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SPEAKER: Kevin Bushnick

TOPIC: Youth Engagement with Muskie Fishing

Time on the Water By Bruce A. Kitowski, President

I would like to wish everyone a very nice and productive fall. The water temps are starting to drop and the fish should be starting to move. This has always been my favorite time of the year.

If you did not show up for last month's seminar it was truly out of this world. A very large thank you goes out to Mitch Hoihjelle who did a mind blowing Go-Pro demonstration. Mitch had more gadgets and gizmos that I have ever seen. Tech-no coolness, that's how I'm describing it. Everyone had a wonderful time and all our questions were answered. Thanks again Mitch and good luck on your family endeavor.

Our newest Board member Ryan Hoffman is at it in a big way. As you will read later in the newsletter, we are having a club outing in September and Ryan has it set up for Lobster Lake. I did not expect this kind of fast turn around and dedication from him this quick. But that is what you get when you put good people in the right position, you can expect outstanding results. Thanks Ryan. Also if you did not already know Ryan's son hosts the cover of Muskie magazine this month. This does not surprise me, for he is surely a chip off the old man.

Enjoy the cooler weather and with it brings new hazards. Dress warm, wear that life vest, and be courteous to all anglers! GOOD LUCK OUT THERE!

Bruce

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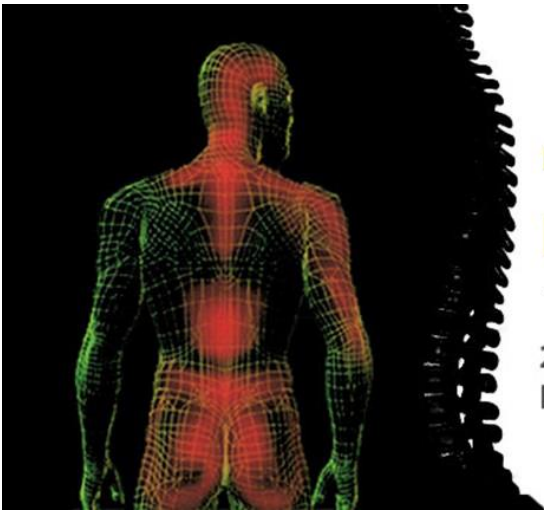
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OUTING'S CHAIRMANBy Ryan Hoffman

LOBSTER LAKE OUTING – SEPTEMBER 26TH

I'm very excited to let you know about a SCMI CLUB OUTING! Lobster Lake, Saturday September 26th! We're going to meet at the launch at the west side of the lake at 7 AM, grill brats at the launch at noon, and meet back up at 5 pm for a wrap up. I plan to stay and fish until after dark but the chapter events will be done after 5 pm. Please let me know if you plan to make it to the outing so I can get a head count for the food as brats will be provided. It would be great if everyone would bring some food or beverage item of your choice to share with the group - let me know what you would like to bring and if we're missing anything I'll spread the word.

To add a little excitement to the outing we'll be holding a big fish derby if you would like to participate! I'll collect a \$10 entry fee at 7 AM and at 5 PM the pot will be split 50/50 - half will go to the angler with the biggest fish of the day (verified with a picture) and the other half will go back to SCMI for future events.

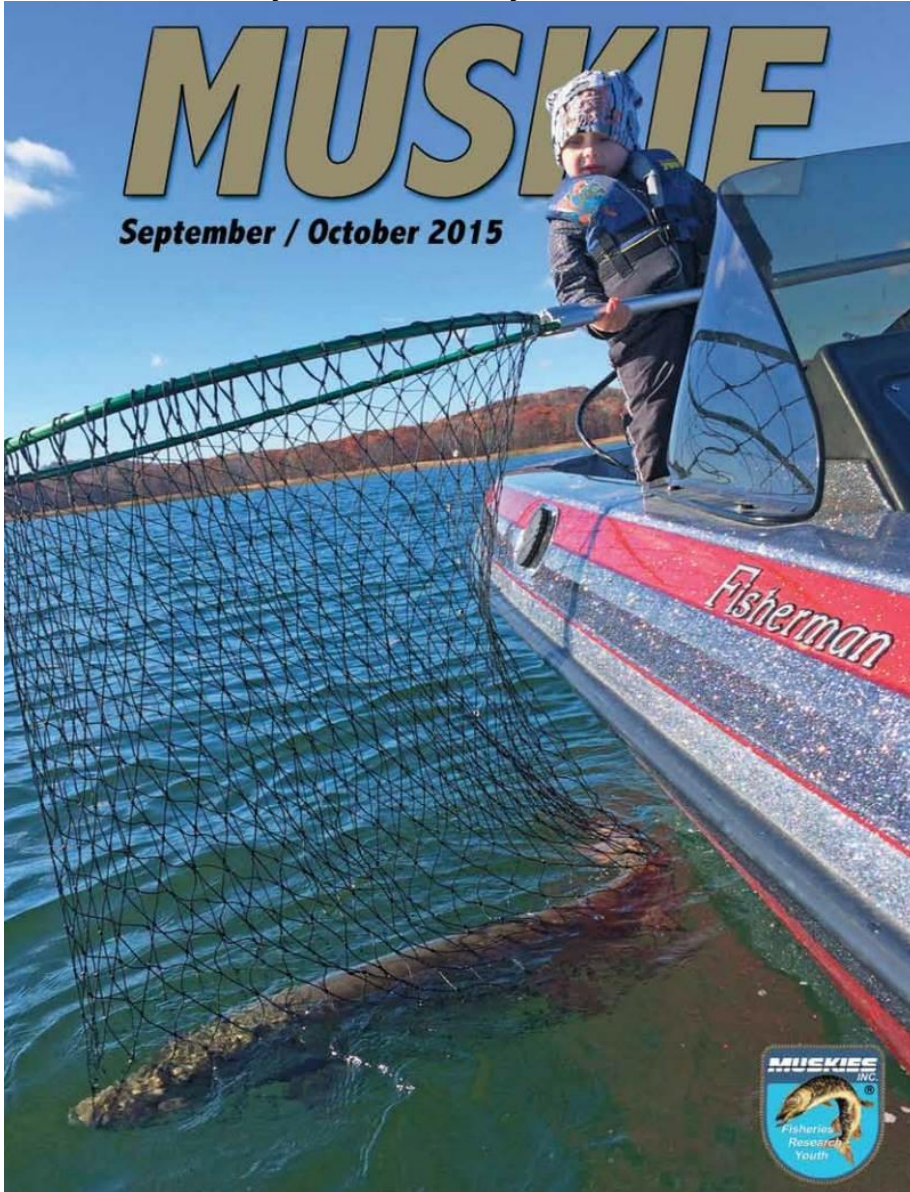
I would really like to get a great turn out for this event. The more people that come means hopefully more fish can be caught, more pictures and stories are shared, and more friends are made in the process. Please let me know if you can make it, it's going to be a great day for the SCMI chapter! You can email, call, or text. rhoffmanisu@gmail.com; [320-492-7369](tel:320-492-7369) See you in a few weeks

Ryan

SURVEY:

Watch your mail for a Club Mailing that includes what our Club has done for our sport. We are also looking for your feedback and have included a survey in the mailing, with a drawing ticket. For all that complete and return the survey, we will put your ticket in a drawing for a great lure pack.

Levi Hoffman, four year old son of Ryan Hoffman, on the cover of the recent Muskies Inc magazine!



August Speaker - Go-Pro by Mitch Hoihjelle

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In the Boat Category, we signed Rapid Marine as a yearlong advertiser. We have longed for an advertiser in this most basic area and now we have a very quality company to work with, with very supportive Sales Representatives in Stanley Morgan and Dennis Kennedy. Rapid Marine the authorized dealer in our St. Cloud Area for Lund, Ranger, and Crestliner and will put special programs together for SCMI Members.

As we all know, Muskie Fishing demands a lot from our bodies, particularly backs. For those who feel the need for Chiropractic services including Physical Therapy, we have now partnered with a Group that totally understands our needs, in the Spinal Rehab Clinic. Drs. Joe McKiernan, Dr. Dan Carlson, and Dr. Chuck Thompson stand by to get you back on the casting platform. They will do an Exam and 2 X-Rays at no cost for our Members. We look forward to a long relationship as our partner advertiser.

We are almost close to signing others to our new program, including a couple of prospects for our Annual Business Partner Program.

If you know a Business that could benefit with the exposure of Advertising on our Web and in the "The Release" please let me know. The Ad rates are VERY affordable starting as low as \$40 a year (Business Card) to a Full Page at \$200.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT · · · · · By Nate Rose

In August we didn't have any new members or any drops. Up for renewal we've got Chad Schulzetenberg in September. The easiest way to renew your membership is online. The website (muskiesinc.org) should prompt you for renewal once your membership expires.

Spread the word and encourage anyone interested in muskie fishing/management to join our chapter, it would be great to see our chapter grow.

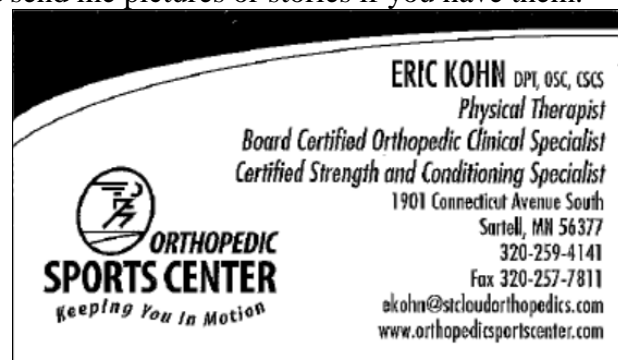
CONTEST REPORT · · · · · Contest Standings August 27th, 2015

CURRENT STANDINGS				
Division	Name	# of Fish	Points	Largest
MensMasters	Bryan J Thompson	4	52	42.00
Mens	Alex Lauer	13	240	50.50
	Eric W Poissant	7	113	51.00
	Nathan Rose	6	98	48.50
	Thomas Ardolf	2	40	47.00
	Troy A. Schmitz	2	39	49.50
	Tom Agnew	2	38	45.00
	Chris Paye	2	24	40.00
	Eric Kohn	1	16	42.00
	Justin Sharer	1	5	30.50
LUNKER OF THE MONTH				
Month	Member Name	Length	Lake	
June	Thomas Ardolf	47.00	Mille Lacs	
	Eric W Poissant	47.00	Alex	
July	Eric W Poissant	51.00	Sugar	
August	Alex Lauer	48.00	Leech	

The fishing continues to be good from the reports I've heard. The water temps got up around 78 or so but not too warm which was good. We are now at the point in the season where the water temps are dropping and the fishing will continue to get better.

In August we didn't have too many fish logged, only 9. Alex got the luncker of the month with a really nice 48" from Leech Lake. Also it didn't get mentioned last month but Eric Poissant caught his personal best 51" on Sugar! Congrats.

Have a good month of September on the lakes! The overall traffic on the lakes goes down and the hunt for the big fall fish is right around the corner. Good luck and send me pictures or stories if you have them.



WEBMASTER. By Tom Ardolf

September 2015 Webmaster Report

The all-important count of number of LIKES is 409 as I write the report – up 15 for the month. We are starting to get LIKES from an array of places, so I guess that means we need more information from our members to post, to keep our new viewers enticed into reading our page. So, SCMI members, send me pictures, cool experiences, etc., and I'll get it on the page.

I just posted Ryan Hoffman's son on the page – that's phenomenal, and all it took was a few minutes of time to send the pictures to Muskies, Inc. A bit of time on Ryan's part makes a memory for his son to hang on the wall as he grows up – as a Muskies, Inc. member, is my guess!!!!

Cafepress: No news for this month.

Web Site: As Ken sets up a process for highlighting our sponsors in each newsletter, I'll do my best to track it on the web page. Let me know any ideas you may have for the page. I may be getting myopic on the pages and need outside ideas!!!

Other: The position of VP of Finance/Treasurer for Muskies, Inc. is still unfilled. If someone would be interested, please contact me.

I'm sure you'll be hearing from our Chapter Reps that attend Regional meetings and Board calls about a number of things being undertaken by Muskies, Inc. on a national basis. Also, M.I. President Carl Phillips highlighted a number of things in the recent issue in his President's message. There's a big effort being made to get past members back into the fold. They've been receiving communications, and if someone mentions it to you, encourage them to sign back on as a member, and even better, come to our meetings.

Muskies, Inc. will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2016!!! What MI has done to help this sport is inestimable, and we are the beneficiaries of some extraordinary efforts of dedicated musky hunters. We are the newest generation of these altruistic fisherman, and have our calling. However, we can also take a little break from our work and celebrate, and the 50th anniversary celebration will be our chance to do it. There will be a Saturday evening celebration at a hotel near Ridgedale, and I hope everyone from our chapter considers taking an evening to journey to this event to meet others just like you that love this sport just like you do, and participate in the event.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the chapter.

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT By Aaron Meyer

Big news this month..... At the latest Esox Workshop the DNR announced that six lakes will be posted as candidates for possible muskie stocking. This doesn't mean decisions have been made on these lakes. In fact, this is just the first step in the process of making the decisions. What it means is that these are lakes the DNR considers good candidates. The notices will be posted for 90 days, and then public meetings will be held to share information and collect public input. Those meetings will be held in November and December. If any of the lakes are selected for stocking, the first fingerlings would be stocked in the fall of 2016.

The lakes to be posted are:
Franklin, Lizzie, and Loon, all in Ottertail County.
Gull Lake near Brainerd
The Fairmont Chain in southern Minnesota
and Big Marine in the East Metro.

We will need to work hard to support these proposals and hope to get several of these lakes stocked. It will require a large effort by the muskie angling public to provide positive input and support. Stay tuned for more information.

The DNR's Muskie Technical Committee has reviewed and revised the muskie stocking program statewide. The main goal is to create more consistency in the stocking efforts. In some cases, lakes will be stocked every year, rather than every other. Overall stocking rates won't change significantly but they'll be able to better assess what works and what doesn't, along with making it easier to reach annual stocking quotas. They've also ranked all the muskie lakes in order of priority so that in low production years our most important lakes are sure to still get stocked.

Lastly, any new lakes stocked in the future will be stocked at lower initial quotas to see if stocking fewer fish creates smaller initial year classes. This might ultimately keep these lakes from having population spikes followed by significant lows, as has been common in many of our stocked lakes. All muskies in newly stocked waters will be PIT tagged to assist in study and management.

The DNR is really trying to define and solidify it's plan for a complete overhaul of northern pike management statewide. Nothing has changed real significantly in their plan since my last report. This is going to be a hugely positive change for all anglers in Minnesota. We really need to support this.

There are meetings happening across the state to share information with the public. There is one right here in St. Cloud on Monday, August 31 at the Great River Regional Library. 6-8:00pm. I would encourage you to check it out.

I will be sending out an email in a few days that will better explain the management plan. Keep your eyes out for it.

Aaron MN Muskie and Pike Alliance Co-Chair



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