

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- ◆ Mar 10 ~ Chapter Mtg
- Dave's Reel Repair
- ◆ Mar. 27 ~ FRV's
evening w/The Chi-
cago Slaughter
- ◆ Apr. 14 ~ Chapter
Mtg - Gregg Thomas
- ◆ Apr. 16-18 ~ Chapter
Outing - Lake Shelby-
ville
- ◆ Apr. 24 ~ Spring
**CHALLENGE ON
THE CHAIN
TOURNAMENT**

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MARCH 2010

From The Front Deck



Is cabin fever is starting to take hold of you? For me, the hard water fishing just ain't cutting it anymore. Most of us are longing for open water so we can begin the 2010 musky season. I can't wait to get the boat out on that 1st cold, crisp Spring morning; for the shakedown cruise on my favorite lake. It's time to dust off those rods & reels that have been stored over the long winter, and put them to work catching that 1st musky of the season. Hopefully it won't be too much longer before winter releases it's icy grip on the lakes here in the Midwest and the ice gives way to open water! It's time to get those rods & reels tuned up, hooks sharpened and that boat & trailer in tip top shape so that once the water opens up you're ready to go.

To everyone who attended our annual awards banquet & fundraiser at Schaumburg Golf Club, thanks for making it a HUGE success! Your generosity was overwhelming! Many thanks to Dave Hebeda and his band Without a Net, you guys rocked the house! Also, my sincere thanks to Dan Koniewicz, Steve Kroll, Ken Miller and the rest of the FRV board members for their tireless work in putting together one tremendous evening! Congratulations to all of the award winners who brought home some beautiful awards! Hopefully we'll see some new faces at the fundraiser in 2011, it will be bigger & better; I guarantee it! BTW, all the monies raised during the banquet will be put towards many of the stocking and youth activities we have scheduled for 2010. Thanks to everyone on our board who donated all of those great prizes, we couldn't have raised the money for the club without 'em!

Our 15th annual Spring Challenge on the Chain is scheduled for Saturday April 24th. Our new location will be at Famous Freddie's on Pistakee Lake. Festivities following the tournament will be held indoors!!! This will allow all tournament anglers to get out of the elements at days end and enjoy the warmth and camaraderie indoors for a change! Chauncey Niziol from ESPN Radio Chicago AM-1000 will once again be our M.C. As many of you know, this is a great one day tournament and it's a lot of fun to fish, so sign up now while we still have slots available. You can check your starting positions on the FRV website. For those who are looking to fish the tournament & don't have a boat, this is also the place to post your ad looking for a partner! All of this info & more can be found on our website at www.frvmuskie.com

Our 1st club trip will be the "Shelbyville Shakedown" on Lake Shelbyville April 16th- 18th. We currently have 10-12 people confirmed for this outing. All of us will be hooking up on Friday & Saturday nights for dinner and strategy sessions. If you're interested in joining us, see Jimmy Z for details!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our March 10th club meeting at Schaumburg Golf Club. Our speaker will be Dave's Reel Repair. Dave Anderson has been repairing reels since 1967. With over 40 years of exposure to the thousands of different models and changes in reels, Dave has seen it all. Don't miss this great meeting to learn about fixing your own reels. The buffet dinner begins at 6PM and the meeting starts at 7PM.

Finally, we need your help with our LCD TV raffle. We will give away a 42" LCD TV to one lucky winner at our April meeting. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00. All proceeds are going towards funding our Youth Musky Hunt on Moose Lake in September. We can't make this happen unless we get support from our membership. Please help us by buying & selling some tickets!!

Until next month....ladies & gentlemen.....start your engines!!!

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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MARCH MEETING

So...you're on one of your fishing trips. And a day or so of hard casting later, and something just doesn't sound/feel quite right with your reel. Hmmm. Maybe you forgot to have it cleaned and serviced before you left? Well of course you're not going to let *that* stop you! Heck, just take out those small little screws and dive in there! "All it needs is a little cleaning and some fresh lube and she'll be as good as new!" Try this at 11 o'clock at night after a couple "sodas"... fast forward to the next morning... and now you've got 50 little gears and assorted "reel parts" in a Ziploc bag. Hmmm. That might not have been the best approach!

Okay. Maybe this hasn't happened to *ALL* of you, but in case something like it has, we decided address this issue with our **March 10th** meeting presentation. FRV typically has a lot of great presentations about specific lakes, areas of the country, and techniques. All of these speakers have been informative, but since we can't all fish the lakes these folks concentrate on, we thought *EVERYONE* could benefit from hearing about how to take care of one of the single most important pieces of fishing equipment you own. Your REEL! Dave Anderson, owner of **Dave's Reel Repair**, has been working on reels since 1967! (that's *over 40 years of experience* for those of you who just plain suck at math). If you show up, our speaker will show us how to take better care of your reel so it works the way it should *and* has a longer life. Who doesn't want that nowadays?!!

Hope to see you on MARCH 10th at the Schaumburg Golf Club in Schaumburg. Dinner starts at 6 p.m., meeting starts at 7. As always visit the website for more details and please contact Rich Gallagher if you plan on meeting us for dinner.

FRV's APRIL 14th SPEAKER...

...is none other than GREGG THOMAS. Probably heard of him. He runs the *Battle the Beast Guide Service*. See him on TV sometimes. He writes for some magazines. Presents at the Chicago Muskie Show. Blah, blah, blah. You maybe even hear he does a good job of putting his clients on fish in Kentucky in the spring, and up in Minnesota in the summer and fall months.

But as a segue of our March meeting, Gregg is going to take a different spin on his presentation. He's going to talk about how he uses his array of ELEC-TRONICS to get the edge on muskies. Just like a good rod, or reel, or bait... your electronics are an equally important and always common factor in your fishing success. Let's hear what Gregg has to say about how he uses his!

For more info on Gregg Thomas, visit his website at www.battlethebeast.com

TALK TO US!

Want to contact anyone on the FRV Board of Directors? Please send an email to: info@frvmuskies.org

**CHALLENGE ON THE CHAIN TOURNAMENT
APRIL 24th**

Even though there's still ice on local lakes, its not too early to sign up for our 15th Annual Challenge on the Chain Tournament.

The first installment of this two event tournament series will be held on Saturday, April 24th, at 7 a.m. It's also being held at a new venue this year. We're moving to Famous Freddie's on Pistakee Lake. FRV is very excited about this new location. Outdoor conditions definitely will not feel like a factor at the "before and after" tournament festivities this year! It will be nice to get out of the elements to talk about the day on the Chain. We're also excited to see what new strategies teams will have to take starting out on the south end of the Chain rather than the north end.

As always, there are lots of details about the event, the new location (with ramp/launching instructions), and how to register on-line **if you visit our website**. The bottom of the entry form appears below if you didn't get a flyer or if you don't want to go on-line to sign up.

Tournament Entry Form

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____ Email Address: _____	Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____ Email Address: _____
Mail Completed Form & Payment to: Fox River Valley Chapter of Muskies Inc. P.O. Box 7613 Algonquin IL 60102	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Entry Fee Per Team</u></p> ___ Tournament Series \$340 (\$380 after 3/1/2010) ___ Spring Tournament \$180 (\$200 after 3/1/2010) ___ Fall Tournament \$180 (\$200 after 9/1/2010)

FRV FUNDRAISER - TV RAFFLE!

At our April 14th meeting, we will be raffling off a 42 inch flatscreen LCD TV!

Ticket prices: 1 for 1 \$ or 6 for \$5

All proceeds from this raffle go directly to funding our Youth Musky Hunt outing on Moose Lake (in N. WI) this fall. We really need to pick up the slack on this one so we can provide the quality outing and youth event that people have come to expect from Fox River Valley over the last year or so. Contact Rich Gallagher or any other FRV board member if you would like to buy (or sell) tickets for this great TV.

WANT A COPY OF YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER IN ELECTRONIC VERSION ONLY?

Let us know via the website. FRV is trying to come up with a good way of providing this option to our members as soon as possible and any feedback would be appreciated. Thanks!

IMA LOOKS TO 2010

One of the Illini Muskie Alliance's two goals is to assist the IDNR in furthering the musky fishery in our state. Each year in January, IMA and IDNR hold a joint meeting. IDNR reports last year's results, discusses its plan for the new year, and asks IMA's members to help in reaching these goals. This year, IDNR has identified five projects it would like IMA to help with. *(details of these 5 projects are listed on page 5)*

First, due to the state's lack of money for personnel, the rearing pond net we purchased last year was never erected. Netted rearing ponds traditionally yield 80 plus percent fingerlings available for stocking. In 2009, this pond yielded slightly over 60%. 10,000 less fingerlings were available in 2009. IDNR has agreed to let us help in 2010. Volunteers are needed to travel to the Spring Lake Hatchery to help erect the new net sometime in March or April. IDNR will let us know closer to the actual date. **Anyone who can help is asked to email Pete Barber (pjbassoc@sbcglobal.net) with their names and contact information.** Volunteers will be notified when the date is set.

Next, IDNR is requesting funding for 4 additional projects. These are: Three new dissolved oxygen meters (including one for the Fox Chain); digital scales for the biologists throughout the state; materials to help build fish attractors for Lake Kinkaid; and money to repair the fike net at Spring Lake. FRV's board, along with the other clubs in Illinois, will consider how we can help. Any contribution(s) we make is in addition to the FRV's own 2010 youth, fisheries, and research programs.

Other possible programs IMA is studying include gaining approval for a new barrier at Shabbona and a dam escape-study proposed by the IL Natural History Survey. Proponents for both projects gave presentations at IMA's February working meeting. IMA and FRV's board will be looking at these projects more closely as information becomes available.

Everyone is concerned about Asian Carp invading Lake Michigan. Don Dubin, former president of Chicagoland Chapter, has spent considerable time learning about the problem. One possible solution is to introduce muskies along the IL Lake Michigan shoreline. Don attended the recent Chicago meeting of stakeholders and had an opportunity to speak briefly. IMA President Ray Thompson asked Don to continue his investigation into how IL muskie clubs and their members could contribute to the solution.

Respectfully Submitted,

FRV's delegates to IMA

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IL Dept. of Natural Resources ~ 2010 Request for IMA Assistance

1. Requesting volunteers from IMA (and IL muskie clubs) to help erect netting over rearing pond at the Spring Lake Hatchery. Needed in March or April. Volunteers must contact Pete Barber (pjbassoc@sbcglobal.net). Date/Time to be provided when firm date is established.
2. Dissolved Oxygen Meters - estimated cost \$1,200—1,500 each. Quantity of 3 requested for:
 - ◆ Fox Chain
 - ◆ Prairie Lake
 - ◆ Lake Shelbyville
3. Digital Scales - estimated cost \$320 each. Quantity requested is 3 - 6 (for biologists in each area)
4. Materials to build fish attractors/cribs - estimated cost \$20 each. Quantity requested is 100 for Lake Kinkaid. (total cost of around \$2,000)
5. Repairs to fike net in Region 1 (Spring Lake) - estimated cost of \$1,000. Net is used to collect spawning females in the spring. **IMTT CONSIDERING FUNDING THIS PROJECT.**

KICK-START YOUR 2010 SEASON WITH AN FRV OUTING TO LAKE SHELBYVILLE!

FRV's first scheduled "soft-water" outing of the year is coming up on April 16 - 18th on Lake Shelbyville (S. Central IL). This is typically a great body of water in IL to put your first fish of the season in the boat... and a great time with other members to boot.

There's plenty of details and on-going discussion in the "2010 FRV Outing/Events" forum of our website regarding accommodations, places to meet, etc. So check it out soon if you're interested.

Remember, if you go on this outing, it's time to buy a 2010 IL FISHING LICENSE!

Speaking of outings, we don't all fish for muskies all year around. Some of our members actually take a break and fish for the "little guys" under the ice.

When FRV had an ice-fishing outing on Feb. 28th on the Chain, fishing was slow... but fun for everyone who showed up.

And Russ Schaller showed why he's still a lucky dog with this hefty 37 inch pike he caught thru the ice.



2009 FRV AWARDS NIGHT/2010 FUND RAISER RECAP

We hope to have some pictures for the April Newsletter, but in summary... our evening at the Schaumburg Golf Club on Saturday, Feb 20th was one of the best that FRV has ever had. Between 150 and 200 people in attendance. The food was awesome. The presentations were excellent. The after-event band (Without A Net) sounded fantastic... and the club raised quite a bit of money to fund our efforts into 2010.

FRV CALENDAR

Board of Directors Meetings

• 3/15/10	Monday	March BOD Meeting 6:00 PM @ Cabela's
• 4/19/10	Monday	April BOD Meeting 7:00 PM @ Cabela's
• 5/17/10	Monday	May FRV BOD Meeting 7:00 PM @ Cabela's
• 8/16/10	Monday	August FRV BOD Meeting 7:00 PM @ Cabela's
• 9/13/10	Monday	September FRV BOD Meeting 7:00 PM @ Cabela's
• 10/18/10	Monday	October FRV BOD Meeting 7:00 PM @ Cabela's
• 11/15/10	Monday	November FRV BOD Meeting 7:00 PM @ Cabela's
◆ 12/13/10	Monday	December FRV BOD Meeting 7:00 PM @ Cabela's

Chapter Meetings

• 3/10/10	Wednesday	Mark	Dave's Reel Repair
• 4/14/10	Wednesday	Gregg Thomas	Using your electronics
• 5/12/09	Wednesday	Russ Schaller	Northern IL Musky lakes
• 8/04/10	Wednesday	Pool Demo	Dundee Pool
• 9/13/10	Wednesday	Steve Krueger	IDNR night
• 10/13/10	Wednesday	Bill Bennett	Indiana Musky Lakes
• 11/10/10	Wednesday	Family Night	Family Night
◆ 12/08/10	Wednesday	Home Brew, lure swap & canned food drive	

Fishing Outings

• 4/16/10-4/18/10	Fri/Sun "Shelbyville Shakedown" outing to Lake Shelbyville
• 7/10/10-7/17/10	1 week FRV Summer Trip to LOTW at Angle Outpost
• 9/11/10-9/18/10	1 week FRV Fall Trip to LOTW / Grassy Narrows Resort
◆ 11/05/10-11/07/10	Fri/Sun FRV "Last Fling" outing to North Webster Area Lakes

Special Events

• 4/24/10	Saturday	FRV 15 th Annual Spring Challenge on the Chain
• 6/5/10	Saturday	Spring Youth Merit Badge Outing
• 6/5/10	Saturday	Boating & Fishing safety class at Max McGraw's
• 6/5/20	Saturday	NISRA Outing on Bangs Lake
• 6/14/10	Monday	Youth Musky Hunt at Max McGraw's
• 8/07/10	Saturday	2010 Bartlett Kids Fishing Derby
• 8/15/10	Sunday	Special Needs Outing at Max McGraw's
• 10/23/10	Saturday	Musky clinic at Max McGraw's
◆ 10/30/10	Saturday	FRV Fall Challenge on the Chain

FRV and the CHICAGO SLAUGHTER!

Saturday March 27th is FRV Musky night at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates! Our club will be going there for the Chicago Slaughter game.

We have special ticket prices set up just for us. We will get recognized on the scoreboard and PA + all of us will get to meet head coach Steve "Mongo" McMichael. We will also be able to get photos and autographs from the players & dancers on the field after the game!!

Sideline tickets are \$15.00/person (see attached form). Money is due to Rich Gallagher no later than 3/19/10. For every ticket we sell, FRV will make \$3.00. Please visit the website for details!

PAYTON'S IN! ARE YOU?

CHICAGO Slaughter
chicago-slaughter.com

SPECIAL FRV MUSKIES NIGHT!

HELP SUPPORT the FOX RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER of MUSKIES!

Saturday, MARCH 27th

4:30pm Tailgating
6:00pm Arena Doors Open
7:05pm Kick-off
Autographs after the game!

5333 Prairie Stone Pkwy
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

SPECIAL BONUSES!
Start your game day fun by tailgating in the parking lot at the Sears Centre!

VISIT THE FAMILY FUN ZONE!

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- Sign-Making -
- Giant Bouncy -
- Sgt. Slaughter & MORE! -

POST GAME AUTOGRAPHS DOWN ON THE FIELD with the players & dancers!

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Coming Attractions...

- ◆ Mar. 10th - Speaker - Dave's Reel Repair
- ◆ Mar. 27th - FRV and the Chicago Slaughter!
- ◆ April 14th - Speaker - Gregg Thomas
- ◆ April 24th - Challenge on the Chain Tourney



Interested in sponsorship for a tournament or advertising in a newsletter? Please contact the FRV board members via email at:

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