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MEETING DATE

October 16, 2012

7:30 p.m

Waite Park American Legion

WAITE PARK, MN

SPEAKER: JEFF HALVERSON

Reminder that our Muskie Club is having an informal get-together day of fishing on Saturday, October 6th. We will meet at the west end landing on Lake Alexander at 7:00 AM and fish until 7 PM. If you want to have lunch, Castaways has their docks in and will offer a \$5.00 burger basket special. Hope to see all of you there.

MAKING WAVES...

By Bruce A. Kitowski, President

At our last membership meeting things got a little mixed up with our speaker. At the last minute Jeff Halverson could not make it and rescheduled for the month of Oct. As we were scrambling to fill in the evening event a gentleman by the name of Ron Sanders volunteered to speak on jig fishing. He not only grabbed our attention but really taught us all a thing or two about his favorite way to fish. We would like to thank him very much for stepping up when we needed it. Outstanding Ron!

Also thanks to Dave Mendel for putting together our Fall Outing at Cass Lake Lodge. Dave spends a lot of time making sure it comes off without a hitch, and this year was no exception. Read more about it in the newsletter.

On October 6th we will be meeting at Lake Alexander for an all-day outing. It should be a good time and am looking forward to getting on the water.

One last thing I would like to do is thank all of the folks that advertise in our newsletter. We really appreciate them and would not be able to put it out if it wasn't for their support. We truly understand that when times are tough the first thing that gets cut is the advertising dollars. It shows the dedication and passion they all have.

Enjoy the fall.

Bruce



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Marc Jefferson

Membership continues to remain stable at 89 and we do not have any new members to report this month. We'd like to thank Ron Cruser, Robert Koubsky, Tom Rusin and Michael Weis for renewing for another year. We'd like to remind the Amberg family and the Bidwell family that their memberships are up for renewal this month. It was also nice meeting new member Jake Anderson and his Dad up on the Cass outing.

CONTEST REPORT By Marc Jefferson

Contest Standings September 30, 2012

CURRENT STANDINGS					
Division	Name	# of Fish, # > 40"	Points	Largest	Average
Masters	Bryan Thompson	2 fish, 1 > 40"		40.5"	38.88"
Mens	Nick DeBoer	16	277	49.5"	43"
	Chad Schulzetenberg	7	115	48"	42.35"
	Tom Ardolf	4	67	45"	42.75"
	Nate Rose	3	60	52"	46"
	Marc Jefferson	3	54	48"	43.8"
	Russ Nelson	2	48	47"	44.75"
	Troy Schmitz	3	35	41.5"	37.3
	Eric Kohn	2	34	43"	43"
	Ken Smith	2	26	42"	39"
	Sven Larsen	1	19	45"	45"
	Ken Smith	1	10	36"	36"
	Sam Larsen	1	10	36"	36"
Juniors	Luke Smith	1	15	41"	41"

Lunker of the Month

May	Bryan Thompson	36.25	Birch Lake
June	Russ Nelson	47"	Mille Lacs
July	Nate Rose	51"	Miltona
August	Nate Rose	52"	Alex
September	Nick DeBoer	49.5"	Tonka

October greetings! After a hot summer I was really looking forward to some cooler water temps and better action in September. I can't say I've had great action in the last few weeks but there are some people who have put some fish in the boat in the last month. Nick DeBoer continues to lead the contest and listed 3 nice fish in a 5 day span on Tonka and Sugar, biggest coming in at 49.5", all I believe caught on "the Hulk" – a homemade supermodel. By the way – I'm always shocked when I fish with someone and I find out they don't own a Supermodel or some type of double 13 bucktail. Not too many baits are better from opener to the bitter end as the big big blades. Chad Schulzetenberg logged a handful of fish from Lake of the Woods last month, and comes in with two more Minnesota fish in September and the first official livebait fish of the year. Bryan Thompson isn't far behind, boating a fish on a sucker the next day, but ended the month with his boat in the shop thanks to rock on the Big V. Tom Ardolf did as well as anyone in September (and does own a Supermodel) coming in with 3 fish, all over 40" and Dr. Troy Schmitz listed another Lobster Lake fish. We also wrapped up a very very windy Cass Lake outing with Dave Mendal taking the trophy with a chunky 44" caught in some pretty extreme wind conditions on Cass. I caught the only other fish on the outing when we went over to Lake Bemidji for an afternoon to escape the wind. It was only 37" but it's nice to add another lake to the list since that's my first Bemidji

fish. I'm excited about filling my tank with suckers and getting out in the cold weather (if it ever gets cold!). I've enjoyed watching fish chase around my topwaters for the last few weeks but it's piggy time!

See you on the water.

Marc

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Wow! It seems like the weather just keeps going to extremes. Early this summer it was constant heavy rains, then it was extreme heat, and now- absolutely no rain for what seems like months, and weather that seemed more like mid-October than mid-September and then back to August. Water temps have fallen rapidly and we may be nearing turnover soon if this trend keeps up! The fishing recently has been up and down - some days good, some days terrible. A little stability would probably go a long way right now in getting the fish in the mood. Personally, I'm really looking forward to the approaching cold water period.

We had a little glitch in the scheduling of our last meeting but it turned out all right. In fact, it was a very good evening! A new member to our club offered to speak. Ron Sanders was a long-time, active member of the Twin Cities chapter who recently moved to our area and has been getting involved with our club. He gave a great last-minute seminar on fishing jigs for muskies- something completely foreign to most of us. It was very interesting and informative. Thanks Ron!

This months' speaker will be Jeff Halverson, DNR Conservation Officer. Jeff always has stories and info to make it a great night.

See you there!

Aaron



WEBMASTER

We are currently working on updating the website. Please forward any pictures you would like to share to one of the board members and we will be sure to get them posted on the new site, or feel free to post any interesting thoughts and views. . The website is www.stcloudmuskies.com.

FALL GET TOGETHER 2010

Fall Get Together 2012 a Wrap

Our fall outing on Cass Lake is now in the books, with some great times and memories.

Mother Nature dished out a variety of weather of which most of it not being very good. High winds, rain and hail ruled most of the time, but we given several opportunities to view rainbows.

In spite of the weather there were a couple of fish caught. Marc Jefferson got a very pretty 37.5" fish from Lake Bemidji, and I had a 45" on Cass that didn't know the rest of the fish weren't biting and ate a Harasser at the boat.

Thurs evening we had our 'sea food buffet' that was attended by all that were in the resort at the time. We enjoyed sardines, smoked oysters, complemented by cheese, crackers, shrimp and a smoked trout that Sven Larsen bought at Morrie's on the way up. This was well received and will be a part of our future outings.

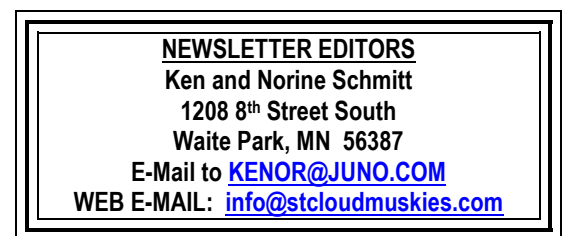
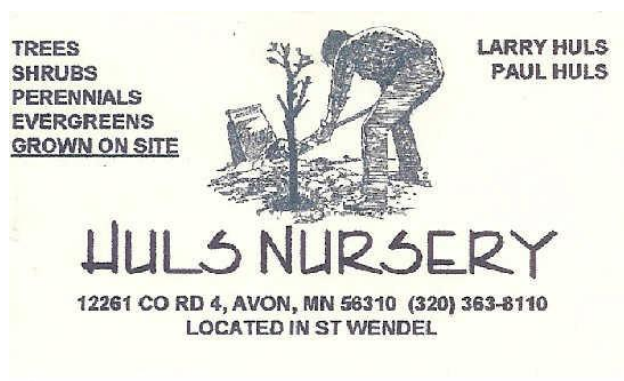
As in the past, CLL did a great job preparing our Friday nite fish dinner with all the fish, potatoes, and beans we could eat. Everyone there received an attendance prize of a lure, and Sven Larsen was the lucky winner of a Knippex cutter.

A special thanks goes out to Bonnie and Linda, the 'Desert Chics' for the delicious treats they brought to the Friday nite dinner, and shared around the camp fire Sat. evening. They tell me there will be a big surprise 'treats' for next year's event. Oh they take such good care of us in the sweets dept.

Well that's it for this year, but mark your calendars for next year's event to be held again at Cass Lake Sept 12th – 15th.

Hopefully you can join us then.

Dave





Dave Mendel



Marc Jefferson



Rainbow Routes: 10 Fall Color Minnesota Drives

Here's a sampler of routes for viewing a rainbow of colorful fall foliage in Minnesota. The list includes some well-known favorites and some less-known gems where you don't have to share the view with a crowd.

North Shore Of Lake Superior

Route: Hwy. 61, Duluth to Grand Portage Peak color: mid-Sept. to early Oct. Great color and great lake views, very popular with fall color fans. Several state parks with wilderness rivers, waterfalls, hiking trails, and scenic overlooks. Yellow aspen and birch along shoreline, with scarlet maples inland along forest roads. Make sure you have a reservation for a place to stay, and try planning midweek trips to avoid the busiest travel periods. This has been designated as an "All American Drive," one of only 15 routes in the country so noted for their outstanding scenery. For an inland view, take Hwy. 1 through the colors of the Superior National Forest to Ely.

Iron Range Loop

Route: Hwy. 169 from Virginia to Tower, Hwy. 135 through Biwabik back to Virginia Peak color: mid-Sept. to early Oct. There's a beautiful mix of color on this circle drive, but plenty of other highlights as well: a tour of the Soudan Underground Mine, two major golf courses at Giants Ridge--The Legend and The Quarry--and the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame at Eveleth. At Virginia, there's an overlook of the area's deepest open pit mine and the new Mesabi Bike Trail.

Edge Of The Wilderness

Route: Hwy. 38, Grand Rapids to Bigfork. Peak color: mid-Sept. to early Oct. Scenic byway winds over hills through the colorful mix of pine and hardwoods of Chippewa National Forest. Return via Co. Rd. 7, and a side trip to beautiful Scenic State Park. Or take one of the back roads through the forest, with stops at lakes and hiking trails.

Mississippi Headwaters

Route: Hwy. 71 between Park Rapids and Bemidji, plus numerous other roads around these towns Peak color: mid-Sept. to early Oct. Itasca State Park, source of the mighty Mississippi River, is the star attraction. Lake Bemidji State Park, with its birch and pine, is another highlight. Surfaced bike trail in Itasca, and mountain bike trails in Bemidji State Park. Also, scenic biking along the nearby Heartland Trail.

Otter Tail County

Route: Hwys. 108 & 78, and numerous county roads. Peak color: late Sept. to early Oct. The rolling country- side between Fergus Falls - Perham is a blend of wooded hills, lakes, and farmland. Highlights are Maplewood and Glendalough state parks, historic Phelps Mill, and the view from Inspiration Peak, off Co. Rd. 38.

Brainerd Lakes & Mille Lacs Route: Hwy. 371 and 6, and the county roads between them, plus Hwy. 169

Peak color: late Sept. to early Oct. Gull, Pelican and Cross lakes and the Whitefish Chain of Lakes sparkle amid woods of maple, oak, birch and aspen. Mille Lacs Kathio State Park is an expanse of colorful forest at the edge of Mille Lacs, and an observation tower here offers fantastic views. Fishing, boating, golfing and biking the Paul Bunyan Trail are favorite activities in this lake country.

St. Croix River Valley

Route: Hwy. 95 from Taylors Falls to Afton Peak color: late Sept. to mid-Oct.

The scenic St. Croix River winds through wooded hillsides and sheer cliffs. Four state parks feature great river views: Interstate, Wild River, William O'Brien and Afton. Charming towns of Stillwater, Taylors Falls and Afton have numerous antique and gift shops. Boat excursions feature great fall color. This drive is very popular in the fall; consider a midweek visit to avoid weekend traffic.

Twin Cities Touring

Route: Parkways around Minneapolis lakes, along Minnehaha Creek, Mississippi and Summit Ave. Peak color: late Sept. to mid-Oct.

Few major cities can boast such beautiful drives, especially pretty in the fall. Circle Lake of the Isles, Calhoun, Harriet and Nokomis lakes, and visit Minnehaha Falls. They're all along the Grand Rounds Scenic Byway. The Lake Street and Ford Parkway bridges have great views of the Mississippi bordered by colorful, wooded hillsides. St. Paul's tree-lined Summit Avenue is bordered by stately homes.

Mississippi River Valley

Route: Hwy. 61 between Red Wing and LaCrescent Peak color: Mid-Oct.

Charming rivertowns and wooded bluffs along the Mississippi. Steep hillsides dressed in brilliant autumn hues of red, russet and gold. Several scenic overlooks, including those at Frontenac and Great River Bluffs state parks. Several roadside apple stands. This is a popular fall drive, so book your stay ahead of time.

Minnesota River Drive

Route: Co. Rd. 6 & Hwy. 93 from Belle Plaine to LeSueur, then Hwy. 169 to Mankato, then Hwy. 68 to New Ulm. Peak color: late Sept. to mid-Oct. Follows the bend in the river, and the ribbon of yellow and gold hardwoods that borders its waters. Riverside parks in LeSueur, St. Peter, Mankato, and New Ulm, as well as blufftop overlooks in New Ulm. At Minneopa State Park, a trail follows the riverbank, and there are 45- foot double waterfalls along a creek.



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