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Fargo-Moorhead

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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.

Brent Bushy

William Cornatzer

Bill & Sharon Fletcher

Brian Penfield

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 the Detroit and Pelican Lakes on-ice clean up. The ice wasn't in the best condition, but the job got done. We'd like to thank the people who were able to help, and also the Sunlite Bar and grill for providing the food afterwards. It was well appreciated.

We then talked about the International Spring board meeting, and Ron Teschner gave a short rundown of how the voting went. The meeting began with each voting member stating their name, and at least one positive thing their Chapter had done in the past year. That took almost two hours, and it was quite clear that many projects are being done by the Chapters of Muskies Inc. in the areas of Youth, Fisheries, and Research. It was said that this was a "wake-up call" to the International and anyone else questioning what Muskies Inc. was accomplishing.

The Fargo-Moorhead Chapter recently held its annual Sturgeon fishing trip. It has become a tradition now, and gets to be more fun every year. This year's group caught well over 100 Sturgeon, including a 68-inch fish that weighed over 100lbs. Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's outing.

We talked about the Chapter Challenge. If you are interested in participating in this year's event, please contact Mark, Brian, or Brett to let them know.

On August 18th there will be an outing based out of the Shorewood Pub that we may need help with. "Women in the Outdoors", a group associated with the Wild Turkey Federation, is looking for people to guide women for a day of fishing. We will get more details later, but you may want to keep that date open.

Brett has put together an outing to LOTW from July 18th-22nd. The club will be staying at Pine Island Resort, and leaving Fargo Wednesday morning, the 18th. If anyone needs a net-man, let me know. Contact Brett for more details about the lodging and costs.

Wednesday Night League was talked about. If you have any ideas to share that could help this event be even better than it is, let Brett, Mark, or Brian know. It's a great time, and some big fish are caught during league every year.

At the Next Meeting: We will have our annual leader making done. You are welcome to bring your own components, but we will have everything available to make leaders in any size you choose. The cost is usually around \$2.00 each. **Remember, meeting is March 21st, 7pm.**

President's Message

Special Notice

This month's meeting will be on **May 21st**, not May 28th as was noted in an earlier newsletter.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

See you all there.

Brad Waldera-Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

May 21 - Regular meeting. West Fargo
VFW 7pm.

June 2 - Minnesota Muskie Season Opens

June 13-15 - Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge

June 25 - Regular meeting. West Fargo
VFW 7pm.

July 18-22 - Chapter Outing at LOTW.



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March Speaker Josh Borovsky

Our speaker in March was Josh Borovsky. He had a lot of good information, and some new and different ideas to share. Here are a few of them for those who couldn't attend the meeting.

He mentioned that one of the most important aspects of being a successful Muskie angler is being a reflective person. Try to remember what you did to catch that fish or get that follow and then duplicate it.

He talked about how using the Lindy fish handling gloves has helped save time when handling a deeply hooked fish. You can sometimes handle the fish in less time than if using jaw spreaders, as the thumbs of the gloves are protected from the fish's teeth. You can insert your thumbs and open the fish's mouth while a buddy takes the hook out in no time. I thought that was a good tip.

Josh also mentioned proactive strategies you can take to help you catch more fish next year, even before the season opens. Looking at stocking reports, paying attention to fishing pressure, planning trips, finding unknown Muskie waters, and keeping track of baitfish migrations can all help to increase your productivity.

Josh said that the right clothing might even put more fish in your boat. We watched a video showing what fishermen look like from underwater. You want to blend in to the sky as much as possible to avoid the fish seeing you move. Josh believes in this so much that he's going to produce a new line of clothing. He had some shirts that to fish, look like blue sky from underwater.

Josh also is a strong believer in Moon phases, and he might even produce his own charts in the future. He has certain criteria that he's used over the years to mark the best fishing days, and on the very peak days you'll want to be on the water. In each of the past 7 years, the largest fish in his boat was caught on one of these peak days. I can't remember exactly how he determines which days are best, but he did mention some of the best days for 2007. Hopefully he won't mind me sharing them here. They are: June 11-16th, July 6th-7th, July 11-15th, July 31st-August 3rd, August 27th-31st, September 24th-30th, October 23rd-30th, and November 21st-27th. I'd try to be on the water on as many of those days as possible, as his system seems to work well.

Thanks Josh for all the great tips.

Brad Waldera