

On the Water



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Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet is March 19

The Twin Cities Sportsman's Banquet, our chapter's winter fundraising event, will be held Saturday, March 19 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. Last year's banquet broke all records with over \$20,000 in prizes that resulted in record profits that will be used in part to help us achieve our stocking and rearing goals. Stays at Spring Bay Resort on Lake Vermilion, Mantrap Lodge on Mantrap Lake, Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes, Sunset Beach Resort on West Battle Lake and Pelican Hills RV Park on Pelican Lake as well as fishing trips with renowned muskie guides, St. Croix rods, Shimano reels, custom rods from Gary Wick, H30 sunglasses, entertainment packages, guns, and loads of tackle, storage and other outdoor gear are part of the prizes for this year. We will continue the themed raffle tables format with each table valued at more than \$1,000 each, plus cash raffles, games and a return of the "mystery" raffle.

Bonus Packages with dinner reservation and raffle tickets are available. The \$150 platinum package includes a dinner reservation and \$190 of raffle tickets – a \$225 value. Purchase a \$100 gold package and get a dinner reservation and \$90 of raffle tickets – a \$125 value.

Seating is limited to the first 200 who purchase tickets and they are going fast, so get your orders in as soon as possible. The banquet facility requires us to pre-order food so reservations must be purchased prior to the event. You may purchase your tickets several ways: purchase on-line with a credit card or PayPal at our chapter website www.twincitiesmuskiesinc.org; use the order form on page 4 and mail in your reservations; or you can print an order form from the website and mail in your payment. Dinner reservations and will be available for sale at the March chapter meeting.

The banquet committee needs volunteers to help at the event. Volunteer to help man one of the many prize tables. Please contact Joe Mellott, Troy Zuelzke or Jody Dahms or email banquet@twincitiesmuskiesinc.org.

Invite a friend. This is a fun night out whether a person is "into" muskie fishing or not.

Banquet Registration Form on page 4



Dave Rouse, winner of last year's Muskie Tale Award, will present the Muskie Tale to this year's winner at the next meeting.

Chapter Members Only Awards at March Meeting

Plaques will be presented at the upcoming March meeting to chapter members who placed in our chapter's Members Only Contest. Final standings for our chapter were listed in last month's issue of *On the Water*. Also to be presented at the meeting will be the Muskie Tale for the best story – not about a big fish – that happened in 2010. Be sure to be there to hear some some fish stories from the winners.

Sign Up New Members for Chance to Win

Sign up your muskie-fishing friends for membership in the Twin Cities chapter. Any chapter member who signs up a new member has a chance to win a St. Croix rod or a Fenwick rod/Abu Garcia reel combo. Every time you sign up a new member, your name will go into a drawing for the prizes. Email Scott Crawford at fat55incher@yahoo.com when you sign up another person to get credit for the new member.

George's Minnesota Muskie Expo Scheduled for April 8-10

Make plans to attend George's Minnesota Muskie Expo held at Ganglehoff Center at Concordia University, conveniently located just off I-94, between the Minneapolis and St. Paul downtowns.

The Expo was founded by George Wahl, inventor and manufacturer of the Eagle Tail, and is in its 17th year. The three-day event is dedicated to muskies and muskie fishing – featuring some of the world's top muskie anglers sharing secrets of success in seminars, retailers offering great sale prices, guides and resorts.

The Expo is the place to connect with the factory reps from industry giants with questions and suggestions. The unique aspect of the Expo is being able to buy direct from lure manufacturers, getting low prices, custom colors and the newest prototype baits. Again this year, if you bring an Abu Garcia or Shimano reel, company reps will be available to help clean or repair one reel per person.

There will be a large "Kids Midway" area with games and prizes for kids sponsored by Fish-A-Thon. At George's Tackle Box kids will be able to make their own lures and take home \$30 worth of baits.

All three days will feature seminars by muskie pros Bob Mehsikomer, Gregg Thomas, Luke Ronnestrand, Tom Dietz, Steve Heiting, John Hoyer, Bob Turgeon, Steve Worall, Larry Dahlberg, Tom Gelb and Bob Landreville.

The Expo is open from 2 to 9 pm Friday, from 10 am to 7 pm on Saturday, and on Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Kids 12 and under are free, so bring the whole family. Adult entry for the Expo is \$10, a three-day pass is \$17.

Expo information can be found online at: minnesotamuskieexpo.com.

Get the Most Out of Your MI Membership – Volunteer!!

Volunteering your time at a chapter event is one way to get the most out of your membership. Whether you volunteer to help people who don't always get the chance to get out and fish or spend time helping at one of our fundraisers, you will have an enjoyable time. The chapter has a number of upcoming events on the calendar that could use your time and/or services. Volunteering for any of these events is a one-time thing. You don't have to join the Board or commit long-time to volunteer for a specific event.

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SPORTS SHOW/ MUSKIE EXPO

The chapter will have a booth at both shows and will need volunteers to staff it. The Northwest Sports Show is March 20-April 3 and the Expo is April 8-10. Sports Show slots during the day are hardest to fill. Please contact Greg Ide at gregide@aol.com or 612-331-5034. Volunteers are also needed at the Expo to help at the George's Tackle Box booth where kids can make lures and take them home. Contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 if you can help at that booth.

MINNESOTA VETERAN'S HOME FISHING OPENER

The annual "fishing opener" at the Minnesota Veterans Home – complete with a trout pond and "shore lunch" served to all is tentatively

scheduled for May 7. Volunteers are needed to help residents while they fish as well as with the cooking, cleaning fish and generally making this a fun event. Contact Troy Zuelzke at 952-955-3890 or tzuelzke@yahoo.com.

CAPABLE PARTNERS

An outing is being planned on Lake Minnetonka for Sunday, June 12. It will be held in conjunction with a Military Fishing Event sponsored by Libby Hoene. Volunteers are needed to take disabled anglers or members of military families out for a morning of fishing. Volunteers are also needed to help cook and serve the lunch at noon. Please contact Paul Hartman at 651-269-2144 or Libby Hoene at 763-755-2482 or Tim Hoene at 763-370-3802 to volunteer.

MILITARY FAMILY FISHING DAY

The 3rd annual Military Family Fishing Day co-sponsored by the Twin Cities Chapter and Fishing for Life will be on Friday, June 24, on Lake Minnetonka. If you would be willing to volunteer to take military families out fishing that day, please contact Tom Keith at tomk@usiwireless.com. We need at least 20 volunteers to meet the needs of the families.

FRANK SCHNEIDER TOURNAMENT

The tournament committee is seeking a volunteer for the Frank Schneider Memorial Tournament in September to download photos of fish caught from contestant's cameras. You can fish in the tournament, but must be available at the feed at the Anchorage Inn in Longville on Friday and Saturday night to and greet attendees. Contact Denise Olson, 612-866-5369 or olson@3pete.com.

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TC CHAPTER YOUTH PROJECT

All of us have bucktails, spinnerbaits, or buzzbaits that are not getting used. We also need to get more youth involved with musky fishing and attending our MI meetings. Tom Keith proposed to the Board of Directors to combine the two issues. If members would bring in old lures to the meetings, he will either refurbish them or take the usable components and rebuild them. The plan is to give one away to each child under the age of 18 at each meeting. That might help encourage them to attend more meetings. If the response is good from the Chapter, there might be enough to also distribute them during our chapter sponsored Military Family Fishing Day. If you have bucktail, flashabou, beads, blades, clevises, or bodies that you are not going to use, we could use them to expand this program. Please bring anything you would be willing to give to the next chapter meeting you attend. If you want to get involved with the making of the lures, contact Tom Keith at tomk@usiwireless.com. Thanks for your support.

Chapter Outings this Summer

PARADISE COVE, MINAKI, ONTARIO

July 16-23

We will again be headquartered at Paradise Cove in Minaki, Ontario. The resort offers: guide service, free boat launch, free dock facilities, a restaurant and lounge, and Hot Spot depth maps. Check out the resort at www.paradisecoveminaki.com. Eric Bakke (bakke193@umn.edu, 612-202-7169) can answer any questions you may have or take your reservation. Lodging is \$297.50 for the week. A \$50 deposit to Eric is required. 16 out of 22 spots are spoken for, so get your deposit in if you would like to secure a spot. For Eric the average trip cost including gas and food over the last 4 years has been about \$600.

RED WING LODGE, LAKE OF THE WOODS

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