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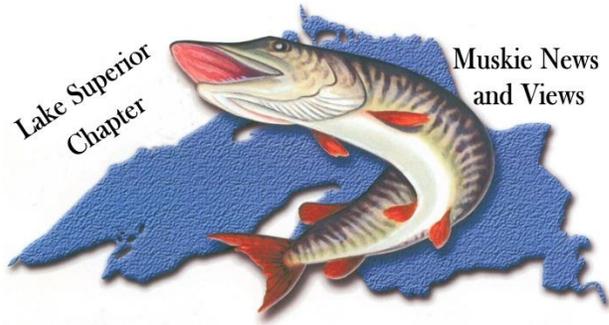


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October 1st 2018 One Hundred and Thirty-eight Edition

Greetings to all! September has come and went and now 2 of the best months to get a trophy fish are here. Nice sized fish are being caught on the St. Louis, Island and Vermilion right now and I expect it to only get better. This is the perfect time of the year to cast, troll or use live bait in your pursuit of a monster musky. Put on some warm clothes and get out there.

I would like to personally thank Bob Jenko, Chris Edquist, Bob Busche, Peter Krause and John Ellestad for volunteering at our annual Vet's day event on September 12. John organized/ran the event and Bob J, Chris, Bob B, Peter and I provided the boats to take the Vet's fishing. This year we were able to take out 11 disabled vets for a morning of fishing followed by a nice lunch at Barker's Island. Chris was able to get put his group on a nice 45 inch musky for big fish honors of the event. There was a couple of pike caught between the boats. The vets all were very appreciative and all of them said they had a great time. The Cloquet VFW offered our chapter free usage of their banquet hall as show of gratitude and promised to provide as many Vet's as we want for future Vet events. I personally would like to grow this event bigger and the only limiting factor we have is having volunteer's sign up to take people out. Hopefully next year we can get more people involved and maybe even some press coverage. Thanks again to all that helped out.

Tuesday October 9th is the date of chapter meeting at Mr. D's. As in the past, our October meeting will be a roundtable for anglers to share what worked and what didn't work for them during the summer. Please plan on attending.

Saturday October 27th is the date for our Fall musky hunt on Island Lake. This is an individual event and casting, trolling, and live bait will be allowed. Final details are being worked out and watch our

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Facebook page for more details. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 218 390 8888.

Recently I was looking through the latest copy of Minnesota Darkhouse and Fishing News and they had an article which covered their achievements during the past-recent year. A few of them pertained to muskies and I would like to share them with you. I will list them in no particular order.

- Opened Cass Lake to spearing
- Worked to limit musky stocking in new waters
- Opened spearing on 25 of 26 designated musky lakes
- Proposing a “musky endorsement fee” as they see musky fishing is specialized like trout and salmon fishing. They believe the \$800,000 Minnesota taxpayers pay to stock muskies is outrageous and by a charging a “fee” they can prove their theory that few people actually fish for muskies.

As you can see from the above, we not only have the lake property owners battling us but we also have to worry about other special interest groups that are pushing their own agendas. Muskies, Inc. is currently not allowed to engage in political lobbying due to our bylaws. We anticipate that once we are done getting our 501 status back from the IRS we will be able to make an amendment to our bylaws and be more involved in local politics. Until then I cannot stress how important our continued support of the MMPA is. They are the ones that are have been fighting for our rights as musky fisherman in the state and without them I believe musky fishing would be a lot different in this state. Check out their web page at www.mnmuskie.org

See you at the meeting,
Curt

Release Chairman & Contest Director Report

Greetings everyone! Fall is in the air enjoy the fall colors. Wishing everyone a safe and successful season don't forget to send your pictures in.

Registering Your Fish in 2018

All fish must be entered on the Muskies Inc. website at www.muskiesinc.org. Log into the Members Only section. Enter your ID and password (If it is your first time, enter your 5-digit member number). Click on "Lunge Log Inquiries" on the left side Click on "Fish Submission" on the right side. Enter the information on the fish submission form don't forget to click on "Submit" at the bottom. This will register your fish and points automatically and I will retrieve them from the site. Please call me at 218-391-2699 or email me at muskie2031@mchsi.com if you have any questions.

(Make sure to only hit SUBMIT one time or they will reregister the same fish as many times as you hit the button.) All fish must be entered within 30 days of being caught to count in the contest. Go to www.muskiesinc.org.

Thanks Woody

Men's Master Division

Bob Busche	8 Fish	116 points
Bob Himango	3 Fish	48 Points
Carl Peterson	2 Fish	20 Points

Ladies' Division

Anita Doenz	3 Fish	55 Points
Rachel Thompson	1 Fish	12 Points

Men's Division

Cory Olson	8 Fish	109 Points
Tony Thompson	2 Fish	49 Points
Scott Duchene	3 Fish	38 points
Pat Greene	4 Fish	35 Points
Barry Hintz	2 Fish	34 Points
Eric Maley	2 Fish	34 Points
Curt Ellestad	2 Fish	24 Points
Keith Okeson	2 Fish	15 Points
Terry DeMenge	1 Fish	13 Points
Chuck Christofferson	1 Fish	11 Points
Peter Krause	1 Fish	8 Points

Junior Division

Cade Busche	5 Fish	73 Points
Connor Suliin	1 Fish	25 Points

Lunker of the month

(May)	Curt Ellestad	45.00
(June)	Conner Suliin	50.50
(July)	Tony Thompson	50.75
(August)	Barry Hintz	49.00
(September)	Cade Busche	49.50 (pending)

As of 9/27/2018