

On the Water



Sportsmen's Banquet to be Held Saturday, February 20

The Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet, our chapter's winter fundraising event, will be held Saturday, February 20 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. Larry Dahlberg of TV's *Hunt for Big Fish* will entertain.

This year's banquet will be bigger and better than ever with over \$15,000 in prizes including week-long stays at Retreat Lodge and Spring Bay Resort on Lake Vermilion and Horseshoe Bay Resort on Leech Lake, fishing trips with renowned muskie guides, St. Croix rods, Shimano reels, Eskimo ice fishing gear, H30 sunglasses, entertainment packages, guns, and loads of tackle, storage and other outdoor gear. There will be themed raffle tables worth more than \$1,000 each, cash raffles and numerous door prizes.

Again this year, pre-event early-bird packages will be available. By purchasing a Gold or Platinum raffle



ticket package that includes your dinner, you can save up to \$75.00. Attendees who purchase Gold early-bird packages will participate in an exclusive bonus drawing for a Shimano Calcutta reel. Those who purchase Platinum early-bird packages will participate in an exclusive bonus drawing for a St. Croix Legend rod as well as the drawing for the Shimano Calcutta reel. Act fast because the deadline for early-bird

packages and the bonus raffles is January 30.

Seating is limited to the first 200 who purchase tickets and they will go fast, so get your orders in early. You may purchase your tickets several ways. Use the order form in this issue and mail in your reservations. Purchase on-line with a credit card at our website www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org. Order forms are available to print out at the web site.

Dinner reservations and early-bird packages will be available for sale at the January chapter meeting. Cost of the dinner only is \$35.00 per person.

The banquet committee can use help if you are planning to attend. Volunteer to help with check-in or man one of the many prize tables. Please contact Joe Mellott, Troy Zuelzke or Jody Dahms or email banquet@twincitiesmuskiesinc.org.

Don't forget to invite a friend. This is a fun night out whether you are "into" muskie fishing or not.

Chapter Board of Directors Elected at December Meeting

Newly-elected to two-year terms on the chapter's Board of Directors are Tom Keith, Jeff Redig and Denise Olson. Re-elected to another two-year term are Brad Coyne, Scott Crawford, Dianne Dahl, Terry Hanson, Greg Ide, Shawn Kellett, Mike McGrath, Stu McIntosh, Jim Kroupa, Joe Mellott, and Eric Schultz.

Finishing out the second year of their two-year terms are Eric Bakke, Jody Dahms, Jim Doyle, John Newman, George Selcke, Tony Sommerfeld and Troy Zuelzke. Chapter officers were elected from the board members.

Starting in January, Troy Zuelzke will be the chapter President. First Vice President is Eric Bakke, Second Vice President is Shawn Kellett. Dianne Dahl will continue to serve at chapter Treasurer and George Selcke will continue as chapter Secretary as well as Youth Director. Eric Schultz will continue to be the chapter's Regional Vice President, representing us at Regional meetings.

Board members who did not seek re-election are Paul Hartman, Greg Kappes, Matt Olson, Pete Randall and Vince Trotta. The chapter thanks them for their service.

From Our President

The year is over and it that time of year for reflection on what was and what will be. I finished my term as president with what I believe to be a successful year. Our club committed itself to be more involved with the goals of Muskies Inc. – Youth, Research and Fisheries. We were more involved in youth activities than ever. We have helped the DNR with some important ongoing research projects. We have supported environment projects in the Leech Lake area and we have recommitted our efforts and resources to stocking and rearing. We hosted two successful tournaments to help us fund all these efforts.

Looking forward: We are planning on continuing our efforts in these three areas. Because of weather, the chapter postponed our fundraiser for Tom Glander to the January meeting. There will be lots of stuff. Don't miss it. Our annual banquet with Larry Dahlberg will be in February and our two

tournaments are already in the planning stage. Our summer league is getting bigger, better, and more fun than ever. We will be at the Northwest Sport Show and at the Muskie Expo. We hope to win the Chapter Challenge this year and host another Vets Home Opener for our state's old warriors. Troy Zuelzke, a very talented guy, is taking over as president. Help him continue our efforts in the three areas and in carrying out all our activities.

I want to thank the board and club members for helping me whenever I needed it (which was often). We have to be one of the most active, dedicated Muskies Inc. clubs in the nation. I am proud to be a member. We have lots of fun, lots of camaraderie, and also do lots of good for the resource and our community and state. Enjoy the off season. Participate in your club's activities. I will see you at the meetings.

Jim Kroupa

Cabin Fever Clinic

Pre-register for the Musky Road Rules Cabin Fever Clinic with Brad Coyne and our chapter will receive \$15 for each registration. The Cabin Fever Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, January 30 starting at 10 am at the Hilton Garden Inn in Maple Grove. The clinic is structured to provide anglers with knowledge that they can apply to the up coming season. The event will consist of seminars by Tony Grant, Gregg Thomas, Brad Hoppe and Luke Ronnestrand as well as an open forum discussion with Luke, Jason Hammernick, John Hoyer and Ben Olson. Clinics include a "New Product Showcase" displaying new tackle and equipment. Each product will be highlighted and demonstrated at poolside. The combination of multi-media seminars, new product showcases and Q&A sessions prove well worth the \$50 admission price. People who attended the clinic last year found the event to be extremely informative and worthwhile.

Everyone who pre-registers will receive a free lure. See Brad Coyne at the meetings or call him at 763-412-6697 to pre-register and earn an additional \$15 for our chapter.

2010 Muskie Inc Outings

WINNIPEG RIVER, MINAKI, ONTARIO – JULY 17-24

We will again be headquartered at Paradise Cove Resort (45 miles north of Kenora). The cost per person per day is \$42.50 (same as last year); \$297.50 for the week. Five cabins have been reserved which can house 24 to 26 people; first come, first serve! Deposits are \$50.00, non-refundable, due by May 1st, 2010. See George Selcke or call at 952-933-2608.

RED WING LODGE, LAKE OF THE WOODS – AUGUST 14-21

For 2010 the special Muskie Inc. rate for the trip remains at \$250 per person. This trip is open to members of both the North Metro and the Twin Cities chapters of MI. Reservations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit, made out to "North Metro Muskie Inc." First come, first served. Over the years during this outing fishing has been very good with both numbers and size of fish. To sign up, contact either John van Ingen (maxjo@mac.com, 651-699-5172) or Pat Miller (651-429-1629)

Muskie Tales

Take the time to jot down a Muskie Tale about something that happened while fishing, on the way to fishing or on the way back from fishing this past year. Send your muskie tale, to last year's winner, Matt Olson. E-mail it to olson@3pete.com, or mail to 7438 Park Ave. S., Richfield, MN 55423. Call Matt at 612-423-2404 if you have any questions. The 2009 winner will be announced at the Winter Banquet.

DNR Stocking Report

The Minnesota DNR recently released data on muskie stocking for the 2009 season.

MUSKELLUNGE

NAME	COUNTY	SIZE	FISH
Alexander	Morrison	YRL	170*
Cedar	Aitkin	FGL	400
Cross	Pine	FGL	540*
Detroit	Becker	FGL	7
Detroit	Becker	FGL	3038
East Rush	Chisago	FGL	620
Elk	Clearwater	FGL	135
Forest	Washington	FGL	1498*
French	Rice	FGL	600
Island	Pine	FGL	900
Island Lake Res.	St. Louis	FGL	1500*
Leech	Cass	FGL	599
Little Wolf	Cass	FGL	240
Many Point	Becker	FGL	565
Miltona	Douglas	FGL	438
Minnetonka	Hennepin	ADL	46
Minnetonka	Hennepin	YRL	372
Minnetonka	Hennepin	FGL	1200**
Mississippi River	Crow Wing	ADL	364
Mississippi River	Crow Wing	FGL	1789
Mississippi River	Crow Wing	FGL	1022
Oscar	Douglas	FGL	100
Pelican	Ottertail	FGL	1625
Plantagenet	Hubbard	FGL	1474
Pleasant	Ramsey	FGL	605
Rebecca	Hennepin	FGL	509
Shamaineau	Morrison	YRL	294*
St. Croix	Washington	FGL	2398
St. Croix	Washington	FGL	1600
St. Croix River	Washington	FGL	987
Vermilion	St. Louis	FGL	920
Vermilion	St. Louis	FGL	1786
Waconia	Carver	ADL	90*
Waconia	Carver	YRL	42*
West Rush	Chisago	FGL	604
White Bear	Washington	ADL	2
White Bear	Washington	FGL	900
White Bear	Washington	YRL	202
White Bear	Washington	YRL	98**
			28981
St. Croix	Washington	FRY	178750

*Part of 2010 quota

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TIGERS

Crystal	FGL	100
Bryant	FGL	128
Gervais	FGL	234
Phalen	FGL	297
Clear	FGL	401
Nokomis	FGL	200
Elmo	FGL	206
		1566

— this 'n that —

SALE/AUCTION FUNDRAISER POSTPONED TO JANUARY MEETING

A sale/auction of lures with proceeds going to Tom and Jeri Glander to help with medical expenses after Tom's stroke was scheduled for our December meeting. Because of weather-related low attendance it was re-scheduled for the January meeting. Come ready to add to your muskie arsenal. There will be lots of stuff.

PAY NOW, FISH LATER

Terrie Dubé is offering full-day Leech Lake guide trips for two at \$250 (usual rate is \$375). The "pay now, fish later" concept will help her with eye surgery not covered by any insurance. See Russ Peterson at meetings or call him at 612-618-0391 to schedule a trip with Terrie next season.

2010 CHAPTER CHALLENGE

The 2010 Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge will be held at Lake Vermilion August 25-27 and is hosted by the 2009 Challenge winners, Star of the North chapter, along with the Brainerd Lakes chapter. Cabins are being held for the week of August 21-28 at Vermilion Dam Lodge. Our chapter would like to field two more 6-man teams. Contact Matt Olson at 612-423-2404 to represent us at this gathering of chapters from all over the country.

MUSKIE EXPO

George's Minnesota Muskie Expo will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 9, 10 & 11, 2010 at Concordia University's Ganglehoff Center in St. Paul. Mark your calendars and plan on attending.

NORTH METRO BANQUET JANUARY 16

North Metro Chapter's annual all-you-can-eat fish fry banquet will be Saturday, January 16. Jim Saric from Musky Hunter Magazine is the featured speaker. There will be many prizes including grand prize of a 2-day guide trip with Jason Hammrenick. The banquet will be held at the North Air Banquet Hall, 6831 NE Highway 65 in Fridley. Social hour starts at 4:30 with dinner at 6:00 pm. Cost for the evening is \$25 and must be ordered in advance. Contact Bob Anderson at 763-4413108 or pike-bob@charter.net

JOIN TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The chapter's tournament committee is looking for members. The committee plans and executes two fundraising tournaments during the year. They meet at 7:00 pm the last Tuesday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall. If you want to help organize these events, contact Denise Olson 612-866-4730 or olson@3pete.com.

Chapter Sponsor Program

Every year the Twin Cities chapter holds a number of fundraising events to support our commitment to activities that contribute to the muskie fishery, research and youth. Without the help of bait and fishing equipment manufacturers, retailers like Thorne Bros., Joe's, Reed's and Cabela's, and resorts this chapter could not do what it does for the resource and its members.

As part of our thank you to the sponsors who have donated merchandise and trips used for incentives and prizes for our tournaments and banquet as well as for the

welcome table at each meeting, *On the Water* will display ads from our major sponsors periodically. Every sponsor for the past year is listed in the newsletter.

Please make an effort to support our sponsors so they have an incentive to keep on supporting us. If you're looking for a new bait, keep in mind that manufacturers of some of the most productive baits ever designed are among our sponsors. And remember to buy them from sponsoring retailers. If you want a muskie trip this season, keep the sponsoring resorts in mind.

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upcoming events

JANUARY

- 12 General Meeting – Terry Nordby, Motor Clinic Lure sale/auction
- 13-17 St. Paul Sports Show
- 16 North Metro Banquet with Jim Saric
- 30 Musky Road Rules Cabin Fever Clinic

FEBRUARY

- 9 General Meeting
- 20 Sportsman's Banquet

MARCH

- 9 General Meeting – Poolside Demonstration
- 24-28 Northwest Sportshow

APRIL

- 9-11 George's Minnesota Muskie Expo
- 13 General Meeting

next meeting

JANUARY 12

**SPEAKER:
TERRY NORDBY**

Terry Nordby from Motor Clinic will discuss everything you ever wanted to know about trolling motors – dos and don'ts, tips for care, getting the most out of yours.

Don't forget: sale/auction of lures for Tom & Jeri Glander.



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