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SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

7:30 p.m

Waite Park American Legion
WAITE PARK, MN

SPEAKER: Jeff Halverson
Little Falls Conservation Officer

MAKING WAVES...

By Bruce A. Kitowski, President

We have had some pretty awesome seminars this year which goes to shows Aaron Meyer who is our program director is doing a bang up job. August was no exception. Paul Amberg, of "Venture Custom Rods" joined us and put on a show that was simply amazing. I think I can truthfully say he is the Rembrandt of rod building. His work is absolutely beautiful and out of this world. He showed us stuff that you would believe could never be done. Not only did he bring samples, he explained each procedure as he builds them. I am ordering an ice rod from him, and would strongly suggest that if you are in the market to have a custom built rod, check out Paul's work. He also teaches classes on building. Thanks Paul for a wonderful and informative meeting, we all had ball.

I would like to issue a very heartfelt thank you to Sam Larsen. Sam has been our secretary for quite some time, and now he's off to college. We will all miss him very much, and the excellent job he did. Sam was the youngest person to ever be on a Muskies Inc. board of directors. This shows his passion and maturity at such a young age. I did tell him to put college off for about 5 years because we needed him more. I don't think his parents appreciated that too much, because he is still going to college. We all wish him the very best and know that he will not be a stranger to the club. If I know Sam, college or no college, he will be on the water. In Minnesota when your kids have a responsibility and can't continue to commit, the parents, or parent have to resume the responsibility. (I know this is a law because I saw it on the internet). Well believe it or not Sam's dad Sven has offered to take up being secretary for the club, and we are pleased to have him aboard. Little does he know that this is the only 5 year term on the board. Just kidding Sven.

Now that it's beginning to cool down, and the water temps are subsiding, get out there and have some fun. Don't forget about our club outing on Cass Lake this month, it truly will be a great time. You can read more elsewhere in the newsletter. Before I forget, cast one with my name on it, I would appreciate it.

Bruce



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Marc Jefferson

Greetings! Membership holds steady at 89. We don't have any new members this month, but we'd like to welcome back Royce Nies, Cliff Peterson and Chad Schulzetenberg for another season, and we'd like to remind Tom Rusin that he's up for renewal in September. Good luck on the water this month!



First of all I hope all of you guys had a great summer like I did. I spent it working at Many Point Scout Camp near the Park Rapids - Detroit Lakes area. It's the third largest Boy Scout camp in the nation and held over 4,000 scouts this year during 8 weeks. The camp lies on the shores of Many Point Lake and they own eight and a half miles of lakeshore, which accounts for well over half of the shoreline of the 1700 acre lake. It is mostly an undeveloped shoreline making it a cool lake to fish. It was also recently restocked with muskies. I was really excited to try and do lots of fishing this year especially for muskies so I packed up some small baits and a rod and headed to camp.

For the first week of camp we have mentoring from experts to improve the counselors knowledge of the merit badges. I was very jealous of the fishing merit badge counselors when I heard they got to go fishing with guys from the Fargo Muskies Inc. chapter all day. I ended up talking to the guys at lunch to find out if they were even fishing for muskies on the lake because it was only restocked in 2006. There was good news to me because they had been fishing Muskie and I found out they were getting fish in the 30 to 38 range and the biggest was a 41. This got me excited. I had also seen a couple of 30" range fish swimming near our beach during the rest of staff week. Unfortunately I was a little busier than expected and didn't quite have the dedication to get up to often before breakfast at 7:45 or go out after we got done at 9:00 PM in the evening. I ended up doing most of my fishing time during the hour we got off before dinner. There was an awesome cabbage finger and sunken island just off the shore of our beach. A kayak with a double showgirl turned out to be the best way to fish due the balance of a good retrieval pace and a decent amount of trolling power the bucktail gave my kayak. I just fan casted in the direction I wanted to go and the resistance of the lure and the water would pull me there. Early in the season I saw a lot of small fish in the 20inch range. After a couple of weeks without seeing a big fish I was starting to second-guess the area. One day I was planning on going during my off hour with another staff member but

laundry held me up a little longer than I wanted. I got to the beach and he was just coming in and asked me if I still wanted to go out. I said "sure, might as well" so I quick grabbed my rod and my pliers and jumped into a kayak with my full class A Boy Scout uniform on not exactly expecting to catch a fish. I decided to head out a little deeper where I saw a boat catch a muskie the week before. Finally right at the boat one hit. What a blast fishing out of a kayak, being at eye level with the water when it hit a rod and a half length away. It was pretty cool. On the hookset my boat turned 180 degrees. It towed me around pretty good conveniently and thankfully toward shore. Finally with a short one-handed paddle, I got to shore landed the fish and had time for a quick picture and release. It wasn't exactly a monster but still fun at 36". It also turned out to be the new camp record. I ended up only catching one more fish in the same spot that was about 25" 3 days later. I saw probably 10 more fish in this 50ft by 50ft area not knowing what was exactly there at the time. I checked the DNR's maps when I got home and it turned out that the area was in the vicinity of a sunken island other maps didn't show.

One more quick story. Our beach director was swimming by the Aqua tramp and saw a Muskie near the floating trampoline. He yelled to my brother saying, "Hey Pete, there's a Muskie swimming out here". A young scout heard this and asked, "What's a Muskie?" to which the beach director said, "It's a little tinny fish about this big" He held out his thumb and pointer finger about 2 inches apart. When the young scout turned away, the beach director looked back at Peter and held his arms spread as far apart as he could, without saying a word.

Sam Larsen

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CONTEST STANDINGS By Marc Jefferson

Contest Standings August 31st, 2012

CURRENT STANDINGS

Division	Name	# of Fish, # > 40"	Points	Largest	Average
Masters	Bryan Thompson	1 fish, 0 > 40"		37.25	37.25
Mens	Nick DeBoer	13	213	48.5"	42.1"
	Chad Schulzetenberg	5	86	48"	43.2"
	Nate Rose		60	52"	46"
	Russ Nelson	2	38	47"	44.7"
	Marc Jefferson	2	38	48"	45"
	Ken Smith	2	26	42"	39"
	Troy Schmitz	2	24	41.5"	37.8"
	Tom Ardolf	1	19	45"	45"
	Sven Larsen	1	19	45"	45"
	Sam Larsen	1	10	36"	36"
Juniors	Luke Jones	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"	Alexander

CONTEST REPORT By Marc Jefferson

Hi Guys – we're starting our August summary by going back to mid July to welcome Sam Larsen to the list this year with his first fish. Nick DeBoer also had some late July entries from his annual trip to Minaki. No tankers for the week but some really nice upper 40s in the boat for Nick. Luke Jones debuts with a Mississippi River fish this month, as well as Tam Ardolf with a nice fish from Sugar. Chad Schulzetenberg also logged 5 fish from 3 days on Lake of the Woods. Troy Schmitz is on the board with

a couple fish from Lobster Lake too, but then we see who other than Nate Rose with yet another PB, this one was a 52" from Alexander. Congrats on yet another PB this year Nate and your 2nd 50". We've got a lot of time to go yet this season but Nate is making a serious run at placing in the contest this year.

We enjoyed quite a flurry of action on the back end of front that came through in mid august. Multiple reports of good action around the state flooded in but things have kind of slowed back down with warmer temps here at the end of August. I'm really looking forward to the next big cooldown so I can break out the surface baits and fish shallow, which is my favorite pattern of the year. Good luck in September!

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

By Aaron Meyer

Well, even though we've had a couple hot days now, here at the end of August, we've been very fortunate to have had quite a bit of cooler, more comfortable weather lately. I'm glad to say that the water temps have gone down too, putting them back into a safe and comfortable range for the fish. The fishing has been improving and, with fall on the horizon, should just keep getting better!

I was unable to make it to the last meeting but I hear Paul Amberg did a great job speaking and everyone had a good time

This month I am hoping to have Little Falls Conservation Officer Jeff Halveron speaking again. Jeff always has a lot of great stories and it makes for a fun night. With busy schedules, Jeff and I haven't been able to get lined up for sure just yet. Please watch the website. When I get things confirmed, I will post it there.

See you on the water!

Aaron

FALL GET TOGETHER 2012

UPDATE 8/27/2012

Hi all,

With only a few weeks to go here is the final update of this year's event.

Due to some miscommunication we won't be using the Bears Den as I reported last month. However there are plenty of smaller cabins available to accommodate our group even for members without a reservation, and use of the main lodge as an area to get together during the evenings.

So here's a schedule of events for the weekend.

Thursday:

Sea food buffet, 8:00 pm in the Lodge. (bring your own sardines, smoked oysters etc. to share) If these flavored little fish don't suit your fancy, feel free to bring some other snacky food. This will be a good opportunity to meet new members and discuss the days fishing successes

Friday:

Fish fry with all the fixens. 8:00pm sharp in the Lodge.

CLL will prepare an excellent meal and followed up with goodies from our Desert Chics, Bonnie and Linda.

The cost of the Friday meal is \$10.00 which includes dinner and a chance in a drawing of attendance prizes, with one lucky person taking home a Knipex cutter.

Also there will be a camp fire to gather around most evenings for more story telling.

If you plan to attend please find the information below to contact the resort.

The Fall Get Together this year will be September 20-23rd at Cass Lake Lodge. Information for Cass Lake Lodge is 218-335-6658 or www.casslakelodge.com

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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. Hope to see you there!!

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