

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Oct. 13th ~ Chapter Mtg - Russ Schaller
- ◆ Oct. 23rd ~ Muskie Clinic @ Max McGraw's
- ◆ Oct. 30th ~ FALL CHALLENGE ON THE CHAIN!
- ◆ Nov 5 - 7 ~ Last Fling Outing on Webster Lake, Indiana
- ◆ Nov 10th ~ Chapter Mtg - FAMILY NIGHT

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# FRV News Cast

OCTOBER 2010



## From The Front Deck



The cooler weather has finally arrived, and so has our Fall 2010 musky season! The blistering heat waves from July & August took it's toll on many of our favorite lakes in IL, WI & MN as water temps on these lakes zoomed well into the mid-80 degree range. This caused many of us to cancel musky trips due to the excessively high water temps. Thanks for using your heads on this subject as catching muskies in 85°+ water almost always results in post release mortality. Unfortunately, there were some folks that chose to continue pounding the Chain throughout July and early August during that high water temp period. They did catch & release muskies during that timeframe and I'm sure that many of these muskies did NOT survive; regardless of the care taken during the release process. Plain & simple, muskies caught in hot water = dead muskies! These are the same guys that were getting on the FRV website telling all of us to stay off the Chain due to the high water temps and then were seeing on the chain catching muskies. All I can say is.....practice what you preach brother, don't be a hypocrite! Think of the fishery not yourself! Enough on that subject for now! As the days grow shorter, it is a constant reminder that the clock is ticking on what's left of our 2010 musky fishing season! For some of us, work continually keeps getting in the way of planning a musky trip to our favorite lake. Well, we are running out of time, so make sure to carve out some time from work and family commitments and plan a fishing trip before the snow flies!! It won't be long before we wake up to "frost on the pumpkin"! That 1<sup>st</sup> good cold-snap is usually a sign for "Mr. Musky" to get into the fall feeding mode! It won't be long before we're dragging suckers, looking for that BIG Fall fatty!

Speaking of fall fatties, our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Challenge on the Chain is scheduled for Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> and will be headquartered out of Famous Freddie's on Pistakee Lake. Boats can be launched at Ben Watts Marina right on Pistakee Lake. Bob Nordmeyer and his crew at the marina did an awesome job for us at the Spring tournament. They will be open early and will have daily Chain stickers if you need them as well as anything you might need for your boat & motor prior to the tournament. Additional tournament info & your starting positions can be found on the FRV website at [www.frvmuskie.com](http://www.frvmuskie.com) Currently, we have nearly 40 teams registered, so there is still time to sign up for this great one-day event. You can also register the morning of the tournament, anytime prior to 6:30AM. Chauncey Niziol from ESPN Outdoors will once again be our M.C. Come on out and join us for a great day of "on the water" fun & camaraderie! We will also be releasing hundreds of muskie fingerlings that were purchased with funding from the Hugh Becker Grant Foundation. The muskies will be released into Pistakee Lake at the conclusion of our tournament, so make sure you bring your cameras to capture this awesome event!

Our final "Fall Fling" to Webster Lake in Indiana is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Chae Dolson, local guide & owner of North Webster Guide Service has some small cabins attached to his house for lodging. Mention that you are with the FRV Chapter to Chae when you make the reservations. If Chae's cabins are booked, Chae or Bill Bennett can help you find a place that's reasonably priced. If you have any questions on costs & availability for lodging, or need a guide for the day; please contact Chae Dolson at 260-385-0623 or you can contact our Outings Director, Jimmy Z for additional details at [muskie1211@att.net](mailto:muskie1211@att.net)

Finally, in these tough economic times who couldn't use some extra ca\$h? I know I could. How does winning \$3,500.00, \$2,500.00, \$1,000.00 or \$500.00 in cash sound to you? We are selling 300 raffle tickets for \$50.00/each. The proceeds from this fund raiser will be used to fund our Youth & Stocking Programs in 2011! The actual drawing will take place on Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at our Annual Fundraising Banquet at the Schaumburg Golf Club. Winners need not be present to win! See one of our FRV board members to purchase a ticket to win some cash and help the club fund it's Youth and Stocking programs!

Until next month....hug a big girl!

*Rich Gallagher*

**GENERAL MEETINGS**

**7:00 PM SCHAUMBURG GOLF CLUB/CHANDLER'S CHOPHOUSE**  
401 N. Roselle Road in Schaumburg, IL.  
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**BOARD MEETINGS**

7:00 PM. Cabelas, on Monday following the General meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

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**OCTOBER MEETING**

Mark your calendars, as the speaker for our **Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>** club meeting will be none other than our own "Musky" Russ Schaller! As many of you already know, Russ is a great guy and one of the best musky sticks around! Russ will be sharing some great info on musky fishing the Fox Chain, but he's going to spend *most* his presentation talking about some other local lakes in Northeastern IL! This will be a great seminar with some timely info on fall muskies, so bring a pen and paper and don't miss this meeting!

At the end of the presentation, we'll be conducting our usual raffle. This is a great opportunity to win some great prizes while supporting the club. ***The door prize for the October meeting will be a muskie print donated by club membership director Frank Lucido.*** Thanks Frank!

We will also feature an all you can eat buffet for \$12.00/adults and \$7.00/kids starting at 6PM, so grab the family & come on out and join us for some great camaraderie and fun at the Schaumburg Golf Club on **Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>**!

***NOVEMBER MEETING***

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday evening, November 10<sup>th</sup>** for FRV's "**Family Night**" where we will serve up a bonanza of youth fishing videos & pictures from our 2010 youth events. This multi-media presentation is set to blast off with a laser light show and some of the best rock music you'll hear anywhere in the entire muskie fishing universe.

Raffle & Auction items will include some of the hottest products on the market:

- An **Apple iTouch** (\$5 per ticket)
- An **Apple iPad** (\$20 per ticket)
- A **day of fishing including lunch on the premium muskie lake at McGraw Wildlife.**
- A **50/50 CASH "split the pot" payout** (\$50 per ticket) with the final drawing being held at our main fund-raiser banquet in February 19, 2011.
- **AND MORE...**

Dinner starts at 6:00pm at Chandler's Banquet Hall. The feast includes soup, salad, pizza & pasta buffet, rolls and dessert. Adults are \$12. Kids who fish are \$7 (13 and under). **RESERVE** your tables now as this event will fill up quickly and we can only seat 250. Direct inquiries and table reservations to the "event-grand-master" Kevin Bushnick at: [FRVYOUTHDIRECTOR@comcast.net](mailto:FRVYOUTHDIRECTOR@comcast.net)

*FOR ALL DEDICATED MUSKIE NUTS...*

We bring you... **THE 8th ANNUAL FALL CHALLENGE ON THE CHAIN**

**Saturday, October 30th**

It's the biggest muskie tournament in the state of Illinois... and it's hosted by your club, Chapter 39, Fox River Valley Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Headquartered and Launched @ *Famous Freddie's* on Pistakee Lake

Afterwards? Great cash and raffle prizes, Great food, and a nice, warm, friendly, dry venue.

Haven't signed up yet? No problem. Walk-ons are welcome that morning. The entry fee is \$200 per boat/team.

So we'll be seeing you there. Good luck! **VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!**

With the generous help of the Hugh Becker Foundation and a new research initiative with the IL Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), FRV will be stocking **340 Kentucky-strain muskies into the Fox Chain on October 30th as part of our Fall Challenge on the Chain after-tournament festivities!** *This officially makes FRV the first muskie club in the state of Illinois to stock these Green River-strain fish in Illinois waters.*

The stocking truck will be around all day for you to see the fingerling muskies (between 11 and 14 inches long) that will be stocked.

Add this group of fish to the 2,500 fish to be stocked in Lake Delavan, and another 2,500 to be stocked in Lake Geneva (all around Sep. 30th and funded by several local MI Chapters), and you can see where FRV's efforts and your donations/support are paying off.



Make sure you stop FRV Secretary and Stocking/Research Director Steve Crook and thank him for all the hard work he's put in to procure grant money for stocking... as well as for arranging the purchase of the Kentucky strain fish on FRV's behalf. **And thank you to all of our members who have donated time or money to the biology that is the foundation of our sport.**

## *What Nancy did on her summer vacation*

When push comes to shove all a person has is his/her family and friends. This is mine. Nancy my wife , Tim my son, and Sara my daughter.

All three of them are proud Muskies Inc. members and two out of the three of them have caught and registered a musky. This article is about the *third one*.

I've always said that being married to me meant that Nancy was "one lucky woman"... but I can't imagine going through the past twenty-one years without her. She is quite simply the greatest woman I've ever known. I don't think there is anything that she can't do and do well, except one thing... and that's **catch a musky**. And it appeared that *not* connecting with a musky was going to happen again. But that all changed on the last day of our trip up to Andy Lake Resort.



Tim, Sara, and Nancy VanDoorn

Being Friday and with a threat of rain, no one was really moving all that quick to hit the lake. With lunch already down and the boat packed up we hit the water at the crack of 12:30 pm. Our first spot yielded a follow for my son Tim. A nice fish maybe in the lower 40" class. I pulled up stake and we motored down the lake on a 3 mile jaunt. As we arrived I informed the kids that it was "mom and dad's turn to fish" as I snapped a new 4" Sand Cat (in the silent killer color) on her rod . I dropped the trolling motor and pointed in a direction and said good luck. Now keep in mind this is our fifth annual trip to Andy Lake Resort and still no muskies for

Nancy. Well, with one cast , that was about to change. With an explosion similar to a 10 pound bowling ball dropped from a plane. The fish hit and Nancy put it to him twice. At least that's how Tim saw it. There was no doubting the quality of the fish Nancy had on.



With four people and one crazy dog in the Alumacraft, I think we created a small mushroom cloud rising from the water. In the end, we managed to put the big girl in the Beckman. A beautiful musky that measured 48 ¾"... caught on July 30<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 1:20pm.

**Left:** Dave VanDoorn holds Nancy VanDoorn's first muskie... a beautiful 48 ¾ inch fish.

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With fish safely secured. We took a big collective breath. After all the whopping and hollering, the hugs, kisses... and maybe even a little tear, it was time to let her go. With a great amount of satisfaction I watched as Nancy's first musky swam off.

by David VanDoorn  
FRV Regional Vice President

**FRV CONTEST**

There's still time to register your fish for the annual FRV Fishing Contest. There are multiple divisions for registering muskies as well as multi-species. If you register your muskies thru MI's website, the results are submitted back to FRV.

For more information, visit the FRV Website under the "2010 FRV Fishing Contests" forum.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FRV's Annual Fundraiser/Awards Banquet**

We have confirmed and reserved the banquet room at Schaumburg Golf Club for the big event on Saturday **February 19th, 2011**. More details will become available in the coming months.

From now until the Banquet, FRV is holding a "CASH IS KING!!" raffle. Donations for this raffle go to our Youth & Stocking Programs in 2011. Tickets are \$50 a piece. Prize payouts (based on 300 tickets sold) are:

<b>1st</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>\$500</b>

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## 2011 FRV CALENDAR - A LOOK AHEAD

January 13	General Meeting - Larry Dahlberg
February 9	General Meeting - Dennis Radloff
March 9	General Meeting/Seminar
April 13	General Meeting - Pete Stoltman
May 11	General Meeting/Seminar
June 5	Boy Scout Merit Badge Outing/Boating & Fishing Safety Class
June 14	Youth Muskie Hunt. Max McGraw's Wildlife Foundation
July 10 - 17	Summer Musky Outing on LOTW at Angle Outpost Resort
August 10	General Meeting/Seminar
August 15	Special Needs Outing. Max McGraw's Wildlife Foundation
September 14	General Meeting/Seminar
September 17 - 24	Fall Musky Outing on LOTW at Grassy Narrows Resort
October 12	General Meeting/Seminar
October 23	Muskie Clinic ~ Max McGraw's Wildlife Foundation
November 9	Family Night
December 14	Home brew seminar/swap meet/food drive



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NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER WILL BE FEATURING STORIES and PICTURES FROM OUR *FRV FALL YOUTH MUSKY HUNT ON MOOSE LAKE IN N. WISCONSIN!!*

*So STAY TUNED!!!*



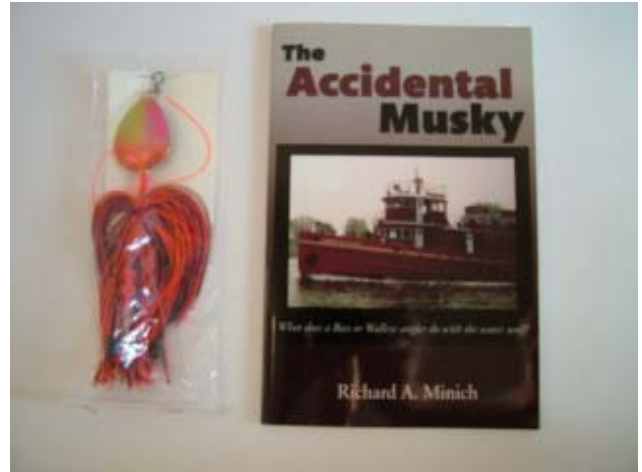
## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

In the last issue of the Newsletter, we announced a drive to bring in new members and as an incentive; we offered a book titled "The Accidental Musky" and a hand made Spinner Bait to anyone who sponsors a new member. This offer still stands.

I would like to talk about **RETENTION**. Muskies Inc., the parent organization of all the local chapters, did a survey of membership retention across the county and found that the dropout rate is exceeding new membership recruiting. The total membership numbers for MI are down about 15%, but the good news is that our Chapter is staying slightly ahead. This means your membership retention is important to the health of the club.

**PLEASE DON'T LET IT LAPSE.**

Best Regards,  
Frank Lucido - Membership Director



Spinner bait hand-tied by club member Todd Minor... and *The Accidental Musky* by John Minich.

*It's Late Fall. The trees are nearly leaf-bare. The lakes are cool, clear, and quiet. While most other guys are settling in for a weekend of football, some of you will instead be heading south for...*

### ***FRV's LAST FLING OUTING on WEBSTER LAKE in INDIANA! November 5 - 7***

*Why? Because there should be some big Indiana muskies ready to chow down on that sucker swimming around on your quick-strike rig... or that bulldawg, or that Double 10... or that jerk-bait. So don't sit this one out! Visit our outings section on the website, or send Jimmy Z and email at [muskie1211@att.net](mailto:muskie1211@att.net)*

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