



Missouri Muskies Newsletter

Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Donner's Discourse

By George Donner, President



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An on-line encyclopedia defines a fishing lure as follows:

A fishing lure is an object attached to the end of a fishing line which is designed to resemble and move like the prey of a fish. The lure uses movement, vibration, and color to catch the fish's attention so it bites the hook. They are all engineered in different ways to separate cash from fisherman.

Ok, maybe some of the definition is ad-libbed, but true, I have been scouring the internet and auctions this winter and just increased my choices by a dozen new lures that I just had to have. With all these lures, engineered the same way.

As for the club, there was no club activity in February.

Our next club event is March 22nd & 23rd. The event is our annual Chapter Challenge / Border War Tournament against the Shawnee Muskie Hunters. Last month I indicated the event was to take place the 15th & 16th. The event was rescheduled because of a last minute conflict that the Shawnee club encountered. On Friday the 22nd we have a club meeting following the "Pay As You Go Dinner" at Lucky's. We will be gathering there at 7:00PM for dinner with the meeting immediately following.

After Saturday's day of fishing, there is a banquet Saturday evening, we will start serving dinner at 5:30 Saturday evening. The dinner will be at the Pittsburg Community Center which is located on Highway 64 in Pittsburg MO. Map and directions will be available at the State Park Marina morning of the event. Plan on being there early for social hour starting at 5:00 pm. Water and tea are provided, you can bring adult beverages of your choice. This year we will also recognize our club members that released 50" muskies in 2012 by awarding them their 50" release patches.

Muskies Inc is co-sponsoring the Keyes Outdoors fishing program this year again, the shows started airing mid January. You can catch up on past episodes on YouTube. Check www.keyesoutdoors.com for channels and time listing in your area. If you have not done it yet, check out the clubs website, www.missourimuskies.org, click on the link: 2012 Year End Muskies Caught Report compiled by Tim Dunaway. Tim did an excellent job breaking down the fish caught for the past year. Thanks Tim for super job.

April's club meeting will be at Whiteman Air Force Base. Meeting is estimated to begin at 11:30AM. After the meeting, we will be touring the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit. Paul Olejniczak, a club member and retired EOD officer will be co-hosting the event. Lunch will be provided. More details will be provided in April's newsletter along with a posting on our website. April 20th is the meeting date. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend. If there is enough interest, there will be a 5 hour LAME LURE tournament Sunday at Pomme De Terre Lake. Entry fee is one lure per fisherman which the tournament winner will receive.

See you at the lake !!!

Theresa Lee "Terri" Boone, 57, of Cape Girardeau passed from this life surrounded by her husband, family and friends into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, at Southeast Hospital after a brief illness. Terri Boone was the wife of club member Mark Boone. Mark is a long time member and past muskie program coordinator for the State of Missouri. The club was represented by Wayne Humphrey and Denis Ledgerwood at the services.

*Pomme de Terre Muskie Club
- all my fishing buddies
Your kindness and sympathy
are more deeply appreciated
than any words of thanks
can ever express
Thanks so much for your
beautiful gift Sincerely
Mark*



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Club Release Patch Policy

Following is a re-statement of our clubs policy concerning Release Patches. Administration of the Release Patches is done by the Release Chairman. Members who wish to receive a patch for a 30" release must mark the box on the Lunge Log reporting form. The form is on our web site.

Example from Lunge Log reporting form

Check The Box If You Want A		
Release Patch <input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Certificate <input type="checkbox"/>	Yearly Certificate <input type="checkbox"/>

The qualification for a Fifty Inch Release Patch and Century Club Release Patches are to be celebrated accomplishments and awarded at the next available club meeting by the president.

Patch Information

THE RELEASE PATCH



Members who release any muskie 30 inches or longer and indicate they want a patch by notation on the Lunge Log Entry Form will be issued the Muskies Inc. Release Patch. There is no charge for the patch. Only one patch for each release will be issued at no charge. Additional patches are \$1.00 each. The embroidered patch is 3.75" x 1.5". Administration of the patch is done by the Release Chairman.

THE FIFTY INCH RELEASE PATCH



This patch illustrates two 50-inch fish released

A patch given to members who have caught and released a muskie 50-inches and longer. It has a blank at the bottom with to apply 4 white stars. A patch with no stars represents one 50-inch fish, you will be issued a second master patch and subsequent stars to represent each 50-inch release. This process continues for each multiple of five releases. Only one patch or star for each release will be issued at no charge. Additional patches are \$3.00 each, stars are \$1.00 ea. The embroidered patch is 3.5" x 4". Administration of the patch is done by the Release Chairman.

THE CENTURY CLUB PATCH



This patch illustrates 400 Lunge Log entries

A patch given to members who have reported 100 or more entries to the Lunge Log in their lifetime. In the event a member reaches the second 100 entries they will be issued a purple blank with a white star to represent an additional 100 entries. Members will receive a white star for each subsequent 100 entries. Additional purple blanks and stars are issued as the purple blanks are filled. Each purple blank holds 4 stars. Only one patch, star and purple blank for each 100 releases will be issued at no charge. Additional Century Patches are \$4.00 each, stars and purple blanks are \$1.00 ea. The embroidered patch is 4.25" x 3.625". Administration of the patch is done by the Release Chairman.



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REVISED DATE REVISED DINNER LOCATION 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 23rd, 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 Pittsburg Community Center. This is located in Pittsburg, and is across the road from the ALPS grocery store. It sets back off the road about 200 yards. Plenty of parking if you are pulling your boat. 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, Pittsburg, 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@missourimuskies.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.**

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.



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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@missourimuskies.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.

Is January and February too cold to fish? These are a few Muskies caught in these months this year!



Left: 830am
Jan 6 during a
Bass tourney.
Guess 48"

Right: Feb 17 –
bass fisherman.
44" with a 24"
girth and
weighed in at
36 pounds.





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<u>2013 Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc.</u>			
<u>Calendar of Club Events</u>			
		Chairman	Contact No.
March			
22	7:00PM Dinner @ Luckys, Club Meeting to Follow	George Donner	816-678-1623
23	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 @ Lame Lure Challenge	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
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



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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.

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.

