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**At our last meeting:** President Brian Grote began the meeting by having Brett talk about Wednesday night league. The dates are in the newsletter as you can see, and are also on our Chapter website. The cost, rules, and scoring are all the same as last year. Non-members are welcome to fish league, but are not eligible to win the cash pot awarded each night. If you have any questions at all about League, please call Brett.

John Skarie gave an update on the Chapter Challenge. It looks like we'll have quite a few teams participating this year, including one or two that haven't fished this event for a long time. Our Chapter might have a meeting for all of our members fishing the Challenge after our regular June monthly meeting to go over some of the details. Please call John if you have questions.

John Skarie and Tom Gustad helped the MN DNR on Leech Lake with their netting of muskies for spawn. John says it went really well, and that they netted 40 fish. 4 of those fish were 50 inches or better, and the DNR got all of the eggs they were hoping to get. John also mentioned how quite a few people were up there, with some filming for TV shows and/or doing magazine stories. There is a lot of good publicity right now for Minnesota's muskie program.

Minnesota also recently had a bill pass their House and Senate that stated the following: The commissioner must establish a 48-inch statewide minimum size restriction for muskellunge and muskellunge-northern pike hybrids in inland waters, except for the lakes listed in clause that are managed specifically for muskellunge-northern pike hybrids in Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties; and establish a 40-inch minimum size restriction for muskellunge-northern pike hybrids in the following lakes in Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties. This is very good news good for the MN muskie program.

I gave a report on the Muskies Inc. Spring Board meeting held in Iowa. There are some great changes coming with the website, and some other things happening behind the scenes that will save a lot of money for the organization. Things are looking really good for MI in the near future.

Our Chapter would like to thank Mike Ruff for bringing lures to our May meeting, and also we'd like to thank everyone who helped make leaders. We really appreciate it guys, thanks.

**Brad Waldera-Editor**

**Wednesday Night League Dates**

June 10 <sup>th</sup> - Detroit Lake	June 17 <sup>th</sup> Lake Sallie
	June 24 <sup>th</sup> Pelican Lake
July 8 <sup>th</sup> Detroit Lake	July 29 <sup>th</sup> Pelican Lake
	August 5 <sup>th</sup> Detroit Lake
August 12 <sup>th</sup> Pelican Lake	September 9 <sup>th</sup> Detroit Lake
	September 19 <sup>th</sup> Finale'

You may fish Detroit, Pelican, or Sallie on the final day with the angling hours from 8am-2pm. We will meet afterwards at a location to be determined later. Good luck to all fishing League this season.

## URGENT

### 2009 Muskies Inc. Chapter Challenge

The 2009 Chapter Challenge will be held Aug. 26-28 on Minnesota's Leech Lake, and 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 one full 9-bedroom cabin with 7-Man Hot Tub and also a private bar with seating for 30 people. We'll be getting another cabin as well. 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

[www.freewebs.com/fmmuskiesinc/](http://www.freewebs.com/fmmuskiesinc/)

## 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      Greg Laffen  
Tim Schultz**

## Upcoming Events

May 18 - Regular meeting at the West Fargo VFW at 7pm.

June 6- Minnesota Muskie Opener.

June 22- Regular meeting at the West Fargo VFW at 7pm.

August 15<sup>th</sup>- Women in the Outdoors event. More info to come later.

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

## At The Next Meeting

We will talk about the 2009 Muskies Inc. Spring Board meeting, and we will be making leaders. Mike Ruff will be bringing his Rad Dog spinnerbaits as well. We may have more information on the Chapter Challenge and Wednesday Night League also. Be there.

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

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