



Missouri Muskies Newsletter

Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Donner's Discourse

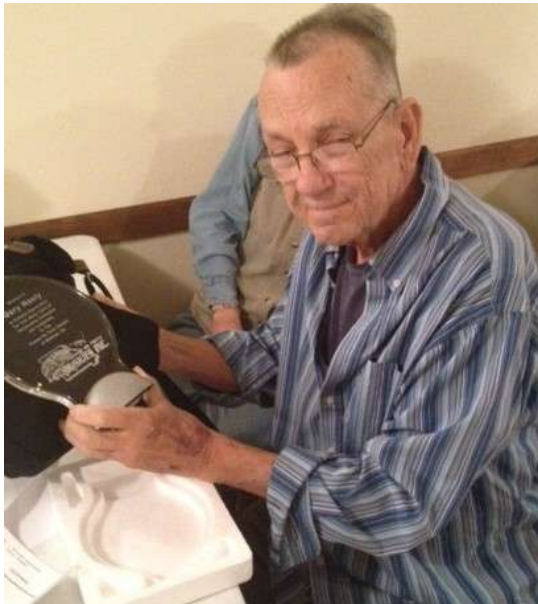


By George Donner, President

Next meeting is December 7th meeting will start at 10AM with lunch provided by the club at no charge!!!!. The meeting is at Tadpole's Restaurant located next to the Clearlight Inn at Carson's Corners. In addition to confirming the officers; it is the planning of club events for the 2014 calendar year. Please attend, your participation is appreciated.

Some of you that participate in the Show-Me Muskie program are aware that the MDC was unable to fulfill their planned muskie stocking of Missouri lakes for 2013. I followed up with Craig Fuller to find out more details, a following article shows his responses.

Gary Neely Appreciation Award:



Gary Neely has been a long time member of the club until recently when health issues have caused him to be unable to participate with the club as he would like.

Gary has held various positions with the club including president for several years. Most recent positions were that of fund raising by selling ads that help defray the expenses of running this tournament and editor of the clubs newsletter. Gary represented the club at the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. Gary was professional and pleasant and I learned from him in our brief time we were active together in the club.

In fact Gary was the one that asked me to join the club over at the Harbor Marina when I was down here with my son on an April fishing trip in 2008, he and all the guys participating that day in a club

trolling event were having a good time at breakfast and I thought I wanted some more of that. Gary consistently provided leadership at all levels of his responsibility and promoted the best interests of the club and for that we are truly grateful.

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From Craig Fuller, Lake Biologist for Pomme De Terre Lake:

As you know, we have been obtaining muskie fingerlings from Spirit Lake Hatchery in Iowa for several years now. Spirit Lake Hatchery did experience problems earlier this year and was unable to produce any muskie fingerlings. However, they were able to obtain muskie fingerlings from Indiana. As a result, some of those muskie from Indiana were also made available to be stocked here in Missouri.

The following is the original 2013 stocking plan and the actual numbers that were stocked this year:

	<u>2013 Muskie Stocking Plan (5,412)</u>	<u>2013 Surplus Muskie Acquired/Stocked From Indiana (1,986)</u>
<i>Pomme de Terre</i>	4,000	1,468
<i>Fellows</i>	820	300
<i>Hazel Creek</i>	530	194
<i>Busch #35</i>	62	24
<i>Henry Sever</i>	<i>surplus(up to 158)</i>	0

The total number of surplus muskie available for stocking acquired from Indiana was 1,986; which is equal to 36.7% of the total 2013 stocking request (5,412). The available muskie were distributed among four lakes (Pomme, Fellows, Hazel Creek, and Busch #35) at a rate that was 36.7% of their requested number of muskie to be stocked. Muskie were stocked at each lake on (or about) November 7, 2013. The average size was 10.3 inches in length (N=28).

Please be aware that we are taking the reduced number of muskie stocked this year into consideration and are planning to compensate by increasing the number of muskie to be stocked next year. Details are still being finalized. However, I wanted to assure you that we are still planning on completing the pulse stocking that is scheduled for Pomme de Terre Lake next year.

Sorry we didn't communicate earlier about the muskie stocking situation this year. However, at one time we thought that there would not be any muskie to stock...and as you stated, we were "scrambling" to come up with some fish so this year wasn't a total bust. Therefore, during the process there were several sets of alternative or tentative plans. We did plan on sharing information about the situation. However, we wanted to wait until we had accurate information to share and wanted to avoid a situation where we shared a tentative plan then had to retract information because plans changed. For example, we really didn't know how many muskie were going to be stocked until we got them back out of the rearing ponds and loaded on the stocking trucks (November 7th).



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What were the problems that Spirit Lake experienced? *Unfortunately, the actual cause of the complete die-off of the entire fingerling production is unknown. It is suspected that there may have been an issue with new feeders at the hatchery during a critical stage of development.*

Did MDC acquire the Indiana muskie fingerlings from the Spirit Lake Hatchery? *Yes*

If so, is there a reason the MDC did not acquire the muskie fingerlings direct from Indiana? Any surplus fish from Indiana were prioritized to fill Iowa's state-wide stocking commitments. As it turned out, Iowa ended up with surplus after making their commitments. That surplus is what Missouri received.

Were the Indiana fish raised here at Lost Valley to their stocking size? *Yes, the muskie arrived at Lost Valley the week of September 16th. They were 6 inches long. They were fed minnows and grew about 1/2 inch per week and were stocked on November 7th at an average length of 10.3 inches.*

How long has the MDC known that they were unable to meet this years stocking schedule? *We didn't know how many fish were going to be available until we harvested the fingerlings from Lost Valley Hatchery ponds to load the trucks on November 7th.*

What does (N=28) mean? *N is sample size. For example, 28 muskie fingerlings were measured while they were being loaded onto the stocking trucks to calculate an average length.*

I would like to have a better relationship with the MDC as Pomme Chapter of Muskies Inc. president so that I am made aware upfront of such issues. I don't like hearing "rumors" and unable to respond accurately. *Understand, we will strive to improve future communications.*

I will be following up with Craig throughout the year to find out the details for the 2014 stocking. 2014 is a pulse stocking year according to the plan, 6,000 to 8,000 fish are to be stocked at Pomme. Fellows Lake, Hazel Creek, Busch Lake #35 and Henry Sever do not get pulse stockings. They will get their normal stocking level. Pomme was to receive 4,000 fish this year, so hopefully next year the MDC will be able to get the shortage of 2,500 additional fish along with the other lakes getting their shortfall of fish. You can review the Missouri Muskie Management Plan at http://mdc.mo.gov/sites/default/files/resources/2010/05/6207_4073.pdf Page 16 has the planned stocking levels. Although it is not specifically stated the planned non-pulse stocking levels are 1/2 fish per acre for Pomme, 1 fish per acre for all other lakes.



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Chicago Muskie Show

Going to the Chicago Muskie Show Jan 10, 11, 12?

Suggest you stay at :

La Quinta Inn

1730 East Higgins Rd

Schaumburg, IL 60173-4702

1-847-517-8484

AARP or AAA rate for a room with two beds is \$46.80 plus tax.

Nice facility with places to eat breakfast and dinner within walking distance.

Easy 5 miles to the show location.

See you there!

Wayne Humphrey

Kansas City Sports Show

We will have a booth at the Kansas City Sports Show again this year. The show is at the Bartle Hall. The dates are January 23rd to the 26th. We need help in 4 to 6 hour increments to man the booth. Please contact Steve Worstell at sworstell@yahoo.com or at 816-520-2371 if you can help.



This is a 46.5 Muskie caught at Lac Seul in Canadia. This was the last house boat rental of the season. When the 4 boat team returned to the base camp, all docks were disassembled and pulled out of the water.



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Notes from Muskies Inc:

From Ellen Wells, Secretary of Muskies Inc.

Now in production!

A member may now create a pdf for any fish that they have ever entered. Just select the 'p' next to the fish number on the 'my fish list' page. You may also select the check box on the 'lunge log entry' page prior to selecting the 'submit' button. This will also generate a pdf (it just won't have the 'approval date' on it).

A message from Jeff Young, Muskies Inc.

All,

MI treasurer Kathy Goon and myself have taken over duties of maintaining the Muskies Inc Facebook page. Social media is huge these days and MI is going to take advantage of this venue to reach out to as many people as we can. There will be frequent posts with National updates, events, contests, deals, etc on the page. We would also like every Chapter to get involved with the Facebook page. Please pass on to your membership about the page or if you have an Facebook page already please \"like\" MI and pass it on to all of your Facebook friends. Facebook.com - search Muskies Inc.

Please send your info, etc to jyoung@brainerd.net and keep the info coming. The more the merrier.

Thanks.

Jeff Young
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This is the method to tow the boats to the base camp at Lac Seul. Each boat was tied to the one in front and the captain of each had to skinny up to the next boat. Not easy for old farts, but nobody died.

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2013 Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc. Calendar of Club Events

		Chairman	Contact No.
December			
7	Annual & Planning Meeting - Starts at 10 AM - Lunch Served	George Donner	816-678-1623



Pre-sleeping, the best way to prepare to go to bed!



The last bird in Canada

No smoking on the poop deck!

Steve Worstell is the newsletter editor for 2013. If you have any questions or comments, please let him know – sworstel1@yahoo.com or 816-520-2371. If you have articles or want to participate in creating the newsletter, the more hands - the lighter the load. Please check out our website at MissouriMuskies.org for more information about our chapter and events.



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Lac Seul Fishing Expedition! More next Month!



Phil and Earle



Doug and Jim



Denis and Wayne



George and Steve



Doug with his 42" fish



Jim with his 49" fish

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SHOW-ME MUSKIE PROJECT
DAILY TRIP RECORD FORM

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU COMPLETE AN ENTRY FOR EVERY DAY FISHED FOR MUSKIES IN MISSOURI, REGARDLESS OF SUCCESS, PLEASE, ONE FORM PER PERSON PER LAKE. THANKS

NAME		LAKE			
Date mm/dd/yy	Hours Fished For Muskie(s)	Number Of Encounters (Follows, Strikes, & Lost Muskies)	Number Of Muskies Caught	Length Of Muskie Caught (To Nearest Inch)	Harvested Or Released
COMMENTS					
PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS ANNUALLY, BY FEBRUARY 1, TO:					

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