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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.

Jason Benson

Ron Winter

AC, Jessica, Sandra, and Roger
Van Raden

Attention

Even if you've entered your fish online, you must fill out an entry form for Shawn. Your fish will not appear on the Standings page if you do not. Please get all entry forms to Shawn as soon as you can. Thanks.

You can now renew your Muskies Inc. membership on the computer with a credit card. You can even donate to the Kermit Benson, Perry Smith, or Gil Hamm Funds. They are requesting that you renew with your 90-day notice to save postage costs. That's up to you.



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At our last meeting: President Mark Stenger began the meeting by talking about how our Chapter performed at this year's Chapter Challenge. We did not fare well. The water conditions were poor, but everyone seemed to have a great time anyway. Supposedly, our Chapter chose to use baits that were a bit large for Wisconsin strain fish. At least that was their excuse, ha ha. Next year's Challenge may be held in the Bemidji area, but may also be on LOTW. We'll let you know when we get more information.

We talked about the access on Detroit Lake again. It was in poor shape, and for some people, was not very convenient to use. Our Chapter could pay for it to be repaired correctly, but we decided against that option. The North access by the Holiday Inn has been removed, but there is talk of putting in another one, maybe even to the West of the hotel. Our Chapter decided to write a letter to the people responsible for the upkeep of the access to see what can be done.

Wednesday Night League has begun. I have only made out on one evening, but by freak chance caught the only fish that night. I'll try to round up the names of everyone else who caught fish and post them in the next newsletter. Be sure to make it to League this year. It really is a great time. You can see the remaining dates, rules and regulations on the back page of this newsletter. **Watch for the fish list next month.**

We decided to invite every Muskies Inc. Chapter in Minnesota to West Battle Lake on October 6th for a day of fishing. We'll meet afterwards at the Shoreline Restaurant to talk about the day's fishing and meet new people from other Chapters. We had a fairly good crowd last year, and this year it should be even better. We'll have more details about this later. So far, members from the St. Cloud Chapter and Twin Cities Chapter have mentioned they'll be there, and our Chapter will supply some type of trophy to the winners.

At the Next Meeting: We'll talk about the LOTW trip, and have our Summer Roundtable discussion. It appears the bite has been quite slow for many of us, but a few people seem to have a decent pattern dialed in. Come to the meeting and find out what has been working.

Quite A Night: Member Jerry Sondag recently had a night to remember while fishing Mille Lacs. I'm sure he'll forgive me if I have any of this information incorrect, but supposedly Jerry caught a 56 incher, and **two** 52-inch fish on the same evening. He may be able to give us more details at the July meeting. Congratulations Jerry.

Brad Waldera

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President's Message

OK- I am not the President, but I am taking on the role of "First Lady" to write the message this month.

No- I don't have any hot fishing spots or lures. As a matter of fact, I haven't even been Muskie fishing yet this year. To be honest, I think Mark is tired of even asking me to go- seems like I always have an excuse why I can't "join him in the boat". Maybe one day I will forget about cleaning the house, doing laundry, etc, and surprise him and go along. Maybe I will be able to bring one of those "Big" fish into the boat.

I did get an invitation in the mail a while back to go fishing. The Women in the Outdoors has organized an event for area women. I guess they have rounded up a bunch of great Muskie fishermen that are willing to take us gals (some of which, like me, know little or nothing about fishing) out on the water and give us a relaxing day of fishing. Sounds like a great day of fun. If you or your spouse didn't get an invitation, please contact Kathy Sloan at 701-866-5639 for more information. I am looking forward to August 18th, a relaxing day on the water with the F-M Muskies crew, raffle and door prizes, lunch and maybe even a bonus, getting one of them Muskies into the boat. Hope to see many of you there.

Joan Stenger, First Lady to Mark, Pres
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Upcoming Events

July 23 - Regular meeting. West Fargo VFW 7pm. Find out how the LOTW trip went, and listen in on our Roundtable discussion to see how and where the fish are biting.

August 27 - Regular meeting. West Fargo VFW 7pm. We'll have our Summer Roundtable discussion.



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Wednesday Night League 2007

Rules, Lakes, Times and Dates

On certain Wednesdays during the summer, our Chapter has informal gatherings to fish some of the area lakes. This has become known as our "Wednesday Night League".

Rules

We fish from 6-9pm, then meet up to talk about the fish caught and share information. It's a lot of fun, and can really help in learning the tendencies of the lake. Many members start fishing earlier than 6pm, but only fish caught between 6pm and 9pm can be registered. Muskies Inc. rules apply, and League fish are scored in the same manner. You receive 4 points for a 30 inch fish, and an additional point for every inch after 30. Photographs are not required. It's suggested that all fish be handled a minimum amount of time, and quickly measured and released.

Cost & Payout

The cost to fish is \$5.00 per night for regular members and guests, and \$1.00 per night for Junior members and Youth guests. Each night, \$3.00 of that fee goes to the fisherman who has the highest point total, \$1.00 goes to the fisherman who caught the largest fish of the evening, and \$1.00 goes into a pot that is paid out by random drawing at the end of the year. The entry fee paid by Junior members and Youth guests will be put into the end of the year pot. Each fish caught gets your name in the end of the year drawing, but you can also get into that drawing if you fish at least 4 League night outings.

Times

We fish from 6pm until 9pm on every date, except Saturday, August 25th, when we'll fish from 8am to 1pm, and September 15th, which is the final outing of the year, and we'll fish 8am to 4pm. We'll meet afterwards for dinner at the Shorewood Pub in Detroit Lakes from 5-8pm to add up the totals and draw the name of the end of the year pot winner.

Dates

July 25th- Big Detroit Lake- Includes Little Detroit and Deadshot Bay.

August 1st- Pelican Lake

August 8th-Big Detroit Lake- Includes Little Detroit and Deadshot Bay.

August 15th- Pelican Lake

August 25th- Saturday outing, West Battle Lake- 8am-1pm.

August 29th- Big Detroit Lake- Includes Little Detroit and Deadshot Bay.

September 15th- Saturday League Championship- You may fish any area lake. 8am-4pm. We'll meet from 5-8pm in Detroit Lakes at the Shorewood Pub.

League is really a great time. Hope to see you there.

**Watch this page next month for the
fish listings.**