

BEMIDJI/CASS LAKE MUSKIE INC.

CHAPTER 46

NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday APRIL 16th
7 pm at the Eagles Club



MUSKIE TRIVIA

What is the muskies only predator?
Answer found in newsletter.

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We are thrilled to announce that our April speaker will be none other than J-Man, Justin Gaudry!!

Justin (J-Man) Gaudry is a 3rd generation operator of Mylie's Place Resort, a drive-to light housekeeping resort located on Sabaskong Bay of Lake of the Woods in Morson, Ontario, Canada. Despite having 23 years in the resort business, his passion for muskie fishing is only about 10 years old.

J-Man will tell the story of discovering muskie fishing almost against his will and how it turned into a full blown obsession in a short time. The focus of the presentation will be late fall trolling; covering everything from how he got his start back in 2004 through his best season ever in 2013.

Discussion will include: techniques, gear, boat set-up, structure and other thoughts & observations from significant time on the water the past several fall seasons that have resulted in over 400 muskies landed (up to 54") in just over 120 days on the water since the fall of 2009. You should come away from the meeting with at least a good head start on what to expect if you troll a shield lake of similar characteristics to "the Woods."

We will have one of Justin's proven fish catching Headlocks from his personal collection for us to raffle off at the meeting. Thank you to Justin and Supernatural Big Baits for this incredible opportunity! You don't want to miss out on this fun evening!!

Please note that we have changed our meeting location for April. We will be hosting at the

Eagles Club in Bemidji at 1270 Neilson Ave SE at 7pm. Please invite your friends!!



From the Presidents Boat

Spring has finally arrived! If you're anything like me, you can't wait to pull the boat out and get the latest electronics rigged up, add a coat or two of wax, and make sure no unwanted critters made your boat their home for the winter. I enjoy chasing a few different species before the real opener happens in June!

Our chapter has some exciting things going on this month. We have an awesome speaker planned that you certainly do not want to miss - Justin (J-Man) Gaudry will be joining us **April 16th**. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us!

We also have a good group of chapter members planning to head up to Sportsman's Lodge **April 17-19** to battle the mighty sturgeon. There are still some rooms available if you're interested in going. I think the timing will be perfect for that weekend with ice out progressing nicely on the river. We hope to share some big fish pictures with you all in next months newsletter!

Tight Lines,



George's Minnesota Muskie Expo

April 10-12

Don't miss George's Minnesota Muskie Expo **April 10-12** at the Ganglehoff Center, Concordia University in St. Paul. The Expo was founded nearly 20 years ago by George Wahl, inventor and manufacturer of the Eagle Tail lure. The three day event is dedicated to muskies and muskie fishing - featuring some of the worlds top muskie anglers sharing secrets of success in seminars, retailers offering great sale prices, as well as guides and resorts. The unique aspect of the Expo is being able to buy direct from lure manufacturers, getting low prices, custom colors and the newest prototype baits.

Seminars this year feature John Hoyer and Matt Siefert, Larry Dahlberg, and Luke Ronnestrand on Friday; Bob Mehsikomer, Rich Reinert, Ben Olsen and Gregg Thomas on Saturday; and Bob Benson, Dustin Carlson, Tony Rizzo and Mike Keyes on Sunday.

The Expo is open from 2 - 9 on Friday, from 10 -7 on Saturday, and on Sunday from 10 - 4. Kids 12 and under are free! Adult entries are \$10, or a three day pass for \$17. Find out more info at www.minnesotamuskieexpo.com

STURGEON EXCURSION APRIL 17-19



Our Sturgeon Outing is coming up!!

I hope everyone's ready for a great adventure. For those who have not made accommodations yet you can call and see if there is still space available.

Call Sportsman Lodge [218-634-1342](tel:218-634-1342). . Group rates are \$40/night/person + tax based on double occupancy. That rate is good for both their lodge rooms and cabins. Be sure to let them know you're with Muskies Inc. to get the group rate.

Let us know if you have extra room in your boat, or are looking for a spot - we will do our best to help match everyone up if needed. If you haven't fought one of these powerful beasts yet - you need to put this on your 'must do' list!

Contact Ethan Rogers for more info.



Muskies Inc. Tournament Jersey

This is an incredible opportunity to showcase our chapter while bringing greater awareness to the sport of Muskie fishing.

MI has finalized an opportunity for members and non-members alike to support the Muskies, Inc. mission with a custom design of a Tournament Jersey that is available to you NOW.

This jersey is on sale right now online at:

www.rayjus.com/muskiesinc/ All profits will go to Muskies Inc., to benefit our promotion of the great sport of Muskie Fishing.

In addition to these professional quality jerseys, Rayjus will also offer the option of long sleeve sweatshirts and hoodies which will also bear the company logos that are all great supporters of Muskies Inc.

Each jersey will be custom designed with First and Last Names as well as Block 7 being our Bemidji/Cass Lake Chapter Logo.



Spring Landing Clean-up

10am Saturday May 2nd

Open water is coming!! I promise. Not sure when, but we want to keep the lake looking beautiful. So save the date to come help clean up the landings.

Our Spring landing clean up is coming up next month. We will meet at the Northwood's Access on Lake Bemidji and branch out from there.

Attending one of our Spring or Fall clean-ups is a requirement for the replica contest. The more that attend, the quicker the clean-up goes!



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2014 Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge Review

The 2014 Gil Hamm Memorial Chapter Challenge was held August 20-22 on beautiful Lake of The Woods hosted by the Star of The North Chapter. 30 teams from Muskies Inc. chapters all over the US came together for friendly competition and great camaraderie - most making a full week vacation out of the event.

Our chapter filled out a full team of six. The boating pairs consisting of Rory & Judy Potter, Chris Thury & Rob Yuretich, and Ethan Rogers & Adam Kobes. Our team headquartered out of Mylie's Place Resort where Justin Gaudry rolled out the red carpet for us and the other Muskies Inc. teams staying there. www.myliesplaceresort.com

Prefishing found plenty of active muskies with some nice fish hitting the nets for our team members. During the three day Challenge, six muskies were boated: Ethan tripled up with a 37", 38" & 43", Adam doubled with a 32" and 38", and Rob landed a hefty 45". There were some missed opportunities that would have bumped us up a bit, but we finished in a respectable 11th place.

Over 100 muskies were registered during the Challenge between the 30 teams. The Fargo-Moorhead chapter won the event taking home the Challenge Cup and rights to decide where the 2014 event will take place. They have decided that the 2015 event will take place close to home for us on Leech Lake! The dates are August 26-28 headquartered out of Horseshoe Bay Lodge.

We are hopeful to fill out a team or two for the 2015 event! Please let us know if you are interested, or have any questions. It's never too early to start forming a team. You can find out more info at www.gilhamm.com

SAVE THE DATE

2015 TOURNAMENT/OUTING SCHEDULE

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| June 20 | (Saturday) TOURNAMENT - 5am-5pm - Area Lakes |
| June 10 | (Wednesday) OUTING - 6pm-10pm - Lake Plantagenet |
| July 1 | (Wednesday) OUTING - 6pm-10pm - Lake Bemidji |
| July 12 | (Sunday) OUTING - Noon-8pm - Mantrap Lake |
| July 22 | (Wednesday) OUTING - 6pm-9:30pm - Pike Bay |
| August 5 | (Wednesday) OUTING - 6pm-9:30pm - Big Lake |
| August 16 | (Sunday) OUTING - Noon-8pm - Lake Plantagenet |
| September 27 | (Sunday) OUTING - 11:30am-7:30pm - Cass Lake |
| October 18 | (Sunday) OUTING - 9am-5pm - Leech Lake |
| November 1 | (Sunday) OUTING - 9am-5pm - Lake Bemidji |

Adding Wednesday Outing will give more opportunities to earn more points during the season, a total of 10 including chapter tournament.

Contact Adam Kobes for more information, 218-820-6111



Muskellunge Facts

The [Northern Pike](#) is oftentimes confused with the Muskie.

- The world record Muskie weighed 67 pounds and 8 ounces. It was caught in Wisconsin in 1949.
- Muskies have needle-like teeth.
- Muskies sometimes form small schools.
- Muskies are commonly fished for in the Northeastern United States and Canada.
- The Muskellunge is the state fish of Wisconsin.
- Adult muskies generally have no other predators than humans.
- Neither the male nor the female muskie takes care of the eggs once they are laid.
- Muskies do not make nests for their eggs.

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