information.

Nominations Being Accepted for Chapter's Muskie Award

The chapter's 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. In 1980 when there were a number of chapters and it became too difficult to choose a recipient from the entire organization, the Muskie Award was dropped. The Twin Cities chapter made the decision to continue the award for our chapter.

Submit nomination of an individual (or individuals) for the Muskie Award in writing. Include the reasons you are nominating that person (persons) or a history of their 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. 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 when we hold our awards program for the chapter's Members Only Contest.

Just in time for Christmas

In response to many requests, the chapter now has long-sleeved grey crewneck t-shirts with the large chapter logo on the front available for purchase. L and XL shirts sell for \$25, 2XL and 3XL are \$30. If you want the shirt mailed, add \$9. Otherwise we will arrange for pick-up times at the Knights of Columbus in Bloomington where our meetings take place. To place an order for the shirts, go to our website at: http://www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org/node/260.

Members Only Contest

from Mike Darley, Members Only Contest Chair

all came early and fierce this year. We've had a lot of small ponds and some lakes starting to have thin layers of ice forming in mid-October. However, the upcoming week's forecast gives fall Muskie hunters something to smile about, while the gun deer hunters shake their heads.

We've seen surface temperatures of registered fish in the start of the month go from 60 degrees all the way down to 39 degrees on our last fish on the 26th. I had a chance to get on Mille Lacs last Friday where the surface temp was 38 degrees. Most of our October fish have come via sucker minnows.

We had a changing of the guard in our September Lunker of the Month, where Eric Hansen was dethroned by Benjamin Knutson who registered a huge 55.5-incher from Pelican Lake. Worth mentioning, Josh Hawke boated a 54.5-incher in September as well. These two fish were the largest of all registrations this year, they, unfortunately, had to come in the same month.

In our Men's Masters division, we've seen Nathan Ryskiewicz climb to second place by two points over Derek Boomer, and Craig Johnson jump from 10th to 8th place with his 4 fish registrations. Our Men's Masters and our Juniors divisions have remained the same even though there may be some upcoming Junior Knutson registrations to add some competition to Isaiah Chrissis. Craig Johnson's impressive month has catapulted him into first place in the tiger division with 5 total tiger muskies this year. Lastly, we have Callista Klaus jumping into first place in the Women's division with her two registrations.

Stay warm and safe on the water if you still have some chase left in you!

Data from November 2.

JUNIOR DIVISION						
	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST		
1st	Isaiah Chrissis	49	5	42.5		
WOMEN'S DIVISION						
1st	Callista Klaus	32	2	46		
2ND	Isabelle Bogen	26	1	51.5		
WON	IEN'S MASTERS DIVISION	ON				
1st	Cindy Hegdahl	19	3	34		
2ND	Lauren Stout	17	1	43.25		
3rd	Linda Knutson	16	1	41.5		
MEN'S DIVISION						
1st	Ethan Stout	455	29	53.5		
2ND	Nathan Ryskiewicz	138	9	50		
3 _{RD}	Derek Boomer	136	10	49.75		
4 TH	Steve Agrimson	106	5	49.5		
5 TH	Chris Dahl	98	5	48.5		
6 тн	Ryan Sailer	75	7	42		
7TH	John Harazin	69	4	52		
8 TH	Craig Johnson	66	6	42		
9 _{TH}	Mike Darley	60	5	42		
10тн	Colin Hulke	56	5	54.75		
10тн	Josh Hawke	56	3	46		



Ben Knutson has entered the longest fish of the season so far – a 55.5-inch muskie caught in September in Ottertail County.

	NAME	POINTS	NO. FISH	LONGEST	
1st	Nolen Ryba	297	19	49	
2ND	Dale Mueller	183	13	48	
3rd	Brent Hirsch	140	8	50	
HYRRID DIVISION					

st Craig Johnson 54

IST	Craig Johnson	94	Э	42
2 _{ND}	Isaiah Chrissis	49	5	42.5
3RD	Nathan Ryskiewicz	30	2	41

LUNKER OF THE MONTH

MEN'S MASTERS DIVISION

May - Greg Ide - 5/30 - 46" - St. Louis River

June - John Harazin - 6/28 - 52" - Metro

July - Eric Schultz - 7/18 - 50.25" - St. Louis River

August - Ethan Stout - 8/6 - 53.5" - Waconia

September - Ben Knutson - 9/13 - 55.5" - Pelican

October (unofficial) - Erik Chrissis - 10/2 - 48" - Leech

Red Wing Lodge Prepares for 2021 Muskie Season

Red Wing Lodge, Sabaskong Bay, Lake of the Woods, the family owned and operated resort for over 55 years, has scheduled net year's annual joint outing with Twin Cities and North Metro Muskies, Inc. chapters for August 7-14, 2021. The event was canceled this year because of COVID-19 and the resort is looking forward to hosting the event next year.

Mike and Anne Bartlett and family have continued this fall to make improvements in their cabins and on their beautiful grounds, as they do every year, in preparation for providing their loyal customers the excitement of big-time Canadian muskie fishing.

To make reservations, or any questions or suggestions for improving this famous trip, contact: John van Ingen at (651) 336-3622, maxjo@mac.com or John Genosky at (651) 329-4898, John@Protacinc.com.

Muskie Mayhem 2020 – a Day of Muskie Fishing for Veterans

was just barely warm enough to make it a go for Fishing For Life's 12th annual Muskie Mayhem suckersoaking event for Veterans. The early on-set of winter this year was threatening to postpone or cancel it, but the nice little blip of 32-45°F weather saved the day.

A group of roughly 24 vets and 12 or so guides, several from Muskies, Inc., met early in the morning at the Long Lake Fire

Department who graciously hosted everyone for a hearty breakfast. The event kicked off with some wise words and encouragement from Tom Goodrich and Vaughn Blackburn of Fishing For Life, and getting fishermen and guides paired up before heading out on the water.

Thorne Brothers generously donated the bait — and by bait we mean the 15-18" suckers that Muskies just love this time of year. Boats of vets and guides spread out across the metro in search of a trophy. With everyone bundled up and a little expert sucker surgery to rig up baits, everyone was in business by around 9 am.

Fittingly for a vets outing, Lake Independence wound up being the hot



Two muskies were boated at the 2020 Muskie Mayhem event. Above, Nate with his 43-inch fish and right, Camryn with his 43.5-inch fish.

lake this year. Veteran Nate Sense and his nephew Camryn, were the lucky anglers who caught the only fish boated for the day. They were guided by none other than our chapter president, Jim Doyle. Camryn struck first with a 43.5-incher around 11:30 am. Nate with a 43-incher at 1:45 pm made up the fireworks for the day.

Nate had named a very active sucker that he thought was going to be the lucky sucker of the day "KEVIN!" (as in KEVIN! from the movie Home Alone). KEVIN! turned out not only to be the hot ticket, but ever-so-narrowly escaped injury by dashing under the motor to escape the open jaws of another 46-48-inch Muskie right at the



boat as everyone aboard watched in awe.

An unnamed lazy sucker wound up catching both fish for the day before it was finally lost on Nate's necessary long-distance heavy hookset. The sucker went free but the hook was solid in the corner of the Muskie's mouth.

Other boats were seeing fish following jerk baits and looking at suckers but no takers. It was a nice day of fellowship and Muskie hunting for the group. Hopefully, Muskies Inc. gained a few new dedicated Muskie hunters, and we all gained a few friends in fishing!

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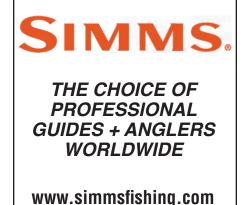






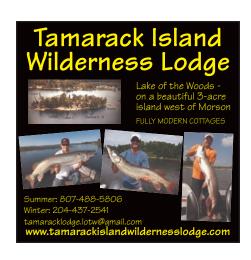












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