



Missouri Muskies Newsletter

Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Todd Hardin has taken on the responsibility of submitting our chapter's events to the News & Views section of the MI magazine. We have rarely contributed to this section and 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.

Netting results for 2017

Pomme de Terre Lake – Water temperature was 52°F and lake elevation was 841.7 msl (normal pool = 839.0); these are optimal temperature and lake level sampling conditions. However, water was also extremely clear. The water visibility this year was measured at 16 feet. The typical water visibility during muskie netting is usually only 2 to 3 feet. The clear water also allowed for an abundance of filamentous algae. By the end of day three the nets looked like green shag carpet. The clear water and algae coated nets likely depressed catch rate. A total of 79 muskies (43 males and 36 females) were captured in 23 net-days, resulting in a catch rate of 3.4 fish per net-day. Of the muskie captured, 47% were 36 inches or longer and 15% were 40 inches or longer. The largest fish captured was a female that measured 45.0 inches long and weighed 26 lbs, 12 oz. The long-term average catch rate for muskie on Pomme is 5.5 fish per net day.

Craig Fuller, MDC Fish Biologist Pomme De Terre Lake.

Observation by George Donner

Netting Results Numbers		
Year	% Fish Greater than 36"	% Fish Greater than 40"
2017	47%	15%
2016	42%	14%
2015	36%	14%

Fish that are sampled are getting bigger; however we don't have a way of extrapolating the percentage into the number of fish in the lake greater than 40"

Pomme Lake Report Highlights

The Pomme de Terre Lake Annual report that is produced annually by Craig Fuller is attached as a **separate file**. Highlights pertaining to muskies are as follows;

- Muskies will be stocked at a rate of 4,700 for fall of 2017
- Lack of dissolved oxygen is a concern to sustain life in larger muskies in combination with high water temperature.

The Muskie Management Plan for the state of Missouri for 2018 thru 2027 has been written and is currently being reviewed by MDC management and various MDC personnel. It is expected to be published late fall. We are not sure if our club will have any input in the plan at this late stage in the process. We hope to be included.

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Lake St Clair Trip!!!!

It's time to go troll Lake St.Clair. The dates for this year are July 14 and 15. We are planning to leave St. Louis on the 13th, drive to Detroit that day and fish 10 hours each day on the 14th, and 15th returning on Sunday the 16th.

Last year we had 2 at 50 or over and it seemed like a slow year. Previously we had fish up to 53-3/4". Typical catch over 2 days is 5 good Muskies per person. In mid-April this year, jigging for Walleye in the Detroit river we had a FAT 49-1/2" on a walleye jig and light line.

We will be trolling the Canadian side of the Lake so we need Canadian licence, they are available on line or daily can be had through our Captain. Cost for daily license is \$30.00 per day. If you are going to the Challenge or other places in Ontario it is easy to buy a yearly on-line. For address, call me or send an e-mail.

At this time we have 1 full boat band and need 4 or 5 fisherman to charter a second boat. Cost per person, not including food or lodging, is \$432.00 each with 5 on the boat or \$540.00 with 4 fishing. Boats are typically 31" Tiara or equal. I suggest you bring your passport if available in case we meet with Canadian Water Patrol.

Economical lodging is available at the Baymont and normally runs about \$35 per person per night.

This is either our 5th or 6th trip and we have standing reservations from previous fisherman, that's why we have 1 full boat!

Any questions or need to send me you deposit, call 636-346-4288. E-mail ledger@comcast.net

Denis Ledgerwood

Doug's fish!!!



Doug Hutchison caught a 49 1/2" muskie while walleye fishing the Detroit River in April of this year. After a 40 minute battle using 10# test line Doug was finally able to land the fish.

Unfortunately for Doug, he can't report it as a caught fish in the Lunge Log. Muskie season was not open on the Detroit River when the fish was caught. The fish is not allowable as per Muskies Inc. Club rules:

Rule1. Muskie must be caught on legal sport fishing tackle (hook & line) in the United States or Canada **in strict compliance with all local, state, or provincial laws.** Release division: 30 inch minimum. Kept division: That length set by the governing agency of that body of water.

James Smith New Treasurer

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James Smith has been elected treasure for our chapter for the remainder of the year. The treasure along with the rest of the officers are elected at the December meeting annually. Jim and George are getting club's books from Fred Wehrli's estate and getting our bank notified now that he has been elected.

May Activities

Musky Mayhem was Saturday May 20th. Musky Mayhem is a club outing where new members join an experienced member for a day of fishing.

We had 8 of the 11 new members able to participate this year. Weather was stormy leading up the event, lake level was passed flood stage, these are the excuses we used as we were unable to boat any fish, however all of the new members were able learn the lake.

Big thanks to the member guides, Denis Ledgerwood, James Smith, Kyle Marsanick, Earle Hammond Tim Dunaway, George Donner and Steve Worstell for getting the chicken dinner together for Saturday evening.

The King of the Lake Tournament Results

The 1st leg of the King of the Lake is in the books. We have 10 entries competing for the title. Competition started at 7am on Sunday May 21st and ended at 12 Noon. The conditions were as noted at the Mayhem event with the new wrinkle of bright blue cloudless skies which resulted in no fish being boated. Dwight Ipock won big fish by draw!

The next leg is Sunday September 24th, the day after the Shawnee Border War Challenge. Fishing hours are 7am to 12 noon. IT'S NOT TO LATE TO ENTER, since no fish were caught 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.

King of the lake participants;

Denis Ledgerwood

Steve Worstell

Jim Ashton

Earle Hammond

George Donner

James Bono

Dwight Ipock

James Smith

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Susan Sappenfield
Danny Sappenfield

June Activities



The annual Northeast Missouri Muskie Tour was June 2nd, 3rd & 4th and is in the books for another year. Put a bunch of Muskie enthusiasts together, mixed with good conversation, good food and plenty of Muskie fishing and the weekend was bound to be a success.

Friday night we visited Kirksville MDC office complex. What a great facility to serve the area. Mike Anderson, fishery biologist and new coordinator for the Show Me MO Muskie program was our guide. Brian Todd, Fisheries Regional Supervisor joined us for a general conversation on the Show Me MO Muskie program. This was followed by dinner at a local steak house.

Saturday morning found us fishing at Hazel Creek. Tim Dunaway connected early with a 32" jumping Muskie. Steve Worstell caught a short and Tyler Dunaway caught a short. Several of the group saw followers.

Sunday was centered on fishing at Henry Sever. Tyler Dunaway connected early with a 35" beauty, but Jodie "Big Fish" Gordon had the show stopper, a **45" new lake record Muskie for Henry Sever**. By the way Big Fish Gordon has broken the lake record 3 fish in a row; congrats to Jodie. Northeast Missouri Musky Alliance provided lunch for all participants both days.

In addition, Pomme Chapter of Muskies Inc. presented Fishery Biologist Ross Dames with large picture of 2016 Henry Sever's lake record Muskie caught by, you guessed it, Jodie Gordon. We will append the picture noting that the record has already been broken in 2017. The picture will be hung in Hannibal MDC in appreciation for the MO Muskie Program. Jerry Griffen received his plaque for finishing 4th among all muskie fly fisherman for 2016. A good time was had by one and all. Can't wait for next year.....

Tim Dunaway

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L to R Ross Dames, Tim Dunaway, George Donner

Jerry Griffen

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

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Low Key

Big Reward
Rights

Bragging

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

MAY 21 ST	7AM to Noon DAY AFTER MUSKY MAYHEM
SEPTEMBER 24 TH	7AM to Noon DAY AFTER SHAWNEE BORDER WAR
NOVEMBER 4 TH	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



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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.

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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.

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

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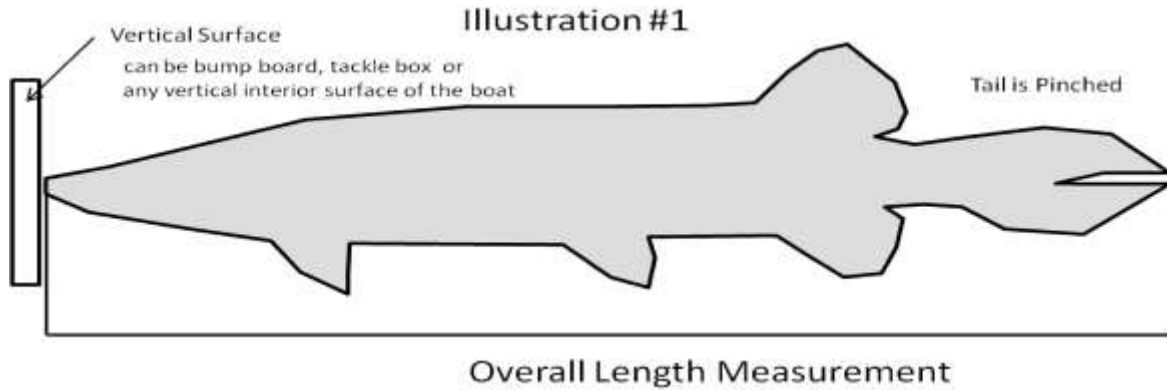
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be eligible for winning the pot. Longest muskie wins. In case of a tie, winner will be determined by earliest release time on release card.



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.

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- 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 _____

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.
May				
20	Musky Mayhem (Guided fishing with new members) Meeting to follow at the Masonic Lodge Fish 8 to 4	Pomme de Terre Lake	George Donner	816-678-1623
21	KING OF THE LAKE TOURNAMENT (part 1)	Pomme de Terre Lake	Denis Ledgerwood George Donner	636-346-4288 816-678-1623
June				
2	Tour MDC Facility - 4pm	Kirksville Mo	Tim Dunaway	573-588-4082
3	Northern Missouri Musky Trail Outing	Hazel Creek	Tim Dunaway Wayne Humphrey	573-588-4082 314-440-2173
4	Northern Missouri Musky Trail Outing	Henry Sever	Tim Dunaway Wayne Humphrey	573-588-4082 314-440-2173
July				
14-15	Lake St. Clair Outing	Lake St. Clair	Denis Ledgerwood	636-346-4288
22	Lindley Arm Tour (min 4 people)	Pomme de Terre Lake	Earle Hammond	417-993-0035
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	Fred Wehrli	785-584-6393
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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Lunge Log

Name	Date	Time	Length	Temp	Lure	Color	Lake
Tim Dunaway	1-Jun	800	33	72	Flicker Shad	Pink	Henry Sever
Tim Dunaway	1-Jun	935	31	72	Livid Fish	Black/White	Henry Sever
Tim Dunaway	1-Jun	1100	31	73	Crane	Pearl/Rainbow	Henry Sever
Tim Dunaway	3-Jun	615	32	75	SS Shiner	Shad	Hazel Creek
Tyler Dunaway	4-Jun	530	35	78	Shallow Invader	Orange Tiger	Henry Sever
Jodie Gordon	4-Jun	845	45	80	Tuff Shad	Silver/Black	Henry Sever
Jodie Gordon	7-Jun	1020	36.25	77	Crime Boss	Sucker	Henry Sever



Mike Folkert is the newsletter editor for 2014. If you have any questions or comments, please let him know – mfolkert@jackhenry.com or 417-489-2838. 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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