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MEETING DATE

MAY 21, 2013

7:30 p.m

Waite Park American Legion

WAITE PARK, MN

SPEAKER: Mike Ruff and Dave Mendel

We need your help

Big Brothers and Big Sisters Outing May 4th By Eric Kohn

Volunteers needed for our annual Big Brothers and Big Sisters Outing on Saturday, May 4th from 9:30-1:00 p.m. Let's take advantage of this great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our younger generations. Share your passion for the outdoors and help others to learn to appreciate the great sport of fishing. We will again be giving each "little" a rod/reel combo and a tackle box. They will need help with rigging, baiting and casting. We need volunteers to make this morning of fishing a success. Please meet at the Rock Island Pond (behind Bernick's) in Waite Park at 9:30 am and be ready for a few hours of fun. We will be done by 1 pm. Call me (612-636-7928) or email (epkohn34@hotmail.com) if you have questions.

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Time on the WaterBy Bruce A. Kitowski, President

Life is good again, the temps are rising and the ice is starting to melt once again. We have all lost one month of spring, and this means we are going to be squeezed to get everything thing done that we have to do before we hit the water. Welcome to Minnesota...BRING IT ON!! I truly would not want to live anywhere else. This is my home and I will take all Mother Nature has to offer.

Well the 9th annual Anglers Dinner Fundraiser is in the books. What a night. This was one of our most successful dinners ever. I do not even know where to begin, so instead of singling everyone out one at a time I will just thank everyone that helped make it so special. Without the help from every single person this would not have gone off so smoothly. When we all come together I guess there isn't anything we can't do. From new members to old, non-members as well, and for the members we only see once a year OUTSTANDING! Hats off, pat on the back, and take a bow, you deserve it. THANK-YOU!

We had a great turn out for last month's Award presentations. It was a blast once again to hear all the interesting stories that everyone had. A special thanks to Marc Jefferson for making sure that everything was in place and ran without a hitch. Marc always does a spot-on job each and every year. So if you happen to run into him (probably on the water) thank him for everything he does for the club.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Big/Brothers and Big/Sisters Fishing Outing on May 4th, and also at the Sauk River Chain of Lakes lake clean-up, whenever the ice is gone. Be safe, slow done, and above all thank the Lord for this wonderful little piece of land we call home.

Bruce

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Marc Jefferson

Greetings! We are currently 89 members strong. I'm excited to introduce a new member this month. Daniel Fruechte from St. Cloud has joined us. Don't be a stranger, Daniel, we're glad to have you with us. We're also happy to have the family of Ken Smith and the Jones family back for another year. In addition, Ken and Norine Schmitt, Matt Buelke, Rick Stawski, Glenn Hennemann and Aaron Meyer renewed their memberships as well.



Jake Anderson and Marc Jefferson at the Awards Banquet



CONTEST REPORT By Marc Jefferson

As we ramp up for the 2013 season I would encourage everyone to participate in our fishing contest this year. All you have to do to participate is go on the MI site, muskiesinc.org, log in with your member number and register your fish. Length earns you points and we publish standings in the newsletter every month. Traditionally, our club doesn't take the competition aspect of the contest too seriously, and the standings are usually a good indicator of who has more time on the water, but a little friendly competition is fun and it's cool to see what everyone is catching. I would encourage everyone to be honest in listing the lake that their fish was caught from. The best thing to do if you want to avoid bringing pressure to your hotspot is to wait a few weeks to register your fish, instead of listing inaccurate lakes. You must register within 30 days of your catch. If you miss that, I can register them for you within 60 days. If you have any trouble getting logged in to muskiesinc.org or need your member number don't hesitate to drop me an email or call. Airmarc00@gmail.com (airmarc zero zero) and 320-266-6456. Don't forget to use the lunge log too in planning your trips. I get just as much searching past years data as I do the current fish on the log. For example, I'm looking up June data from some of our colder seasons over the past 10-15 years and planning my attack for opener.

I'm excited about our planning club outings this year too, check out Sven's column for dates. I always enjoy the September trip to Cass but hitting a different lake every month this season should be really fun, so I'm hoping to see you guys on the water out there this year.

Otherwise I'm looking forward to hitting the water. I've been working on the boat the past few weeks. Had to replace my keelguard that got ripped up on the ice but that project is going well. I also filled in a little space to make my front deck bigger. I should be water-ready with a few more hours of work. Good luck fishing for other fish this month and don't forget to repack your bearings this year!



Awards Banquet

VOLUNTEERS NEED FOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSKY TOURNAMENT JUNE 21st AT LAKE ALEXANDER

Muskies Inc. will be hosting the High School Musky Tournament this year and are looking for volunteers. The regional event will be held on Friday June 21 and the state wide tournament will be held on Friday June 28th. Both events will be held at Lake Alexander. This is a great event to promote musky fishing at the high school level. Two person teams from schools around the state will compete for prizes. Volunteers are needed for both days for various duties such as judge boats etc. Please contact Jim Kath if you are interested at kathmuskiehunter@gmail.com. If you have any donations that could be used as prizes (baits, clothing or equipment), please contact Jim.

LAKE OF THE MONTH By Sven Larsen

Get ready for "Lake of the Month"

We are going to offer more opportunity for members to get together and fish this summer. Starting in June we will start the Lake of the Month. At the chapter meeting one of our members will introduce the lake and give us some strategies for fishing it. Then all those who can will be welcomed for a fishing outing on that lake later in the month. Here is the schedule for 2013:

June 29 th	Sugar Lake
July 27 th	Lake Shamineau
August 31 st	Lake Miltona
September 12-15	The annual Chapter Cass Lake outing
October 26 th	Lake Alexander

Feel free to put as many of these dates on your calendar as you can and join other members to fish the Lake of the Month.



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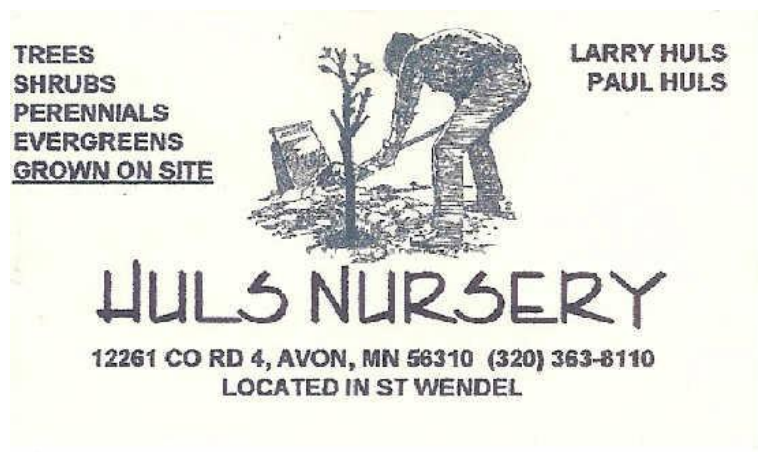
May 2013 Webmaster Report

Facebook: Our weekly reach for April to-date has been as high as 320. I hope when we see end of month stats we will see that folks shared our page, fish fry event, etc. and extended our reach to people on this important event via social media. The likes are at 82 as of today (4/21), which is 6 up from a month ago. The more we reach in this primary fashion, the more reach we have virally, so suggesting our page to your fishing friends is very helpful. We put the benefit pictures onto the Facebook site as well as the web site, which was a good suggestion by our President.

Cafepress: The site has been functional for well over a month now, but I am not aware of any use by the members. Cafepress still hasn't fixed the logo upload issue that will have a logo on the page, and I continue to prompt them to get it fixed. I am waiting for the new, approved logo to put on items and then you can order that logo on products. Please let me know if there is any product you'd like to have on the site.

Website: I try to keep the content up to date as well as make regular changes to the Home page so it is "fresh". Per the Board's request, we are adding a page for info on MN Musky & Pike Alliance. I had the pics for the benefit silent auction items on the home page for the week leading up to the event. I have a "Thank You" as the header on the Home page right now for everyone's contribution to the Fish Fry event, and I will plan on keeping it up for a couple weeks and then get some new content in its place.

There is also a new page on "Meetings and Events" about the requested help from the DNR for musky assessment help on Shamineau, which is intended for members only but it is not password protected. The required forms if you wish to do this are included on the page.





FISH DINNER CROWD



Working the tip boards and prizes

I want to thank all the members that supported the fish dinner fund raiser. When the numbers get finalized, this year's dinner will be one of the top three we have had!! Special thanks to all the sponsors that donated and also to member Joe Pfannanstein for making the giant signs that were displayed out front advertising the dinner. Thanks to all of the following that did a great job putting on the dinner:

Bruce Kitowski	Eric Kohn	Mike Ruff	Ken Schmitt
Sven Larson	Joe Pfannstein	Ken Smith	Gene Bzdock
Charlie Meyer	Nate and Paula Rose	Tom Agnew	Denny Kobicca
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Ron & Judy Cruser	Ron Sanders	Troy Schmitz	Roger Thieler
Brandon Schloeder	Steve Katke	Bob & Linda Kmich	Mitch & Allison Hoihjelle

FALL GET TOGETHER 2013By Dave Mendel

We are proud to announce the dates for our 2013 Fall Get Together. It will be held from September 12th through September 15th at Cass Lake Lodge. CLL 218-335-6658 www.casslakelodge.com

The camping and cabins rates for this year will be:

Tent Camping	\$25.00 / Night
RV Camping / W full hook ups	\$36.00 / Night
Cabins	\$40.00 / Night / Person
Boat Slips in the Harbor	\$10.50 / Day

This year the resort will be saving 3 cabins for our event, and the use on the 'Lodge' for the Thursday night seafood buffet. The Cass Lake area is very busy this time of the year, so these cabins will only be held until August 15th 2013 at which time they will be opened up to the public. Please make your reservations early to ensure a spot. CLL has built a new and much improve harbor that will serve us much better. If you need a boat slip, please request one at the time you make reservations. Camping is in limited supply and rented on a first come first served basis. If you plan to camp make your reservations early. When making reservations, be sure to mention that you're part of the St. Cloud Muskies Inc. group

We will be charging a \$10.00 fee which includes a Friday night meal catered by CLL and a chance to win a fine muskie rod. Plus everyone attending the Friday meal will receive a lure as part of the drawing. We hope you can join us for a great weekend of fishing on one of Minnesota's premier Muskie waters.

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