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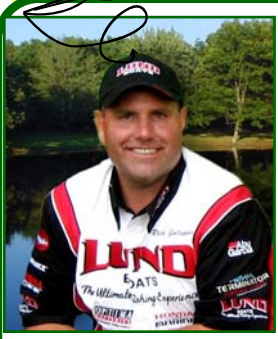
DECEMBER 2012



## From The Front Deck

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Wed, Dec 12th - Home Brew - Dave VanDoorn - 5 Things to Boat More Fish
- ◆ Thurs, Jan 10th - Mike Keyes - 2013 Keynote Speaker
- ◆ Fri, Jan 11th - Sun, Jan 13th - Chicago Muskie Show Harper College
- ◆ Wed, Feb 13th - Chap Meeting - Greg Thomas
- ◆ Sat, Mar 2nd - FRV Fundraising Banquet & Awards



As I write my final year end column, our warm 60+ degree stretch of weather has come to an abrupt end. T-shirts have been quickly replaced by winter jackets & gloves as the 35 degree temperatures combined with a cold NW wind makes it feel like 28° today!! Overcast skies & snow flurries were seen just the other day, a constant reminder of colder days ahead. As the days grow significantly shorter, it's taking some getting used to-coming home from work in the dark! It's hard to believe the year is almost over! Where did it go? Seems like we were up on the LOTW club trip in July and the next thing you know, it's time to winterize the boat! This year was truly a year of extremes. Extreme heat, extreme drought, extreme winds, extreme weather..... we faced it all! These extremes made fishing tough. Kudos to all of you for dealing with the constant curveballs Mother Nature threw at us all season long!! Despite these ups and downs, our members had some great catches this year!! Congrats to all of you for fishing through the all of adversity 2012 had to offer!! I sure hope the weather patterns for 2013 are more stable & predictable than this year, and we return to some "normal" fishing in the coming year! I hope all of you had a great season and have a ton of great memories & photos to look back on as the snow begins piling up. My gratitude & thanks goes out to all of the FRV Officers and Board members

who have given up so much of their personal time to help make this one of the premier clubs in the country! I'm truly honored to be a part of this great club and will be back in 2013 as your President once again! My special thanks to board members Dave VanDoorn and Dave Hebeda whose terms have expired. They have elected to step down from their current board positions as Youth Director and Secretary respectively, but will still remain active FRV club members. Thanks guys for your tireless dedication, we will miss your smiling faces at the board meetings!! BTW, Loren McDowell will be joining the 2013 FRV board! Loren must be present at the December 12<sup>th</sup> club meeting to officially accept his new position! Welcome aboard Loren! I am looking forward to working with you in the coming new year. The December 12<sup>th</sup> club meeting is a good time to share a few laughs & stories with fellow club members. It marks the end of another year and it's always fun to unwind at the final meeting of the season. Everyone is happy & upbeat with the onset of the Holiday's and we really have a good time at this meeting! We'll have an all you can buffet dinner starting at 6:00 PM along with a lure swap & sell; so bring those old lures, rods, reels etc.... that you want to get rid of! Make sure you see Jimmy Z to reserve a table! Our December "home brew" meeting will feature the incomparable Dave VanDoorn as our keynote speaker. In case you don't know Dave, he's one of the best sticks in the club. Ever humble, Dave's always open to sharing information with club members on what he's doing, where he's fishing and what he's using! Dave will be covering fishing for muskies from Canada to the Midwest and everything in-between! Bring some friends and a notepad as the tips and tactics Dave will be covering will surely help you put more fish in the boat in the coming new year! We are asking all December meeting attendees to bring some canned goods or other non-perishable items which we will donate to the Elgin Women's Shelter. This annual food drive really helps out those less fortunate & those who are really going through some tough times!! The donations are appreciated and we always get a big thank you from the management at the Women's Shelter. Anyone bringing canned/dry goods the night of the club meeting will receive free admission. Hope to see you all at the final meeting of the year for some laughs, good food and some great camaraderie! Now that we've put away the fishing gear & winterized the boat, our thoughts turn to ice fishing and the upcoming 2013 Musky Shows. Mark your calendar as the Chicago Musky Show at Harper College in Palatine is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2013. They have more vendors lined up this year than last and also have some great seminar speakers lined up! FRV will have a booth at the show, so stop by and say hello! You can renew your membership, sign up a friend or buy a raffle ticket for a great rod/reel combo that we will be raffling off at the show on Sunday afternoon! Winner does NOT need to be present to win! All proceeds raised will go towards stocking, research and youth programs for 2013. Our January 2013 meeting will be held on Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup> the night before the Chicago Musky Show opens. We do this every year as we get a ton of show participants who drop in & join us for the Thursday night club meeting. Our January speaker will be Mike Keyes from Keyes Outdoors TV. Mike will be presenting a fast paced-cutting edge outdoor program. Mike will cover fishing local public waters, chasing big fish with lots of teeth and bad attitudes! Join us for an exciting evening with Mike Keyes and the folks from Keyes Outdoors on Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup>! Admission is \$5.00 at the door. Hope you can make it!! We are nearing 50% sold on the Ca\$h is King raffle ticket sales. If you haven't purchased a ticket as of yet, please see a board member and he will be happy to sell you a ticket!! This is a cash payout and these days, who couldn't use some cash right now!! Cash payouts are \$3,500 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$2,500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$1,000 cash for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and \$500.00 cash for 4<sup>th</sup>. Only 300 tickets are being sold so you have 1-300 chance of winning some serious money! Don't forget the Annual FRV Fundraising Banquet is scheduled for Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 at the Schaumburg Golf Club. We have amassed some amazing prizes for this year's banquet and are planning on another full house. We will be selling dinner packages again which will include your meal and musky bucks. See the FRV website or a board member for tickets and details on the various package levels! Finally, I'd like to ask all of our members to please extend well wishes and prayers to our Treasurer Steve Kroll. Steve has been battling an infection since his knee replacement surgery which took place well over a year ago. He has been in/out of surgeries & rehab and has handled all of the adversity and setbacks with an amazing amount of style & grace. Steve, you are truly an example for all of us. When things are unbearable and it seems like nothing is going right, you handle it all with a great attitude and a smile! From all of us here at the FRV chapter we wish you a healthy, speedy recovery and we will keep praying that the infection disappears and you can avoid another surgery, after all Sue does need a break!! J Last but certainly not least, my heartfelt thanks to all of our sponsors who have so graciously & gratefully donated their goods & services to support our club this year. We couldn't be here without their support! As corporate budgets get tighter & tighter, tackle companies donate less & less each year! We are appreciative of all that our sponsors do for us so please show your support by patronizing these fine companies and resorts. I'd like to wish all of our members, their families & friends; a safe and blessed Holiday season.

From my family to yours,

*Happy Holidays - Rich Gallagher*



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**GENERAL MEETINGS**

7:00 PM **SCHAUMBURG GOLF CLUB/CHANDLER'S CHOPHOUSE**  
401 N. Roselle Road in Schaumburg, IL.  
(847) 885-9009

**BOARD MEETINGS**

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

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**Secretary**

Dave Hebeda

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Hugh Flack - Youth Director

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Mel Wagner - At Large

Blake Pawlikowski - At Large

Pete Barber - IMA Delegate

**THANK YOU CHANDLERS** – Thanks goes to Chandlers for donating the banquet room, where FRV Muskie hosts our monthly club meetings. It is our responsibility as FRV Members to show our appreciation to Chandler's whenever possible, by attending the dinner @ 6 pm, held before each of our Club Meetings...

Wed Dec 12th Meeting Menu for FRV Homebrew is TBD.

**Cost is \$13.00/Adults, \$8.00/Child - does not include beverage..**

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\$1,000.00**

**4th prize  
\$500.00**



Your donation will be used to fund our Youth & Stocking Programs in 2013! The actual drawing will take place on Saturday March 2nd, 2013 at our Annual Fundraising Banquet at the Schaumburg Golf Club. Winners need not be present to win! You can share the ticket costs with friends & split the winnings!

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## December Meeting is Annual FRV Homebrew Night

*"Homebrew - DVD is in Store for You!!"*

**Food Drive, Annual Lure Swap, & FRV's own Dave VanDoorn...**

**Wed, Dec 12th @ 7:00 p.m. - Chandler's Chop House - Cost \$3**

- ♦ **Bring all Non-perishable Christmas Food Pantry Donations for the Elgin's Women's Shelter, to the meeting, & receive free entry...**
- ♦ **Bring your wallet to buy, & try to sell any desired Musky Angling Merchandise at our Annual FRV Lure Swap...**
- ♦ **Stay for FRV's own Dave VanDoorn, discussing :  
"From Kentucky to Canada - 5 things you absolutely need to know to Boat More Fish."**



**Join us for an evening of great fun & information...**

*Dave VanDoorn has a wealth of knowledge, & will offer great insights... Come & pick up the presentation that Dave will be laying down...*

**Lure Swap Tables (8 foot) for the December Meeting are available to rent for \$10...**

**Limit of (2) vendors per table, max. Tables available on a 1st Come - 1st Serve Basis...**

**To reserve a table please contact FRV's Outings/Raffle Director: Jim "Jimmy Z" Ziebka, at: [muskie1211@att.net](mailto:muskie1211@att.net)**

- **Doors open for Lure Swap at 5:00 p.m.**
- **All you can eat Buffet Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Club Meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.**

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***Mike Keyes is "Keynote" - & Our January FRV Speaker***




FRV will kick off 2013 with **Mike Keyes** of **Keyes Outdoors** on **Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**. Come witness Mike's debut at FRV Muskies!! To be held at Chandlers in Schaumburg at 7:00 p.m. It wouldn't be surprising if he has a little video to go along with his talk...

Jan FRV Meeting will be held on Thursday before the Chicago Musky Show, which starts the next day (Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>).



*Contributions presented to American Cancer Society, at Nov Club Meeting. Funds raised at FRV's "Cast For a Cure" Breast Cancer Spring Outing*

Thank You Nick, Brendon, Jeff, Dan, & Jimmy Z

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**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CORNER...**

For the past three consecutive years our Chapter has remained at (300) plus members. This places our Chapter in a tie for third place with one of the Minnesota Chapters...

Size is important, it helps our chapter to provide better speakers, along with more events and outings. This is the primary reason your membership is important to our Chapter's success....

Our biggest challenge is reminding members not to let their memberships expire, so when you receive a reminder letter from either FRV or MI, please don't procrastinate, renew it promptly...

You have the convenience of renewing your membership at the monthly meetings, by email to:

[franklucido@ameritech.net](mailto:franklucido@ameritech.net) or [www.muskiesinc.org](http://www.muskiesinc.org).

Thank you all for your support and good fishing,  
*Frank Lucido* / FRV Membership Director



*DVD talks Muskie - Live at FRV in Dec!!*



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- Coming Attractions...
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