



Missouri Muskies Newsletter

Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Donner's Discourse



By George Donner, President

Happy New Year all, I am looking forward to big muskies in the boat this year and the stories of the ones that got away. We finished up the business of 2013 at our planning meeting in December. You will find the schedule of events in the newsletter.

Items of note in next year's events calendar:

1) The Border War Tournament with the Shawnee club is March 22nd, it is at Lake Kincaid this year.

We need lots of participation from our club, it's embarrassing that we have not won the bragging rights for several years, this is a great time and the

Shawnee club does a great job of hosting this event. Lake Kincaid is a great fishery and it is not unusual to catch multiple 45 inch plus fish in a day. There is a Pomme Club "Strategic Planning Session" Friday night March 21st. Club headquarters are at The Americas Best Value Inn in Murphysboro Illinois. Their website is www.americasbestvalueinn.com/bestv.cfm?idp=1027 to make reservations. Let me know if you are planning to attend.

2) The Gil Hamm Muskie Inc Tournament is back at Lake of the Woods for 2014. The dates are August 20-22. We need more people to go to this great event. We will be staying at the Red Wing Lodge again this year. Red Wing Lodge is providing a fantastic raffle for us to utilize this year in our fund raising efforts. It would be great if we were able to muster a lot of support for them. Contact Fred Wehrli to get cabin reservations, they are limited so hurry. Fred can be reached at 785-640-5950.

3) The Fall Tournament is the club's **40th anniversary**; the paybacks this year are 45% of the entry fees. This is double the payback of the several previous year's tournaments. The tournament is the 1st weekend in October.

4) The CPR Tournament is 1 day only on Saturday October 18th. The payback this year is 80% of the entry fees.

Remember, the proceeds from these tournaments are used to support the projects of our chapter. All the proceeds stay within the chapter. This year we are providing 2 rolls of Avery netting to the MDC's Lost Valley Hatchery in Warsaw Mo. at a cost of \$2,124. These nets substantially increase the yield of the muskie fingerlings by covering the rearing pools at the hatchery. We have also pledged to provide \$2,500 worth of ADA compliant picnic table for the Busch Wildlife Pavilion in St Louis Mo. contingent on a matching donation from the Hugh Becker Foundation. Our 1st sports show event this year will be in Kansas City January 23rd thru the 26th. We are updating the booth this year. A few years back the Pomme De Terre Chamber of Commerce gave the club their old pop-up display. We are utilizing it as a new backdrop for our booth. We will have up to date pictures and club information on it. This was a badly needed improvement that was needed to keep our booth current with the times. Drop by for a visit; don't feel intimidated if you can't work the booth. We understand that not everybody can commit that amount of time.

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2014 Tournament Preparations

Fred Wehrli was able to secure a fantastic raffle for the club to use this year as a fundraiser. The details are as follows:

See flyer next page!

1 week stay at Red Wing Lodge on The Lake of the Woods Canada

Cabin for 4

Dock & Launch Fees Included

Non Transferable

No Cash Value

Drawing Held October 4th at Pomme De Terre Muskie Fall Tournament Banquet

Need Not Be Present To Win

Must be Used By December 31st, 2015

If you were to purchase this trip, it would cost \$1,550. We are asking all club members to sell raffle tickets all year long. Flyer is attached. Contact George Donner or Wayne Humphrey to get some raffle tickets or if you have some questions.

george@missourimuskie.org or wayne@missourimuskie.org



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1 Week Stay on Lake of the Woods



At **RED WING LODGE**

www.redwinglodge.net

\$1,550 Value

- ✓ 1 Week Lodging !
- ✓ 4 People
- ✓ Two Bedroom Housekeeping Cottage !
- ✓ Microwave, Coffee Maker, Linens, Cooking Utensils !
- ✓ Boat Launching & Dockage Included !
- ✓ Air Conditioned Cabin !
- ✓ Wireless Internet !



RAFFLE TICKETS

1 TICKET \$5

or

5 TICKETS \$20

Need Not Be Present to Win

Drawing Held October 4th 2014 @
Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc. Fall
Tournament Banquet
Stay Must be Used By December 31st, 2015



All Proceeds Utilized to Purchase ADA Compliant Picnic Tables @ Kids Fishing Lake Shelter at Busch Conservation Area St Louis Mo.
and

Purchase Avery Netting to Increase Yield of Stocking Size Muskies





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REMINDER: Please have forms turned in by February 1st

Show-Me Muskie Project

Help us evaluate Missouri muskie management

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites conservation-minded muskie anglers to help us evaluate Missouri's muskellunge management program. We need a wide cross-section of muskie anglers at all levels of skill and experience. Missouri's Muskellunge Plan sets muskie angler catch-rate objectives, which can be documented most efficiently by anglers themselves. If you choose to participate, here's how the program will work.

Mail in your forms once a year or when you are done Missouri Muskie Fishing

Every year, we will send you a postage-paid envelope so you can mail in your Trip Record forms to MDC's Muskellunge Program Coordinator. We will also send you a supply of blank forms, which you can complete and keep in your file during the next recording period. All individual information sent to the Muskellunge Program Coordinator will be considered confidential. However, you will receive group results in an annual newsletter, along with other information updating you on Missouri's progress in culturing and managing muskies.

To participate in this important angler/agency management partnership, complete and return the Show-Me Muskie Project enrollment form listed below.

Dave Woods

Muskellunge Program Coordinator

Missouri Department of Conservation

2630 N. Mayfair

Springfield, MO 65803

417-895-6881, ext. 1623

dave.woods@mdc.mo.gov



Thanks for your help!



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A message from Ellen M Wells, Secretary for MI

January 2014 the new member ID card process will be implemented.

ON LINE MEMBER ID CARD PRINTING

All member ID cards are to be printed by members once accessing their account User Profile.

There will be a link on the user profile page (upper right hand corner) that will allow them to print and retain their own ID Cards at ANY TIME. For family members the family head will be able to print the entire families ID's.

Print Membership ID Card
Print All Family ID Cards

We will be eliminating MI supplying and ID cards effective 1/1/2014. This will save the organization dollars in monthly expenditures for the imprinting and managing of the ID cards.

We understand some of our members will not have access to computers or be able to print their own ID cards, in these cases they can contact the Secretary to have them produced and mailed to them, but this will be by request only. We will advise members of this in the January Issue of Muskie Magazine.

We understand change is difficult but we also have an obligation to the organization to remain fiscally responsible and to become part of the new wave of technology.

ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS CONTACT ME DIRECTLY. ID's will be printed by Secretary only upon request for those without computer access or printers.



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2014 Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc. Calendar of Club Events

		Location	Chairman	Contact No.
January				
10-12	Chicago Musky Show		Info Only	
10-12	Springfield Mo Sports Show		Info Only	
23-26	Kansas City Sports Show	Bartle Hall	Steve Worstell	816-520-2371
February				
26-28	St. Louis Sport Show		Info Only	
March				
1-2	St. Louis Sport Show Continued		Info Only	
22	Border War Tournament w/ Shawnee Muskie Hunters, Meeting Fr 3/21	Kincaid Lake	George Donner	816-678-1623
April				
12	Club Outing & Meeting	Pomme De Terre	George Donner	816-678-1623
May				
17	Musky Mahem & Club Meeting (Guided Fishing W New Members)	Pomme De Terre	George Donner	816-678-1623
	Fish 8 - 4 Dinner @ 5:30 Meeting to Follow			
June				
7-8	Northern Missouri Musky Trail Outing & Meeting - Henry Sever & Hazel Creek	TBD	Wayne Humphrey Tim Dunaway	314-440-2173 573-588-4082
21	Kids & Family Day @ Pittsburg State Park	Pomme De Terre	Dan Diemert Phil White	314-752-9971 816-518-8459
July				
26	Pomme De Tour - Pomme Arm - 4 People Minimum	The Harbor Marina @ 8 AM	Earle Hammond	816-225-3519
18-19	Lake St Clair Outing	TBD	Denis Ledgerwood	636-346-4288
August				
16	Pomme De Tour - Lindley Arm - 4 People Minimum	The Harbor Marina @ 8 AM	Earle Hammond	816-225-3519
20-22	Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge - Lake of the Woods	Red Wing Lodge	Fred Wehrli	785-584-6393
September				
20	Guide For A Day - Meeting - Meal	Pomme De Terre	Steve Worstell	816-520-2371
October				
3	Friday Fall Muskie Tournament - 40th Anniversary	Pomme De Terre	George Donner	816-678-1623
4-5	Saturday/Sunday Fall Muskie Tournament - 40th Anniversary	Pomme De Terre	George Donner	816-678-1623
18	CPR Mail-in Tournament	MO Lakes & Kincaid	Wayne Humphrey	314-440-2173
November				
1	Pick 3 Outing - Dinner & Nominations Meeting Follow	Pomme De Terre	George Donner	816-678-1623
December				
6	Annual & Planning Meeting - Starts at 10 AM - Lunch Served	Pomme De Terre	George Donner	816-678-1623

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CPR Tournament Revisions

In an effort to increase participation in the Fall CPR Tournament we are making some changes to the format of the event:

The event will be one day only, Saturday October, 18th. It is hoped that this will allow more people to participate.

The payout has been increased to 80% of the entry fees. This is very high in the tournament world and is possible because we will not be mailing information about the tournament except in the fall tournament mailing. All confirmations of the entry will be emailed so be sure there is a good, legible email address on the entry form.

We have left the entry fee at \$80 per boat to increase the payout. With only 15 boats participating we will pay out \$500 to the winning team, \$300 for 2nd place and \$150 for 3rd. The big fish pot (optional) of \$10 per team is 100% payout for the big fish. The prize money will be adjusted for the actual number of participants so the potential prize money could be more than the above example.

For complete information and entry forms, check out the website www.MissouriMuskies.org or contact Wayne Humphrey at Wayne@MissouriMuskies.org or 314-440-2173.



Steve Worstell is the newsletter editor for 2014. 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 help, the lighter the load. Please check out our website at MissouriMuskies.org for more information about our chapter and events.



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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:
 Dave Woods, Muskellunge Program Coordinator
 Missouri Department of Conservation
 2630 N. Mayfair
 Springfield, MO 65803
 417/895-6881 x1623
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From: Pomme de Terre Chapter
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To: