



Missouri Muskies Newsletter

Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Donner's Discourse



By George Donner, President

Club activity for January consisted of participation in the St Louis and Kansas City Sports Shows. Added information concerning those shows is contained in the next segment.

Our next club event is March 15th & 16th. The event is our annual Chapter Challenge / Border War Tournament against the Shawnee Muskie Hunters.

On Friday the 15th we have a club meeting following the Pay As You Go Dinner at Luckys. We will be gathering there at 7:00PM for dinner.

On the 16th we are hosting the Border War event at Pomme De Terre Lake. This is always a fun event, make plans now to attend and get your entry forms in as soon as possible. Entry fee is \$40 per boat. After Saturday's day of fishing, we have a club provided dinner and award the traveling plaque. At this event we will also recognize our club members that released 50" muskies in 2012 by awarding them their 50" release patches.

I want to make you aware that there is a church group function at the lake for the same weekend. The Clearlight Inn at Carson's Corner is completely booked and that other resorts are filling quickly. More information is available on our web site concerning the Chapter Challenge / Border War Tournament, or you can contact myself or Wayne Humphrey.

Lastly, don't forget to turn in your Show Me Muskie forms. They are due by February 1st. The information that we provide is a large portion of the information utilized for the measurement against the MDC plan concerning successful muskie fishing in Missouri. Of major note, the stocking levels at our Missouri lakes are evaluated utilizing the information. A blank form is added in the news letter for your convenience.



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2013 KC Sports Show

Dates January 10 thru 13th

Pomme de Terre Chapter participated in this year's sports and boat show at Bartle Hall in Kansas City Mo this year. Overall attendance for the show was down from last year but enthusiasm for our Guide For A Day fundraiser among the attendees was strong. Staffing the booth and sharing stories this year were Fred Wehrli, Dick McPike, Phyllis Davis, Robert Viscik, George Donner, Max Steward, Dave Admire, John Blakenship, Paul Scharringhausen and Skyler Schlick. Their time in promoting muskie fishing among the attendees was much appreciated.



All Canada Show in St. Louis

The chapter had a booth at the All Canada Show in St Charles on January 4th, 5th and 6th. This is the second year we have had a booth at this show and have found it to be a productive experience. Folks visiting the show are knowledgeable fishermen yet many do not know they can have a muskie experience in Missouri. They appreciate the value of our Guide for a Day program and we hope to get several participants for the event from our weekend at the show.

Thanks to everyone that helped at the show: Wayne Humphrey, Bob Blitt, Denis Ledgerwood, Mark King, Dan Diemert, Jeff Thompson and Jim Ashton of the Shawnee Muskie Hunters. Thanks also to show management for allowing us to have the booth space at no cost.



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CHAPTER CHALLENGE/BORDER WARS

The annual Chapter Challenge/Border Wars event between the Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc and the Shawnee Muskie Hunters will be held on Lake Pomme De Terre in southwest Missouri in 2013. This is a great opportunity to be on the lake in early spring, fish for pre-spawn muskies and get out of the house for the weekend.

What: Border Wars

When: Saturday, March 16th, 2013. Fishing hours are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Starting and Check-in Point: State Park Marina. Marina is located off highway 64B about 2.1 miles from the intersection of highways 64 and 64B. Launch ramp. Marina will not be open for meals or coffee.

Saturday Night Dinner: Dinner on Saturday night will be about 5:30pm at the Masonic lodge. The lodge is located on Highway 254 about 1.3 miles north of the intersection of highways 64 and 254 (Carson's Corner). Menu will probably be steak, baked potato, salad, and desert. Show up any time after about 5:00 and bring your own beverages.

Prizes: The winning chapter will receive a traveling plaque with their name on it and bragging rights for a year. The boat with the highest point total will win a jacket for each fisherman.

Entry fee: \$40 per boat. Any profits from the event will be split between the chapters. Mail entry form and check to the address shown on the form to be received one week before the event. After that, please call the contact person to let them know you are coming so the proper number of steaks can be purchased.

Where to stay:

Nemo Bridge Resort, Pittsburgh, MO 65774, 417-852-4201, Located next to the Nemo bridge on highway 64. Has a dock. About 10 minutes from the Harbor by water. Has housekeeping units. NemoBridgeResort.com

Indian Hills Resort, Pittsburg, Mo. 65724, 417-852-4444, indianhillresort@centurylink.net, Located on the Decker branch, less than 10 minutes from the Harbor by water, has a dock. Has housekeeping units. IndianHillsResort.com

Breakfast: Outfitters Grill, located on highway 64, .2 miles north of the intersection of 64 and 64B. 1.4 miles from Indian Hills. .6 miles from Nemo Resort. Also open for lunch and dinner.

Rules

- 1) Maximum of 2 fishermen per boat. At least one must be a member of one of the chapters.
- 2) All Missouri Conservation Water Safety Regulations will be in force. Live bait prohibited. Trolling has a one rod with one lure limit per person. If there is only one person in a boat they may troll two rods. The Alabama, umbrella and similar rigs may be fished so long as they use only one lure with hooks. The remaining attachment points can include similar lures so long as their hooks have been removed or other hook-less attractors such as spinner blades are used.
- 3) All 30" and longer Muskies count for points and must be released immediately when caught. Muskies must be measured with the ruler laying on a flat surface. Time of release must be entered on Release Form when witnessed. A digital photo of the length must be presented to the tournament official with the release slip for the fish and must be filled out and signed by same person.
- 4) Muskies will be scored as follows: 4 Points for each 30" Muskie plus 1/4 point for each additional 1/4 inch, measure to the nearest 1/4 inch. The total points for a chapter will be divided by the number of teams participating and the team with the highest average will be the winner.
- 5) In case of a tie for big fish, winners will be determined by earliest release time on Release Form. No kept Muskie will be allowed for tournament entry.
- 6) No alcoholic beverages will be allowed during tournament hours.
- 7) The Tournament Committee is the final judge of all tournament rules and decisions. Life jackets must be worn at any time that a boat is underway, except that the jacket need not be worn while trolling.

Pomme Contact: Wayne Humphrey, 314-440-2173, wayne@missourimuskie.org



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Chapter Challenge/ Border Wars Entry Form (Please Print)

Please include email addresses to help reduce costs and expedite all correspondence.

Participant 1 Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Participant 2 Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY -- READ BEFORE SIGNING

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate among and on boats under the auspices of Muskies, Inc. International and the Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies, Inc. I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. I am aware of the inherent risk associated with fishing and boating, including but not limited to the risks of collisions with other boats and stationary objects in and around the lake, including rocks, reefs or piers or other vehicles and trailers at landing areas. I am familiar with other risks up to and including death by drowning associated with rough water, changing weather patterns, heavy winds and lightning storms. I expressly assume all risks associated with this tournament and I hereby release Muskies, Inc.

International and the Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies, Inc. The host, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims of negligence resulting from injury and/or property damages incurred in connection with the tournament. "

2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of those persons released from liability below, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and

3. I will comply with all rules and regulations. If I have any question, or observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my participation, I will immediately bring such to the attention of the nearest official; and

4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Muskies, Inc. International and the Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies, Inc. the owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the tournament, their officers, officials, ("Releasees"), with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

Participant 1 Signature _____ Date _____

Participant 2 Signature _____ Date _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE

(Under Age 18 at Time of Registration)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian of this participant, do consent and agree to his/her indemnification, release and hold harmless as provided above of all Releasees, and I, for myself and behalf of my heirs, assigns and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all claims incident to my child's involvement in these programs even if arising out of the negligence of the Releasees, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Send entry form, signed liability release form and check or money order payable to Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc to Wayne Humphrey, 768 Country Manor Lane, St Louis, MO 63141. 314-440-2173 Liability release forms may be signed on the dock the morning of the event.



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Northeast Missouri Muskie Outing

June 8th & 9th, 2013

If you want a unique muskie fishing opportunity come join the *Northeast MO Muskie Outing* sponsored by Pomme Chapter of Muskie, Inc. June 8th & 9th 2013. The outing will start at Henry Sever Lake at Newark, MO on June 8th. (Henry Sever is located 1 mile north of Newark, MO on Rt. KK) Launch time will be at 7:00 A.M. Henry Sever is a 158 acre lake. Outboard motors in excess of 10 horsepower must operate at slow, no wake speed. Muskie fishing success at Henry Sever has been improving the last couple of years. Lunch will be provided by Pomme Chapter members for all participating in the outing. (Hot dogs, brats, chips and drinks).

The Northeast Muskie Outing will continue on June 9th at Hazel Creek Lake, about three miles north of Kirksville, MO, then 1.5 miles west on Buck Creek Road. (When Buck Creek swings to the right, continue straight to the lake.) The boat ramp on the north side will be used for the outing. Hazel Creek Lake is 530 acres and is owned and operated by the city of Kirksville, MO. Only electric motors are permitted. Hazel Creek Lake is noted for having many muskie over 40".

Lunch will again be provided by members of the Pomme Chapter of Muskie, Inc.

Distance, Lodging, Food Possibilities for June 7th:

- **Shelbina Best Value Inn** (Distance from Shelbina to Newark = 25 miles)
711 North Highway 15
Shelbina, MO 63468
(573) 588-0020
- **Martha's Family Restaurant** (Shelbina) is open for evening meals and early morning breakfast. (opens @ 5:00 A.M.)
- **Little's Family Restaurant** (Shelbyville) is open for evening meals with an adjoining bar.
- **Bethel, MO** (Distance from Bethel to Newark = 12 miles)
Inn Harmony-- *Opened in 2006, the original colony hotel now houses guest's in a historic setting, modestly furnished with a complete kitchen and private bath, with a bit of history in each guest room. The proud owners are Melvin and Wendy Brumbaugh. To make reservations please call (660)278-4221.*
- **Smokin J's Steakhouse** (Bethel, MO) *Smokin J's is a new steakhouse and bar in Bethel, Missouri. It is a small family owned business that will serve barbeque specials along with a full menu of food and drinks.*
- **Ozark Lodge & Steakhouse-Newark, MO and Solid Rock Café**
(Distance from Lodge to Henry Sever = 6 miles) Lodge Rooms by reservation at (660) 284-6333. Prices start at \$47.50 per night. (No TV)
- **Primitive Camping is available at Henry Sever.**



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Lodging Possibilities for June 8th: (Kirksville, MO)

- **Days Inn** (phone: 660-665-8244)
- **Super 8** (phone: 660-665-8826) Parking for boats. Bring a long extension cord and power strip.

Please let Wayne Humphrey know by May 31st if you are planning to attend the Northeast Missouri Muskie Outing so that we can make lunch plans. Thanks! 314-440-2173, wayne@missourimuskie.org

FISHING FOR STORIES

Fishing stories are an important part of Missouri's cultural heritage. This type of folklore is frequently shared in social settings, and worthy of preservation, but rarely gets documented. This semester, a team of undergraduate writers enrolled in Social Aspects of Fishing will organize this information into a book - but we need your help! Stories are being solicited from any angler statewide. Top three entries receive gift cards. The fishing experience must be Missouri-based. So what are you waiting for? Please send your best fishing story to: Dr. Mark Morgan, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, 105 Natural Resources, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211 or simply contact him at (573) 882-9525 or markmorgan@missouri.edu

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Drink deep from the cup of life...
and always ask for a free refill.



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FREE LURE FOR NEW MEMBERS

Sign up a new member of Muskies Inc. for one year or more and they will receive a SUPER CISCO lure from Tackle Industries and a discount code for 15% off their first order from Tackle Industries. These lures have been donated to help us recruit new members and can be seen on their website: TackleIndustries.com. They sell for \$10.99 plus \$5 for shipping.

To get your free lure, send the membership form to MI with “Super Cisco” written in the sponsor line and it will be mailed to the new member





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Calendar of Club Events

		Chairman	Contact No.
February			
6-10	St. Louis Sport Show	Info Only	
March			
15	7:00PM Dinner @ Luckys, Club Meeting to Follow	George Donner	816-678-1623
16	Border War Tournament w/ Shawnee Muskie Hunters - Dinner, Awards & Special Recognition to Follow	Wayne Humphrey George Donner	314-440-2173 816-678-1623
April			
20	Club Meeting @ TBD	George Donner	816-678-1623
May			
18	Musky Mahem & Club Meeting (Guided Fishing W New Members)	George Donner	816-678-1623
	Fish 8 - 4 Dinner @ 5:30 Meeting to Follow		
June			
8-9	Northern Missouri Musky Trail Outing & Meeting - Henry Sever & Hazel Creek	George Donner Tim Dunaway	816-678-1623 573-588-4082
July			
13	Kids Day - State Park Marina - Lunch & Meeting follow	Dan Diemert Steve Worstell	314-752-9971 816-520-2371
27	Pomme de Tour - Pomme Arm - from The Harbor Marina @ 8 AM	Earle Hammond	816-225-3519
TBD	Lake St Clair outing	Denis Ledgerwood	636-346-4288
August			
17	Pomme de Tour - Lindley Arm - From The Harbor Marina @ 8 AM	Earle Hammond	816-225-3519
September			
21	Guide For A Day - Meeting - Meal	Steve Worstell	816-520-2371
18-20	Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge @ Lake Vermillion	Fred Wehrli	785-584-6393



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October			
4	Friday Fall Muskie Tournament	George Donner Scott Schlick	816-678-1623
5-6	Saturday/Sunday Fall Muskie Tournament	George Donner Scott Schlick	816-678-1624
11-19	Lac Seul Trip	Doug Hutchinson	314-949-0854
26-27	CPR Mail-in Tournament	Wayne Humphrey	314-440-2173
November			
9	Pick 3 Outing - Dinner & Nominations Meeting Follow	George Donner	816-678-1623
December			
7	Annual & Planning Meeting - Starts at 10 AM - Lunch Served	George Donner	816-678-1623

Event Descriptions

Border War Tournament – Members of Missouri Muskies compete against the Shawnee Musky Hunters of Illinois. The competition is held at home lakes of Pomme de Terre and Kincaid lakes on a rotating basis. 2013 war will be held at Pomme de Terre Lake.

Musky Mayhem – Members meet and fish at Pomme de Terre Lake. New members will be “guided” by an existing member to get them introduced to the lake, hot spots, lures, techniques, etc.

Northern Musky Trail – Members will meet at Henry Sever Lake to fish Saturday and then move to Hazel Creek Lake to fish Sunday. The lakes are within a few hours of each other and it is a chance for us to use those stocked lakes as well as Pomme.

Kids' Day - Fishing event provides a day to bring kids and family to the state park marina to fish for crappie (and whatever else bites). Fish are measured and weighed and records are kept. This is for kids from 5 to 16.

Pomme de tours (Pomme and Lindley arms of the lake) are held for members to educate them on fishing spots, lures, techniques to catch Muskies. Using a pontoon boat, the tours are led by our professional guides. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other members and to learn where and how to fish the lake. This is free for members but expenses for the boat and gas are shared. Bring your lunch or buy lunch while at a stop on the tour.

Guide for a Day (GFAD) – This is a significant fundraiser for our club. Existing members guide potential members (from sports shows or other ads). The goal is to provide a good example of what fishing for muskies is all about and have a great steak dinner. This has led to many new members in the past.

Fall Tournament – This is the best fishing time of the year and this is our clubs' premier event. Cash prizes are awarded. There are two tournaments in the same weekend – Friday tournament and Saturday/Sunday tournament. A big meal and program are held Saturday night. Drawings for prizes are held as well.

CPR (Catch, Photograph, Release) tournament – This tournament is held at the end of October to encourage fishing at ANY Missouri Lake or Kincaid Lake in southern Illinois. Cash prizes are awarded for the largest fish.



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Pick Three Outing – Each member picks three lures to fish with. They can only use those lures for the day. Big Fish pot is voluntary. Braggin' rights apply for the first, most, largest etc.

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.



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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 Muskies	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:					

CRAIG FULLER, MUSKELLUNGE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
 MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
 2350 S. JEFFERSON LEBANON, MO. 65536
 417-532-7612 Ext 224
 craig.fuller@mdc.mo.gov



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