



NEWS CASTS

Special Meeting Date – March 20th (a week earlier than normal) is the 25th Anniversary Meeting and the 2006 Members Only Fishing Contest Award Night. Please attend and enjoy the history of the chapter as reviewed by Darryl Mack and Craig Niermann.

Banquet is March 26th @ Klemmer's Banquet Center, get your reservations early. Special things happening include; The Early Bird Special – Portable DVD Player, reservations received by February 26th will be entered into a drawing. Muskie Buck raffle tickets, must be purchased in advance and get 2 for 1, in \$10.00 increments. Plus New Member Raffle, receive a chance at a separate raffle for a St. Croix Rod and Reel. See Al Nienas contact info below.

Banquet Volunteers will win again. We need help in the morning, afternoon and evening of March 26th. Setup during the day and assist with ticket sales prior to the meal. Chapter members and/or their spouses will be eligible for a free entry to the event, and can purchase Muskies Bucks tickets prior to the event. Contact Al Nienas @ 262-252-3484 or alnienas@aol.com, or N59 W21422 Mc Laughlin Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. He will need your name, contact info and availability times.

New Member Raffle for 2007 As you know an organization such as ours depends on our members. There is always a need to keep an influx of 'new blood'. Our chapter is having two 'new member' prizes this year. One is for a new member whose name is drawn at the Banquet on the 26th. Associated with that is a 'member reference' raffle for a separate rod and reel drawn from those who have given us a new member. There is a place on the entry blank for 'referring member' from where we will also award a prize. This shows you how much the Chapter Board appreciates the help provided to allow this chapter to continue at the high level it has for the past 25 years.

Trip to Minaki in 2007 A couple of the 'better' fishermen (you can put the definition on that) are going to Bay View Lodge in Minaki Ontario for the 2nd week in July. Harrison Bowes and Ron Groeschl have room in their cabin for a few more. It is open as to whether you want American Plan (they cook) or European Plan (you cook). The chapter has had members fishing these waters for the past 12 or so years. Excellent muskie, northern, bass, walleye, whatever in this river and lake environment. We know the waters, the maps are excellent, it is 732 miles from New Berlin to the launch. Heck maybe Major Bowes, USMC Retd., will even allow you to participate in his unending World Championship Bass Tournament, held every lunch hour.

2007 is the last year that passports are not necessary, though it might be a good thing to have one. There will even be a week available at the lodge as a vocal auction item at the Banquet just in case the 7th thru the 13th does not fit your schedule. If you are interested, Ron Groeschl 262 789-1255 or rgoeschl@wi.rr.com and we can get together to show you the waters. For more information contact Bryan or Kathleen at 800-844-7907. Their web site is www.minaki-bayviewlodge.com

This is the Season for Chapter Tournaments

Opening Weekend – Flatlanders are back. May 5th and 6th This is the ongoing battle of the Milwaukee Chapter versus our friends from below the border. We fish out of Smokey's West and the event is Saturday and Sunday with our usual victory celebration Sunday afternoon. There were a couple of years when we did not win this tournament, but the cause of that is not known to the veterans' of this event. This is a 'no cost' chapter outing, limited to those who signup, (there is a cutoff). Contact is Darryl Mack at 262 542-5845 or dwmack@sbcglobal.net

Pewaukee Lake Classic Musky Tournament – May 12th The 23rd year! This is our solid, award winning tournament. One day, Pewaukee, Dinner and event at The Sussex Bowl. Trophies for first, second, third and largest fish, door prizes for all. Annual special commemorative cap and a meal. Cost is \$50.00 for adults, and \$25.00 for juniors, 16 or younger. Contact is Bryan Blanke at 262 703-0399 or bblankefish@yahoo.com

Larry Kleeba Challenge – This is a gathering of the 9 chapters of Muskies Inc. located in the state of Wisconsin. We take turns hosting this annual tournament and 2007 is our turn. Details are being developed, but the date is June 2nd and 3rd at Smokey's West. The usual 8 hours on Saturday and then Sunday morning. We have not won this in a few years, and to have it on our 'home turf' i.e. Pewaukee would suggest that "This is the Year!" There is a signup required so the contact is Bob Petzke at 262 442-6260 or robert.petzke@sbcglobal.net

Gil Hamm Memorial Challenge, June 13, 14, and 15th at the Holcombe Flowage area. This is hosted by the First Wisconsin Chapter, who won the 2006 tournament. This is the International tournament and is really a good time. There is a budget so some items are 'on the house', but it is still a lot of fishing and a good time for all. You have seen the group pictures in the magazine and that shows the camaraderie that is there. There are teams of 6 people per, and multiple teams are allowed. We could use some help as the last team we fielded, Minaki in 2005 ended up in 4th place. Not bad. They are fishing more than the Holcombe Flowage, and additional information is on the www.muskiesinc.org site under the Gil Hamm pointer. There is a signup and registration, paid by the chapter, so the contact is Bob Petzke at 262 442-6260 or robert.petzke@sbcglobal.net

National Championship Musky Open 2007 by the Musky clubs Alliance of Wisconsin, Inc. and Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce August 17, 18, 19th at the Vilas County Fair Grounds, Hwy 70 W in Eagle River. Grand Door Prize, 2007 Ranger Boat with 115 Mercury Outboard, Electric Trolling Motor. Entry fee is \$50.00 prior to tournament, \$55.00 walk up during. The tournament is broken up into sections of specific lakes, so get some info and pick out your favorite body of water and go for it. Information is at www.eagleriver.org or email info@eagleriver.org or 800 359-6315 for additional information.

Best of the Best Musky Tournament – Green Bay WI. Oct 12, 13, 14th This is the BIG one for Muskies Inc. \$5,000 prize for first place. Cost is \$250 per boat. Lots of sponsors and lots of fish. Last year 47 fish were caught by the participants. The musky are following the bait fish into the river, so it is a very fast and fun bite. It will be hosted by the Green Bay Yacht Club at the base of the Fox River so launching is good, parking is adequate on a first come, first served basis. More information is on the web at www.muskiesinc.org or www.titletownmuskiesinc.org . Jay Zahn at 920 866-9705 or jzahn000@centurytel.net

Members Only Fishing Contest needs a new hand. After watching over our musky registrations and the development of our annual booklet for the past few years, Dennis Moser is putting that task aside. He has done a yeomen's' job of gathering info and organizing it for our annual contest. At least now we have the on-line member registration option to off-load the task of entry. Now we are looking for a new volunteer who is interested in fish and likes to talk to people about them.

You would be on the receiving end of the paper submissions and the pictures of those beautiful fish/sunsets/sun raises, etc. If the opportunity presents itself, a few paragraphs about the special fishing trip would be put into the Newscast, and at the end of the year, the old Excel sheet would be used to order and prepare the certificates and awards. Working with the staff at Kelly Creative to prepare the booklet is a very rewarding experience. Attending Board meetings and or reporting to the board is also part of this very important position. Nowhere else do you feel the excitement of the Chapter and its members. Join us, contact Bob Petzke at 262 442-6260 or robert.petzke@sbcglobal.net

Eric Haataja “ Year Round Live Bait Tactics” at the January meeting. You missed a good one if you were not there. Eric talked for a very interesting 80 minutes. Here are few of his 'pointers.

- Live baits are effective all season. Spring is good, Summer is fine, Fall is better. He prefers wild bait vs. the tank raised and will capture his own chubs and suckers as they do better than the others by a factor of 4 or 5 to one.
- Okauchee is a very good live bait lake. The main lake points, deep edge, rocks are the traditional and best points for large fish.
- When there is an algae bloom, live bait is very effective. Locate the giant schools of blue gills, same area around 20 feet where the bass are feeding, the musky are also there.
- Blue gills are another very good live bait. Catch a few near the piers before you go out for musky. Keep them cool, and the Frabill aerators are the best, by far. Chubs are also very good, depending on need he has kept as many as 48 active in the cooler, with the cool water and the aerators.

In the summer he uses circle hooks as the fish really do attack the live bait. Plus the circle hooks are very 'weedless'. "In 2006 a 13 year old girl/client caught a 54 inch musky on a Blue Gill in Okauchee".

What else do we need at the Banquet? YOU!

- ◆ Can you get a bunch of buddies together? It's a good time. Free coffee and soda all night PLUS free beer until 6:30.
- ◆ **New Auctioneers:** Fresh out from their Ducks Unlimited outings, Daven Claerhout and Tedd Mentink.
- ◆ Have the boss donate \$500 (cash or merchandise) and get a table for 10.
- ◆ Double your raffle tickets with pre-ordered Musky Bucks, must be bought before the event.
- ◆ New members can win a St. Croix rod and Abu Garcia reel. Another rig will be available for the member whose name was drawn for referring a new member.

Milwaukee Chapter Dates and Info

Feb 27	MCFI General Meeting - Knights of Columbus Howie Meyer "Small Steps in the Dance for Major Muskies"
March 20	MCFI General Meeting - MOFC Awards - 25 th Anniversary Celebration
March 26	17th Annual Milwaukee Chapter Banquet & Fund Raiser 2 for 1 raffle tickets available prior to the event Lance Lemke 414 425-3124 or lancelemke@sbcglobal.net
April 24	MCFI General Meeting - Knights of Columbus Doug Kloet "Musky Magic"
May 12	Pewaukee Lake Musky Tournament Prizes for men, women and youth contact Bryan Blanke @ 262 703-0399
May 22	MCFI General Meeting - Knights of Columbus Doug Welch "Muskies of Delevan Lake"
June 2, 3	Larry Kleebe Challenge - Pewaukee Lake, Milwaukee Chapter hosts the other 8 Wisconsin chapters of Muskies Inc.
June 13, 14, 15	Muskies Inc. Gill Hamm Memorial Challenge, Holcombe WI
July 7 - 14 th	Chapter trip to Minaki, Ontario (home of the BIG fish) Contact Ron Groeschl 262 789-1255 or rgroeschl@wi.rr.com
Aug 17-19 th	National Championship Musky Open Vilas County fairgrounds, Hwy 70, Eagle River WI 800 359-6315 or info@eaqleriver.org
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