



NEWS CASTS

Milwaukee Chapter vs. Quad-County Challenge

This fun-for-all 21st annual Milwaukee Chapter vs. Quad-County challenge will be held on Saturday, May 5th (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and Sunday, May 6th (7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) On Pewaukee Lake. This is an unorganized event that simply awards the winning chapter the bragging rights and the travel trophy for the year. The honor system is used to "register" fish and the Muskies, Inc. point system is used for length.

As with past challenges, participants will simply launch their boat where ever it is their convenience. You may start fishing before 7:00, but you cannot count fish caught unless it is after the 7:00 start. We usually eat lunch at Curley's Waterfront at noon to get updated on how everyone is doing. At about 5:30 on Saturday our Chapter puts on a brat feast at Smokey's. The boys from Ill. join us and a great time is had by all. At noon Sunday we have the trophy presentation at the Waterfront Pub and Grill.

If you interested and can make this two day commitment and represent our chapter sign up at our general meeting. Chapter representatives are on a first come-first served basis. We take up to 30 contestants and it is FREE and FUN. Contact Darrel Mack at 262-542-5845.

Banquet was a wonderful success The team did a marvelous job. Many compliments were heard from the attendees regarding the changes to the raffles, the raffle sellers (the good looking ones!), the new auctioneers, the new multi-winner raffles, the 100 ticket hand gun raffles and the food and hospitality. Needless to say the doubling of your raffle tickets with the early purchase Musky Bucks was a resounding success. Final figures by raffle and section are still being worked on but it appears that we had over \$13,000 in net profit for the project. Congratulations to the committee, especially the driving force, Tom Arvoy for his commitment to the project.

New Member Drive for 2007 We had a very successful new member drive the first quarter of the year. Twenty Two new members from the Musky Expo, the Banquet, and the ongoing work of the members.

We have started an additional program this season with those members who perform guiding services on the local lakes. They have always been 'talker uppers' of what Muskies Inc. does (read Milwaukee Chapter) to improve the fisheries and the fishing environment. Being excellent ambassadors for us, they have now been 'armed' with a handy waterproof zip lock bag containing envelopes addressed to the International secretary, containing an application, information on our Chapter, and its meetings, plus the pamphlets on Why Stock, Why Release, and How to Release. We are looking for another 10-15% gain in new members with this program.

If anyone would like a packet to assist. Contact Ron Groeschl 262 789-1255.

This is the Season for Chapter Tournaments

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 is still is 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 then the Holcome 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 Prive, 2007 Ranger Bat 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.tittletownmuskiesinc.org . Jay Zahn at 920 866-9705 or jzahn000@centurytel.net

We have a lucky one in our midst. New Member Josh Vieth, who joined us at the Musky Expo called the International Secretary on Tuesday April 24th to inform him that his name was miss-spelled. After fixing that, the Secretary asked him if he was coming to the meeting tonight, and Josh was undecided about that.

When the winner of the St. Croix reel, which is part of the drawing monthly and only won by members in attendance, was announced, the name was recognized as Josh's with the mis-

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spelled last name on it. This story was being told when an interruption happened, and Josh introduced himself. Wonderful, a winner!

But it gets better. Guess which attendee won the raffle for the new Rapala 7' 6" rod? You guessed it. Josh was the man. A rod and reel the same night. Does anyone want to bet that he will get a 50 inch+ fish with that combo? Welcome aboard Josh.

Trip to Minaki in 2007 A couple of the 'better' fishermen (you can put your own definition on that) are going to Bay View Lodge in Minaki Ontario for the 2nd week in July (the 7th thru the 14th). Harrison Bowes "The Texas Legend" and Ron Groeschl "The Lucky One" 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. If you are interested, Ron Groeschl 262 789-1255 or rgroeschl@wi.rr.com and we can get

Members Only Fishing Contest has a new hand. Before we get that, congratulations to the 'Old Master' of the Milwaukee Member Only Fishing Contest (MOFC). Dennis Moser who was elected to receive the Chapter's Gil Hamm Award for this support in this contest and the many other chapter events which he has participates in and supports. Thank you Dennis, "ppreciate it"!

The 2007 Milwaukee MOFC chair is a 'new comer' to our team. Mike Phelps has just gotten bitten by the 'musky mania' and is a regular feature on Pewaukee Lake. Mike is one of those new members provided by one of our 'guiding members' Mike Koepp.

About the contest, we recommend that you enter your fish yourself on the web site. That reduces the number of trees that are used for forms which end up discarded. One advantage of this web-entry is that you can print a copy of the fish form with the fish number on it after it has been processed. That and fact that you do not have to enter all of the redundant info for every fish really makes it a effective tool. If you are having any issues on the use of the site to enter your fish, contact webmaster@muskiesinc.org or Rong 262 789-1255

For those without computers, or whose major strength is not typing. You can contact him at:

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Doug Kloet of Musky Magic Tackle was our guest speaker on April 24th. Doug took us through a very interesting 'pool side' demonstration of the ability and use of his 9 lures. Doug is a guide and tackle manufacturer in southeast Wisconsin. He has been making lures for over 20 years and selling them for the past 15 or so. He has been a Wisconsin Licensed Fishing Guide for the past 13 years.

His lures seem very easy to use and to present some very effective movement and action when used by "pro's" or "amateurs". You can see more on his lures at his web site www.muskymagictackle.com or reach him at P.O. Box 580371, Pleasant Prairie WI 53158 or 262-605-8247 and/or dkloet@muskymagictackle.com

Milwaukee Chapter Dates and Info

May 5th & 6th	Milwaukee Chapter vs. Quad-County Challenge (see story on page 1)
May 12	Pewaukee Lake Musky Tournament Prizes for men, women and youth contact Bryan Blanke @ 262 703-0399
May 22	MCMC General Meeting - Knights of Columbus Doug Welch "Muskie of Delevan Lake"
June 2, 3	Larry Kleeba 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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