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**UP COMING
EVENTS**

- June 7thPrime Time Fun Tournament... Members Only
- Kids Day July
- Pomme de Tour July
- Pomme de Tour August
- Seminar July & August
- Guide For A Day September 20th
- Fall Tournament October 4-5-6
- Guide For A Day October 18th
- White Bass Outing November 8th

The lake level is now at 841 or close. The water temp varies in the morning it is around 69-70 warming up to 77 or so during the day. The gates are almost shut just letting out a trickle compared to what was coming out for almost a month. The muskies should be busting loose

NEELY NOTES

BY PRESIDENT GARY NEELY

Ever wonder why some clubs are so successful while others struggle to simply find enough people to fill the officer positions each year? Have you ever attended a nomination meeting where there are more people who want to serve than there are offices to be filled? And it's not about the number of club members, but more about the participation of those members and their dedication to promoting their club. When a club is shrinking or static with its membership numbers, the club is in trouble. So comes the question, how do you turn this around?

First, it is necessary to have the club to make a commitment to reach out to those who are interested in the common goals and one that learns how to educate your neighbors and friends as to who we are and what we do and how they might like to participate in this common interest area.

Clubs like these do not happen just because they are there, it takes work and commitment by the membership to make the things that make growing clubs happen and to make it an attractive club that others will want to join. It takes the support of the membership on a non judgmental basis that creates this type of atmosphere.

Did you ever attend a meeting as a newcomer where the other people attending are gathered into comfortable little groups having their little chats where no one takes the time to approach and introduce themselves? I have and when I left that meeting I still did not know any of the members, and I never inquired about joining again. Maybe part of the blame belongs to me by not pushing myself into the mix a bit stronger, but the end results remain the same, neither my friend nor I joined the group as we were left to feel as though we were intruding into a private sanctuary. If

someone had taken the time to introduce themselves and invite us in, the club would have had two new members that night.

Being friendly and taking the time to welcome the guests is not enough as we need to make sure that before they leave that they are aware of the programs that we have in place to help them get started with a successful Muskie fishing trip and to be sure that they know of the benefits to them about the Pomme de Tour's and other educational programs that our club offers.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

BY EARLE HAMMOND

Effective Jan 2009 I will no longer be doing the newsletter or the Lunge Log for our Chapter. If you are interested in doing either of these please contact Gary Neely and let him know. I have been doing the newsletter for 4-5 years now and I think it is time for

someone else to step up and take over. The newsletter does not have to be in the format that I decided to use but what ever you want to use. I will however still continue to assist Gary with the publishing, printing & mailing of the newsletter.

Doing the Chapter Fishing Contest is a piece of cake for the person taking it over. You must have a computer though Please let Gary know if you are interested in this job.

HERE IS A COPY OF THE LETTER THAT THE CHAPTER RECEIVED FROM THE MDC IN REGARDS TO THE NETS THAT WE PURCHASED FOR THE LOST VALLEY HATCHERY. THE NETS COVER THE REARING PONDS KEEPING FISH EATING BIRDS FROM THEIR FAVORITE MEALS.



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April 25, 2008

Gary Neeley, President
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Dear Gary,

I want to inform you Lost Valley Hatchery received the two rolls of 2"x100'x150' netting for use to cover a half acre Muskie production pond.

On behalf of the Missouri Department of Conservation I want to say Thank You to the Pomme De Terre Chapter Muskies Inc. for their generous donation. Without this netting it would not be possible to produce the quality and numbers of Muskie for stocking in Missouri waters; the herons would do serious damage.

I also want to thank Denis Ledgerwood for his leadership in getting this netting ordered and delivered.

Sincerely,

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Gary

Do we take time to outline the benefits to them of receiving our newsletter, the magazine and being able to participate in our events?

If we can not answer the above questions with a positive response, then we are not ready to promote ourselves as being a responsive club. One that supports the fisheries and the community on fishing issues and one that participates with the Conservation Department of helping the Muskie fishery to grow.

How can we help? Why not attend one of our meetings or events and ask a friend to join you. They don't have to be an experienced Muskie fisherperson as after all, we all had to start somewhere. Why not solicit a place where we can place our literature and invite the public into the Muskie world to see what is happening? Ask yourself the question, are any of us not promoting our hobby to those who might show a bit of interest, and if not, how can we change that?

Remember, the new President of your club for 2011 may not even be a member as of now, and we need to work hard to make sure that we invite them into our group. Take the extra step - say the extra words - make the invitation and let's see what we can accomplish.

MUSKIE MAYHEM 2008

BY WAYNE HUMPHREY

The Pomme de Terre chapter's annual Muskie Mayhem event took place on May 3rd at Pomme de Terre. All new members were invited to fish with one of our members to have an opportunity to learn more about muskie fishing and the lake.

One of the lessons learned was that the combination of water conditions and weather were about the worst possible for fishing. The lake level was high and had been falling as much as 6 inches per day. Water temperatures were below normal for time of year. Muskies were post spawn. A cold front went through Friday. I didn't check on moon phases but I am sure they were out of whack also.

We had 22 participants in the event with the following results:

- 1 follow
- 1 fish sighted swimming by the boat at break neck speed
- 1-15" muskie caught by Carl

Marks

There was one muskie caught by a bass fisherman fishing flooded timer in Big Button. That is also where the one speedy muskie was sighted.

The good news; I think everyone had a good time and learned something from the outing. Steaks, baked potatoes, salad and cheesecake for dinner were a good way to end the day.

New members that participated were: Tommy and Onedia Oldridge, John Hunter, Jon and Sherry Hunt, Jodie Gordon, Jim Wilson, Joshua Wilson, Boice Arnett, Paul Costello, and Paul Williams.

Guides included: Denis Ledgerwood, Paul Scharringhausen, Wayne Humphrey, Jim Wilson, Dick McPike, Fred Vinci, John Hanley, Carl Marks, Bill Hill, and Earle Hammond.

Our thanks to Todd Hardin for coordinating the event and to Denis Ledgerwood for organizing the dinner, picking up all the food and cooking.

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FISH CAUGHT IN 2007

BY PAUL SCHARRINGHAUSEN

For your information Paul Scharringhausen has taken the information from the missourimuskie.org website and has put weather information with it. The weather information is from Pomme de Terre and Fellow Lake. Here are a couple of samples. The full version is on the website for you viewing .

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| 26-Oct | 1530 | 37.5 | Grandma | C | Firetiger | T | Fellows | overcast | nw | 8 | rising |
| 28-Oct | 1300 | 34.5 | Grandma | C | Firetiger | C | Fellows | clear | ne | 6 | falling |
| 12-Mar | 1035 | 32 | XL X-Rap | J | Char-treuse/Shad | T | Pomme | clear | sw | 8 | steady |
| 19-Mar | 920 | 41 | XL X-Rap | J | Char-treuse/Shad | T | Pomme | overcast | ssw | 4 | rising |

**THANKS
PAUL!!**

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