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BEMIDJI/CASS LAKE CHAPTER OF MUSKIES INC.

# CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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March 2010

## President's Message

Dear Members,

I want to thank everyone who attended the CLIFS meeting on Tuesday 2-23 and Kevin Cochran for testifying on Monday 3-01 at the senate committee hearing in St. Paul. I think we all did a good job of relaying our point.

Our chapter tournament format and rules will remain the same as last year. Please mark your calendar and tell your friends.

Thank You,  
Rory Potter

## Chapter Outings

New for 2010

Check out the included flyer about the chapter outings for 2010. There will be a \$10 entry fee into our chapter members only "league". 100% of the entry fees will be paid out in cash and/or prizes at the conclusion of the season. You can fish as many or as few events as you want/can. I hope to see all of you on the water!

## Speakers

**March 17 at Cattails**– Juris Ozols, the Assistant Editor for MI magazine will be speaking about photography.

**April 21 at Cattails** – Our very own Kevin Cochran will be the speaker.

## MN Musky Expo

April 9, 10, 11

Our chapter will be having a booth at the Minnesota Musky Expo and we are looking for volunteers to work at the booth. If you are interested in working at the booth please contact myself at [brerud@gmail.com](mailto:brerud@gmail.com) or Rory Potter at [roryjudy@paulbunyan.net](mailto:roryjudy@paulbunyan.net).

## Grand Rapids MI Banquet

Saturday March 20, 2010 is the Star of the North Chapter Banquet at the Eagles Club in Grand Rapids. Cost is \$15 and includes your door prize ticket. For more information you can contact Gary at 218-259-9970.

## Chapter Schedule

Mar: 17 Speaker Juris Ozols 7pm  
Apr: 7 Business Mtg. 7pm – Gander Mt.  
9,10&11 MN Muskie Expo  
10 Spring Int'l Board Meeting  
21 Speaker Kevin Cochran. 7pm  
May: 2 Ditch Cleaning 1pm at Teals  
5 Business Mtg.  
19 Chapter Awards & Lure Auction

June: 2 Business Mtg.  
5 Muskie Opener  
19 Chapter Tournament  
July: 21 5:30 summer meeting and chapter  
outing on Lake Plantaganet  
August 18 5:00 summer meeting and  
chapter outing on Cass Lake  
September 18 Mantrap Lake Outing vs.  
Brainerd Lakes Chapter  
October 17 Little Wolf Outing  
November 14 Lake Bemidji Outing

## Cass Lake Update

The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee heard the bill that would allow spearing on Cass Lake and after a lengthy debate, no vote was taken. The bill was officially laid over for possible inclusion into a game and fish omnibus bill. This still may happen this year so if you have an opinion about this please let your Senators know.

A House Companion bill HF3227 was introduced by Rep. John Persell and co-authored by Larry Howes of Walker. The House Game, Fish, and Forestry Division Committee met on March 8<sup>th</sup> to hear testimony about this bill and the bill was laid over for possible inclusion into a game and fish omnibus bill. Rory Potter was there to testify against this bill so if you have any questions about how this went, you could ask Rory, I am sure he would love to tell you all about it.

No votes have been taken on either bill and they are still very much alive. You can make a difference by talking to your elected officials.

## Business

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the chapter, please come to one of our business meetings. They are held at Gander Mountain, the first Wednesday of each month at 6:45pm. We really could use the help!

We are trying to save some time and money, and send out the newsletter by email to as many people as possible. If you do not already get it through email send your address to: [brerud@gmail.com](mailto:brerud@gmail.com), and I will add you to the email list. We will still send out paper copies to those of you who don't have email, but we are trying to get away from that as much as possible.

**See you at the meeting!**



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