The sudden and unexpected passing of Fred Wehrli has left us all deeply saddened. Fred is certainly one of those one of a kind guys who touched us all with his humor, his caring, his dedication to Muskies Inc and our Chapter. He will be sorely missed and can never be replaced. I am sure we all have individual stories that we would like to share about him - some that will make us laugh and some that will make us cry.

Denis Viscek

Denis and his brother Robert probably knew Fred the best; they spent countless hours together over 25 years of fishing and swapping stories. I think Denis summed up the person that Fred was and I will miss him.
Todd Hardin has taken on the responsibility of submitting our chapter’s events to the News & Views section of the MI magazine. We have rarely contributed to this section and with Todd’s help we will now have regular submissions to this section. This section in the MI magazine keeps other clubs informed of our clubs activities, celebrations etc. Submissions to Todd need to be done by the 5th of every odd month.

**April Activities**
The George Hoffman Memorial Tournament went off without a hitch, prior to Saturday there were several days of rain including torrential downpours most of the day on Friday. Despite the wet outlook we had 6 boats entered into the contest. The lake was clear all day Saturday but had risen 5 feet in 3 days; apparently the muskies didn’t know we wanted to take their pictures as no fish were boated. Fred Ipock won the big fish via drawing the Ace of Diamonds at Saturday night’s dinner.

Special shout out to Rich & Mike Hoff who joined the group for dinner on Saturday evening and then floored everyone by buying everyone’s meals. Mike & Rich are members from the Chicago Land Muskies Chapter and had been down fishing muskies at Pomme for 3 days and only had a few follows to show for their effort.

**Netting**
Thanks to Susan Sappenfield for the muskie netting pictures, the netting was April 4th to the 6th.

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May Activities

Musky Mayhem - May 20th

Musky Mayhem is Saturday May 20th. Musky Mayhem is a club outing where new members join an experienced member for a day of fishing. Letters contacting new members to see if they can join in the MAYHEM were sent out April 19th.

We have 11 new members this year to introduce to the club and the lake this year. **I need experienced club members who can take out the new members for Mayhem.** Please contact George Donner at 816-678-1623 or at [george@missourimuskies.org](mailto:george@missourimuskies.org) if you are able to do this. **The King of the Lake Tournaments 1st leg is Sunday May 21st; this is an opportunity make a weekend of musky fishing where your participation to welcome our new members is needed.**

Activity for Mayhem is as follows:

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Friday May 19th we will be getting together at the Crappie Hole Restaurant (next to the Clearlight Inn) at 6:00PM for dinner, drinks and camaraderie for those that care to join. It is a pay-as-you go gathering.

Saturday May 20th we will meet at the State Park Marina at 8AM where the new members will join their guides. That evening at 6PM there is a club provided dinner followed by a meeting. The dinner and club meeting will be at the Masonic Lodge located on Highway 254. All services are open on the lake; the State Park Marina is open at 7AM and serves breakfast. Jakes Restaurant on highway 64 and County Road 325 is open for breakfast at 6AM. Lunch is usually eaten in the boat while trolling however individual “Guide” member’s preference varies. If you are unfamiliar with motel accommodations around the lake, I can recommend the Clearlight Inn, Indian Hills Resort, and Sunflower Resort.

The catching is expected to extraordinarily good this time of year as there is an abundance of bait fish along with a large percentage increase of the muskies over 36” in the lake this year.

AFTER MUSKY MAYHEM the club is providing dinner followed by a club meeting. We will be meeting at the Masonic Lodge located on Highway 254 at 6PM. There will be several items of interest not the least being the election of a new treasurer for the club.

James Smith, long time club member who has held numerous positions as CFO for large corporations and since his retirement continues to hold the position of treasurer for several non-profit organizations has agreed to take over the responsibilities of club treasurer for the remaining of the calendar year if elected. According to our by-laws the position of club treasurer must be elected.

If there are other club members who wish to be nominated for club treasurer, please contact me @ george@missourimuskies.org.

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King of the Lake Tournament May 21st

The King of the Lake Tournament is a fun and inexpensive tournament that gives the winner bragging rights for at least a year and probably free drinks!!!

Entry fee is $50 for all 3 dates,
Date 1 is the day after Musky Mayhem,
Date 2 is the day after the Shawnee Challenge on September 24th
And the last date is November 4th.

The complete details are at the end of the newsletter.

“It’s Goooood to be King”

June Activities

If you want a unique musky fishing opportunity, join the club at our Northern Muskie Trail Outing June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Open to members & non members on Friday followed by a pay as you go dinner at a local restaurant. Saturday fish Hazel Creek and Sunday fish Henry Sever Lake. Lunch is provided each day by local club hosts Tim Dunaway and Jodie Gordon.

The Northeast Muskie Outing will start on Friday June 2nd at 4pm with a tour the MDC facility in Kirksville Mo. Fishing will get started Saturday June 3rd at Hazel Creek Lake. Hazel Creek Lake is about three miles north of Kirksville, MO, then 1.5 miles west on Buck Creek Road (gravel rd). (When Buck Creek swings to the right, continue straight to the lake.) The boat ramp on the north side will be used for the outing. Hazel Creek Lake is 530 acres and is owned and operated by the city of Kirksville, MO. Only electric motors are permitted. Hazel Creek Lake is noted for having many muskies over 40". Lunch will be provided for all participating in the outing. (Hot dogs, brats, chips and drinks).

Sunday June 4th the outing will continue at Henry Sever Lake at Newark, MO. Henry Sever is located 1 mile north of Newark, MO on Rt. KK. It is about 45 minutes from Kirksville. Henry

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Sever is a 158 acre lake. Outboard motors in excess of 10 horsepower must operate at slow, no wake speed.

Lunch will again be provided.

We suggest that folks stay in Kirksville on Friday and Saturday June 3rd & 4th and drive to Sever on Sunday morning. Club headquarters for this event is at the Knights Inn, it’s not too early to make reservations, summer in Kirksville is a competition girl’s softball Mecca and lodging fills quickly.

https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/knights-inn/kirksville-missouri/knights-inn-kirksville/overview
Phone# 660-665-8352

Bring a long extension cord and power strip so you can recharge your boats batteries

Please let Wayne Humphrey know by May 26th if you are planning to attend the Northeast Missouri Muskie Outing so that we can make lunch plans. 314-440-2173, wayne@missourimuskies.org

For a precursor of the fishing on Henry Sever and Hazel Creek go to “Northeast Missouri Musky Alliance” face book page.

36 ¾” Henry Sever muskie caught & released just a few days ago

King of the Lake Tournament
Who’s the Best?
Who’s the Most Talented?
Who’s the Most Skilled?
Who’s the King of the Lake?

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*A Tournament to Determine the King of the Lake for 2017*

Low Key               Big Reward          Bragging Rights

**Convenient Dates** *are day after events where your participation is needed*

- **MAY 21**<sup>ST</sup> 7AM to Noon *DAY AFTER MUSKY MAYHEM*
- **SEPTEMBER 24**<sup>TH</sup> 7AM to Noon *DAY AFTER SHAWNEE BORDER WAR*
- **NOVEMBER 4**<sup>TH</sup> 8AM to 4PM *DAY OF NOMINATIONS MEETING – GET A FREE DINNER!*

Fishing hours allow you to get home while it’s still daylight

**INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION**  **$50 ENTRY FEE**  **STANDARD SCORING**

**CUSTOM JACKET FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**

**100% PAYBACK BIG FISH EACH DATE**

Here’s Your Chance to Prove It!

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**KING OF THE LAKE TOURNAMENT RULES 2017**

1) **Dates, Fees general rules:**
   Tournament Dates & Fishing Hours:
   1. May 21<sup>st</sup> - (day after Musky Mayhem) – 7am to 12 Noon.
   2. September 24<sup>th</sup> - (day after Shawnee Border War) - 7 am to 12 Noon.
   3. November 4<sup>th</sup> - 8 am to 4 pm.

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No make-up dates in the event of bad weather.

1) Entry Fee is $50 per person for all three event dates. If there are not 8 paid entries by May 1st 2017, all entry fees will be returned.

This is an individual competition, club members only; 1 or 2 fishermen per boat. Partner does not have to be entered in tournament. Different partners for different legs allowed. All events take place on Pomme de Terre Lake.

All fees must be paid prior to fishing first leg of tournament. Tournament official’s clock will be the official time. The Tournament Committee may cancel or delay the start of the Tournament due to safety issues or inclement weather.

2) All Missouri Conservation Water Safety Regulations will be in force, live bait prohibited.
   2a) Trolling is limited to two rods per entrant May date only with one lure limit on each rod.
   2b) Trolling is limited to one rod per entrant September & November dates only with one lure limit per rod.
   2c) The Alabama, umbrella and similar rigs may be fished so long as they use only ONE lure. The remaining attachment points can include similar lures so long as their hooks have been removed or other hook-less attractor such as spinner blades are used.

3) Tournament check-in takes place each tournament morning at STATE PARK MARINA. Check-in is 30 minutes prior to the start of each morning of each leg. Starting positions will be determined by draw at each legs check-in day.

4) All 30” and longer Muskies are scored & must be released immediately after witnessed. Release length must be witnessed by at least 2 persons. No more than one witness from the boat in which the Muskie was caught. THE BOAT MAY NOT BE MOVED IN ANY MANNER TO OBTAIN A WITNESS. Witnesses do not have to be tournament entrants. Muskies must be measured with the ruler laying on a flat surface. (See illustration#1) Time of release must be entered on Release Form when witnessed. ANY TOURNAMENT ENTRANT WHO REFUSES TO WITNESS A MUSKIE MAY BE DISQUALIFIED!

Alternate: If there is not a witness available from outside the boat, two digital photos must be presented to the tournament officials with the Release Form for the fish. Digital photos that is required:
   1) One photo is showing full length of fish on measuring device with the DAILY IDENTIFIER, clearly showing head against stop & tail measurement is visible. (See illustration #1)
   2) One photo is showing tail of fish with measurement clearly visible with the DAILY IDENTIFIER.

The Release Form must be filled out and signed by same person. A daily identifier card is provided every day at morning check-in which must be clearly visible in all pictures.

Contestants MUST turn in all Release Forms at the STATE PARK MARINA by end of each legs tournament fishing hours. All fish catch information must be reported on the day of the catch and before the deadline! Forms must be filled out completely; incomplete release forms will not be accepted. Photos will be reviewed by the Photo Review committee and their decisions will be final.

5) Scoring: Muskies will be scored as follows: 4 Points for each 30” Muskie plus 1/4 point for each additional 1/4 inch, measure to the nearest ¼ inch. Accumulation of most points after the last leg wins the tournament.
   5a) In case of a tie in points the person catching the longest muskie with the earliest release date & time will win.
   No kept Muskie will be allowed for tournament entry.

6) Prizes: 1st place only; custom jacket.
7) No alcoholic beverages will be allowed during tournament hours.

8) The Tournament Committee is the final judge of all tournament rules and decisions. Life jackets are to be worn at any time that a boat is underway, except that the jacket need not be worn while trolling. Not wearing life jackets while underway will be grounds for disqualification from any prizes and be subject to expulsion from the Tournament.

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9) The participants agree to allow the Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc. to use photos obtained during the tournament & awards for publicity purposes.

**OPTIONAL BIG FISH POT** There will be a daily big fish pot with 100% payback. Entry will be $10 per entrant collected & paid for each tournament day. The pot will be for the longest muskie. If there is no winner, the money will be drawn from among those entered in the pot. Only those participants that have entered the Big Fish Pot will be eligible for winning the pot. Longest muskie wins. In case of a tie, winner will be determined by earliest release time on release card.

**King of the Lake Tournament Entry Form 2017**

Please Print

| Name |  
| Address |  
| City, State, Zip |  
| Phone |  
| E Mail |  
| Signature |  
| Emergency Contact |  
| Emergency Phone # |  

Individual Fee - $50 covers all three dates

Send entry form & check payable to: Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc. C/o George Donner 1205 NW Sawgrass, Grain Valley MO 64029

Big fish pot will be collected & paid the day of each leg of the tournament

Tournament Dates: See rule #1

Release of Liability – Read Before Signing

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate among and on boats under the auspices of Muskies Inc. and the Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc. I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1) I am aware of the inherit risk associated with fishing and boating, including but not limited to the risks of collisions with other boats and stationary objects in and around the lake, including rocks, reefs, piers or other vehicles and trailers at landing areas.

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I am familiar with other risks up to and including death by drowning associated with rough water, changing weather patterns, heavy winds and lightning storms. I expressly assume all risks associated with this tournament and I hereby release Muskies Inc. and the Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc., the host, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims of negligence resulting from injury and/or property damages incurred in connection with the tournament.

2) I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of those persons released from liability below, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and

3) I will comply with all the rules and regulations. If I have any question, or observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my participation, I will immediately bring such to the attention of the nearest official; and

4) I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Muskies Inc. and the Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc. the owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the tournament, their officers, officials, (“Releasees”), with respect to any and all injury, death, or damage to person or property, whether caused by negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

Participant 1 Signature__________________________________________ Date______________________

Participant 2 Signature__________________________________________ Date______________________

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (under age 18 at time of registration)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian of this participant, do consent and agree to his/her indemnification, release and hold harmless as provided above all Releasees, and I for myself and behalf of my heirs, assign and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all claims incident to my child’s involvement in these programs even if arising out of negligence of the Releasees, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Parent/Guardian Signature__________________________________________ Date______________________

Parent/Guardian Name___________________________________________
Address_______________________________________________________________________________________

YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOURNAMENT WITHOUT THIS FORM HAVING BEEN COMPLETED AND TURNED IN PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT
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## Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc.

## 2017 Pomme De Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc. Calendar of Club Events

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lighter the load. Please check out our website at MissouriMuskies.org for more information about our chapter and events.

From: Pomme de Terre Chapter of Muskies Inc.
P O Box # 5
Hermitage, MO 65668

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