



MoMuskie News April 2010

Reetz's Pieces

*By President
Roger Reetz*



The fishing season is now officially open, my pals and I have cleaned up our boats hooked 'em on trucks down the road we've gone. Neighbor Bill Edgar and myself. Began the first week of March with a successful day at Bull Shoals below Power Site Dam. Caught a few walleyes in the fast water between the the dam and the bridge; the largest was nice three pounder. Couple of more trips there, some catching, mostly shorts.

Twenty-two Pomme de Terre Musky members made the trip to the Border War held on Lake Kincade, just outside of Murphysboro, Illinois. The lake is small,

lots of weeds with lots of arms and bays . The main body of the lake is used for jet skis and water sports, while the inlets and bays are used for fishing and swimming. All this is done with the use of NO WAKE zones. Seem lke a good program for a small lake. Oh yes! The Shawnee Muskie Hunters defeated us with a 42" Musky. Was a long trip home in the rain, but a great way to open the season.

Turn Back Creek on Stockton was Howard Goetze and my next trip, this past Tuesday. No keepers, all we could find was small males in 6' to 10' water that was very muddy.

Plans are to fish with Mike Schmidt early next week on

Table Rock looking to put some smallies in the live well. Don't worry Pomme I'll be there by Easter to see what your waters have to offer.

As Yackov says, Is the Ozarks a great place to live or what?

Fish on! Roger

Attention

Jon Hunt has decided to step down as our Chapter Lunge Log Chairman. In his place is Bill Edgar see page 3 for more information.

Thanks Jon, for a job well done.

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PLAN ON FISHING THE MEMBERS WITHOUT BOATS COMING UP ON APRIL 17...CALL GARY NEELY 417-852-7126 OR YOU CAN EMAIL HIM AT GARY@MISSOURIMUSKIES.ORG. THIS WILL BE A FUN EVENT WITH A MEAL THAT FOLLOWS AND THEN ONE OF OUR GREAT MEETINGS. MAKE SURE YOU ARE THERE, THE FISHING SHOULD BE GREAT!!!!

Page 2 Boat Safe this Spring or Fall - Avoid Hypothermia

Even when the weather is warm, do not forget that in many areas the water can be very, very cold. A sudden unexpected wake or other "unbalancing event" can land you in the frigid water. Although the possibility of drowning from falling into the water is a real threat, so too is hypothermia.

Hypothermia is a condition that exists when the body's temperature drops below ninety-five degrees. This can be caused by exposure to water or air. The loss of body heat results in loss of dexterity, loss of consciousness, and eventually loss of life. A few minutes in cold water makes it very difficult to swim, even to keep yourself afloat. In addition, a sudden, unexpected entry into cold water may cause a reflexive "gasp" allowing water to enter the lungs. Drowning can be almost instantaneous.

Your body can cool down 25 times faster in cold water than

in air. If you examine the chart below you will see that survival time can be as short as 15 minutes. Water temperature, body size, amount of body fat, and movement in the water all play a part in cold water survival. Small people cool faster than large people and children cool faster than adults.

PFDs can help you stay alive longer in cold water. You can float without using energy and they cover part of your body thereby providing some protection from the cold water. When boating in cold water you should consider using a flotation coat or deck-suit style PFD. They cover more of your body and provide even more protection.

Hypothermia does not only occur in extremely cold water. It can, and does, occur even in the warmer waters of Florida and the Bahamas.

Hypothermia is progressive - the body passes through several stages before an individual lapses into an unconscious state. The extent of a person's hypothermia can be determined from the following:

1. Mild Hypothermia - the person feels cold, has violent shivering and slurred speech.
2. Medium Hypothermia - the person has a certain loss of muscle control, drowsiness, incoherence, stupor and exhaustion.
3. Severe Hypothermia - the person collapses and is unconscious and shows signs of respiratory distress and/or cardiac arrest probably leading to death.

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Hypothermia Chart

If the Water Temp. (F) is:	Exhaustion or Unconsciousness	Expected Time of Survival is:
32.5	Under 15 min.	Under 15 - 45 min.
32.5 - 40	15 - 30 min.	30 - 90 min
40 - 50	30 - 60 min.	1 - 3 hours
50 - 60	1 - 2 hours	1 - 6 hours
60 - 70	2 - 7 hours	2 - 40 hours
70 - 80	3 - 12 hours	3 - Indefinite
Over 80	Indefinite	Indefinite

The Arbor Knot

The Arbor Knot provides an angler with a quick easy connection for attaching line to the reel

1. Pass line around the reel arbor



2. Tie an overhand knot around the standing line. Then tie a second know in the tag end.



3. Pull tight and snip off excess. Snug down first overhand knot on the reel arbor.



New Chapter Lunge Log Chairman

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Thanks Bill for stepping up
and doing this.

Wearing a PFD in the water is a key to survival. A PFD allows you float with a minimum of energy expended and allows you to assume the **heat escape lessening position - H. E. L. P.**

This position, commonly referred to as the fetal position, permits you to float effortlessly and protect those areas most susceptible to heat loss including the armpits, sides of the chest, groin, and the back of the knees. If you find yourself in the water with others, you should huddle as a group to help lessen heat loss.

Treatment of hypothermia can be accomplished by gradually raising the body temperature back to normal.



Re-establishing body temperature can be as simple as sharing a sleeping bag or blanket with another individual, or applying warm moist towels to the individual's neck, sides of chest and groin. Remove wet clothes as they inhibit heat retention. A warm bath could be used for mild to medium hypothermia, gradually increasing the temperature. Keep arms and legs out of the water and do not attempt to raise the body temperature too quickly.

Do not massage the victim's arms and legs. Massage will cause the circulatory system to take cold blood from the surface into the body's core, resulting in further temperature drop. Do not give alcohol, which causes loss of body heat, or coffee and tea which are stimulants (and cause vasodilation) and may have the same effect as massage.

All information on
HYPOTHERMIA came from the
website
<http://www.boatsafe.com>

Members Without Boats

By Gary Neely

On April 17th – at 8:00 a.m. the Pomme Muskie Club will have its members without boats outing and the fishing will end at 4 p.m.

This outing will be the first of this year on our home lake and should be a good one.

We are inviting all members of our club without boats to participate and fish with another member for the day. We do need your reservation in order to participate, and if we have enough members with boats to cover those who need a ride, then the others will be able to

participate with members of their choice. The first priority will be to get those who do not own boats on the water.

The fee for this outing is \$25.00 per boat, and there will be a 75% payback to the boat with the largest Muskie caught. You will need a release card and the time will be the determining factor in case of a tie.

Photos must be taken of the catch and where ever possible, witnesses should sign the release cards.

We need you to register either as a boat owner who will be participating or as a participant without a boat, any you can do so by email by contacting me; gary@missourimuskie.org or by calling (417) 852-7126 to make your reservation.

There will be a meeting after the outing and a meal for participants so be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible.

See you on the 17th.

Chapter Donates Nets to Lost Valley Hatchery

By Wayne Humphrey

The chapter has donated four nets to the Lost Valley Hatchery to be used to cover ponds and keep predator birds from muskie fry and forage. Each of the nets is 100 by 150 feet and it takes two nets to cover one pond.

Rich Cook, Director of the Hatchery, responded: “I just wanted to tell you that the nets are very much appreciated! We are planning to use the nets that Muskies Inc is donating to cover two of our 0.5 acre rearing pools. These ponds are used for the production of musky fingerlings and also for overwintering the forage that is used for the musky program. With Lost Valley located between Truman and Lake of the Ozarks, we lose a lot of fish to birds and these nets will help us out immensely.”

Two of the nets were paid for directly by the chapter and two of the nets will be paid for by a matching grant from the Hugh C. Becker Foundation. Watch for an article in *Muskie* magazine that details all the projects funded by the Foundation.

These nets were donated in memory of Jon Kirby. His family asked that donations be made to the MDC in lieu of flowers. I am sure Jon would have been pleased with a donation in his name that meant more muskies could be put in the lakes at lower cost.



In Memory Of Jon Kirby Mr. Troller

Besides what is written in the KC Star, I know that Jon Kirby will be missed by the Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies, Inc. I know that whenever Jon was on the lake I would usually see him. I know he enjoyed fishing on his birthday every year and that he usually caught a bunch of fish on that day. Jon knew how to troll and catch muskies.

Jon Carl Kirby, age 50, of Olathe, Kansas, died February 28, 2010 while fishing at his beloved Pomme de Terre Lake in Missouri. He was born on June 16, 1959 in Red Oak, IA to Ted and Suzanne Kirby, of Bennington, NE. Jon was an incredibly loving husband and father. He was employed by Zurich North America for 19 years in Overland Park, KS. Jon and wife Rita (Nordstrom) were married on April 4, 1981 in Omaha, NE, and they were blessed with two daughters. Jon was preceded into heaven by his mother and father-in-law Tim and Bertha Nordstrom, his brother-in-law Ron Nordstrom, and his great uncle Bryce Embree. He is survived by his dearly loved wife; their daughters Alisha Kirby and Andrea Kirby; parents; sister Anne Kirby, Blair, NE; many brothers and sisters-in-law; and nieces and nephews; and his favorite dog Maddie May. He will be missed by all who knew him. A visitation will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 6 p.m. and a celebration of Jon's life at 7 p.m. at D.W. Newcomer's Sons Johnson County Chapel (11200 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66210). Funeral service with luncheon to follow at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010 at the Wesley Chapel in The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection (13720 Roe Blvd, Leawood, KS 66224). In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Kansas State University Foundation Memorial Fund for Jon Kirby in support of his daughter Andrea (2323 Anderson Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502) or to the Missouri Department of Conservation (2901 W. Truman Blvd. Jefferson City, MO 65109). Fond memories and condolences for the family may be left at a website for Jon at www.legacy.com.

Location: Lake Kincaid, IL

The traveling trophy stayed in Murphysboro, IL for this year as the bite was less than stellar during our Annual Chapter Challenge with the Shawnee Muskie Hunters Club. We fished for 3 days and there were very few fish even seen this spring and only three total fish caught, and all by members of the Shawnee Group, so they keep the trophy this year and won the jackets.

We had a great turn out from the Pomme chapter and everyone had a great time, even Wayne who left one of his fishing rods on the bottom of one of the numerous coves on the lake. How he lost it, well he can fill you in on the details.

Earle Hammond found a fish marker which he quickly retrieved as there were no boats anywhere close to the marker. However, shortly after he had retrieved the marker, Wayne's boat approached us and ask for the marker back as it was his and worse than that, it was being used to mark the position that his rod went into the lake. Well, both Earle & I thought it was only neighborly to help drag for his rod. I was using the one and only one lure that I had that was heavy enough to drag the bottom with, a Red Seibel spoon which I had been throwing for a few hours and finally I snagged something! It turned out to be Wayne 's line that he was dragging the bottom with but he got very excited as it seems when he saw my spoon, it was the identical bait he had on the rod he had dropped in the drink. So now I was faced with the challenge of convincing Wayne that it was not his lost outfit, but my rig that I was trying to help him out with.

The weather was great and it seemed that Murphysboro is about two weeks ahead of Pomme into the spring of the year, with large buds out on trees. The lake is about 2400 acres and has numerous coves and what appeared to be great spots to find muskies, and they probably were there – but refused to show themselves. The food was great, the hospitality fantastic but coming home to the snow on the ground was a bit of a shocker, but a great time was had by all.

I for one would like to thank the Shawnee Group for being such great hosts. It was a great trip.

Gary Neely

Large bodies of water are slow to warm up in the spring, and slow to cool off in the fall. Thus, small waters can be better to fish early in the year, and big waters late.

Randy Murawski

2010 Chapter Activities Page 7

~~January 7-10~~ Kansas City Sport Show

~~January 8-10~~ Columbia Sport Show Meeting

~~February 10-14~~ St. Louis Sport Show

~~March 20~~ Chapter Challenge, At Kincaid Lake

~~April 17~~ Members without boats

~~May 15~~ Muskie Mayhem, meeting & meal

~~June 5~~ - Kids day with Chamber of Commerce & Corps of Engineers.

~~June 12~~ Prime Time Outing, lunch & meeting

~~July 10~~ Pomme de Tour on Lindley Arm

~~July 24~~ Kids Day – State Park Marina meal & meeting

~~August 14~~ Pomme de Tour Pomme Arm

~~August 21-28~~ Chapter Challenge – Leech Lake

~~September 10-12~~ Fall Tournament

~~September 25~~ Guide For A Day, meal & meeting

~~October 2~~ Pick 3 outing

~~November 6~~ White Bass or other fishing Outing, meal & meeting

~~December 4~~ 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: Muskies, Inc C/O Gary

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