

BEMIDJI/CASS LAKE CHAPTER OF MUSKIES INC.  
**CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**

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Chapter Tourney  
Rule Changes

All fish caught in the Chapter Tourney will need to have a picture taken on a bumpboard or other measuring device that clearly shows the length of the fish in order to be eligible for prizes.

Muskies Inc. Website

Muskies Inc. International has launched the new website that they have been talking about for a while now. Check it out if you haven't already. Hopefully it is better than the original and lives up to all its hype.

Gil Hamm Chapter  
Challenge

The Challenge will be held on Lake of the Woods in Sabaskong Bay again this year and hosted by Red Wing Lodge. The dates for fishing are August 29-31. This will now count as an outing towards eligibility for the Chapter replica contest. We will be having a team or two from our chapter, please let Rory know if you are interested in representing our chapter.

Musky Hunter of the Year

Congratulations to the 2011 Bemidji – Cass Lake Chapter co-champions Rory Potter and Brian Johnson. We had a Chapter Outing every month and at the end of the 6 outings, the score was a tie so both can call themselves champs. As Brian is quick to point out, his fish was a quarter inch longer than Rory's but the end result is a tie. Only 4 fish were caught during the Chapter Outings this year and all were caught trolling. 2011 has been a very odd year for musky fishing.

Minnesota Muskie and  
Pike Alliance – MMPA

The MMPA will be discussing the possibility of introducing legislation this legislative session to increase the minimum size limit for muskies in Minnesota. There is discussion about a total catch and release fishery or increasing the minimum size to 56".

**See you at the meeting!**

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# Chapter Schedule

Starting in January – we will be having one meeting per month. There will be a short (less than 30 minutes) business meeting at the beginning of each meeting and then we will have a speaker. In the summer months, we will continue to get together for chapter outings and hopefully more people start coming so we can make it into more of a social event for everyone who attends. We will try to have a barbecue grill at each outing for a little social time with food and drinks.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 6:30 PM - DNR speaker meeting and election of new Chapter Officers

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** – 6:30 PM – Speaker Meeting – Reed’s associate will be here to discuss electronics and how to use them to make us more successful on the water

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 Awards / Lure Auction

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** – 6:00 Pre-opener Chapter Social – Kevin Cochran’s house  
(Business meeting, supper, social event, and musky stories)

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter Tourney