



April 1st 2024 One Hundred and Twenty-first Edition

Greetings!

Well, it feels like spring has been switched with winter this year so hopefully everyone is enjoying the late March snowfall. It won't be long before we can begin chasing 'skies in Minnesota (June 1st) and Wisconsin (North - May 25th).

Our next meeting will be on April 9th at The Grand View Grill & Bar, Duluth, MN:

- Board Meeting – 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (all are welcome).
- General Meeting – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (all are welcome), we are excited to have Michael Hanson- Namekagon Area Guide Service as our guest speaker!

Early reminder that after our board meeting in May we'll be doing a lure raffle so please dig into your slightly used (or new) lures and let's try to raise some money for the youth program.

Thank you,

Jim Carnes

President LSMI

Lake Superior Muskies Inc

Announcing our April 9, 2024 speaker!

Board meeting 6:00 pm
General meeting 7:00 pm

Grandview Bar & Grill
2820 Midway Rd Duluth, MN 55810



Michael Hanson- Namekagon
Area Guide Service

Here are the officers for 2023 of The Lake Superior Chapter of Muskies Inc.

President Jim Carnes



Vice President Terry DeMenge



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Contest Chairman Report.

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Peter Krause at Large



Youth Director Robert Jenko



Robert Busche at Large



2024 Lake Superior Chapter Calendar of Events

Our general meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month October thru May at the Grand View Grill & Bar 2820 Midway Road Duluth, MN 55810. Board meetings are held at 6:00 pm, followed by the general meeting at 7:00 pm. As always, all Board meetings and general meetings are open to the membership and the public.

Any questions contact Jim at 715-553-2099 or Terry at 218-391-2699.

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April 9th Board meeting 6 pm general meeting 7 pm all board and general Meetings are open to the public. Guest speaker Michael Hanson

Namekagon Area Guide Service

May 11th Minnesota walleye opener

May 14th Board meeting 6 pm general meeting 7 pm all board and general Meetings are open to the public. Lure Auction (Speaker TBA)

May 25th Muskie opener St. Louis River

June 1st Minnesota Muskie opener

June 21st Youth Day outing with Peter from Catching Adventures

July 13th St Louis River Muskie Shootout 7am to 4 pm

MANDATORY RULES MEETING 6:30 A.M @ RICES POINT LANDING. DULUTH, MN

Contact Curt at 218-390-8888 or Dustin at 218-464-2379 or Jim 715-553-2099

Lake Superior Chapter of Muskies Inc.
Prize for largest Muskie of the year
“Replica Award” for 2024

The largest Muskie caught and released by any member will receive a free graphite Muskie mount from Lax Reproductions, courtesy of Lax Reproductions & Lake Superior Chapter Muskies Inc.

The rules are as follows:

1. The Muskie must be a minimum of **52 inches** in length.
2. Fish must be measured on bump board and photograph with fish on bump board.
3. Photographed and the photo sent to the contest chairperson within **30 days** of the catch via mail or email. Photos will not be returned. Photos can be digital or via a smartphone. Please sent via email.
4. Muskie registrations without pictures will not be eligible for the award.
5. All entries must be recorded on a Muskie Inc. Fishing Contest Entry blank or entered online at www.muskiesinc.org. Entry blanks are found at the Muskies Inc. website or are available from your Fishing Contest chairperson.
6. Fishing Contest Entry blanks (paper or online) must be:
 - A. **FILLED OUT COMPLETELY** on the front page or online to be eligible for points or awards. This includes the name of the body of water and bait used. THIS REGULATION WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED TO COMPLY WITH THE PURPOSES OF MUSKIES, INC.
 - B. Witnessed by at least one person and must have the phone number and signature of that witness.
 - C. Entered online or received (via mail) by the Lake Superior Chapter Contest Chairperson within 30 days of the date of the catch.
7. You may only win this once in your lifetime.
8. If the winner turns down the replica prize, it will go to the next member with the largest fish. The original qualifier will be eligible again after 3 years.
9. You must be a member of the Lake Superior Chapter #33 in good standing for **45 days** prior before entering. If the membership is a renewal, it must be completed prior to the expiration date. If a transfer from another chapter, the **45-day** waiting period applies from the date of transfer.
10. The winner must attend at least **2 monthly meetings or 1 outing and 1 meeting all between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024**. The annual chapter banquet qualifies for **2 meetings**. If a junior member wins, a parent or guardian must attend the meetings as noted above.
11. In case of a tie, the winner will be decided by their 2nd largest fish of the year. In case of a 2nd tie, the winner will be decided by a coin flip.

Contest review committee will consist of at least 3 members which will include the following: Lake Superior Chapter Contest Chairperson and at least 2 other members (one of which will be a non-board member). The committee will be established to review all disputes or questions on entered Muskies. They will arbitrate any dispute and their decisions shall be accepted as final.

2024 Committee: Terry DeMenge (contents director), Bob Busche (board member), Ron Krause (non-board member)

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2024 Rules for the Lunker of the Month

Lunker of the Month Awards is for the largest released Muskie for each month. The angler releasing the largest Muskie in that month will receive a Lunker of the Month Award.

The rules are as follows:

1. The Muskie must be **40** inches or longer for adults and 30 inches for junior members. There will be one award overall per month (not a separate award for adults and juniors).
2. **Photographed and the photo sent to the contest chairperson within 30 days of the catch via mail or email. Photos will not be returned. Photos can be digital or via a smartphone, however, digital is preferred.**
3. **Muskie registrations without photos will not be eligible for lunker awards.**
4. All entries must be recorded on a Muskie Inc. Fishing Contest Entry blank or entered online at www.muskiesinc.org. Entry blanks are found at the Muskies Inc. website or are available from your Fishing Contest chairperson. Entry blanks may be copied for recording additional Muskies caught.
5. Fishing Contest Entry blanks (paper or online) must be:
 1. **FILLED OUT COMPLETELY** on the front page or online to be eligible for points or awards. This includes the name of the body of water and bait used. **THIS REGULATION WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED TO COMPLY WITH THE PURPOSES OF MUSKIES, INC.**
 2. Entered online or received (via mail) by the Lake Superior Chapter Contest Chairperson within 30 days of the date of the catch.
6. In case of a tie, the winner for the month will be decided by their next biggest fish caught during that month. In case of a 2nd tie, winner will be decided on a coin flip.
7. You must be a member of the Lake Superior Chapter #33 in good standing for 45 days prior before entering. If the membership is a renewal, it must be completed prior to the expiration date. If a transfer from another chapter, the 45-day waiting period applies from the date of transfer.

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2022 Committee:

Terry DeMenge (contest director)

Bob Busche (board member)

Ron Krause (non-board member)

2024 Supporters of lakes Superior Chapter



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MUSKIES, Inc. Membership Application Form

Please print and fill-in the appropriate spaces; then mail with a check, money order, and CC #, payable to: "MUSKIES, INC." To-Candy Ellestad, Treasurer, 914 Bass Blvd, Proctor MN. 55810-2658

OR: for online application with credit card go to: www.muskiesinc.org

click on Join Us, Chapter Affiliation Lake Superior Chapter # 33

Name _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

Address _____

City/State _____ zip code _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Chapter Affiliation: Lake Superior Chapter #33

My Membership # (if current/past member) _____

Expiration Date _____

Must check one: _____ New Member _____ Renewal _____ Address Change _____ Email change

Method of payment: _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card Type: **Visa & MasterCard** Credit Card #

_____ Exp. Date _____

Please choose membership type:

Check appropriate box(s)

_____ Regular Individual Member 1 yr. - \$45.00 _____ Two yr. - \$75.00 _____ Three yr. - \$105.00

_____ Family -1 magazine 1 yr. - \$57.50 _____ Two yr. - \$100.00 _____ Three yr. - \$142.50 Name of

Spouse _____ D.O.B. _____

Name of Child _____ D.O.B. _____

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_____ Regular 1yr Junior Member (under 18) - \$30.00 D.O.B. _____

_____ Regular one year active military membership (must use APO/Military Installation address) \$30.00 (U.S. Funds)

For Additional Information Contact:

Curt Ellestad Membership Director at 218-390-8888 or Terry DeMenge, Chapter President at 218-391-2699

Hey all-

Just wanted to let you all know the new MUE webpage and the scoping survey are all LIVE. The media release will come out this afternoon.

- New MUE webpage with scoping survey at the bottom: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fish/muskeellunge/index.html>
- Survey can be found at the main FAW EHQ page: <https://engage.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries-public-input-wildlife-public-input>

Folks can complete the survey without registering (a huge win there).

Thanks all!