



Missouri Muskies Newsletter

Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc.

July 2017

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Todd Hardin has taken on the responsibility of submitting our chapter's events to the News & Views section of the MI magazine. With Todd's help we will now have regular submissions to this section. This section in the MI magazine keeps other clubs informed of our clubs activities, celebrations etc. Submissions to Todd need to be done by the 5th of every odd month.

I apologize; there was no newsletter for July, time got away from me as I got caught up in remodeling our home and a steady stream of relatives and friends coming to visit. I also developed a detached retina. Surgery to repair my right eye was on July 20th. That surgery produced unforeseen complications so my 2nd surgery was July 24th. I am happy to report that the surgery was successful. Doctor tells me to expect 12 weeks to fully recover.

George Donner

July Activities

Lindley Arm tour on Pomme de Terre Lake was canceled, we were short on participants.

Lake St Clair Trip

We had only 4 fishermen on this year's trolling trip, Wayne Humphrey, Doug Hutchinson, Terry Fazikas and Denis Ledgerwood.

Fishing was in a word OUTSTANDING. Over the 2 day period 24 Muskies were hooked and 23 landed including 4 monsters 50" or and over.

First photo is Wayne with a super fat 51", 2nd and 3rd photos are Doug's 53" which won our big fish pot, 4th photo is Doug again with a 50". (I'll send my 560" later)

When Pomme is 85 degrees the place to be is Lake St. Clair with its 76 degree water. The Lake was up 3-4' above normal and the spawn was late but the big girls were eating.

Of the 16 fish 40" and over 13 were caught trolling Cow Girls with double 10 blades primarily with Chartreuse/Yellow skirts.

Many thanks to Captain Ed and his Mate from Medicine Man Charters. You can believe we are going back next year at the same time in July.

If anyone is interested in going I'll start a list and get back to you after the first of the year.

Denis



Wayne Humphrey with a fat 51"



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Doug Hutchinson with and his 53" big fish pot win



Doug Hutchinson with another nice 50"



Denis Ledgerwood and his 50"

Augusts' Activity

- August 19th is the Pomme de Tour Pomme Arm of Pomme de Terre Lake.
- The Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge is August 23-25 on Lake of the Woods. Red Wing Lodge is tournament headquarters. This year we have 2 teams representing our chapter:
Team 1: Jim "Coach" Wilson, Dave Admire, Tim Dunaway, George Donner
Team 2: Robert Viscek, Denis Viscek, James Smith, Bill Chapman
- For more information see <http://gilhamm.com/index.html>



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September Activity

- Saturday September 16th is Guide for a Day Fundraiser with a possible spill over to the 17th if there is enough demand. This event is a major fundraiser for our chapter. Chapter members donate their time, gas, provide tackle and guide guests on Pomme De Terre Lake for an 8 hour trip. The guests pay \$125 and are treated to a dinner immediately following the event.

This year we are guiding on Pomme de Terre and Hazel Creek lakes. We need guides, if you are able to guide or if you don't want to guide but can help we need help with dinner setup & cooking. Please contact Wayne Humphrey at 314-440-2173 or wayne@missourimuskies.org. This is a good chance to tune up for the fall tournaments. Guests being guided on Hazel Creek will not be provided a dinner and the donations are reduced to \$100.

- September 23rd is the 11th annual Border War Challenge between the Pomme de Terre Chapter & the Shawnee Muskie Hunters on beautiful Pomme de Terre Lake. Participants are asked to register by September 9th to provide a head count for the awards dinner planning. ***For a registration or questions, contact George Donner, george@missourimuskies.org, (816) 678-1623.***

- September 24th is the King of the Lake Tournament Part 2

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER, since no fish were caught on Part1 and there are no participation points, everyone is on even ground. The full registration of \$50 must be paid to compete for the title. There will be no new entries allowed for the 3rd and final leg on November 4th.

We have 10 entries competing for the title.

Fishing hours are 7am to 12 noon

Registration information is at the end of the news letter.

Fall Tournament Update



Nick Admires 45" "Big Fish Winner" from the 2016 tournament



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Tournament Flyers were mailed out on July 29th. If you have not received a flyer by now please contact me @816 678 1623 or you can go to our website www.missourimuskie.org and print out your entry form.

This year's tournament is a week later than traditional due to scheduling conflicts with the banquet hall. This year's tournament dates are October 13-15, 1 week later than normal.

We will be having a pre-tournament get together and lure swap Thursday October 12th from 6:00 to 7:30PM at the Clearlight Inn. There will be burgers and sides provided. (Donations accepted)

Guest Speaker at Saturday Nights Banquet

Chris Haley

River Rat Guide Service

Chris Haley an eastern Kentucky native has been pursuing muskies in every state that has them for the last 28 years. He runs River Rat Guide service located in Hazard Kentucky. Chris guides on the Kentucky River system along with buckhorn and green river lakes.

He has hosted several outdoor shows, writes articles, speaks at shows and is an active muskies inc. president of chapter 52, he is also a tournament fisherman and actively fishes the PMTT as well as local tournaments.

Chris will be sharing insights of southern muskie waters, methods he uses, an open discussion concerning KY muskie habits & northern strain muskies and will close the evening with a message about bringing youth to Muskie fishing.

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Other Stuff

Donations for Tournament

73 donation requests have been mailed out and so far we have received only a few donations from those requests. We are still in need of donations to have a first rate raffle. The raffle provides significant profit for the tournament. The entry fee covers prizes and the expense of running the tournament.

We are looking for tackle, lure, and related items. We are looking for new stuff that can be used for the raffles at the tournament. Contact me at george@missourimuskie.org we are a 501c3 organization and can provide a tax deductible receipt for donated items.

Member Photos



Scott Schlick with a 49" Muskie caught on a black Suick in 5ft of water on Gun Lake, part of the Winnipeg River System



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Congratulations to Tim Dunaway. Tim hit another milestone by successfully releasing # 200 on July 8th while fishing on the Indian Lake Chain in Ontario Canada.



#199 - 41"



#200 - 33"

Fish #199 was caught about 8:30pm. I had just about given up on catching anything but this one was real aggressive on the figure 8. The 41" Muskie hit a Kramer Bros bucktail. We decided to head in but wanted to troll a little with a Naze Livid Fish and this little 33" decide to hit. The little guy was number 200 registered to Muskies Inc.

Tim Dunaway



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King of the Lake Tournament

Who's the Best?

Who's the Most Talented?

Who's the Most Skilled?

Who's the King of the Lake?

A Tournament to Determine the King of the Lake for 2017

Low Key

Big Reward

Bragging Rights

Convenient Dates *are day after events where your participation is needed*

MAY 21ST

7AM to Noon DAY AFTER MUSKY MAYHEM

SEPTEMBER 24TH

7AM to Noon DAY AFTER SHAWNEE BORDER WAR

NOVEMBER 4TH

8AM to 4PM DAY OF NOMINATIONS MEETING – GET A FREE DINNER!

Fishing hours allow you to get home while it's still daylight

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

\$50 ENTRY FEE

STANDARD SCORING

CUSTOM JACKET FOR 1ST PLACE

100% PAYBACK BIG FISH EACH DATE



Here's Your Chance to Prove It!



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KING OF THE LAKE TOURNAMENT RULES 2017

1) Dates, Fees general rules:

Tournament Dates & Fishing Hours:

1. May 21st - (day after Musky Mayhem) – 7am to 12 Noon.
2. September 24th - (day after Shawnee Border War) - 7 am to 12 Noon.
3. November 4th - 8 am to 4 pm.

No make-up dates in the event of bad weather.

1) Entry Fee is \$50 per person for all three event dates. If there are not 8 paid entries by May1st 2017, all entry fees will be returned.

This is an individual competition, club members only; 1 or 2 fishermen per boat. Partner does not have to be entered in tournament. Different partners for different legs allowed. All events take place on Pomme de Terre Lake.

All fees must be paid prior to fishing first leg of tournament. Tournament official's clock will be the official time. The Tournament Committee may cancel or delay the start of the Tournament due to safety issues or inclement weather.

2) All Missouri Conservation Water Safety Regulations will be in force, live bait prohibited.

2a) Trolling is limited to two rods per entrant May date only with one lure limit on each rod.

2b) Trolling is limited to one rod per entrant September & November dates only with one lure limit per rod.

2c) The Alabama, umbrella and similar rigs may be fished so long as they use only **ONE** lure. The remaining attachment points can include similar lures so long as their hooks have been removed or other hook-less attractor such as spinner blades are used.

3) Tournament check-in takes place each tournament morning at STATE PARK MARINA. Check-in is 30 minutes prior to the start of each morning of each leg. Starting positions will be determined by draw at each legs check-in day.

4) All 30" and longer Muskies are scored & must be released immediately after witnessed. Release length must be witnessed by at least 2 persons. No more than one witness from the boat in which the Muskie was caught. **THE BOAT MAY NOT BE MOVED IN ANY MANNER TO OBTAIN A WITNESS.** Witnesses do not have to be tournament entrants. Muskies must be measured with the ruler laying on a flat surface. (See illustration#1) Time of release must be entered on Release Form when witnessed. **ANY TOURNAMENT ENTRANT WHO REFUSES TO WITNESS A MUSKIE MAY BE DISQUALIFIED!**

Alternate: If there is not a witness available from outside the boat, **two digital photos** must be presented to the tournament officials with the Release Form for the fish. Digital photos that is required:

1) One photo is showing full length of fish on measuring device with the DAILY IDENTIFIER, clearly showing head against stop & tail measurement is visible. (See illustration #1)

2) One photo is showing tail of fish with measurement clearly visible with the DAILY IDENTIFIER.

The Release Form must be filled out and signed by same person. A daily identifier card is provided every day at morning check-in which must be clearly visible in all pictures.



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Contestants **MUST** turn in all Release Forms at the STATE PARK MARINA by end of each legs tournament fishing hours. All fish catch information must be reported on the day of the catch and before the deadline! Forms must be filled out completely; incomplete release forms will not be accepted. Photos will be reviewed by the Photo Review committee and their decisions will be final.

5) Scoring; 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. Accumulation of most points after the last leg wins the tournament.

5a) In case of a tie in points the person catching the longest muskie with the earliest release date & time will win. No kept Muskie will be allowed for tournament entry.

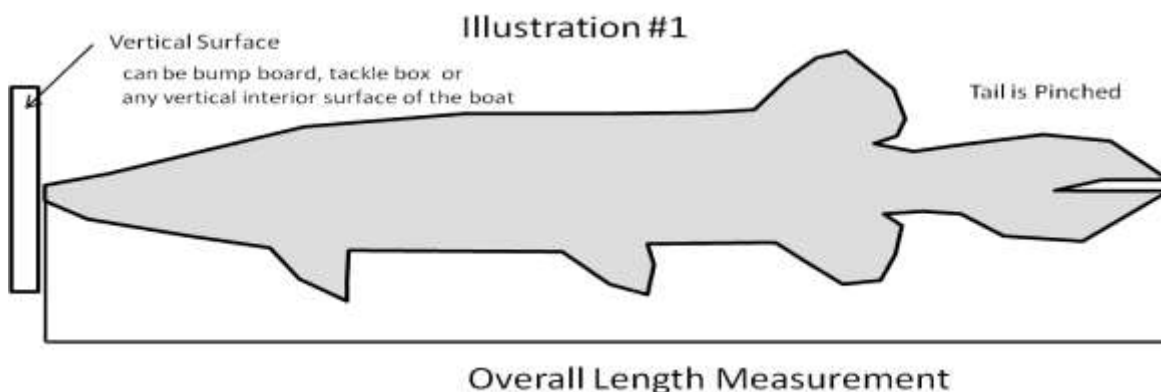
6) Prizes: 1st place only; custom jacket.

7) No alcoholic beverages will be allowed during tournament hours.

8) The Tournament Committee is the final judge of all tournament rules and decisions. Life jackets are to be worn at any time that a boat is underway, except that the jacket need not be worn while trolling. Not wearing life jackets while underway will be grounds for disqualification from any prizes and be subject to expulsion from the Tournament.

9) The participants agree to allow the Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc. to use photos obtained during the tournament & awards for publicity purposes.

OPTIONAL BIG FISH POT There will be a daily big fish pot with 100% payback. Entry will be \$10 per entrant collected & paid for each tournament day. The pot will be for the longest muskie. If there is no winner, the money will be drawn from among those entered in the pot. Only those participants that have entered the Big Fish Pot will be eligible for winning the pot. Longest muskie wins. In case of a tie, winner will be determined by earliest release time on release card.





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King of the Lake Tournament Entry Form 2017

Please Print

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
E Mail	
Signature	
Emergency Contact	
Emergency Phone #	

Individual Fee - \$50 covers all three dates

Send entry form & check payable to:

Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc. C/o George Donner 1205 NW Sawgrass, Grain Valley MO 64029

Big fish pot will be collected & paid the day of each leg of the tournament

Tournament Dates: See rule #1

Release of Liability – Read Before Signing

Print Participant 1 Name: _____

Print Participant 2 Name: _____

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

- 1) I am aware of the inherit 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, 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. 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 the 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. 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, death, or damage to person or property, whether caused by 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 _____



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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 all Releasees, and I for myself and behalf of my heirs, assign 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 negligence of the Releasees, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOURNAMENT WITHOUT THIS FORM HAVING BEEN COMPLETED AND TURNED IN PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT



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2017 Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc. Calendar of Club Events

		Location	Chairman	Contact No.
August				
19	Pomme Arm Tour (min 4 people)	Pomme de Terre Lake	Earle Hammond	417-993-0035
23-26	Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge	Red Wing Lodge Lake of the Woods	George Donner	816-678-1623
September				
16-17	Guide for a Day	Pomme de Terre Lake Hazel Creek Lake	Wayne Humphrey	314-440-2173
23	Shawnee Border War	Pomme	Denis Ledgerwood	636-346-4288
24	KING OF THE LAKE TOURNAMENT (part 2)	Pomme de Terre Lake	Denis Ledgerwood George Donner	636-346-4288 816-678-1623
October				
12	Pre-tournament registration & lure swap	Clearlight Inn	George Donner	816-678-1623
13	Friday Fall Muskie Tournament	Pomme de Terre Lake	George Donner	816-678-1623
14-15	Sat/Sun Fall Muskie Tournament	Pomme de Terre Lake	George Donner	816-678-1623
November				
4	White Bass Outing & Nominations Meeting	Pomme de Terre Lake	George Donner	816-678-1623
5	KING OF THE LAKE TOURNAMENT (part 3)	Pomme de Terre Lake	Denis Ledgerwood George Donner	636-346-4288 816-678-1623
December				
2	Annual Planning Meeting at Masonic Hall - Starts at 10 AM - Lunch Served	Pomme De Terre Lake	George Donner	816-678-1623

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