

On the Water



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Eight-year-old David Jacobson landed this 57 x 27-inch muskie on Mille Lacs in early November. David did a fabulous job fighting the fish with only minimal help from dad, Eric (Just Big Muskies DVDs). Eric said it was "definitely all his fish! And he didn't think twice about releasing it!!" The fight was captured on film, so maybe we'll all get to see it.

A Muskie Tale

Here is a "Muskie Tale" for your enjoyment. You may have seen this story before in the "Muskie" Magazine, but it bears repeating.

The Hartman family's maiden voyage in their new boat was on the first spring day nice enough for a family outing. They arrived at the boat launch of White Bear Lake at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The whole family, Paul and Kristi along with 3½ year old Gracie and 11-month-old Lilly, took a leisurely cruise around the lake before stopping to try and catch a few sunnies. Paul baited the first rod with two grub worms on a 1/64 ounce jig and tossed it in. Instantly the bobber started the "bluegill wiggle" and then slowly slipped under the surface.

Since Gracie was busy sorting her tackle box full of rubber twisters and worms by color and shape, Kristi picked up the rod and set the hook. The fish didn't make a run or dart around – just swam a large calm arch that brought it past the boat. Standing on the front deck, Paul realized it was a big muskie. The fish swam past the boat and then the drag sang as she started peeling off line. It surged some 40 yards before turning and burying into some curl leaf pond weed.

As they maneuvered to follow the fish, she resumed swimming – the weeds fell off the line and the battle intensified. Kristi brought the fish to the boat after 10 minutes. Having no net, Paul gently grabbed the fish's tail

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Chapter Elections at Next Meeting

Elections for our chapter's Board of Directors will take place during our December meeting. Nominations were taken at the November meeting and will remain open until just before the elections take place. Board members elected at the December meeting will serve a two-year term starting in January. Up for re-election this year are Eric Bakke, Jody Dahms, Jim Doyle, Tony Sommerfeld, John Newman, and Troy Zeulzke. George Selcke is stepping down from the board.

The Board needs people who are interested and willing to participate in the chapter and its future. If you want to be more involved and have a say in what the chapter does on a day-to-day basis, become a board member. If you like to help plan events, or have a say in how they are planned, become a board member. If you want to be able to have a say in how the chapter uses its funds, become a board member. If you would like to influence how the chapter deals with Muskies International, the DNR, or other muskie clubs, become a board member.

Consider taking part in making decisions that affect you as a member of this chapter. If you're interested in becoming a member of the Board contact Eric Schultz (651-917-8272 or eschultz33@comcast.net), Troy Zeulzke (952-955-3890 or tzeulzke@yahoo.com), or a current board member.

Members Only Contest

Eric Bakke, Members Only Chair

From tropical weather in the 50s and 60s to freezing temps in a matter of a couple weeks. Man, you have to love Minnesota! If you would've told me that we were going to have a chance of being frozen off the water before the end of the season, I would have bet all my lures against it. But that is what we have been faced with to end the 2010 season.

I personally went through two reels trying to extend the season to the bitter end and fight through freezing conditions. It looks as though there are a few others doing whatever they can to keep themselves on the water until the end as well.

Here are the standings:

JUNIOR DIVISION

- 1ST Zach Weyland - 4 fish - 44 points - 43" longest
- 2ND Gregory Batina - 2 fish - 27 points - 40" longest
- 3RD Thomas Batina - 1 fish - 17 points - 43"

WOMENS DIVISION

- 1ST Carole Janik - 4 fish - 89 points - 51" longest
- 2ND Christine Rein - 1 fish - 7 points - 33"

WOMENS MASTERS

- 1ST Cindy Hegdahl - 12 fish - 161 points - 49" longest
- 2ND Linda Knutson - 8 fish - 123 points - 48" longest

MENS DIVISION

- 1ST Dave Knutson - 32 fish - 603 points - 51" longest
- 2ND Pat McAllister - 22 fish - 455 points - 53" longest
- 3RD Marko Brinatte - 19 fish - 327 points - 48.5" longest
- 4TH Peter Janik - 16 fish - 260 points - 51" longest
- 5TH Eric Bakke - 18 fish - 257 points - 52" longest
- 6TH Jeremy Knutsen - 13 fish - 212 points - 49" longest
- 7TH Corey DeZeeuw - 12 fish - 206 points - 47" longest
- 8TH Brent Hirsch - 16 fish - 205 points - 55" longest
- 9TH John Huss - 11 fish - 176 points - 48" longest
- 10TH Matt Olson - 13 fish - 170 points - 46.5" longest

MENS HYBRID DIVISION

(points tabulated with pure-strain releases)

- 1ST Eric Bakke - 2 fish - 38" longest
- 2ND Dave Weyland - 1 fish - 43.5"
- 3RD John Huss - 1 fish - 41.5"

MENS MASTERS DIVISION

- 1ST Kris Astorp - 64 fish - 1158 points - 52.5" longest
- 2ND Dean Roll - 50 fish - 837 points - 49" longest
- 3RD Phil Groth - 21 fish - 294 points - 50" longest

MENS MASTERS HYBRID DIVISION

(POINTS TABULATED WITH PURE-STRAIN RELEASES)

- 1ST Kurt Hostager - 3 fish - 46" longest



Mark Frederick boated this 52.5-incher early November from Lake Bemidji to take the unofficial lead for November's "Lunker of the Month." Members have 30 days to report their fish so November's official lunker will not be known until December 30.

LUNKER OF THE MONTH

APRIL - official - James Beheba - 47" - April 24 - Clear Lake, IA

MAY - no fish over 46"

JUNE - official - Pat McAllister - 52" - June 18 - Rush Lake

JULY - official - Brent Hirsch - 55" - July 28 - Vermilion

AUGUST - official - Chris Mueller - 51" - August 23 - Mille Lacs

SEPTEMBER - Official - Larry Maronick - 55" - September 9 - Lake Bemidji

OCTOBER - unofficial - Kris Astorp - 52.5" - October 8 - Detroit Lake

NOVEMBER - unofficial - Mark Frederick - 52.5" - Lake Bemidji - November 4

Volunteer on a Committee

Join a chapter committee. Committee members don't have to be on the board, they just have to work on the specific event.

The Tournament Committee meets the last Tuesday of the month. Volunteers are able to fish at both tournaments, but need to be available at feeds and awards.

A volunteer is needed to head the MN Vet's Home Opener. They will co-ordinate and plan the event with help from the board and the past director.

Contact Denise Olson, 612-866-5369 or olson@3pete.com if you're interested in volunteering for either of the committees.

Nominations for Muskie Award

The Muskie Award is presented each year at our Winter Banquet 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 International 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. The Twin Cities chapter made the decision to continue it for our chapter.

Nominations of an individual for the 2010 Muskie Award must be submitted in writing. Include a history of the person's involvement with the Twin Cities Chapter over the years. Send your nominations to Jim Kroupa at 6311 Steller Circle, Excelsior, MN 55331. Or email them to jkroupa@ties2.net. Call Jim at 952-474-5967 if you have questions. Nominations must be in by January 31. The winner will be selected by secret ballot at the February Board meeting.

Muskie Tale *continued from page 1*

trying to gain control. It instantly streaked away 30 yards, and buried herself into the weeds once more. As Kristi gently brought her back to the boat she arrived with a companion at her side – another muskie in the low 40-inch class was now shadowing the hooked fish's every move and continued to do so for the rest of the battle.

Once again Paul set Lilly down and grabbed the fish's tail causing it to streak off and re-bury into the weeds. At this point Paul started to doubt the outcome of the fight. He realized that the combo she was holding had six-year-old, 2-pound line spooled on a \$3 generic reel he used for ice fishing. The now numerous runs had changed the drag's crisp clicking sound into a dull grinding noise. Worse yet, the line was becoming extremely twisted. The only reassuring thought was that there was a fresh 6-foot leader and Kristi was remaining very calm throughout the fight, refusing to make that small mistake that would tip the scale in the fish's favor.

After 33 minutes, Paul finally restrained the large fish and it was hoisted aboard. In all, the muskie buried in the weeds four times, jumped once, and broke free of Paul's tail grasp five times before Kristi reined triumphant. The fish was lightly hooked in the corner of the mouth and measured in at an incredible 47 inches with an estimated weight of 24 pounds. Once landed, Gracie and Lilly joined their mom for a look at the monster before a quick return to the water. At this point, the triumph slowly switched toward the muskie's favor.

As it swam away, Kristi stood up bleeding badly from her middle finger tip. The muskie's tooth had sliced deep into her finger during the excitement of holding her up for a photo. Their one-cast-day was over and a trip to the hospital began the next leg of the adventure. In the ER an amazed staff listened to another "fish story" as they tied up her fingertip with three stitches.

The current IGFA world record on #2 test is a 19-pound, 8-ounce muskie caught in 2004 in Wigwam Lake, Ontario. What an awesome way to christen a new boat with a two-pound test triumph over a world record class muskie.

Take the time to jot down your Muskie Tale – a funny or unusual story. We're looking for hard luck or entertaining tales. Who caught the world record that got away. Who fell out of a boat this year?? Whose boat sank in the middle of Lake of the Woods?? Who boated something that wasn't a fish?? Something along those lines. We all, no matter what our fishing skills, have a story to tell. Send your muskie tale, Dave Rouse. E-mail it to olson@3pete.com, or mail to 1089 Stryker Ave., West St. Paul, MN 55118.

Muskie Award Recipients

2009	Shawn Kellett
2008	George Selcke
2007	Brad Coyne
2006	Stu McIntosh and Diane Dahl
2005	Denise Olson
2004	Joe DeMars
2003	Tom Glander/John Olson/ Larry Poskin
2002	Juris Ozols
2001	Paul Hartman
2000	Patti Slack
1999	No award presented
1998	Greg and Elaine Randolph
1997	Teri DuBe'
1996	Kenneth Kirk
1995	Jeri Glander and Russ Peterson
1994	Dan and Lynne Kline
1993	Frank Schneider
1992	George Wahl
1991	Turk Guderjan
1990	Dave Griffin
1989	John Newman
1988	Rick Hartz
1987	Smokey Swenson
1986	Roger Klingensmith
1985	Tom Meyers
1984	Lynn Trombly
1983	Jeri Glander
1982	Vince Rakow
1981	Lou Cook
1980	Frank Schneider
Muskie Award prior to International being formed	
1979	Larry Ramsell
1978	Pete Hadley
1977	Rich Ruhl
1976	Hugh Becker
1975	Darrell Trobaugher
1974	Gil Hamm

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HUGH C. BECKER FOUNDATION GRANTS

Applications for grants are now being taken by the Hugh C. Becker Foundation. Applications must be submitted by January 31. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to projects having to do with the muskie resource.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR RAFFLE SELLERS

Incentive prizes for the top sellers of the gun raffle that was held in conjunction with our tournaments this summer and fall have been awarded. John Newman who put "raffle jars" in several area stores, was the top seller. He earned a one-week stay at Sah-Kah-Tay Resort on Cass Lake. The other incentive winners all sold the same

amount of tickets. A drawing was held to award the prizes. Roger Ecklund earned a full day guide trip on Metro Area lakes with Kris Astorp, current leader of our chapter's Members Only Masters Division. Tom Lund has a 4-day stay at Loe's Resort on Leech Lake. Adam Salo will receive a Fenwick rod and Abu Garcia reel. Thanks to all who sold tickets for this raffle.

RED WING LODGE, LOW, CHAPTER OUTING

August 13-20

Dates have been announced for the joint outing with North Metro. Red Wing is the site of several Chapter Challenges and has been chosen again for the 2011 Chapter Challenge. The cost is \$300 per person with a \$50 non-

refundable deposit. Contact John van Ingen (maxjo@mac.com, 651-699-5172) or Pat Miller (donnagmiller@comcast.net, 651-429-1629) to make your reservation.

YOUTH CHAIR

Shawn Kellett will take over for retiring board member George Selcke as the chapter's Youth Chair.

CHAPTER BANQUET DATE ANNOUNCED

The Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet, our chapter's fundraising banquet has been scheduled for March 19, at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. Please save the date and plan on attending.



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DECEMBER 14 CHAPTER ELECTIONS SPEAKER: BOB STRAND

Bob can be referred to as the "Father of the Minnesota Muskie Program". He is a former Regional head of the MNDNR who designed the program. Bob was the first person to study muskies with radio-telemetry, finding the now known spawning sites on Leech Lake. Appearing in the Muskies Inc. video "Managing Minnesota's Trophys", Bob is no stranger to the politicization of the muskie, and we appreciate Bob's voice of experience and reason.



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