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At our last meeting: Angler's Night was discussed, and will have passed by the time you read this. We ended up having enough members volunteer to bring the prizes and work in the booths. It appeared that we sold more tickets at the door than in years past, but we'll have to wait to hear from Rick regarding the actual numbers of people and dollars raised. It was a really fun night, and the food was great. Be sure to make plans to attend next year.

March 13th is our annual Award's Night banquet. As always you will need to let Brian know of your meal choice in advance, and if you won a shirt he needs to know your size. Your options are Prime Rib or Shrimp. Try to attend to show your support for our Chapter and the members who had outstanding seasons. It really is a fun night, and our attendance has been growing in the past few years. Check it out.

Mark gave a report from the Minnesota Muskie Alliance and said that they are cracking down on unlicensed guides in MN. They hear that the DNR might be looking for help with this, as their budget is pretty tight. We'll let you know more info as it comes in.

Some members are working very hard at planning the Chapter Challenge for this year. We'll be able to provide a few of the meals. Talk to John for more info.

Paul Finstad from the YMCA is looking for volunteers to take Veterans fishing on Big Cormorant. He also was wondering if our Chapter would like to make a monetary donation, and it was decided that we wait to see how our fundraiser went before making a decision.

Mark your calendar for August 15th, as that is when this year's Women in the Outdoors event will take place. We'll have more info on that later.

2009 Muskies Inc. Chapter Challenge

The 2009 Chapter Challenge will be held Aug. 26-28 on Minnesota's Leech Lake, and will be based out of Grand Vu Lodge. The cost is \$225 to stay Sunday -Sunday, or \$50.00 per night. Docking fees are included in that. We have a 9 bedroom deluxe cabin with 7-Man Hot Tub and also a private bar with seating for 30 people. Grand Vu Lodge and Anderson's resorts have donated a weeklong stay for 4 people as a raffle prize, which is good at any of their resorts on Leech Lake. At the May meeting, the Chapter will be asking for a \$50.00 deposit from those planning on attending. Please contact John Skarie for info regarding the Challenge. Thanks.

Have information to share?

There is usually a bit of open space in our monthly newsletter, so if any of our members have information they'd like to share, please e-mail it to me. I very rarely receive anything, and would gladly accept whatever muskie related information I can get. If there are dates for Muskie Alliance meetings, members selling things, etc. please let me know. Thanks

Photos

As Photo Editor for Muskie I am always looking for pictures for the magazine. If you've got some big fish pictures or just some interesting shots, please e-mail them to me at bradwaldera@yahoo.com Thanks. Brad Waldera

Chapter Website

If you haven't checked out our Chapter website yet, please do so and tell me what you think. There is information available there that is not featured in the monthly newsletter due to space limitations. Please check it out occasionally so you can find out the latest information about our Chapter happenings.

Membership Renewal Reminder

If your name is listed here, your membership to Muskies Inc. is due to expire within the next 30 days. Disregard this notice if you've already renewed. Thanks.

Jeff, Caryn, Adam, and Eric
Bommersbach Darren Anderson
Robert Odden

Upcoming Events

February 23- Regular meeting at the West Fargo VFW at 7pm.

March 13- Annual Awards Night banquet at the West Fargo VFW at 6:30pm.

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May 16- Muskies Inc. Spring Board meeting in Iowa.

August 26-28, 2009- Chapter Challenge at Leech Lake

At The Next Meeting

We'll talk about how successful our Angler's Night fundraiser was, and probably discuss our Annual on ice clean up and maybe the Spring Board meeting. See you there.

To make your own
Sunrise/Sunset/Moonrise/Moonset
Calendar.

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