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## **MEETING DATE**

**July 17, 2012**

**7:30 p.m**

**Waite Park American Legion**

**WAITE PARK, MN**

**SPEAKER: Stanley Morgan**

## MAKING WAVES...

By Bruce A. Kitowski, President

Another huge month in June for the chapter. We can now settle down a bit and enjoy the fishing aspect of our sport. We started out with running the Beer Garden for the Spass Tag Festival, and what a night it was. The weather was beautiful and the friends we made were even better. Thanks to all the helpers: Bruce Kitowski, Norine Schmitt, Ken Smith, and Mike Ruff.

The last event for the festival is the Kids Fishing Contest. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year our club has put it on. The turnout was down a little with 53 kids showing up. This was due to the heat and heavy humidity with major storms moving in. The storms held off just long enough to get the contest in. All the kids and their parents had a great time. Thanks to all that helped out: Bruce and Stephanie Kitowski, Ken and Norine Schmitt, Jeanne Lodermeier, Sam Larsen, and who could forget the MC of the event Ken Smith, who was also accompanied by his two sons Adam and Alex. Each child that registered got a bag of goodies and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place boys and girls got plaques. It really feels good to do things for others that we take for granted.

Our June membership meeting was held at the Gander Mountain's parking lot for our annual Boat Show. This was one of the biggest turnouts we have ever had. It always seems to amaze me at how much I learn each year about what members can do to their boats. Thanks to everyone that showed up and especially to the folks that brought their rigs.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July and you get a chance to get on the water. Please remember to use good judgment when going after the big girls, now that the temps are on the rise. Water temps are increasing each day and the fish really struggle with the heat.

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### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Marc Jefferson

We are current holding steady at 94 members. We're very happy to have Mike Dincau, the Jones Family, Dennis Kobiela, Bryan Thompson and the Smith Family back for another year, and would like to remind Jeff Laumb that he's up for renewal this month.

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## CONTEST REPORT By Marc Jefferson

Greetings! Things seem to be off to a slow start this year, I know they are for me. Bryan Thompson got on the board early, as usual, with a Wisconsin fish. Ken Smith registers the first Minnesota fish of the year, with a 36" on opener. Nick has stuck a few out on Tonka, including a two fish night. I know he also lost a couple that night as well, and also netted a 50" for a newbie he took out that same week. Finally, Russ Nelson puts up a Mille Lacs 47" to start the season. I can't believe it's the end of June already and water temps are pushing 80 in the metro. Worse yet is I lost the only fish I've hooked this season due to a stray treble tangling the net. I know a lot of guys who have been fishing hard with not much luck but I know I'm looking forward to getting out of town a few times in July. Good luck on the water.


Contest Standings 2012:

CURRENT  
 STANDINGS



Division	Name	# of Fish, # > 40"	Point s	Largest	Average
Masters	Bryan Thompson	1 fish, 0 > 40"		37.25	37.25
Mens	Nick DeBoer	3	44	41.5"	39.75"
	Russ Nelson	1	21	47"	47"
	Ken Smith	1	10	36"	36"

Lunker of the Month - May - Bryan Thompson 36.25 Birch Lake



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WEBMASTER By Ron Fenske

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

By Aaron Meyer

*Aaron*

It was good to see all of you who came to the boat show! It seems that every year we have storms the evening of our boat show, and this time it sure looked threatening, but the rain held off and we all had a

nice evening!

Believe it or not, our July seminar will be given by a guy who we all just met at the boat show! He is new member, Stanley Morgan. Stanley showed up at our boat show and immediately seemed to fit right in... it was obvious, he's a "muskie guy". Stanley was a serious muskie nut for years, and got pretty dang good at it. In fact, he won a few tournaments and did some guiding. As he put it, when he gets into something, he gets in all the way and muskies were his thing. Well, he caught a lot of big muskies, and then decided he was ready for something bigger! So, he moved to Florida and got into saltwater fishing- and he found that "something bigger"- namely tarpon! He ended up running a fishing charter for tarpon, snook, wahoo, and many more... anything big and exciting! Now, after many years of that, he's back in Minnesota. And guess what... now he's chasing muskies with a fly rod!

So, the July meeting is going to be a mixture of whatever we all want to hear about- BIG FISH- tarpon, bonefish, muskies on the fly, river muskies, etc, etc. After talking with Stanley for a few minutes, it's immediately obvious that even though he's "been there, done that", he's got a lot of passion and excitement for fishing. I think this is going to be a great seminar- hope to see you all there!

One more thing- check out my new website. [www.aaronmeyermuskies.com](http://www.aaronmeyermuskies.com). I've still got a few things to add, and a lot of photos to put in, but it's up and running! Let me know what you think, and if anyone is interested in a guided trip, I do offer a discount for St. Cloud chapter members. Thanks!  
Aaron



Our chapter hosted the annual kids fishing contest at the Waite Park Family Fun Festival on June 10<sup>th</sup> during a very hot and windy Sunday afternoon. Pictured above are the first, second and third place winners in boys and girls categories. The event was funded by the Hugh C. Becker Foundation, Inc. The kids who came had wide grins as they caught fish and brought them up to the weighing stand.







A special thank you to our volunteers for helping with the kid's fishing contest: Bruce Kitowski, Ken Smith, Sam Larson, Ken Schmitt, Norine Schmitt, Jeanne Lodermeier, Stephanie Kitowski, Adam Smith, and Alex Smith.

#### FALL GET TOGETHER 2012

The Fall Get Together this year will be September 20-23<sup>rd</sup> at Cass Lake Lodge. Information for Cass Lake Lodge is 218-335-6658 or [www.casslakelodge.com](http://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

The CLL has reserved the 'Mega-Cabin' for our event. The Mega is connected to the Lodge which will make it very convenient for our Friday night fish fry. There is also a large area outside with a great view of the lake for evening camp fires and storytelling. To check it out go to: <http://www.casslakelodge.com/megacabin.html>

The resort is holding two other cabins for the folks that would like a little more privacy, so when making reservations please let them know whether or not you want to be in the Mega. The Cass Lake area will be very busy this weekend and at this time the resort is almost full, so these cabins will only be held until August 1, 2012, 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 improved harbor that will serve us better. If you need a boat slip, please request one at the time you make reservations. Camping is in limited supply and, is

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

Once again 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.  
If you have any questions please contact me.

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Members of the chapter served up a lot of beer at a very busy car show Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Waite Park festival this year. Special thanks to Bruce Kitowski, Mike Ruff, Ken Smith and Norine Schmitt for pouring!!



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