



Missouri Muskies Newsletter

Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Donner's Discourse

By George Donner, President



For me, our most recent club outing started out like any other fishing trip. Load the boat with lucky lures, fill up the truck and boat with gas and get to the destination. The next morning was also uneventful until around 10 AM. While maneuvering the boat across a windblown point, I hit a submerged stump going at what I considered to be slow to moderate speed. The boat stopped fast, I reversed the trolling motor to get off the stump and my partner lost his balance and fell out the back of the boat and into the lake. He tried to grab something to regain his balance or something to stop his fall, but could not. I am thankful that he was not hurt. He was shaken up a bit as was I. This accident happened in the blink of an eye.

After this accident the "What If's" are what had me shook up more than the actual accident. What if:

- my partner hit his head on the boat or an underwater obstruction or got impaled on a stick up?
- when my partner went under, got entangled in tree branches, old fishing line, hooks etc. and could barely hold his head above the surface?
- the water temperature was cold, say 50 degrees or less?
- what if I was fishing alone?

The point is, this fishing trip started out like any other. These accidents can happen anytime and you can't assume that your time on the water will go according to plan or like the last 1,000 trips on the lake. Neither one of us was wearing our life vests BECAUSE we were on a no wake lake and was just using the electric motor. We were both confident that nothing would happen.

My partner lost a very expensive pair of glasses, got his camera and phone wet. The camera and phone came back to life, his glasses are gone despite my partner's and Tim and Tyler Dunaway's valiant effort to retrieve them in 10 ft of water. I will be wearing my life vest whenever I am on the water from now on. This accident was a wakeup call for me. Wear your life vest whenever you are on the water! You owe it to your loved ones to come home. I am thankful that my partner was able to return home.

Following is a statistic from the Army Corps of Engineers-

Drowning Fatalities:

Each year over 3,400 people drown in the United States. Drowning is the **SECOND** leading cause of accidental deaths for persons 1-14 years of age and the sixth leading cause for all ages.

What is really surprising is that two-thirds of the people who drown never had an intention of being in the water!

DON'T BE A STATISTIC!



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Don't forget, Saturday, July 13th is kid's day sponsored by the club. Kid's fishing day starts at 9 AM at the State Park Marina. Lunch will be provided. Bring your kids, grand kids, neighbor kids!!



**Every fish caught is measured by Dan Diemert
All participating children receive a prize.**

Let us know how many children you are bringing by
emailing dan@missourimuskie.org
or by calling Dan at 314-752-9971

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NORTHERN MISSOURI MUSKIE OUTING

The second weekend in June was the 2nd annual Northern Missouri Muskie Outing (NMMO). Henry Sever Lake was the Saturday stop and at dinner on Friday night Tim Dunaway warned us not to expect a lot from it. He had fished it all spring and had only muskie up to this time. He also warned that there was limited visibility in the water. Turns out the term “limited” was true with only 3 inches or so of visibility in water that looked like coffee with heavy cream in it. Before lunch Wayne Humphrey caught a bass of about 5 pounds on a “Double 10” and that was the only fish for the day. George Donner had one on just before lunch on a Shallow Invader but didn’t get it in the boat.

Lunch was brats and dogs on the grill provided by Tim and Tyler Dunaway.

After lunch, the Dunaways and Jodie Gordon and his partner Jon Gering headed to Hazel Creek to fish for the afternoon. Jodie had lost two fish in one day earlier in the week on HC and thought the odds were better there where water color was normal. They were right as Jon caught a 16 inch muskie about 4 pm. No other fish were encountered on Saturday.

Fishing Sunday was better but none hit the topwaters that many were throwing. About 8 am Tim Dunaway caught a 34 on a baby Depth Raider that was being twitched around a brush pile. About 9 am, George Donner’s partner, Mike Orłowski, caught a 34 on a black Slopmaster with a silver blade. The fish was close to the bank. A little later Wayne Humphrey had a follow on a black #5 Mepps with a silver blade.

Lunch was burgers, dogs and brats provided by Jodie Gordon.

About 1 pm Jodie Gordon caught a 33 on a homemade orange/brass in-line spinner fishing around some stumps. Around 1:45 pm Tim Dunaway doubled up with a 39.5 caught on a windy point with a homemade “Showgirl” with nickel blades and gold skirt.

We had overcast all day until about 2:30 when the sky to the west turned black and all of us beat it back to the dock to get off the water before the weather moved in. Good thing too because it really turned bad after we all got out.

If you are not fishing Sever and Hazel Creek you are missing out on some good fishing opportunities. Everyone there agreed we should do the outing again next year.

Notes:

Denis Ledgerwood also fished the weekend outing.

They have been writing tickets for using your gas engine on HC. \$150 fine. Look out for a lone woman hanging around.

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MDC netted HC and Sever this spring and got real good numbers and decent size fish. Sever should be good this fall when it clears up as well as HC. Think about fishing these lakes during the CPR Tournament.

Jodie Gordon got a report from another muskie fisherman of a 51 being caught and released in HC. It was netted, measured and successfully released. Jodie says the folks that caught the fish are a reliable source and he hopes they took photos.





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Upcoming Events

The fall tournament entry forms and fliers will be mailed mid July. This year's tournament is October 4th, 5th & 6th. Remember, starting positions are based on receipt of completed tournament entry form. First entry gets starting position number 1 and so on.

You can get a head start by going to our website <http://www.missourimuskie.org> and down load the tournament entry form!!!!

Changes to fall tournament pay out, this year the minimum payout for the tournament is \$1,275 which is equivalent to 30 teams participating This payout is regardless of the amount of entries received. The payout increases progressively above 30 teams. In the past actual tournament payout was based on the number of entries which has been less than 30 teams. **This year the payout schedule minimums are:**

Friday		Sat/Sun	
1st Place	\$225.00	1st Place	\$500.00
2nd Place	\$125.00	2nd Place	\$225.00
3rd Place	\$75.00	3rd Place	\$125.00

T Shirt Sales: We will be selling T-Shirts this year Friday and Saturday mornings. There will be no need to pre-order the T Shirts.

See next page for entry form.



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Tournament Entry Form

UNSIGNED ENTRY FORMS WILL BE RETURNED FOR SIGNATURE

LATE FEE, IF ENTRY FEE POSTMARKED AFTER SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2013 - \$10 PER TEAM

PLEASE PRINT		Team Fees	Amount Enclosed
Boater's Name		Friday \$60	
Mailing Address		Saturday/Sunday \$130*	
City, State, Zip		Big Fish Pot Optional	
Phone		\$10 Friday	
Email		\$10 Saturday	
Boater's Signature		\$10 Sunday	
Partner's Name		Extra Meals @ \$17 ea	
Mailing Address		Late Fee	
City, State, Zip			
Phone			
Email			
Partner's Signature		Total Enclosed	

Send entry form & check or money order payable to:

Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc. C/O Wayne Humphrey, 768 Country Manor Lane, St Louis Mo 63141

Entry Fees

Friday – October 4th.....\$60 per team

Saturday/Sunday October 5th & 6th.....\$130* per team

*Includes Saturday Night Banquet at Wheatland Senior Center

Optional Big Fish Pot (100% Payback)..... \$10 Team/Day (See Rules)

Late Fees Apply If Postmarked after September 14th 2013 or Entry at Dock

Tournament Contacts: George Donner 816-678-1623 or Wayne Humphrey 314-440-2173

Tournament Rules Mailed with Entry Confirmation

Also Available Online at www.missourimuskie.org

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<u>2013 Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc.</u>			
<u>Calendar of Club Events</u>			
		Chairman	Contact No.
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
18-24	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
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



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Event Descriptions

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.

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