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9th Annual Fish Dinner Fund Raiser

Mark your calendars for **Friday April 19th** for our **ninth annual fundraising fish dinner at the Waite Park American Legion**. This is our ninth year and we need your help to make it another successful fund raiser. This year we will mail out your packet with your tickets and donation forms. Please sell your 5 tickets and return stubs and money to Bruce as soon as you can. We would like to get a meal count to order food. If you need more tickets contact Bruce and he will get them to you. We are also looking for any donations monetary or prizes to be used for tip boards, silent auction and also for door prizes. Let me know what get for donations.

The other thing I ask is that you help us put on this event. We are looking to schedule volunteers in hour and half shifts. If you have a preference on time you would like to work just let us know. This year the board members will be calling to schedule times to make sure all shifts are covered.

Thank you for all the help that members have given in the past and for this year's event.

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For the past 15 years Gregg Thomas has dedicated his life to the pursuit of educating the public on musky fishing. As a full time guide he starts his season in the southern waters of Cave Run and Green River Lakes in Kentucky. As the season progresses he moves to central Minnesota and fishes the Mille Lacs area. As a writer he has been published in several national publications such as Musky Hunter Magazine, Midwest Outdoors and Fishing Facts. He is also a seminar speaker that has spoken at several Muskies Inc. Chapter meetings, sport shows and sports store events. The final media outlet that Gregg has become involved in is Television and Video. He has appeared on Musky Hunter Television, Keyes Outdoors, Badfish videos and in 2006 he released his own video, Gregg Thomas' "Blueprints to Musky Success: Vol. 1 Weed Fishing." Lastly are Gregg's tournament accomplishments. Having fished the majority of the Professional Musky Tournament Trails events Gregg has become a very accomplished angler, winning the "Top Gun" award twice in 1999 and 2006. He also won two tournaments, including the PMTT World Championship in 1999 and has over a dozen top ten finishes. Gregg enjoys his job and loves teaching people about musky fishing. So if you would, let him share with you some tips that he might have picked up along the way at the seminar.

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For the last few years I've been fortunate enough to be able to attend the DNR's annual Roundtable event. The event is a pretty big deal. It's a two day gathering that brings together people from every conservation organization and every sporting interest in Minnesota to meet with decision makers and management positions from the DNR. There are a lot of presentations, discussions, and information sharing, and it's a great place to meet outdoor writers, legislators, DNR managers, and sportsmen from all across the state.

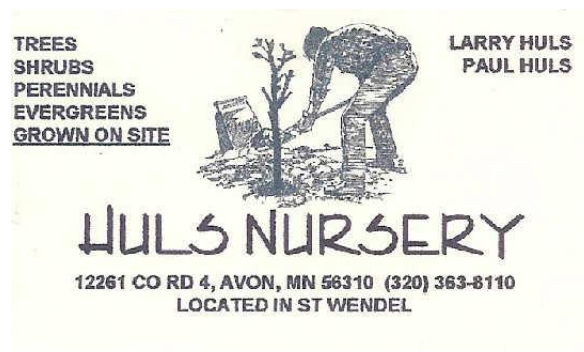
At this year's Roundtable, John Underhill, co-chair of the MN Muskie and Pike Alliance, gave a presentation on what the MMPA has been doing and what we hope to accomplish. One of the three main topics of his presentation was the "Bonus Pike Limits" idea that we've been considering. It's a possible method of addressing overabundant "hammer-handle" pike issues on some lakes. Second was our proposal to increase the size limit on muskies, and third was the continued effort to stock muskies in Lake Tetonka. The good news is that none of these topics have brought any negative feedback since the Roundtable, and all three seem to be gaining public acceptance. We've been talking directly with the DNR and hopefully things will keep flowing smoothly.

At our last chapter meeting the idea was brought up to look into implementing some sort of catch & release "state record" for muskies. Basically it would be a catch/photo/measure type system that would allow released fish to be registered for record keeping. It's a progressive idea that would allow recognition of the huge fish Minnesota is producing as well as recognition to the anglers lucky enough to catch a real giant, all without killing these awesome fish. I think it's a cool idea and would be a major stepping stone towards keeping those big fish swimming. We talked about this a little bit at the last MMPA meeting too. People seemed to like the idea, and we even got indication that some DNR personnel have already discussed this as a possibility. Right now this is nothing more than an idea floating around, but maybe it's something we'll be able to get behind in the near future.

Things are quiet on the legislative front so far, but keep your eyes open... it's that time of year again. Don't forget, our seminar with Gregg Thomas on February 11th is at a new location- the Moose Lodge in Waite Park.

See you there.

Aaron



February 2013 Webmaster Report

I wasn't able to attend the January Board meeting due to work out of state, but I am well aware that the Cafepress web site is being actively discussed. I did find out that Cafepress does not do embroidery, but there is a site that partners with them if we are interested. Otherwise, we can still use Cafepress for other apparel and items. I did email someone from MMPA about how their setup went, I just haven't heard back. It would be good for me to talk with someone that went through the process. If anyone knows of someone that has set up a site like this, I'd appreciate the opportunity to speak with them.

I did contact Ellen Wells at Muskies, Inc. and she quickly steered me to a helpful gentleman at our home office that is assisting me in creating some logo options we can use for products and the web site. I'm sure we will review these at the next Board meeting. Ellen has been very helpful to many multiple times over the last few months, and I have been well served by our MI office.

We had some good activity on the site at the end of the season, but since then, I can't seem to get any energy by the members of MI or others on our Facebook site. Please post musings, ideas, hopes for the new season, what you're reading, watching, doing, etc. The site is for everyone and everyone needs to participate!

Our web site gets some traffic, and surprisingly the most frequently viewed page is the Forum. I don't know why – if it's some sort of search engine driving that or if folks are indeed driving up those stats. I'd appreciate any input on this item. The second most viewed page this past month was our new Board Member listing and third was the Meeting and Events page. We've also added a new Community Service page, and we will update that with new info as it becomes available.

I only got a couple pictures from 2012 to add to our site. It would be greatly appreciated if our members submitted whatever you had that invokes memories of musky fishing!

Thank you for this opportunity to serve, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Gregg Thomas

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NAME	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Bryan Thompson	17, 16 > 40"	302	52.5"	44.3"

MENS:

POSITION #1	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Marc Jefferson	23	413	48"	43.8"
POSITION #2	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Nick DeBoer	19	321	49.5"	42.7"
POSITION #3	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Jake Anderson	7	138	50"	45.71"
POSITION #4	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Nate Rose	7	132	52"	44.9"
POSITION #5	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Tom Ardolf	7	124	50"	43.57"
POSITION #6	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Chad Schulzenburg	7	115	48"	42.35"
POSITION #7	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Troy Schmitz	4	52	43"	38.75"
POSITION #8	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Russ Nelson	2	48	47"	44.75"
POSITION #9	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Eric Kohn	2	34	43"	43"
POSITION #10	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Ken Smith	2	26	42"	39"
POSITION #11	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Sven Larsen	1	19	45"	45"
POSITION #12	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Ken Smith	1	10	36"	36"
POSITION #13	# OF FISH	POINTS	LARGEST	AVERAGE
Sam Larsen	1	10	36"	36"

JUNIORS:

NAME:	# OF FISH	POINTS:	LARGEST:	AVERAGE
Luke Jones	2	32	43"	42"

Contest and Membership Report

By Marc Jefferson

Greetings! I hope everyone is braving the cold weather ok. Here are the final contest standings. Please let me know if your numbers aren't right. It's easy to get things corrected at this time of year on the Lunge Log. Currently our membership stands at 89. We don't have any new members to report this month. Eric Poissant and Tim Radunz are up for renewal in February. Any problems with the Lunge Log or your membership, don't hesitate to call me at 320-266-6456 or email airmarc00@gmail.com (airmarc zero zero).

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