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### MEETING DATE

November 19, 2013

7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION - WAITE PARK, MN

**SPEAKER: Joe Stewig**

**Fisheries Manager, DNR-Montrose Office**

**Topic: Chain of Lakes**

**Time on the Water . . . . .** By Bruce A. Kitowski, President

First off I would like to thank everyone that showed up at the Lake Alexander Outing. There were 4 boats on the water from our club. We met at the Cast-Aways supper club and they treated us like kings. As far as I know when writing this there was only one fish caught and what a beauty it was. As Ken and I were traveling from one spot to another I happened to see Nate Rose lift the net from the boat. We slowly made our way over to the boat and watched him put the net under a monster fish. After watching them unhook the fish I was now in perfect position to take a couple of pictures. Yes as it would be once again Nick Debor looks up at me and says "ready Bruce". Nick lifts the fish out of the net and what a fish he caught on a sucker. He measured it and yelled back to us, 52 ½ inches. It was a big hit, great un-hooking, and a wonderful release. Nice job guys! Make sure to check out the pics in the newsletter.

Once again at this time of the year we have to start thinking about elections and board positions. Every year I ask the members if they would be interested in being a board member, and this year is no different. This year we are thinking about putting together a few committees to handle certain things that come during the year. This would take some heat off the board members, and get more members involved in the activities of the club. So if anyone is interested in participating at a higher level please contact myself, or one of the board members.

As the water starts to chill out, please be careful out there and prepare the best you can. Have fun and see you at the meetings.





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## **The Season.....By Ron Fenske**

As we sadly say good-bye to our muskie season, it is a great opportunity to look back and do some reflection (experience you gained)YEAH! and what changes needs to be made to improve successful catches next year.(fingers crossed) I had a lot of dead time this past year and have a couple things I WILL definitely change next year. In addition, I also have a list of things that need replacement or repair and that doesn't include the upgrades I would like.

Strange situation for me this year... one of my two trolling motor batteries is failing but the other is still strong. They are three years old so I believe I will end up replacing both of them even though only one is bad.

Speaking of Special....This is a great time to look at the upcoming Muskie board elections in December. WE ALL need to give some serious thought about participating and determining if we have the time and energy to help maintain and lead Chapter 37 in the coming year. Seriously, its not that bad being a board member. Think of all the new ideas, creativity and Big fish stories. It's always a good way to feel like your helping to contribute too. This will help our chapter continue to be strong and successful. There are several board members that have multiple positions and I bet they would be happy and willing to share them with the right person. Please step up to help our chapter. Oh, a good sense of humor is usually appreciated.

I wish the best of luck to everyone in the remaining days of the 2013 muskies fishing season. I will share a couple ideas that will hopefully help this November. This time of the year is more important than any other time of the year to be on the water at those choice spots during the lunar times. Stay on the water and rotate only between your key spots. Don't spend time on secondary spots or exploring. Watch where the other boats are and what they are doing. Try trolling crank baits at a slow speed, stay moving. Standing around in a boat looking at sucker minnows (like everyone else) isn't the only way to success.

See you at the next meeting and may all your fish be grand!

Ron

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## Contest Standings October 31, 2013

CURRENT STANDINGS					
Division	Name	# of Fish	Points	Largest	Average
Masters	Bryan Thompson	4 fish, 0 > 40"		39"	
Mens					
	Marc Jefferson	21 fish	348	46.5"	42.4"
	Eric Poissant	8 fish	131	49"	42.25"
	Nate Rose	6 fish	102	44"	42.75"
	Jake Anderson	4 fish	86	49.5"	47.4"
	Chad Schulzetenberg	5 fish	78	46"	41.5"
	Eric Kohn	5 fish	74	42"	40.8"
	Troy Schmitz	5 fish	61	41.5"	38.1"
	Bruce Kitowski	4 fish	49	42"	38.25"
	Aaron Starry	3 fish	48	47"	41.6"
	Tom Ardolf	2 fish	43	49"	47.5"
	Adam Kobes	4 fish	38	43.5"	35.9"
	Tom Agnew	2 fish	38	45"	46"
	Ken Schmitt	2 fish	29	42"	40.5"
	Sven Larsen	1 fish	11	37"	37"
	Dennis Kobiela	1 fish	9	35"	35"
Juniors	Ryan Schmitz	3 fish	32	38"	36.6"
	Sam Larsen	1 fish	17	42.5"	42.5"

### Lunker of the Month

May	Bryan Thompson	37.5"	Birch Lake
June	Aaron Starry	47"	Mille Lacs
July	Chad Schulzetenberg	46"	Lake of the Woods
August	Eric Poissant	49"	Sugar
September	Jake Anderson	48"	Lobster
October	Tom Ardolf	49"	Big Detroit

## CONTEST REPORT . . . . . By Marc Jefferson

We currently have 18 October fish on the lunge log. Nate Rose had a good month, boating 4 fish and starting off October with a nice figure 8 fish on a Pacemaker. Tom Ardolf boated our big fish of the month, a 49" on a sucker on the 4<sup>th</sup>, guy likes big outboards and big fish! Eric Poissant continues his good season, showing two more fish on blades and Chad Schulzetenberg also shows two fish on jerkbaits. 10 of the 18 October fish were caught on Alex and that lake was hot this month, Big Detroit, Lobster and metro waters accounted for the rest of the fish. I was really sorry to miss the October outing on Alex but I know that Nick DeBoer and Nate tore it up that day, congrats guys. 4 fish in the boat including a 52.5" is a good day. I also know that Nick has been catching some big metro fish lately. Jake Anderson also takes September big fish of the month with a nice fish from Lobster Lake. Looking at the fish list this month is kind of interesting as most of the action was weighted to early and late in the month, with a lull in the middle of the month, probably related to turnover. Seemed to be a long slow process down here in the metro but things got pretty good after the cold snap. Also not surprising is how many fish were caught on live bait this month. I'm looking forward to the current good bite continuing through November and I'm hoping the wind isn't quite a vicious the rest of the November as it has been lately. Good luck in the cold weather and stay safe!



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT . . . . . By Marc Jefferson

Greetings! We are currently at 95 members. This month we have Nate Rose, Judi Larsen, Richard Graf, Robert Koubsky, Steve Katke and Mith Hoihjelle up for renewal. I was pleasantly surprised when I logged on to muskiesinc.org to renew my membership and was prompted to do it automatically, keep in mind now too that you are able to decline the magazine option on your membership and renew for \$25 instead of \$35. This is called a “web-only” membership and is one of the renewal options online.



## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT . . . . . By Aaron Meyer

I'd like to thank everyone who came out to hear my seminar at the least meeting. My talk revolved around several topics that I feel are very important to consistently putting big fish in the boat. One of the keys I tried to drive home is that you will rarely hear about, or come across some new lure, secret technique, or idea that will be a huge revelation causing you to suddenly catch a ton of big fish. Much of what it takes to bring your success to the next level is understanding and utilizing ideas and information that you already have, and putting them to work the right way at the right time. It's much more than using good lures on good spots. Once you know when, where, and how the fish react to different conditions you can duplicate your success to put more fish in the boat on a daily basis as well as a yearly basis.

I got to be part of a really cool experience about a week ago... My dad and I were able to help the DNR with putting PIT tags into the muskie fingerlings being stocked into the Horseshoe Chain. Our chapter, along with the North Metro chapter, was able to secure a grant through the Hugh Becker Foundation to help fund a tagging study on the Horseshoe Chain. PIT tags are little inserts, about the size of a grain of rice, that work kind of like a bar code scanner. The DNR will be doing a multiple-year study on the muskies being stocked in The Chain. These tags will help them assess things like survivability and growth rates, and help them understand the best ways to manage muskie populations throughout the state. Area Fisheries Supervisor Joe Stewig is in charge of the stocking and tagging, and will be our speaker at the November 19th meeting, so I'll let him explain the details.

For me, after being so involved with the whole process of starting The Chain's stocking program, being a small part of this study really brought the experience full circle. It was a long road, with a lot of up's and down's, but we accomplished something that we'll all be able to enjoy and be proud of!

See you there!  
Aaron

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## **LAKE OF THE MONTH** . . . . . By Sven Larsen

Our presentations on the lake of the month will continue throughout the winter months even though we will not be scheduling any outings until next season. I want start by thanking Ken Smith for his excellent presentation on Lake Alexander. Ken gave a detailed description of hot spots on the lake including his "milk run". I feel sorry for those of you that missed it. I know I put a couple of extra spots on my map after that talk. Thanks again Ken, you went above and beyond what we asked you to do. Don't miss our November meeting when we will talk about Elk Lake. Elk is a small lake that is inside Itasca State Park North of Park Rapids Minnesota. I have fished the lake several times and will lead the discussion. I am certainly no expert so I am hoping some of you who have fished Elk can help me out. Looking forward we will look at Lake Minnetonka in December. Feel free to bring your maps and a marker!

Sven

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## **WEBMASTER**. . . . . By Tom Ardolf

### November 2013 Webmaster Report

**Facebook:** We are currently at 98 likes. I believe a couple of these were over the past month. I tried something new to see if it would stimulate interest, a question about tethering rods, to see if folks would respond, post or in some way participate. Only a couple of folks responded, however. Having responses gets that post to others pages, and then to other people, and then, likely, new likes.

**Cafepress:** I brought everything that I've purchased over the past several months to the meeting, to allow folks to see them rather than on the web page. One person, Dennis, did ask me to order for him some products that night, so we did get that order. I am not aware of any other activity by chapter members on Cafepress.



**Website:** Not much to report on the web site. I try to update to the latest info whenever an event is completed, so there is never info on past events. I had been maintaining a Google calendar that folks could sync to, but it appears it hasn't been getting used so I will likely be pulling that off.

The most work is the monthly stats on fish being caught. The good news is fish are indeed being caught, and that means more people, updated stats, changes in the place people are in, etc. It'll be interesting to see the final results!

Tom - Web Guy for St. Cloud Muskies, Inc. [Scmi.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:Scmi.webmaster@gmail.com)

## Mike Ruff -- Clearing Out Remaining Merchandise.

A reminder that Café Press is up and running for you to order merchandise specific to your needs with our chapter logo on it. We still have some remaining merchandise left in stock and will not reorder. We will use it at our next fish dinner for prizes but are offering it first to chapter members at a reduced cost. Balance of inventory is as follows:

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