



MoMuskie News December 2009

Reetz's Pieces

*By President
Roger Reetz*



The weather has not been very pleasant for fishing lately, has it? I've been out twice in November and have nothing to talk about. I see these photos in Musky Inc. Magazine, guys wearing enough clothes to make a trip to Fairbanks, Alaska. Most of the clothing is nice, some sort of camouflage pattern that stands out boldly against the snow in the trees, ice and slush on the side of the boat ramp. These fellows are fishing for the trophy of a lifetime. I guess age and arthritis keep me from fishing. No! That's not true either, I have never liked to after quail season starts. A Good dogs, fine shotguns, and good friends walking miles of hedge rows,

a limit of quail and a rooster pheasant in your coat pocket, damn hard to beat for the winter months .

Plans are being made for the year 2010. The Board of Directors meeting will be at 10:00am, December 5th, at the Masonic Hall in Hermitage. Lunch will be served for a nominal fee. Any member wishing to attend will be most welcome. Please give me a call 417- 881 1952 so there is enough chili and tamales for all. We also need your assistance, some of the officers are asking for help.

The first item on the new 2010 calendar is the annual Chapter Challenge between the Shawnee Muskie Hunters

and Pomme de Terre Chapter 5. The event will take place at Lake Kincaid on March 20, 2010. Begin squiring away a little money to cover the weekend cost. On all new calendars that come into your home write on it that "DADS IS GONE" March 20th. Then spend January going to some sports shows, and February getting your Musky stuff ready to go to Illinois.

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**



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**Planning Meeting
Dec. 5th 10 AM
We Would Like To
See YOU There.**

November Minutes

Meeting called to order by VP Humphrey at 6:30 pm –

Pres. Reetz was out of town –

Earle Hammond gave a report on the proposed Executive Director proposal based on the available information at that time. There will be a regional meeting held on the 14th of November in Springfield, IL and we will receive more up to date information upon completion of the meeting.

Discussions were held about the Missouri Kid Program that was held in St. Louis this past summer and Wayne gave a report of just how well the program was received and the reaction of the kids that attended and the subject will be brought up again at the December meeting with a possible suggestion of a donation from our chapter to help support this program.

A short discussion was also held about the possibility of our chapter working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Corp of Engineers this coming summer as they hold

their Kids day program. This would be in addition to the Chapters own Kids day program. It was determined to take this matter up again at the December meeting.

A discussion was held about the waning support for the White Bass Outing and it was suggested that we might consider the November outing in 2010 to be for either white bass or Muskies – with the participants declaring their intension's prior to going out to fish for the day.

A motion was made and 2nd and passed by a majority of members in attendance that all officers terms of office would be extended for a period of 1 year. Most notable exceptions were that two people were dropped from the Board of Directors because of lack of participation and one person who had offered to head up an outing was turned down because they are not a member of the organization.

Please take note: Chapter Fall Tournament will be held in 2010 on September 10th, 11th and 12th.

Be sure to attend December meeting for more details. Respectfully submitted: G. Neely – acting Secretary for this meeting only. There being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was closed at 7:30 pm.

FYI
FALL TOURNAMENT
NEW DATE
SEPTEMBER 10-12
 DUE TO THE REPAIRS BEING TO THE DAM. WATER LEVELS IN OCTOBER COULD BE 5' LOWER THAN NORMAL, MAYBE LOWER.



Call Roger at 417-881-1952 and let him know that you are coming to the meeting. CHILI & TAMALES

SPORT SHOW TIME IN KANSAS CITY

JAN 7 - 10

HELP IS NEEDED TO MAN THE BOOTH

To volunteer to work this show - please contact John Dupuis at the email address listed here: john.dupuis@boehringer-ingelheim.com or call him at 816-273-3785

SPORT SHOW TIME IN ST. LOUIS

FEB 10 - 14

HELP IS NEEDED TO MAN THE BOOTH

Plan on attending at least one of these shows. You will have fun, and if you can spare a couple of hours to work at the booth you will have one of the winter times most enjoyable times - talking Muskie Fishing with other visitors who are looking for information. Call to volunteer just a bit of your time.

Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge 2010

The Brainerd Lakes Chapter, courtesy of the Star of the North Chapter, is bringing the 2010 Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge to Lake Vermilion in Northern Minnesota !

Vermilion Dam Lodge is hosting the event. It will be during the week of August 21-28, with the Chapter Challenge fishing from Wednesday the 25th - Friday the 27th. The rates at VDL will be: \$230/person/week or \$45/person/day. A \$50/person deposit is required with your reservation. Rates include evening dinner Wednesday and Thursday nights and a lunch after the Challenge on Friday afternoon. Here's the contact info: Vermilion Dam Lodge - call Ed at 218-666-5418 or 800-325-5780 www.vdl.com

We also are in the process of locking up another resort to help with the overflow as we expect VDL to be fully booked. Muskego Point Resort, in the Wakemup Narrows , is about 4-5 miles west of VDL and has 7 cabins which sleep 2-10 people. The rate will be about the same as VDL. Here's their contact info: Muskego Point Resort - call Joe or Jenny at 218-666-5696 or 800-347-4461 www.muskegopoint.com

Both Vermilion Dam Lodge and Muskego Point Resort will block off all of the available cabins until February or March for Challenge attendees. After that time they will open them back up to other summer vacationers.

Both resorts would like a person from each cabin as a "leader or contact" that will get the names, deposit, etc together and sent in together so there is no confusion of who is in what cabin.

Please send me your team member names, what Chapter they are representing, and a \$25 check made out to "Muskie, Inc." to the address below. Please include a team contact number and email address so I can respond back when I receive the entry fee. The entry fee will be \$25 per 6 man team. Chapters can have as many teams as they want.

We're looking forward to a great Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge on one of the most beautiful trophy muskie lakes in the country!

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Received the following from Kevin Richards:

The info below will be in the December issue of MUSKIE. I thought you might want to share this with some other chapter members. I know Pomme had a team last year and I suspect some of those guys will be going again as Pomme Team #1. I'm also going to put together a team from the Pomme Chapter (Team #2, I suspect). I will be doing a bunch of MUSKIE Magazine stuff while I'm there so I may not be fishing as hard as some folks. My partner will be Joe Crossley and we'll participate even if there are just two of us on "Team 2"; we already reserved a small 2-man cabin. Joe and I fished on the Pomme teams for the 1981 and 1982 Chapter Challenges on Lake of the Woods; we feel our 28-year rest will have us ready for the 2010 Challenge! - Kevin

Something I always tell my clients. "There is no such thing as used water when fishing for muskies". - Read the little tip on the next page I stole from well known guide Larry Ramsell. My thoughts exactly....

Stout Knots

From Recycledfish.org

A well-tied, stout knot will provide the solid linkage to your terminal tackle. A sturdy knot can help you land the fish of a lifetime. It can also keep tackle from breaking off and ending up in the bottom of the lake or around a bird's neck.

There really is no secret to a well-tied knot. Understanding why a knot breaks is a good place to start when understanding how to tie a strong knot. Mark Sosin and Lefty Kreh point out in [Practical Fishing Knots](#), "any knot begins to slip just before it breaks." To build a knot that doesn't slip, they advise, close the knot as firmly as possible. To accomplish this, they recommend lubricating the knot with saliva or water prior to drawing it tight. This will help to seat the knot smoothly with a minimum of friction. For heavier lines, they add, use a pair of pliers for the final draw down

Why knots are important to fish: Recent research by Paul Radomski, published in the North American Journal of Fisheries Management, attempted to estimate the loss rates for various types of tackle.

According to Radomski, anglers lost lures at the rate of 00.0127 per hour. Large sinkers were lost at the rate of 0.0081/h, 0.0057/h for small sinkers, 0.0247/h for jigs, and 0.0257/h for hooks. Many anglers lost no fishing tackle on a fishing trip. Radomski noted, moreover, that the estimated total loss of tackle for the five water bodies that he studied in the summer of 2004 was 214,811 items. That number included over 100,000 lead-based items representing about 1 metric ton of lead.

Lost tackle is often ingested by fish and wildlife. When a fish or a bird ingests lead sinkers, the lead is broken down by the acidic conditions in the stomach and absorbed into the bloodstream. This will often lead to lead toxicity and, often, death.

Make sure that your knots are tight before you make your cast. Wet your knot with a touch of saliva or water and cinch it right down. You will lose fewer lures and land more fish. A sturdy knot that is drawn tight will help to reduce the amount of lost tackle in our streams and lakes.



The Above Knot Is The Palomar Knot

Don't forget to leave about a 1/4" piece of line when cut it off

Check our website for more knots. It has easy to follow illustrations.

Don't know what it is but there are a lot of dead white bass all over the Pomme arm of the lake. Could this just be old age? The white bass look to be about 12 inches long.

Don't cast across the other peoples lines. Stay in your "zone". That "zone" is from straight out perpendicular to the SIDE of the boat (unless instructed otherwise), to 45 degrees forward in the direction the boat is heading. And remember that the boat is almost always moving, especially if you are using a guide, so make allowances, depending on that forward speed. Don't cast straight ahead of the boat, slack line will occur.

December 5th Meeting - Why you need to attend.

The meeting being held on December 5th, 2009, will start at 10 am and will include a lunch.

Elections are finished for this year so the primary purpose of this meeting will be to finalize the calendar of events and cover a couple of suggestions that donations be made to the Conservation Department in the 2010 calendar year. Your voice needs to be heard so please plan to attend.

One of the major changes in the 2010 Calendar is the dates of the Tournament have been change to September 10th, 11th & 12th because of the lake drawdown that will take place toward the end of September while the Corps of Engineers proceeds with the work to be done on the stilling basin and the dam.

There are numerous other dates for the 2010 calendar of events and some new dates are being proposed as well, as is our participation in a Kids Day event that is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Corps of Engineers for this summer. There is a lot of support for this venture so your input is needed.

There are numerous other changes in the calendar, such as a single Guide for a Day event this year as opposed to the two a year we have had in the past. The three lure outing that was so popular in 2009 needs to be rescheduled as we have hit a

conflict with the change in tournament dates and this popular outing so suggestions will be most welcome.

Lunch is usually very good and we normally can conduct most of the chapters business by early afternoon, so you still have most of the afternoon and the evening free, so come one – come all. We are planning to see you there!

Many people fishing for Muskie will troll as fast as 10-miles per hour but the prime speed is between 4 and 6-miles per hour. You will catch Muskie trolling really fast and generally the really big Muskie hit the faster baits but trolling at a slower speed enables you to catch Muskie of all sizes.

Did You Know

Bottled water is costly. A glass of water from the tap costs less than a penny. A 12 ounce bottle of water will cost a dollar or more. Besides not making economic sense, bottled water is not necessarily a healthy alternative. Generally speaking, bottled water falls under FDA standards and, in some cases, sources for bottled water do not need to meet the same standards as municipal water supplies. EPA standards, for example, require that city tap water can have no confirmed E. coli or fecal coliform bacteria. No such standard is in effect for bottled water. Indeed, stricter FDA standards regarding E. coli for bottled water will not go into effect until December 2nd, 2009.



Recycledfish.org

QUICK TIP

Only make purchases from secure Web sites. The fastest way to tell? Look at the web address on the page where you're entering your credit card information. Secured Web sites start with "**https:**" instead of "**http:**".

- ~~January 7-11~~ Kansas City Sport Show
- ~~February 6-8~~ Columbia Sport Show Meeting
- ~~February 11-15~~ St. Louis Sport Show
- ~~March 7~~ Chapter Challenge, Meeting, Dinner at Pomme
- ~~March 21~~ Chapter Challenge backup date
- ~~April 4~~ Crappie Outing with shore lunch & meeting
- ~~May 2~~ Muskie Mayhem, meeting & meal
- ~~May 16~~ Trolling Party
- ~~June 6~~ Prime Time Tournament, lunch & meeting
- ~~July 18~~ Pomme de Tour on Lindley Arm
- ~~July 25~~ Kids Day— State Park Marina meal & meeting
- ~~August 15~~ Pomme de Tour Pomme Arm
- ~~August 23-29~~ Chapter Challenge— Leech Lake
- ~~September 19~~ Guide For A Day, meal & meeting
- ~~October 2-4~~ Fall Tournament
- ~~October 17~~ Guide For A Day, meal & meeting
- ~~November 7~~ White Bass Outing, meal & meeting
- ~~December 5~~ Planning Meeting 10 AM meal

For further information on these activities please check the website. For those who do not have access to the web please call either Gary 417-852-7126 or Earle 417-993-0035 and we will send you a copy of the activities fully explained.

POMME DE TERRE CHAPTER OF MUSKIES, INC MEMBERSHIP FORM - Chapter #5

Renewal MI # New Member JR. Member
Please Print

Name

Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Cell

Email

DOB (Required) Junior DOB

*Regular Membership \$35 1-Year, \$65 2-Years \$95 3-Years
Family Membership \$47.50 1-Year \$90 2-Years \$132 3-Years
Junior Membership (up to 18 years of age) \$20 per year*

To Qualify For Muskie Mayhem A 3 Year Membership Is Required

Make checks payable to **Muskies, Inc.** and then send to:
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