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# LAURA SCHARA

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## *Catching Family Values*

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**5:30 - “Meet N Greet”** Social Time to personally meet Laura, get an autograph, picture and socialize prior to Seminar. For this Pre-event we are asking a \$10 Donation to further our Youth Activities.

**7:00 - “Catching Family Values”** Seminar featuring Laura Schara (NO COST FOR THIS SEMINAR)

This year the event features Laura Schara of Minnesota Bound, Due North Outdoors, Destination Polaris, and North American Fisherman on NBC. Laura shares her experiences of growing up under the guidance of her father, Ron Schara, as well as her own experiences in the Outdoors. Ron Schara is a Member of the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame and is a nationally acclaimed Outdoor TV Producer. The “Catching Family Values” Laura Schara Guest Seminar is an event dedicated to the growth and nurturing of the next generation of Muskie Fisherpersons.

This event focuses entirely on our mission to add and develop programs for Youth and Families. It is a fact that if a child hunts, fishes and enjoys the outdoors with Mom, Dad or other adult, this experience will be a lifelong endeavor. On the other hand, without exposure, the child may not have the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. This is especially true for financially struggling families where cost is an issue.

We enthusiastically invite entire families, women and children to further explore the Outdoors, along with Women’s Fishing Clubs, Fishing Clubs of all Species, and anyone interested in joining us in learning about the world we love.

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Because of conflict with the Muskie Expo, the new date for the Annual Fish Dinner is April 29.

Watch your mail for your ticket packet that will be sent out this month.

\*\*\*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR: We will have a drawing for 10 prizes for all presold tickets. Ticket numbers will be drawn and will be posted at the ticket table. The prizes can be picked up the night of the fish dinner.

We are still looking for donations for door prizes, tip boards and silent auction items. Contact Bruce 320-290-7101 or Ken 320-290-6272 for prizes and Eric to volunteer: [epkohn34@hotmail.com](mailto:epkohn34@hotmail.com) 612-636-7928

**Time on the Water . . . . .**By Bruce A. Kitowski, President

Please take a few minutes while reading the newsletter and check out all of the sponsors. They are the ones that help us throughout the year to accomplish the things we do. When all is said and done we have raffles, Kids Fishing Contests, Big Brothers/Big Sisters outing, Chapter outings, seminars and our Anglers Dinner Fundraiser, which without their sponsorship it would be very difficult to put on all of these events. So if you are looking to purchase something keep them in mind, and thank them for supporting us.

I would like to pass along a very warm welcome to our newest Board Member, Alex Lauer. He has taken over the position of Webmaster, and we know he will be a great fit to the chapter. ([alex.jkmarine@gmail.com](mailto:alex.jkmarine@gmail.com))

On February 2nd at Blackberry Ridge we will be hosting our special seminar which includes Laura Schara. She will be speaking on “Catching Family Values”. Read more about it in the newsletter, and hope to see you there.

Stay warm and remember that we are all ambassadors of Chapter 37.

Bruce



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## **YOUTH DIRECTOR REPORT . . . . .** By Eric Kohn

**Save the Date...** Saturday May 7, 2016 - 9:30 - 1pm:  
14th Annual Big Brothers Big Sister Fishing Outing,  
Rock Island Park, Waite Park

February 2, 2016 - 7:00 pm: Please try to attend the upcoming presentation by Laura Schara. She will be discussing how she was introduced to the outdoors by her Father Ron. We all need to be reminded on the future of our sport and it is dependent on the involvement of our youth. We all have a part to play in the preservation of our great outdoors. Take time and get kids active and involved in the outdoors.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me.  
Eric Kohn [epkohn34@hotmail.com](mailto:epkohn34@hotmail.com)

## **PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT . . . . .** By Aaron Meyer

John Underhill, myself, and a few others from the MMPA recently attended the DNR Roundtable. This is an annual event where the DNR brings together a couple hundred active outdoor enthusiasts and organization leaders to get together with many of the leaders and key people within the DNR. There are presentations by the DNR on many current topics related to managing our natural resources, and it gives us all a chance to have direct conversations with those involved. There are also summaries presented from each of the species-specific work groups, and this year I was selected to discuss the Pike/Muskie work group.

We are still in the middle of two big topics in the pike/muskie world. One is the current set of proposed muskie lakes, and the other is the potential changes to pike management statewide.

At this time, neither is a done deal. The DNR's plan is to first work on the pike regulations. These changes are extremely important, and it's going to take some effort to get it done right. Sounds like they plan to make a big push to move this ahead in the next few months.

In the meantime, they are working on addressing the issues arising against muskie stocking. With some further outreach, and some help from us, they'll likely make those decisions sometime this summer. We'll have more work to do on this, and I'll keep you updated. Stay tuned

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## **OUTING'S CHAIRMAN . . . 2016 Club Outing on Big Mantrap . . . .** By Ryan Hoffman

### **DATE CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 22-25**

The dates for the Big Mantrap outing have been moved back one week to September 22-25. Hopefully this isn't too much of an inconvenience if you had planned to go and already planned around the previous dates.

If you read about it in the previous newsletter we plan to stay at Norway Hills Resort. Check them out here: <https://www.norwayhills.com> the pricing they quoted me is a 20% reduced rate from their summer rates shown on the website. If we were able to fill an 8 person fully furnished cabin the price would be \$158 plus tax per person for 4 days/3 nights with dockside electrical and trailer parking included. Ultimately the individual pricing really depends on how many people go and if we can fill up the cabin(s) or not. They have 4, 6, or 8 person cabins available so if you would like to book your own cabin to stay with friends or family at the same time that option is available too.

There is also tent camping available at the Mantrap Lake Campground and Day Use Area adjacent to the main launch for those who may choose to camp. From the DNR website "The campsites are considered "primitive", designed to furnish only the basic needs of the camper. The campsites consist of a cleared area, fire ring, and table. Vault toilets, garbage cans, and drinking water are available. All sites are on a first come, first-served basis". Cost is \$14 per night and is required via registration envelopes available at the campground.

I would like to reserve the resort cabins as soon as possible to ensure the cabins are available for us. If you plan to attend this outing, please let me know ASAP. As of now we have one group of 4 reserving their own cabin and another 6 people who are going! A 20% deposit is required to book the cabin(s) so it's time to get serious and commit to this great SCMI outing! I would like to be able to reserve the cabin(s) by the end of January. If we get 8 people for a cabin the deposit will be \$40 each. I will send an email right before the January meeting to let you know how much the actual deposit will be once I get confirmations from people so you know how much money to bring to the meeting for your deposit. Please call, text, or email if you are interested in this outing or have any questions. [rhoffmanisu@gmail.com](mailto:rhoffmanisu@gmail.com); 320-492-7369

The lake of the month presentation in April will be on Big Mantrap and will be given by an SCMI member that has done very well out there and plans to join us on the outing!

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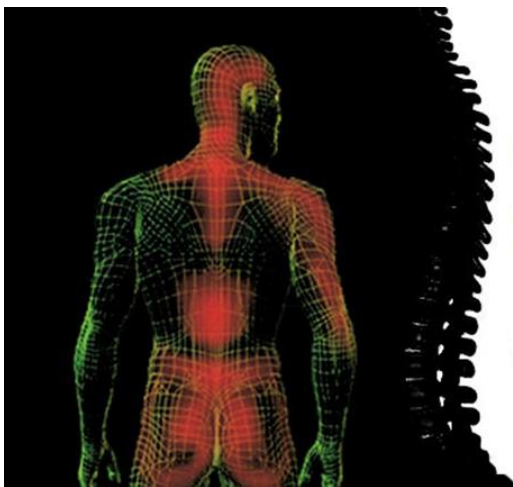
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### January Meeting: Lure and Leader Building

Thanks Ryan, Nate, and Mike for all your input last night at the meeting!

For those of you who missed it, we all got a really sweet seminar on lure building, and leader making!

This is the kinda stuff this group is about; helping each other and sharing techniques to simplify this trying sport.





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In January we didn't have any drops and gained one new member: **Brad St. George from Big Lake**. The easiest way to renew your membership is online. The website ([muskiesinc.org](http://muskiesinc.org)) should prompt you for renewal once your membership expires.

Spread the word and encourage anyone interested in muskie fishing/management to join our chapter, it would be great to see our chapter grow.

## CONTEST REPORT · · · · By Nate Rose

Well the 2015 season is a wrap, not many fish were caught since Nov 23 and nothing HUGE so the contest standings didn't change drastically. I'd like to congratulate everyone who boated a fish this season and especially those who boated 50" fish!!

Thanks for participating in the contest everyone and I hope you had a great season. Have a great winter as you reflect back on the 2015 season.

### Contest Standing December 31, 2015

CURRENT STANDINGS					
Division	Name	# of Fish	Points	Largest	Average
MensMasters	Bryan J Thompson	9	150	44.00	42
Mens	Alex Lauer	25	483	53.50	45
	Eric W Poissant	16	273	51.00	43
	Nathan Rose	8	134	48.50	43
	Thomas Ardolf	4	79	47.00	46
	Troy A. Schmitz	4	69	49.50	43
	Bruce A Kitowski	4	49	51.00	38
	Justin Sharer	3	38	51.00	39
	Tom Agnew	2	31	45.00	42
	Ken Schmitt	2	27	40.00	40
	Chris Paye	2	24	40.00	38
	Chad Berger	1	20	46.00	46
	Eric Kohn	1	16	42.00	42
	Mike Brister	1	13	38.50	38.5

LUNKER OF THE MONTH			
Month	Member Name	Length	Lake
June	Thomas Ardolf	47.00	Mille Lacs
	Eric W Poissant	47.00	Alex
July	Eric W Poissant	51.00	Sugar
August	Alex Lauer	48.00	Leech
September	Bruce A Kitowski	51.00	Rainy Lake
	Justin Sharer	51.00	Lobster
October	Alex Lauer	53.00	Big Mantrap
November	Alex Lauer	53.50	Bemidji



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