



# On the Water

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**APRIL POOLSIDE DEMO.** *The chapter April meeting was held poolside at Oak Grove Middle School in Bloomington. Members were treated to a demo of lures by Thorne Bros. representatives. This was also our annual Manufacturers' Night. Manufacturers not only demonstrated their wares poolside, but also had them on display for sale. Plans are underway to repeat this event annually with the North Metro chapter, alternating years in a North or South metro area pool.*

## Vet's Home Opener on Saturday, May 6

The Twin Cities chapter will again be hosting a fishing opener event for the residents of the Minnesota Veterans Home. A trout pond will be set up and MI members help with the fishing, cooking, cleaning and generally making this a fun event. This is one of the best volunteer events put on at Vets Homes all over the country and we've been recognized as such.

Terry Hagstrom is organizing the Saturday, May 6th Vets Home opener again this year. Volunteers – many are needed – should be at the Vets Home (by Minnehaha Falls) around 7 am. Everyone who can should take some time Saturday morning and help out. You'll be glad you did. Call Terry at 763-561-9399 if you have questions.

## MN DNR Follow-Up Meeting

Recently George Selcke, representing the Minnesota Muskie Alliance (coalition of several groups including all state MI chapters interested in muskie resource) and Shawn Kellet, representing our chapter, met with MN DNR representatives as a follow-up to the meeting they held in December. This was the next step in forging a relationship with the DNR to improve and expand the muskie resource in the state.

MI/MMA acknowledges success of the muskie program in the state and wants to know how we can work with the DNR to ensure its continuation and take it to the "next level". At the December meeting a number of points were drafted.

At the time of the April meeting, four of those points have been addressed by the DNR:

- **ACCOUNTABILITY OF PRIVATE HATCHERIES**  
when available, the MN DNR will be giving 10,000 muskie fry to be raised in ponds not owned by private hatcheries. The fry will be fed and monitored throughout the summer in two ponds in the north metro area, one by our chapter and one by Paul Hartman and the Minnesota Muskie Tournament Trail. (Paul has used the proceeds of the Minnesota Muskie Tournaments to use for stocking projects since its inception.)
- **REALLOCATION OF BUDGET TO REFLECT THE INCREASE IN MUSKIE FISHING**  
the DNR has allocated funds and has begun a study/survey to determine the number and location of Minnesota muskie anglers.
- **FEASIBILITY OF NEW LAKES OPENING TO MUSKIE**  
the DNR has made plans to open three additional lakes to muskies in 2007
- **INVOLVEMENT WITH PURCHASING/MAINTAINING EQUIPMENT**  
with the use of private funds, the DNR is looking at four projects including providing minnows for forage.

**324 12 TO 16-INCH MUSKIE** were stocked in Lake Minnetonka in late April. Funds raised from the chapter's Project and Rearing Fund Raffle made this project possible. Please participate in the raffle to ensure more projects like this will be possible.



**INTERNATIONAL BANQUET.**

*The Twin Cities chapter served as the host for the Muskies Inc. annual spring board meeting and awards banquet. Clockwise (starting at top left): Over 200 Muskies Inc-ers from all over the country attended the banquet; Bob Junghans served as auctioneer for a fundraising raffle to benefit Muskies Inc. International; Midge Hamm accepted the award for husband, Gil Hamm, Muskies Inc. founder, who was inducted into the Muskies Inc. Hall of Fame. Greg and Elaine Randolph headed the committee that planned and executed the 2-day event. Many thanks to them and their committee for all the hard work!*

**Project and Rearing Raffle**

*from John Newman, Jr., Project and Rearing Fund Chairs*

Our chapter's annual fundraising raffle for the Project and Rearing Fund is underway. By now, all member families should have received packets of tickets to sell. If you didn't receive the packet and want to participate, please call me and I will send you tickets.

Raffle prizes include a boat/motor/trailer package (Triton DV168SC/50 hp Mercury 4-stroke motor), shopping sprees at Thorne Bros. and Joe's Sporting Goods, and a MinnKota Endura 30 trolling motor. Raffle tickets are \$2 each. The drawing will be held at the July chapter meeting.

Our May meeting will be the first drawing for incentive prizes for members who have sold 20 raffle tickets. So be sure to turn in your sold tickets before or at the meeting. Incentives this month are: Bulldog package from Muskie Innovations, \$20 Gift Certificate from Axel's in Mendota Heights, Dinner for Four Gift Certificate from Carbone's Pizza in Highland Park, \$50 Gift Certificate from Great American Marine, Smith and Wesson Knife and Flashlight package, Lube-Oil-Filter from Parkway Auto in Highland Park, \$25 Gift certificate from Chet's Liquors in Lilydale, Muskie Rod donated by Muskie Barge Co., \$25 Gift Certificate from Moose Country in Lilydale.

This raffle is our primary source of funding for all the chapter's projects for the muskie resource. One hundred percent of the raffle proceeds go directly back into the muskie resource. We would like to be able to repeat what we did last year or even increase our stocking efforts. The only thing that will stop us is the availability of dollars for the project.

You, the individual member, will make this happen. I hope you can see the importance of our stocking raffle. For more information or additional tickets, call me at 651-699-8676. Thank you for your participation.

**Enjoy Dinner Before the Meeting**

Starting in May, the Knights of Columbus Hall will be serving dinner from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Come a little early and enjoy a meal before the meeting. The menu will be:

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Chapter members have planned an outing at Lake Vermilion on October 13, 14 and 15. They will be staying at Vermilion Dam Lodge. If you would like to join other chapter members for a weekend of great fishing and fun, contact Joe DeMars at 612-861-8930.

## Know the Difference

When you get your fishing license this year, check out page 62 of the Minnesota Fishing Regulation booklet. The full-color "Know the Difference" page was included because the Minnesota Muskies Inc. chapters contributed for the printing.

## Chapter #1 Website

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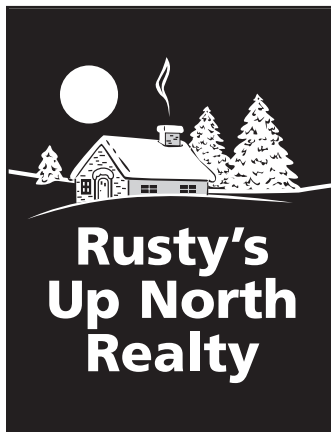
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### RAFFLE TICKET INCENTIVE DRAWING

*First incentive drawing for selling ticket for Project and Rearing fund Raffle. Turn in sold tickets before the meeting.*

### SPEAKER: JOSH BOROVSKY

*Josh, one half of the first place team in the PMTT championship on Lake Minnetonka last year, will discuss early-season fishing. There will be plenty of time for a question and answer period.*



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