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MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2015 7:30 pm
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SPEAKER: NOAH BINSFELD OF
GET THE NET GUIDE SERVICE AND TACKLE
TOPIC: RIVER FISHING MUSKIES

Noah Binsfeld is the owner of "Get The Net Guide Service and Tackle." He has a true passion for and specializes in River muskies from across the region. Noah has been guiding and manufacturing lures including the popular Little Rippers for about 10 years now.



Time on the WaterBy Bruce A. Kitowski, President

Well we just had our first snow of the season and our muskie time is winding down rather quickly. Don't get scared off because I promise you there will be some beautiful days left. At our last meeting we had Steve Marod speak. He is from the DNR in Little Falls and is a fisheries specialist. Steve talked about what has and what is going on at Lake Alexander and Lake Shamineau. Thank you Steve for a wonderful evening.

A couple of things are really starting to take off, and it's not all good either. We have big problems with the anti-muskie people once again. This time it is at Pelican Lake in Ottertail County. With the lake association suing the DNR over the stocking of muskies, it is getting pretty down and dirty. Please try to stay informed and watch the newsletter and Facebook for updates. We really need all the support we can get. The other issue is a good one regarding the stocking of new lakes. This is not a slam dunk by any means. With all of us pulling together and showing support we can get this done.

I would like to welcome our new members to the chapter and also the new businesses that have joined us as sponsors. Check out the ads in the newsletter and if you get a chance please support them and pass their name on to your friends.

Enjoy the late fall and I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving.
Bruce



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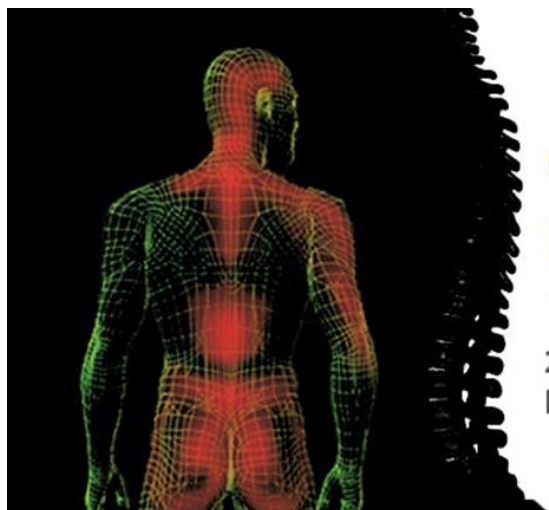
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OUTING'S CHAIRMANBy Ryan Hoffman

CLUB OUTING - Lake Alexander, November 14

I hope your fall is going well; the fish are putting on the feedbag! Here's one more chance to hit the water as a chapter as well as meet our neighbors to the north. On **Saturday, November 14th** we're going to join the Brainerd Lakes Chapter for their outing they call "The Iceman" on Lake Alexander! The Brainerd Chapter is starting at 10 AM and has welcomed SCMI to join them at Castaways at 4 PM to wrap up the day. I haven't set any certain times for our club so launch when you can and I hope you can swing into Castaways at 4PM and share your fish stories and pictures from the day and meet some new friends. Pending the weather I plan to be there with my two young boys who have been big fish magnets for our boat this fall! Hope to see you there!

Ryan

PARTNER DEVELOPMENT AND ADVERTISINGBy Ron Sanders

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The Annual Business Partner Program continues to grow every month as we strive to fill key Categories for our plan. This month we gained two additional two additional Business Partners, Gilleland Chevrolet in Car and Truck Category and Royal Tire in the Tire Category.

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The Annual Partner Banner, is near competition, and will be displayed when we meet or have a Special Event.

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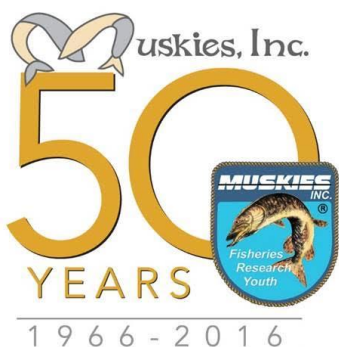
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT • • • • • By Nate Rose

In October we had no new member or anyone dropping their membership either. Up for renewal we've got Nate Rose in October. 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 • • • • •

Well it's almost November so make sure you get out before its too late! I got a new job in Brainerd so I won't have much time to fish but I did have a week off Oct 19th-23rd. The fishing couldn't have been tougher with no wind and bright sunny skies. We did get one on a sucker finally but overall it was slow. The weather this week leading up to Halloween looks better but I haven't heard much for reports.

Back in early October Alex Lauer caught the lunker of the month, largest fish in the club this year, and of course his personal BEST 53!! Congrats Alex!


Have a good month of November on the lakes! Good luck and send me pictures or stories if you have them.

- Contest Standings October 30, 2015

CURRENT STANDINGS					
Division	Name	# of Fish	Points	Largest	Average
MensMasters	Bryan J Thompson	5	70	44.00	40
Mens	Alex Lauer	23	435	53.00	45
	Eric W Poissant	16	273	51.00	43
	Nathan Rose	8	134	48.50	43
	Thomas Ardolf	4	79	47.00	46
	Troy A. Schmitz	3	58	49.50	45
	Bruce A Kitowski	4	49	51.00	38
	Justin Sharer	3	38	51.00	39
	Tom Agnew	2	31	45.00	42
	Ken Schmitt	2	27	40.00	40
	Chris Paye	2	24	40.00	38
	Eric Kohn	1	16	42.00	42

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
September	Bruce A Kitowski	51.00	Rainy
	Justin Sharer	51.00	Lobster
October	Alex Lauer	53.00	Big Mantrap


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WEBMASTER. By Tom Ardolf

November 2015 Webmaster Report

FaceBook: This was a month to remember from my perspective. After I had written my last report, I received some extraordinary pictures and a video from Ryan Hoffman on the chapter outing on Lobster. The pictures and video had about 2,500 people viewing them (each) and over 500 people on each engaged with them. That was followed up by Ryan's pictures and info on a fish being caught the 4th time in 3 years, which reached over 3,400 people and was picked up by Northland Tackle!!! Wow, if we can get some more content like that, we'd be the premier musky Facebook page in no time at all! We also gained 16 LIKES this month. However, if everyone would invite their Facebook Friends to LIKE our page, I'd bet we could exceed all other chapter counts.....

Cafepress: No news for this month.

Web Site: Just keeping things up to date --- most importantly, the monthly standings!

Other: The position of VP of Finance/Treasurer for Muskies, Inc. is still unfilled. If someone would be interested, please contact me. A regional representative position is also open, and Bruce could share with you the details on this, as he's been around a lot longer than I have....

You may have seen that Kevin Bushnick, who recently presented at our chapter, was awarded a prestigious award from Field and Stream (on our Facebook page). His work does provide to us a template of ideas. Indeed, he has written up all of his work in putting an event together, and it is available if you simply request it.

Mark your calendars for the 50th anniversary celebration of Muskies, Inc!!!! On March 12th, 2016, chapters from all around the nation will meet in Minnetonka for this great opportunity to share in unity with so many people dedicated to Muskies, Inc. Let's be a part of this, especially with it being so close to our chapter. Folks will be coming all the way from Washington State and the eastern and southern borders of the U.S. to be a part of this. Saturday will simply be a great celebration, with Sunday – Tuesday being the 3rd international symposium, which our chapter has voted to support. I hope many of my fellow SCMI members will be in attendance.

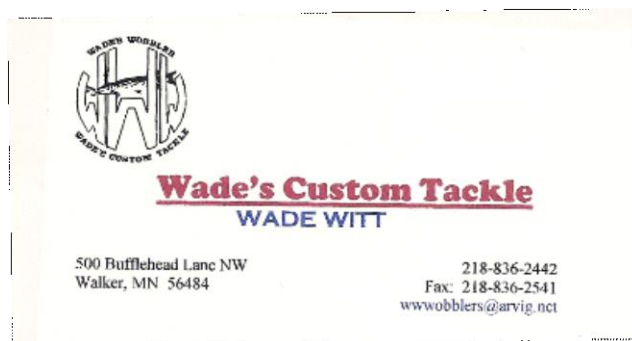
Finally, I'd like to invite new or existing members to consider being a part of the on-going work of our chapter. If you have some tech skills or would like to enhance yours, SCMI's Facebook and web page provides an ideal opportunity. Let me know if you'd like to become a part of it.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the chapter.

TOM ARDOLF

Web Guy for St. Cloud Muskies, Inc.

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT By Aaron Meyer

Last night several of us from the St. Cloud chapter headed up to Fergus Falls to be at the meeting regarding muskie stocking on Pelican Lake. The Pelican Lakes Association has taken the position that muskies are destroying "their" lake and they intend to stop the DNR from stocking Pelican or any possible new lakes in Ottertail County. They've also brought Legislators and attorneys into the battle. In fact, they've filed a lawsuit against the DNR which made it legally impossible for the DNR to properly address the specifics of the muskie management plan on Pelican Lake. This entire situation was ploy to draw attention to their claims while handcuffing the DNR from actually giving out the facts.

This "town hall" type of meeting really had no specified end result. This meeting will not lead to immediate changes or decisions by anyone. It was just a place to meet and discuss in a public forum. Overall, it went about as well as it could have. People from each viewpoint had a chance to make statements and/or ask questions. Nobody got out of hand, which is a good thing. The DNR did a good job of explaining and defending the Long Range Plan and their system for selecting and stocking new muskie waters.

The opposition is being led by a guy who made big money by inventing and selling a machine that literally destroys fish habitat, yet he's the one claiming to be concerned about other fish species being decimated by muskies. He comes across as very smug and arrogant.

They really have nothing new. It's the same old false information that's been proven wrong repeatedly over the last couple decades. They're even going as far as using scare tactics about muskies attacking children, and calling them muskie-sharks.

We muskie enthusiasts made a strong showing last night. I'm just guessing, but there had to be more than a hundred muskie supporters packing the room wall to wall. A lot of people made a lot of good comments, and I thank every one of them for showing up!

There may have been twenty-some of the muskie haters in the room. In my opinion, some of them truly believe muskies are harming other fish populations. They are entitled to their opinion, but that doesn't mean they're right. Others among them, I believe, are just using muskies as a front for their effort to keep people off of their "lake". And that's where we come in.... this isn't about just a few die-hard anglers, or even about the several thousand Muskies Inc. members. This is about the 120,000+ Minnesota resident muskie anglers, and we aren't going to stand by while a handful of property owners try to strong-arm our fisheries management!

For now, we don't have a specific agenda regarding this issue. Now would be a good time for people to make contact with their own local Legislators. Just reach out to let them know we support muskies, muskie stocking, and the DNR's plan for new muskie waters. You can find your Legislators by plugging "District Finder" into your computer search engine.

Stay alert. More info will be coming soon on the new stocking proposals and what we need to do to keep them moving forward. Thanks

Aaron
MN Muskie and Pike Alliance Co-Chair

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FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016

2:00 pm Al Skar Leadership Forum
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Hospitality Suite hosted by Twin Cities Chapter (#1) and North Metro Chapter (#21)

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

ANNUAL MEETING AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
HOSTED BY TWIN CITIES CHAPTER (#1) AND NORTH METRO CHAPTER (#21)

7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast Buffet for Annual Meeting attendees
8:00 am - 5:00 pm Annual Meeting
Working Lunch for attendees
5:00 pm - 9:30 pm 50th Anniversary Banquet Celebration
10:00 pm - midnight Hospitality Suite

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016 | MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

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COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

8:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast served for Symposium attendees
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Hugh C. Becker Muskie Symposium
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch served for Symposium attendees
1:00 pm - 5:30 pm Hugh C. Becker Muskie Symposium
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner served for Symposium attendees

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

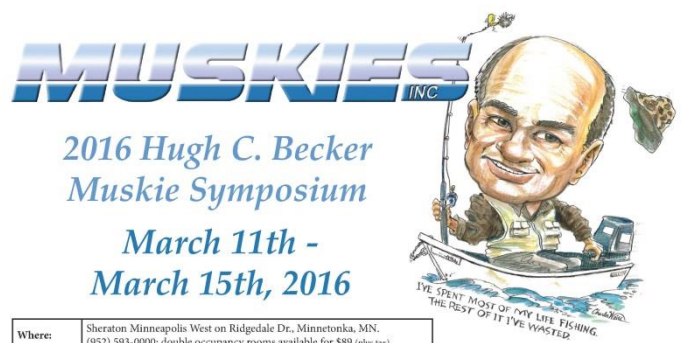
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Registration Fees	Notes
Student Rate (2015 - 2/16/2016)	\$75.00 (undergraduate students only must present student ID at registration table)
Normal (2015 - 2/16/2016)	\$195.00
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Muskies, Inc. Chapters	\$100.00 (1 designated Chapter member- by mail application only)

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Alex Lauer - Personal Best 53"



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