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MEETING DATE
JULY 16, 2013
SPEAKER: RON SANDERS
Jig Fishing Techniques
7:30 p.m.
AMERICAN LEGION
WAITE PARK, MN

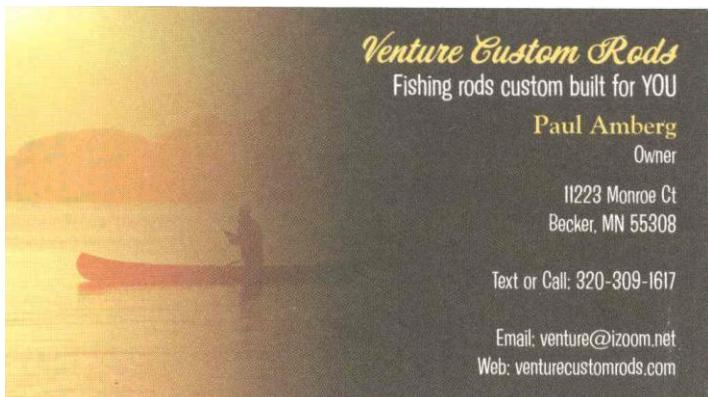
Time on the WaterBy Bruce A. Kitowski, President

As I write this it is hard to believe that next week is the 4th of July. Well nothing I can do about how fast the summer is flying by, so I'm just going to focus on the club outing in 2 days on Sugar Lake. This is something new and exciting this year and it's called the Lake of the Month. Each and every month we will host an outing on a different body of water. Sven Larsen has put together one heck of an agenda and I invite everyone to try and make a few of these outings. June 29th we will be at Sugar Lake and I can't wait to be a part of it. Check out the newsletter and the website for further info.

Last month we held our annual boat show at Gander Mountain, and there was a very nice turnout. Thanks to everyone that brought their rigs and to all that came and shared info. A special thanks to Nate Rose for giving an outstanding seminar on Sugar Lake. We all learned a little something about the lake, and Nate did a great job in answering all the questions.

June is always such a busy month for us that it seems hard to even get out on the water, but we do a lot for the youth in the area and when it comes right down to it that's what is the most important. On June 9th we held the Waite Park Family Fun Festival Kids Fishing Contest. We have done this for a few years now and always look forward to seeing all the kids. Although this year the weather sucked and the turn out wasn't liked we would have liked it to be, a number of kids showed up and braved the cold, wind, and rain, with heavy storms in the forecast. They all got their bag of goodies and prizes. Then we handed out the trophy plaques to the 1st thru 3rd boys and girls. I would like to thank all those that showed up to help out, Ken and Norine Schmitt, Ken and Alex and Adam Smith, Sven and Sam Larsen, Tom Ardolf, Mike Ruff and Stella, Jeanne Lodermeier, and Bruce and Stephanie Kitowski. Also on June 14th we manned the beer garden for the festival. It turned out to be a very beautiful evening. Another thanks to everyone that volunteered, Norine Schmitt, Mike Ruff, Ken Smith, Royce Nies, and Bruce Kitowski.

All of our events and business are done for the year and that means now we can get to some serious fishing. Have a great summer and I hope to see many of you at the monthly outings.



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Kid's Fishing Contest- Top three biggest fish in boys and girls categories.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Marc Jefferson

We'd like to welcome Adam Kobes to the club as a new member. He already has a fish on the log this year too. We're happy to have you, Adam. Membership currently stands at 87. Don't forget about our lake of the month outings this season. I'm looking forward to a fishing a few of them and it's a great time to get out and meet other members.

Contest Standings as of June 28, 2013

CURRENT STANDINGS					
Division	Name	# of Fish, # > 40"	Point s	Largest	Avera ge
Masters	Bryan Thompson	2 fish, 0 > 40"	0	37.50	33.75
Mens	Aaron Starry	2	36	47"	43.75"
	Marc Jefferson	1	17	42.5"	42.5"
	Adam Kobes	1	8	34"	34"
Juniors	Sam Larsen	1	17	42.5"	42.5"

Lunker of the Month

May	Bryan Thompson	37.5	Birch Lake (WI)
June	Aaron Starry	47"	Mille Lacs



Bruce Handing out awards at kid's fishing contest

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Sam Larson Opening weekend fish 42.5"

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT By Aaron Meyer

July is almost here.... Game On! Spring is always a busy time for the club, with all of the various activities we host or take part in. They all require a lot of effort and commitment from our members and volunteers. I'd like to say thanks to everyone who keeps our chapter running and keeps our events successful.

The reward for all of that effort is muskie season! Actually, despite the weird, cold spring weather we had, muskie fishing has been pretty good through the month of June. For me, it wasn't crazy days with tons of action, but it was pretty consistent fishing, and the fish we were getting were all very nice...can't complain with that! But now July is upon us, and that brings big fish and numbers of them! I've actually been out of commission for a bit due to a car accident, but got out yesterday to find water temps have climbed and the weeds are starting to come up too. Got hooks into three very nice muskies yesterday. Not bad for my first time back at it! So, like I said - Game On! Good luck everyone.

As usual, our June boat show was an enjoyable, relaxing evening. Glad to see everyone who was there. If you didn't make it, try to be there next year. It's always nice to hang outside, talk about boats, have a beer, and see how the fishing is going so far.

Last year, long-time active Twin Cities member/new St. Cloud member Ron Sanders gave us a presentation on his very overlooked, very productive jigging presentation. Ron graciously offered to go into a little more detail at our upcoming July meeting. It should be very interesting. See you there!

Aaron

CONTEST REPORT By Marc Jefferson

Did your season start out with the BANG that you thought it would? Yeah, my didn't either. Our standings look a little bit lean for June. Action seems to be somewhat spotty, and 4 of the 5 fish in the Men's division so far were caught over the first 4 days of season. Congrats to Aaron Starry who caught two fish on the 4th of June, your current leader. From a notoriously tough early season lake, nonetheless. Looks like Sam Larsen is poised to have a breakout season, sticking a nice fish on a suick on the 2nd of June. I remember a couple years ago I was fishing with Sven and Sam and I caught a fish on that very same suick. Adam Kobes rounds out our standings with an opener fish from Cass Lake. Next time you're online, check out the nice picture of Jake Anderson on the SCMI Facebook page of a 49" he caught opening day. There have been a few other big fish here and there but also some pretty good fishermen who have yet to score this year. I'm looking forward to seeing what shows up on the logs in July. At least it doesn't look like water temps are going to be a big problem any time soon. Good luck!



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LAKE OF THE MONTH By Sven Larsen

I want to start out by thanking Nate Rose for his excellent presentation about Sugar Lake at the June Boat Show meeting. Nate did a great job of detailing the lake and giving us all some hints on how the lake should be fished. A few of us were out there on June 29th and even though the fish weren't cooperating, we had a great time, especially during lunch at the lake access.

For July, the lake is Shamineau between Randall and Motley Minnesota just off Highway 10. Ron Fenske will be our Lake Host and will present the lake at the meeting on July 16th. Ron will give us some clues on how to fish and invite members to share their pointers from their past experience on the lake. The outing is set for July 27th and like all the lake of the months, you can come if you want at any time of the day and stay as long as you like. We'll have Ron suggest a spot to have lunch so we can get together and share some stories. Looking forward, the lake of the month for August is Miltona. Hope to see you on the water.

Put these dates on your calendar as you can and join other members to fish the Lake of the Month.

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

Lake Shamineau By Ron Fenske

The summer is just flying by; I can't believe the 4th of July is already here. Overall my fishing experiences this summer have been that fishing is slower than normal with the cooler water temperatures. The river has been a blow-out with the high fast water. So, if you have been walleye fishing or golfing you are way ahead of the game. There is a buzz about the upcoming muskie outing on Lake Shamineau at the end of July. I'm looking forward to the discussion about the lake at our July meeting. However, just in case some of you can't make it or I can't be there :(I need to bring up a couple of points.

There are two public accesses on the lake and I would recommend using the west-end one. It's the one most people use and has a quicker access from the main road. It is also easier to launch your rig from. Shamineau is a very clear lake; has about 1625 acres of water and is 3½ miles long, with about 11 miles of shore line. There is one island on the east end. The deepest hole on the lake is about 52 feet and is on the south side of the lake. In comparison, Shamineau is about half the size of Alex and has noticeably less key structure for fishing. Like all great fishing trips, it must begin with a review of a lake map to plan your strategy. A checklist of what you need and if everything is working and fully charged. It is too easy to get to a lake and do the same old thing if you don't have a plan. Being a successful fisherman, hunter or golfer all starts with having the basic gear, but the BIG key is knowing how to use it and then capitalizing on the conditions you are provided. The same old spot, old tricks and your lucky lure doesn't always work or mean success. The great/successful individuals use a concept called..... reasoning.

You can save a lot of money on gadgets and gimmicks if you just remember one important lesson; where would YOU hang out if you were a muskie and needed to eat and rest?

Now let's address this in simpler terms.

The way most of us muskie hunters will approach these issues: where are the muskies, what is their favor lure, what is the best color lure, and what is the best time to? Good questions and unfortunately no-one knows the sure rules or answers to those questions. Although.....there are some general assumptions that can be made that might increase ones chances for success.

Teaser Alert..... We will save that mind blowing, earth shattering discussion for the monthly meeting!

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

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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WEBMASTER By Tom Ardolf

July 2013 Webmaster Report

Facebook: We did gain a few LIKES over the past month, we are currently at 89 Likes. Pictures and activities, plus member posts have been hard to come by – feel free to share your experience on the page!

Cafe press: The site (<http://www.cafepress.com/stcloudmuskies>) continues to get enhancements. As of today, I see one member that has ordered product. Our new logo looks great on the items, so take the time to browse and buy! Getting feedback from members is necessary to make the changes and additions that you'd like to see on the site.

Website: I have our first Lake of the Month as the header on the home page. I always keep the next event listed on the page, too. I continue to update it with a new Sponsor of the Month. Also, all the pictures that Sven provided to me from the Kids' Fishing event during Waite Park's celebration are on the site, too. I hope the families and kids that are on the site get a chance to see themselves.

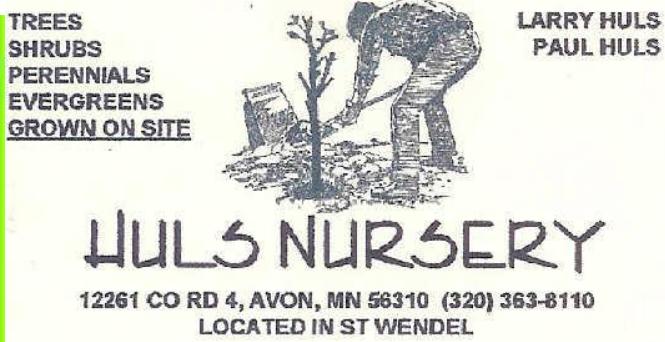
Other: I did send in the letter to Muskies, Inc. regarding the fish handling that was televised. To-date, no response has been received, but it may be that until a meeting takes place with the MI board, we won't hear anything.

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