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**June 2013**

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**MEETING DATE**

**JUNE 18, 2013**

**BOAT SHOW**

**7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**GANDER MOUNTAIN PARKING LOT**

**WAITE PARK, MN**

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

We are finally here and the hunt has begun! Just got back from the 2013 muskie opener and by some standards it was a very miserable day. Raining all day with 30 mph gusts and falling temps. One follow, and not even a nibble from anything else. This was one long, cold, and damp day. As I said, by some it was a total bust, but for me I have grown into a much different angler in my later years. I have spoken of this many times and I still believe it. I had a wonderful and special time all day. From breakfast in the morning, to the ride home, spending time with friends, family, or your fishing partner are very special times that are always treasured. All said and done I would spend 10 days like that, then none at all. Remember it isn't always about the fish; it's how you spend that TIME ON THE WATER. Next time though I am going to kick butt, and not give those fish a fighting chance.

I need to thank a couple of guys for volunteering to do last month's meeting seminar. Dave Mendel did a fantastic job on showing and answering any questions on reel maintenance. Mike Ruff showed us how to tie floral carbon leaders, and all that goes with designing that perfect tool. Thanks again guys, you came through for us once again.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> our club will be putting on the Kids Fishing Contest for the Waite Park Family Fun Fest at Rock Island Pond just behind Bernick's in Waite Park. We would like as many volunteers as possible. We will be arriving there at noon for set-up. The contest will be from 1:00 till 3:00 p.m. If you would like to help please e-mail me at [EsoxMaster@charter.net](mailto:EsoxMaster@charter.net). Also next month we will be at Gander Mountain for our annual boat show starting at 7:00 p.m. (check on in the newsletter for more details).

I hope everyone has a very safe and productive season, and please remember to be courteous and respectful of all others on the water, because it belongs to all of us. When leaving the landings and you see any garbage pick it up and bring it home as to leave it better than when you came. Every last one of us are ambassadors of the club.

Bruce

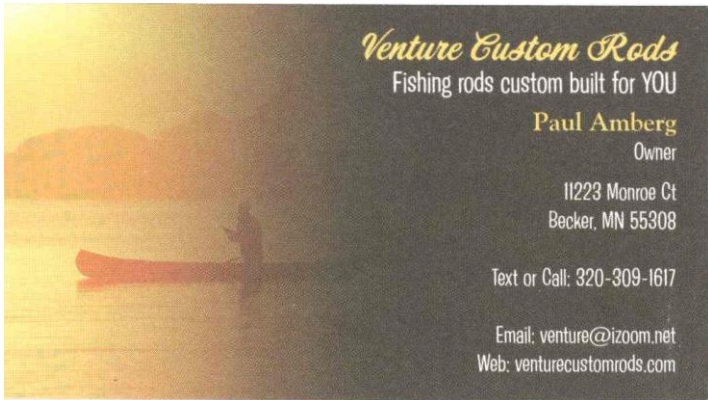
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## **Big Brothers and Big Sisters Outing May 4th . . . . .By Eric Kohn**

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Big Brother and Big Sisters Outing took place on Saturday, May 4, 2013. The weather did not cooperate with us this year and the morning of the event was met with a cold light rain and wind. This did not keep kids from coming out and showing a lot of enthusiasm for the fishing. We had 17 kids attend the event with their adult sponsors. Each child received a spin cast combo and a tackle box. The slow fishing did not stop the kids from having a lot of fun and learning about fishing from the great group of volunteers. We ended the outing early due to the weather with a hot dog cookout. We wrapped up and were done by noon. Thanks to all of the volunteers that came out for the morning. Volunteers included Bruce Kitowski, Ken and Norine Schmitt, Eric Poissant, Mike Ruff and Eric Kohn.



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

I'm sitting down to write this the night before the muskie opener and I still don't know where I'm going tomorrow. With the late spring it's going to be a different start to the season for sure! The muskies are still in mid-spawn in the northern half of the state, and might not be done yet even in the lakes farther south! This is something I've never seen before and it will be interesting to see how things go. I'm not sure how willing they will be to bite, but the possibility is there to catch a true giant! Please remember, if you do get a big one handle it quickly and carefully- they're probably a little stressed out right now.

June's meeting will be our annual boat show. For those of you not familiar with it, it's just a casual get-together where people bring their boats to talk about the various ways we rig and sometimes modify things to help us be more effective on the water. You don't need to have a big, expensive boat to bring. Everyone has valuable ideas to share. The boat show is scheduled for June 18th at 7:00 pm in the Gander Mountain parking lot. In case of bad weather (again) we have an alternate date set for June 25th. Watch the weather and our website for updates. Hope to see you there.

The High School muskie tournament will be happening later this month on Lake Alexander. This is a cool new event that's growing quickly statewide. Contact Eric Kohn if you'd like to help out.

There was really only one major fisheries issue that went onto this year's Game and Fish Bill. 12 more lakes will have spearing bans removed. This idea was proposed by the Fisheries Chief as a way to expand opportunities and hopefully quiet some of the controversies that have been going on lately. We sat down with him to discuss the issue and essentially told him we really don't care about the ban removals as long as we can continue to work towards better muskie and pike management, including hopefully adding a few more muskie waters in the coming years. We made no attempt to fight the removals at the DNR or at the Legislature. A lot of the anti-muskie sentiment out there stems from these bans and hopefully those people will see that we truly are willing to compromise and co-exist.

Good luck this weekend!

Aaron

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

Greetings! We're happy to have the family of Andrew Michl join the club this month. Welcome to the club, Andrew, Kimberle, Luke and Rachel. This brings our current membership to 93. Ken Smith and Aaron Meyer are up for renewal this month, pretty sure they'll be back and we need them both. Good luck this season!

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

16 hours from now I'll be on the lake for opener. I fished in southern Wisconsin a couple weeks ago and fished the St. Croix last weekend but I'm still excited for the real deal to start. Of course, Bryan Thompson already has a couple fish on the log from a late May trip to Wisconsin. It will be interesting to see what patterns emerge after opening weekend here in Minnesota. I have a feeling that I'll be out over the deep pulling crank baits at some point before I get off the water tomorrow, but I think we're also going to try some live bait and a few other things too. Wherever you go good luck and we'll look forward to seeing you name in the standings next month.



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# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

## **KIDS FISHING CONTEST ON SUNDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> CONTEST RUNS FROM 1:00 – 3:00 pm AT ROCK ISLAND POND BY BERNICK'S IN WAITE PARK**

St. Cloud Muskie's is hosting the annual Kid's Fishing Contest in conjunction with Waite Park Family Fun Fest on June 9. We need volunteers to help, starting about noon, with registration, weigh-in, retuning fish to the pond and general presence around the pond helping the kids fish. Please contact Bruce Kitowski if you can volunteer. We have had over 100 kids in the past & the extra hands really help.

## **VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BEER WAGON FRIDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Our Club will also be tending the beer wagon on Friday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup> beginning about 4:00 during the Waite Park Family Fun Festival's car show. The Rockin Hollywoods will be playing and it is a good time to talk fishing!!! Please call Bruce Kitowski if you can help out for a shift during the evening.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSKY TOURNAMENT JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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**

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our first chapter outing for this year's Lake of the Month at Sugar Lake. Come anytime you want and fish for as long as you want. Feel free to join us for lunch at the west landing at noon and share your fish stories. Keep in mind that you will also have to bring your own lunch on this outing. There are no eating establishments on the lake that serve lunch so for this outing you will have to bring your own lunch. Nate Rose is our lake host and he will offer an introduction to the lake at our June 18<sup>th</sup> Boat Show meeting. Our plan is to talk about the lake around 7:30 pm on that night. Nate will lead us in a discussion about the lake and maybe give some hints on how to fish it. For those of you who have fished the lake, please feel free to contribute anything you are willing to share. Looking ahead, we are scheduled to go to Lake Shamineau on July 27<sup>th</sup> and Ron Fenske is scheduled to be our Lake host leading our discussion at the July 16 chapter meeting. Hope to see you on the water.

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.

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

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

### **May 2013 Webmaster Report**

**Facebook:** Our Facebook participation has plummeted. While we had days in April that we reached as many as 1,413 people over a week, the best we've had this month is today's reading of 504 over the past week. We also only gained 1 new like over the past month for a total of 83 at this point. We really need you, the members of SCMI, to share thoughts, ideas, experience, even your biased opinions on all things "musky". Please take the time to share something on the Facebook page.

**Cafepress:** The site (<http://www.cafepress.com/stcloudmuskies>) now has a wide array of clothing, drinkware and miscellaneous items. The primary logo is our new one that Sam designed, and there are still a few items with the MI logo that was personalized for SCMI. Here are a couple samples:



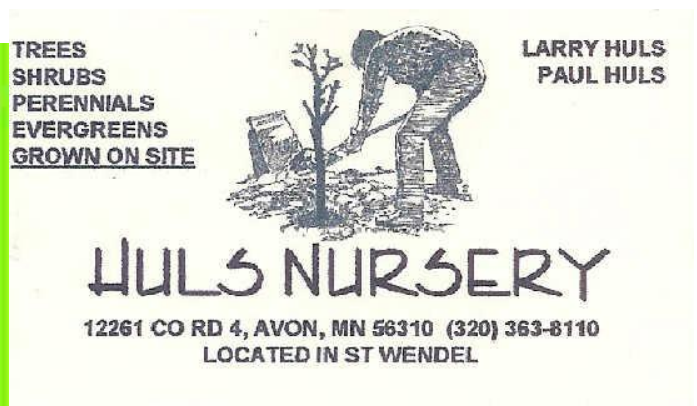
Let me know what else you'd like to see on the site and I'll do my utmost to get it there!

**Website:** The web site receives regular Home Page updates to keep it fresh. I also have a new "Sponsor of the Month" that is highlighted on the home page. After running a "thank you" to everyone for the successful fish fry, I now have changed the home page header to be pics from last year's Cass Lake trip.

The Forum is also up and running, and includes the feature to post short-notice fishing trips to allow folks to get out on the lakes together.

I will feature the "Lake of the Month" for the next change.

Tom





## FALL GET TOGETHER 2013 . . . . . By 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](http://www.casslakelodge.com)

The camping and cabins rates for this year will be:

Tent Camping	\$25.00 / Night
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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you have any questions please contact me at, 320 – 293 – 6633; [mendjo1118@charter.net](mailto:mendjo1118@charter.net)

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