



MoMuskie News May 2009

Pomme de Terre Chapter V

Reetz's Pieces

By Roger Reetz, President

It's time for Muskie Mayhem. Time to really search for the elusive 50 inch fish of our dreams and fantasies. A no nonsense Saturday. Nice convenient start at 8:00 am. Makes for a warm morning, without a lot of heavy clothes. Pitching those Muskie lures is less labor and return casts are much quicker. The run to Martin Flats won't freeze you and I guarandammtee there will be Muskie's on Martin flats. Some of you will be guides and take our new members on toward Willie Fin and Five Maples, good choices. A few of you will take off down the Lindley heading for the area between Muskie Cove and Blackies Point. If you're real

adventurous a long ride down the Pomme River to the Bolivar Landing area and further on. Some years Muskie's have been stocked at Bolivar Landing, The big ones are this time of year in the warmer waters. With the split fishing times this year, we will have a hot Bar-B-Q lunch.

Last fall I reported and inquired about a very large toothy critter I caught at Stockton. I first thought it was a Northern Pike. The fish took a 4" white rattletrap just at the edge of the brush. I worked the fish toward the boat using a 7' med lite rod and 8# braided line. With the fish along side the boat my partner attempted to dip

except the fish hung a foot over each side of the net. Needless to say that didn't improve the fish's attitude. It gave one side ways shake of its head and left without returning my rattletrap. D N R personnel who are members of our chapter say, THIS AIN'T SO.

Now, I've been known to embellish a story or two. But not this one, I've a \$100.00 that I can verify the story as written, so consider yourself called Mr. D N R. **Remember we always need guides for new members; please call Todd Harden at**

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Come on down and fish the MUSKIE MAYHEM. You don't have to be a guide, and the lunch will be a good one.

Mayhem Revisited

By Todd Hardin

Recall the first Guide for a Day you attended as the new member? Or, the Muskie Mayhem that introduced you to Chapter Five fun. There was a special moment when your volunteer guide raced beyond the buoys towards that first muskie lair. You went to Sunflower, or Haverstick, or No-name Cove. He or she, the volunteer guide showed you the south and north buoys on Martins Flat. Each place held a special magic, each cast suspenseful, hopes of catching that first Pomme muskie hanging on every lure.

Muskie Mayhem is the first impression, and the volunteers are needed to get them on the water.

That is always the purpose of GFAD in the fall, and Mayhem in the spring-get them involved, get them on the water. The job is easier if the fish cooperate, but guides are the link to keeping them active, the enjoyment of good company and the Pomme De Terre shorelines.

Although we changed the format, nothing else changed. We need guides, and those who do not guide are welcome to fish, too. Muskie Mayhem 2009, the date is Saturday, May 2nd, launching from St. Park Marina at 8:00 a.m. If you wish to guide, attend, or join us for the first time,

contact Todd Hardin at ToddH@missourimuskie.org or dial (636) 296-6902. Leave a message, he will call you and make arrangements. If you are lakeside, and not guiding, join us for the picnic lunch for five dollars. Guides, as always, eat for free.

Bring the wife and family and let them go to the Rendezvous while you are fishing Muskie Mayhem. The Rendezvous is May 2 and 3 and is located at the outlet below the dam.

REMEMBER

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GUIDE TO PARTICIPATE!!!

THIS IS JUST A FUN OUTING WITH A \$5.00 LUNCH.

WE WILL BE HAVING THE LUNCH AT THE BIG SHELTER HOUSE ON THE LAKE, NEXT TO THE DAM. IT IS CALLED THE OVERLOOK. CALL EARLE IF YOU NEED DIRECTIONS.

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A SHORT MAY MEETING AFTER WE HAVE LUNCH AND THEN WILL COMMENCE WITH THE FISHING AGAIN AND END THE FISHING AT 5PM.

THE MUSKIE FISHING SHOULD REALLY BE PICKING UP AROUND THAT TIME. WATER TEMPERATURE IS 60 RIGHT NOW BY THE DAM, WARMER AS YOU GO UP THE LAKE.

MUSKIE NETTING

By Earle Hammond

I went with the MDC when they were running the nets this spring. There were a lot of very nice size muskies in the nets along with a lot of very big crappie and lots of them. This was not the best test results that they have ever had but due to the change in the weather the numbers were down but I am here to tell you that the muskies they netted were very, very nice.

The following numbers are basically from my memory which sometimes is not too long. There were a 128 muskies netted in the three days they ran the nets. Of these 128 muskies 79 were males and the rest females. All the muskies look in excellent shape, a few had some of the sores but it appeared to me that the sores were not as prevalent as they were last year.

I think we are going to have a banner year this year while muskie fishing. Here is my suggestion, try fishing somewhere where you have not caught muskies before, I did this year and have caught 4 already and was responsible for one other muskie being caught. They are all over the lake, and I know we haven't really tested a lot of spots.



Pulling Net Up



Pulling To Shore



Dipping The Muskies From Net



Some Of The Muskies



Putting A Muskie In The Tube To Measure And Weigh It.



Dale Cornelius Holding One Of The Big Ones

Let's Go Fishing

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By Gary Neely

After the past two years I am sure looking forward to a decent year of Muskie fishing. It seems like Mother Nature has been conspiring against us when it comes to our favorite fishing species. Now that the water has warmed up and started to stabilize it would appear that the spawning should be over and the fishing starting to feed aggressively for a change.

As of this writing, it's still a bit slow but within a week I think we can expect a major upturn in the aggressiveness of our favorite fish as they come out of the post spawn

mode over the lake to their familiar haunts to start putting on some weight. And we are definitely due a good Muskie year, don't you agree?

So why not make May 2nd your next fishing opportunity and volunteer for Muskie Mayhem and let Todd know you are planning on being there, at the least for lunch and a short meeting on the shores of Pomme. Can you think of a better place to spend the day and if needed, taking a new Muskie Fisherman out on the lake for a day of fishing. If we have more guides than needed, no one will go away

without being offered the chance to fish with one of the other members in the club, and if you can't get away for the entire day, how about coming to join us for lunch on the shore?

Why not bring the family down and allow them to wonder through the woods and maybe even find some more mushrooms, check out the local area such as the new hiking trail established by the Corp of Engineers down by the dam which I understand will provide up to a 5 mile hike and Rendezvous. There's always plenty to do around the lake and no time like spring to enjoy the great outdoors.

Chapter Officers

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There have been several people asking who the Chapter Officers were so we are going to put this in every newsletter to assist those who do not have internet access.

Calendar

- ~~January 7-11 Kansas City Sport Show~~
- ~~February 11-15 St. Louis Sport Show~~
- ~~February 21 Seminar & Meeting Olathe, KS. Bass Pro 2 PM~~
- ~~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

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