

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ Sep 14th - Chapter Mtg - Mike Pehanich - Pike & Zander in Russia
- ♦ Sep 17-24th - LOTW Fall Outing
- ♦ Sep 30th-Oct 2nd "Last Fling" Club Outing - Webster Lake, Indiana
- ♦ Oct 12th - Chapter Mtg - Kevin Moore - South WI Musky
- ♦ Sat, Oct 22nd - 16th Annual Tournament on the Fox Chain

September

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FRV News Cast

SEPTEMBER 2011



From The Front Deck



Welcome back from our "summer break"!! I hope everyone had a great time and that you were able to "unplug" from work and take a restful vacation!! I hope the weather was cooperative and the fishing was spectacular! How about the wild weather roller coaster ride we had this summer? The Midwest got pounded with severe weather including lots of drenching downpours, high winds excessive heat and lots of lightening! While the weather was bad, the good news is that the lake levels are back up throughout the Midwest and water temps are finally cooling down. As the kids head back to school (yea), we'll see less & less recreational traffic on our local lakes which is a sure sign that Fall is right around the corner. Many of us, including me; are so done with summer that Fall can't arrive quick enough! I couldn't think of a better time than right now to get out & chase some muskies! Our FRV BOD members just returned from Vermillion

Bay Ontario where your FRV chapter hosted it's 1st Youth Musky Hunt to Canada! My sincere thanks goes out to all of the participants who went on this trip; including all of the guides who took their personal time to take some youngsters in their boats for the trip of a lifetime. Although the weather was not cooperative and the wind howled most days, some of the kids did catch some Muskies and some Walleyes. See inside this newsletter for a full report on the Youth Outing to Canada! BTW, our 22nd Annual Bartlett Kids Fishing Derby was another HUGE success. We had over 250 children attending this year with ages ranging from 2-16. Looked like everyone had a great time! My personal thanks to M.C. Dan Koniewicz for taking over those duties on such short notice! Dan did a great job with the kids & the awards presentations. Also, our Youth Director Mike Zaborowski did another fantastic job putting together a ton of tremendous prizes for everyone to take home!! Thanks to Dan Mitchell & all the Bartlett Park District folks & all of the FRV members who helped make this event possible!! Every year it keeps getting bigger & better! Mark your calendars, our monthly club meetings have resumed! The next FRV meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 PM at the Schaumburg Golf Club which is at 401 N. Roselle Road in Schaumburg, IL. Our September speaker will be Mike Pehanich who will be covering fishing for Pike & Zander in Russia!!!! Mike is a great fisherman who has spent many years fishing lakes & rivers all over the world. His stories are captivating and his pictures are spectacular. Don't miss this meeting to find out what kind of fishing takes place on the other side of our world! Come early for the all you can eat buffet which begins at 6:00 PM prior to the meeting. Buffet cost is \$13.00/adults. Check the FRV website (www.frvmuskie.com) for more information. Our fall "Challenge on the Chain" will be held on Saturday, October 22nd and will be headquartered once again at Famous Freddie's on Pistakee Lake. Chauncey Niziol from "Chauncey's Great Outdoors" on ESPN Radio Chicago will once again be our M.C.! Cost to enter this one day event is \$200.00 per 2 man team. We are less than 50% filled, so there is plenty of room to get your team entered!! This is a great one-day tournament. Our final outing of the year to North Webster, IN is scheduled for 9/30-10/2. Jimmy Z has set up a meet & greet session on Friday, Sept 30 at Ye Olde Pub at 7:30 PM with IN musky guide Chae Dolsen. A "Bullfish Session" scheduled on Oct 1 will be based on fishing conditions so stay tuned. Recommended lodging suggestions for this outing is Fisherman's Cove (574-834-2518) or Dixie Haven Resort (574-834-2022). The winner for catching the largest muskie will get an 8" x 10" photo and their name on the Last Fling Outing Perpetual Plaque. To be eligible for this award the winner must be a current FRV member and provide picture/witness of his catch. See our outings director "Jimmy Z" Ziebka for additional details or e-mail Jimmy at muskie1211@att.net On a personal note, I wanted to thank everyone in our Chapter for the dinners you sent over to us while my wife Margie recovers from Breast Cancer. Thanks for all of the beautiful flower arrangements, mass cards & prayers, kind & thoughtful e-mails & texts you send to both of us every day. It made us strong knowing we had all of you behind us. The outpouring of kindness and love you've shown us has helped us get through one of the most difficult times in our lives. A simple thank you doesn't seem to be nearly enough; but on behalf of my wife Margie and all of my 4 children, I thank you for opening your hearts to us.

Until next month....hug a musky!

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 Tuesday following the General meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

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SEP 2011 MEETING - MIKE PEHANICH Covering Pike & Zander Fishing in Russia

Speaker: Mike Pehanich - Global Angler, & Outdoor Sports Writer

When: Wednesday, Aug 10th - 7:00 pm.

Where: Schaumburg Golf Club / Chandler's Chophouse
410 N. Roselle Rd in Schaumburg.



Mike Pehanich (left), with Patrick Sebile (right), of Sebile Innovative Fishing.

Global angler extraordinaire Michael Pehanich will be covering Pike and Zander fishing info in the country of Russia... This will be a interesting new twist for a FRV Guest Speaker!!! Do not miss this one...

Some quips from Mike Pehanich on Fishing in Russia:

"As the popularity of sportfishing explodes in Russia, the nation's top anglers pursue the wary cousin of the walleye for top prize money and bragging rights. The zander, a.k.a. "sudak" in Russian, is the slightly larger Euro-Asian cousin to the walleye. It looks, fights and, for the most part, eats and acts very similarly to its popular North American relative."

"It takes years if not generations to develop a conservation awareness that permeates the majority of the angling populous. More Russian anglers are voluntarily releasing small zander and other "predator" fish today - to plant the seed of a collective conservation consciousness."



FRV Oct 12th host is Kevin Moore - Covering Southern WI Muskies...

Some background on Kevin Moore - he was on the IMTT 2006 Team of the Year, and two time IMTT Tournament Champion. Kevin also guides Southern WI, at Muskies Etc. Guide Service - covering Okauchee, Oconomowoc, & Pewaukee Lakes...

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IMA REPORT August 2010

Fox River Valley Chapter 39 Muskies, Inc. partnered with Cabela's and bought 100 new Cabela's Rod and Reel Combos for the Illinois DNR sponsored Chicago Urban Fishing Program, which teaches kids about fishing and the great outdoors.



Zebco 33 Rod & Reel Combo

This was done on behalf of the Illini Muskies Alliance (IMA) at the request of Steve Pallo at our January IMA Meeting and made possible by the generosity of the Hugh C. Becker Foundation, which helps fund our stocking, research, and conservation activities.



IMA Barrier Rescue – 40 Pound Musky Returned to Lake Evergreen in Bloomington, IL

Special thanks to Diane Schneider at the Hoffman Estates Cabela's, and Dave Feddersen of Cabela's Corporate Purchasing.

For more information about the Urban Fishing Program contact Brenda McKinney of the Illinois DNR, FRV IMA Director Pete Barber, or FRV VP Operations Steve Crook.

*The 2011 Bartlett fishing derby is in the books. Unfortunately, the weather was rainy and that held off a lot of people. We had about (150) participants and their parent's attend this event. The big fish caught was by Lin Taro Kajiwara who caught a 19 1/8" carp. I want to thank the following companies that donated to this event: Bass Pro shop in Gurnee, Cabela's, Marukyu Lures, and The Colman Company. I also want to give a **BIG** thank you to Dan Koniewicz for being the MC of the event. Plus, I want to thank all the FRV members that showed up and volunteer their time in this event...*

-Mike Zaborowski

FRV Youth Director



FALL ABOUNDS.... NOW IS THE TIME TO ENTER THE 16TH ANNUAL FRV CATCH & RELEASE MUSKY TOURNAMENT ON THE CHAIN. CHAUNCEY NIZIOL FROM "CHAUNCEY'S GREAT OUTDOORS" ON ESPN RADIO, CHICAGO WILL BE OUR M.C.!! SO GRAB A PARTNER & SHOW OFF YOUR MUSKY FISHING SKILLS...



Fox River Valley Chapter of Muskies Inc.
16th Annual Challenge on the Chain

Catch & Release Muskie Tournament Series

Headquarters: Famous Freddie's on Pistakee Lake of the Fox Chain of Lakes

Tournament #1
Oct 22, 2011



Grand Door Prize
Gift Certificate

This event takes place next month - so **now** is the time to sign up for our 16th Annual Challenge on the Chain Tournament!! This 2nd & final installment of the FRV two-event tournament series will be held on Saturday, Oct 22nd, at 7 a.m. The tournament is being held again at Famous Freddie's on Pistakee Lake. For any festivities before or after the tournament, the outdoor conditions are not be a factor at Famous Freddie's... Summer is over, & fall is now in the air. It is time to show off your musky hunting skills, and compete on the Chain, before the season's end. For more details about the event - ramp/launching instructions, how to register on-line if you visit the FRV website. The bottom of the entry form also appears below if you didn't get a tournament flyer...

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: ____ Zip: ____
 Phone: _____ Date: _____
 Email Address: _____

Pre-register Entry Fee Per Team:
 _____ Fall Tournament \$200 per 2-man Team
 *****Entry fee on the day of the event \$210*****

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FRV Muskies 30th Anniversary Decals

"30th Anniversary Decals"
 \$3.50 each or (3) for \$10
 Only 80 remain!!!
 Please see Jim "Jimmy Z" Ziebka
 at the raffle table at meetings.



"Last Fling" FRV Club Outing North Webster Lake, Indiana - Sep 30th - Oct 2, 2011

Our final 2011 FRV Club Outing will be held in the North Webster Lake, Indiana area, which is in Kosciusko County, North & West of Fort Wayne. The area is home to renowned Musky Lakes such as: *Lake Webster, Tippecanoe & Skinner Lakes, and the Barbee Chain.*

Our FRV May, 2011 Guest Speaker was Pro Guide Mr. Chae Dolsen, who lives & guides on the lakes in the area. With healthy musky populations, these lakes are all consistent producers of musky - up to 50".

Here is a Snap Shot of the Outing:

- Sept 30th Meet & Greet w/ Pro Guides Chae Dolsen, & Bill Bennet @ 7:30 p.m. - Ye Olde Pub - on north central side on Webster Lake. <http://www.yelp.com/biz/ye-olde-pub-north-webster> .
- If you have never been to this area, Bill & Chae will discuss what's been working - This should be a MUST for newcomers.
- We'll have our "Bullfish Session" on Oct 1st—TBD based on fishing Conditions.
- Oct 2nd - "On your own."

The FRV Outings are NOT TIME REGIMENTED. If you prefer fishing later, eating or staying elsewhere, no problem. Websites & contact info are also listed under the "Last Fling" Outing Blog on the FRV website.

Once again an award for the outing will be given for the biggest muskie. the winner gets an 8" x 11" Pictorial, & their name on the Last Fling Outing Perpetual Plaque!! To be eligible, winner must be a current FRV member, and provide both picture & witness. Rumor has it, 'Musky Russ' & Chris are headed down there this year to dethrone Tim Crews, 2010 Winner. Members can talk with Todd Minor, Steve Crook at the Sept 14th Club Meeting for insights to the area - or speak with FRV Outings Director Jim "Jimmy Z" Ziebka regarding further trip info. The FRV Outings are a great way for new members to meet fellow FRV Muskies Club Members.



Chae Dolsen - Pro Guide

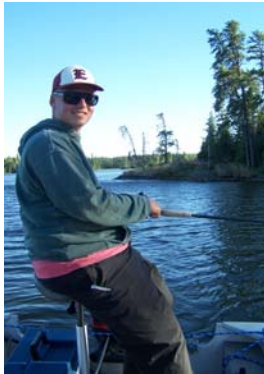
Recommended lodging suggestions in Lake North Webster are :
 Fisherman's Cove (574) 834-2518 or Dixie Haven (574) 834-2022
www.fishermancove.com www.dixiehavenresort.com

2011 Canadian Youth Outing Recap



In one of our club's most aggressive adventures we packed up (7) kids, (7) highly qualified FRV guides, (4) eager parents, and off to Indian Lake Lodge we went. Thirteen hours later we arrived at Indian Lake Lodge. We were all pleasantly surprised by the great accommodations the Lodge had to offer us. Our hosts Cassey and Derek were great and were willing to help us in any way they could.

Each morning our day started with a delicious breakfast buffet that was served up by hostess Cassey. The menu consisted of biscuits and gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon and breakfast sandwiches. During our morning get breakfast meetings we would discuss the fishing patterns, fish locations and lure selections. After the meeting we grabbed a lunch and off fishing we went.



Pre-fishing Day 1, Monday: A few of us arrived early, prior to the start of the official event. The weather was great. Sunny, light winds, temps in the 70's, one of those perfect days. And the Muskies were in a cooperative mood. They were willing to follow and a few were willing to bite. A nice 37" hybrid was caught and released by Jessica F. and Kyle K. boated a 36.5" natural. In addition each boat that was out saw 20 plus in follows.

Pre-fishing Day 2, Tuesday: It was a day of change was in store for us on the weather side. The day for the most part was a washout. Thunderstorms started about 9am and ended about 5pm. Before and after the storm, the muskies were active. I did manage to catch two, a 35" and a 29", after the storms.

Day 1 of the Event: The day started off windy and ended up that way. Although the muskies were not following, as they did the two days prior, a few were enticed into making their way into the net. Shawn, Nick & Frank all caught their first ever muskies. Shawn caught a 24", Nick a 26" and Frank a whopping 39" Hybrid. The ticket for the day was small glide. A few walleye's and pike were also caught by the boys and girls.

Day 2 of the Event: It was a great weather day, but the fishing did slow down. Dad's Lou and Scott did manage to catch one each. Scott's was his 1st ever with a 20" release fishing with guide Pete. Scott also caught two nice pike on the day. Lou caught a 33" while fishing with guide Mike.

Day 3 of the Event: The weather was again great. And a few more fish were caught. Hugh, Jessica and Nick downsized their lures and caught a mixed bag of Walleye, Pike and one small Muskie. Guide, Jerry was the big winning boat with Shawn catching a 38" Muskie.

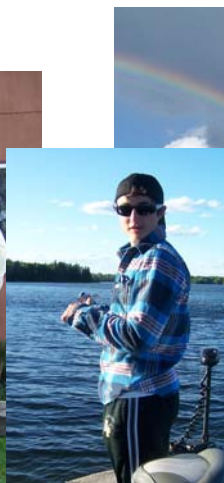
Overall a good time was had by everyone. The kids had many activities to take care of their downtime, with swimming, pool, ping pong and movies all on the agenda. The big kids also had a great time sharing stories and hanging out together.

The last night we all got together to talk about the event and everyone was in agreement that we should do this again, despite the long drive. Everyone had a great time. During this last night Mr. Frank K. was surprised and awarded a nice St. Croix Muskie rod for his big 39" catch. Jessica F. won the other St. Croix rod and she has said that she can't wait to use it and teach her dad, (Hugh) how to fish again.

Lastly we would like to thank everyone that sponsored our event. Cabela's, Phantom Lures, St. Croix Rods, Stealth Tackle, River 2 Sea Tackle, Suick, Musky Mayhem, and Dave's Bait and Tackle all made generous donations for the event. Each one of our youth participants walk away with a great assortment of muskie lure, terminal tackle and tackle box to keep it in. Lastly, a big thank you needs to go out to Phil Gutmann for arranging for the donation of many of these items for the FRV kids.

We all agreed that we can't wait for the next youth event.

-Dan





Club Member Mike & Will Dover with a Phat Canadian 40... William (age 12) tops his p.b. of 38!! Kudos to William, his skilled Father, as well as their Boat Captain & Super Handsome Guide...

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