

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ Sept. 8th ~ Chapter Mtg - Steve Krueger (IDNR)
- ♦ Sept. 23-26 ~ FRV Youth Moose Lake Musky Hunt
- ♦ Oct. 13th ~ Chapter Mtg - Russ Schaller
- ♦ Oct. 23rd ~ Muskie Clinic @ Max McGraw's
- ♦ Oct. 30th ~ FALL CHALLENGE ON THE CHAIN!
- ♦ Nov 10th ~ Chapter Mtg - FAMILY NIGHT

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FRV News Cast

SEPTEMBER 2010



From The Front Deck



Welcome back everyone!! As I write the September edition of *From the Front Deck*, the kids are returning to school! I hope you had a great summer and that you were able to "unplug" and take a restful vacation with your family!! Hopefully the weather was cooperative and the fishing was spectacular! How about the wild weather we had this summer? The Midwest got pounded with severe weather, drenching downpours, high winds and lots of lightning! While the weather was bad, the good news is that the lake levels are up throughout the Midwest and water temps are starting to drop back down to "fishable" levels. With the kids back to school, boating pressure on our local lakes will begin to subside as Fall is right around the corner!! I couldn't think of a better time than right now to get out & chase some muskies! Our club trip to LOTW is near and many of our members can't wait to get to Grassy Narrows and stick some Fall fatties!! Good luck to all of you who are making the pilgrimage! Our 31st Annual Bartlett Kids Fishing Derby set an attendance record this year with over 460 children from ages 2-16 attending! We had over 1,000 people total attend this wonderful event. Our Youth Directors Mike Zaborowski and Kevin Bushnick did a fantastic job getting a tremendous assortment of great prizes for everyone!! Thanks to all our FRV members who helped make this event possible!! I am excited to resume our monthly club meetings, which will take place on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 PM at the Schaumburg Golf Club. Our September speaker will be Steve Krueger from the IL DNR. Steve will cover muskie stocking in IL as well as Project Green Gene. Come early for the all you can eat buffet which opens at 6:00 PM prior to the start of our meeting. Check the FRV website at www.frvmuskie.com for more information.

Our fall "Challenge on the Chain" is right around the corner and will be held on Saturday, October 30th and will be headquartered once again at *Famous Freddie's* on Pistakee Lake. Our M.C. will be Chauncey Niziol from "**Chauncey's Great Outdoors**" on ESPN Radio Chicago! Cost to enter is \$200.00 per 2 man team and we are nearly 50% filled, so hurry up & get your entry fee in!! Our final club outing to Webster Lake in Indiana is scheduled for November 5th-7th. See our outings director Jim Ziebka for details or e-mail JZ at muskie1211@aol.com.

Want a chance to win \$3,500.00 cash? We will be selling 300 raffle tickets between now and our February award banquet. We will pay out 4 places, all cash awards. Monies raised will go towards our Youth, Research and Stocking programs. See the website for more details! Finally, we are actively taking applications for 2011 board positions. Applications & interviews will take place in October and nominations will be held in November. All new directors will be voted in at the December club meeting. If you are interested in joining the board, let me know at rg3232@aol.com and I'll get you an application ASAP. Finally, I am excited to announce that Larry Dahlberg will be our guest speaker at our January club meeting which will take place on Thursday January 6th, 2011. Mark your calendars NOW for this date as Larry will have a great presentation lined up for us!! More info will follow.

Until next month....love a musky, let 'em go, let 'em grow!

Rich Gallagher

GENERAL MEETINGS

7:00 PM SCHAUMBURG GOLF CLUB/CHANDLER'S CHOPHOUSE
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7:00 PM. Cabelas, on Monday following the General meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

For our Wednesday, Sept. 8th meeting, FRV has recruited IL DNR biologist Steve Krueger to be on-hand to give everyone the run down on the "state" of the muskie fishery here in Illinois. He'll also be updating the group with information gathered so far from the famous Project Green Gene.



Steve also runs the Jake Wolfe fish hatchery near Peoria, including the Musky program. The picture above was captured when Steve spoke to our club members during a tour of the hatchery a year ago this past April. This will be a great seminar for anyone wanting to learn more about Illinois muskies!

Hope to see you on SEPTEMBER 8th 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.

This month's buffet will be: Italian Beef with sweet & hot peppers, Chicken Parmesan, Rigatoni with Vodka sauce, roasted red potatoes, green beans almandine, Caesar salad, rolls and assorted cakes for dessert! All this is only \$12.00/ adults and \$10.00/kids under 12.

FRV's October SPEAKER is...

Russ "Musky Russ" Schaller! If you're willing to get out and do your homework about opportunities on local lakes, you'd be surprised that there are other prime musky lakes in Northern Illinois other than the Fox Chain O'Lakes! Who better to help open our eyes on this subject than local expert Russ Schaller?!

Russ did an incredibly candid and informative presentation on the Fox Chain last year, so this fall's presentation on other Northern Illinois bodies of water will be called "The Rest of the Story!" So if you're interested in expanding your repertoire locally, we'll see you at the **October 13th** meeting!!

TALK TO US!

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

The 31st Annual Bartlett Fishing Derby

This year's Bartlett Fishing Derby was the most attended event in their history. Early reports show that **460** youngsters attended this event along with their parents! This brought the estimated total of people on hand at over 1,000, so there was no doubt that it was "shoulder to shoulder" around Beaver Pond with young fishermen and fisherwomen! Fortunately for everyone, the weather, the volunteers, and the attendees all cooperated to make this event another great success for the Fox River Valley Chapter.

When the fishing concluded and the catches were documented and tallied, prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Bass, Panfish, Catfish-Carp category for each age bracket. In order to make all these prizes possible, I would like to thank the following sponsor's that donated to this event:

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- Cabelas**
- Coleman Products**
- Dick's Sporting Goods**

One enthusiastic fisherwoman (Jessica Flack) even jumped into the lake to retrieve her dad's fishing pole that was pulled in by a carp! They did manage to get the pole back, and Jessica caught the 3rd place Carp for her category. She was the winner of a *Catfish Bank Buddy* rod holder.

I would like to give a special thanks to everyone that came out to help. I'd also like to give a BIG thanks to our Chapter president, Rich Gallagher, who had to work without a PA system.

Mike Zaborowski
FRV Muskie Youth Director



2010 FALL CHALLENGE ON THE CHAIN

It's just around the corner folks. Part 2 of our FRV Tournament Series. This fall showdown will be held on the Fox Chain of Lakes... with the boats taking off, for the second time, from our new venue **Famous Freddie's** on Pistakee Lake. There is a ton of information about the tournament location, launching instructions, times, etc. on the website... but if you did read any reports from the spring tournament, you'll probably hear a lot of good things about both the fishing and the location. Regardless, if you've signed up for it already, you're probably getting anxious to do battle with some Fox Chain muskies ... especially with money and grand prizes on the line! *After the fishing is done for the day, read the segment below to hear about an additional "mini-event"*. Of course, all of this is to be followed by cash prizes. Raffle prizes. Good food. And a nice, warm, dry venue. How could that be wrong?!

As in years past, our MC will once again be Chauncey Niziol from ESPN Outdoors. He'll no doubt be "guiding" us through the awards portion of the tournament with his usual brevity.

So, it's the last tournament of the year. New place. Some "new" waters (for some of us) on the south end of the Chain. If you haven't already signed up, there's still time. If you're sitting on the fence about fishing a Club tournament, wait no longer. Ask anyone who has had an opportunity to fish our tournaments in the past and you'll realize what you've been missing. And after all, this is the only tournament sponsored by *your* local Muskies Inc. chapter. The tournament entry fee is \$200 per boat/team. Please visit the website and download an entry form. If positions are available, walk-ons are also welcome on tournament day.

GOOD LUCK!

FRV Website info = [www.frvmuskie.com/forum/2010 FRV Challenge on the Chain Tournaments/Official News about the FRV Tournaments](http://www.frvmuskie.com/forum/2010%20FRV%20Challenge%20on%20the%20Chain%20Tournaments/Official%20News%20about%20the%20FRV%20Tournaments)

With the generous help of the Hugh Becker Foundation and a new research initiative with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Fox River Valley Chapter 39 will be stocking **340** Kentucky strain muskies into the Fox Chain October 30th as part of our Fall Challenge on the Chain festivities.

The stocking truck will be around all day for you to see the Kentucky fingerling muskies (between 11 and 14 inches long) that will be stocked in the afternoon before dark once all boats are out of the water and final awards are being determined. Come out and support our club and say hello to some new little friends.

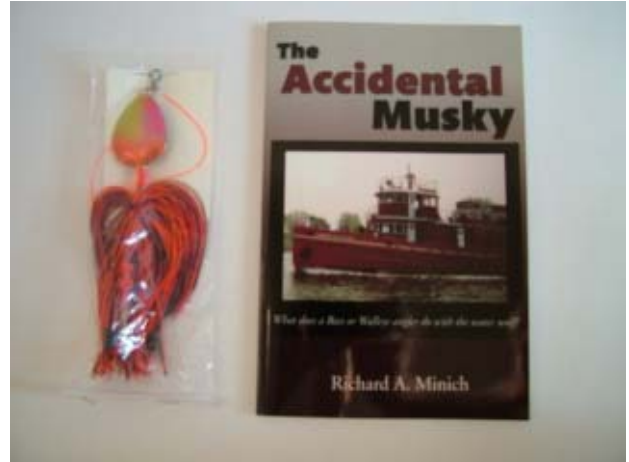


Steve Crook - Stocking/Research Dir.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GROW

For the past couple of years our membership numbers have lingered in the 278 range. Efforts to increase this number to 300 plus have generated only a small increase. So, we are calling on our membership to help the FRV club grow.

Here is our proposal, sponsor a new member and the club will give you a copy of THE ACCIDENTAL MUSKY by John Minich, and one SPINNER BAIT hand-made by one of our members Todd Minor. We are counting on your help. You can start by inviting a friend to one of our monthly meetings, one of our outings, one of our tournaments, or even our annual fund-raiser/awards banquet. If they like what they see... hopefully they will be encouraged to join.



Frank Lucido / Membership Director

FRV CONTEST

There's still time to register your fish for the annual FRV Fishing Contest. There are multiple divisions for registering muskies including: Masters, Mens, Womens, Juniors, Illinois, and Lunker of the Month. Muskie catches are registered thru the MI Website and the results are submitted back to FRV.

Additionally, there are other categories/divisions dealing with multi-species catches.... Including: Open, Women's, Juniors, Best of Species, and Lunker of the Month. The multi-species contest is managed only by FRV and requires filling out and submitting a separate form which can be found on the FRV Website under the "2010 FRV Fishing Contests" forum. Check it out!

OUR OWN MEDIA LIBRARY

A couple FRV Board members want to try maintaining a collection of books and DVDs about muskie fishing and related topics to rent to meeting attendees. The rental fee and rental period are still undetermined, but we'd like to put \$ collected from rentals right back into Youth and Stocking funds. We're hoping to "pilot" this program at the September meeting. Please tell us what you think.

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SAVE THE DATE!

**Speaking of our 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, but for now we're pretty sure it will be a 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. banquet.

Illini Musky Alliance (IMA) Update

An abbreviated meeting was held July 24th at the Goose Prairie/Heideke Lake Visitor Center near Morris, IL. Due to the previous day's severe thunderstorms and flooding, only 8 delegates and 4 officers attended.

The \$1,000 FRV donated to IMA for the Shabbona barrier project was received and is being held in the Special Projects fund. Dwayne Landmeier from the Quad Counties chapter is spearheading this project, but was not in attendance at the meeting. President Ray Thompson will contact Dwayne and email the project's current status.

So far this year, DNR has stocked some 75,000 2 1/2" and 38,000 5" fingerlings in Shelbyville. 517 5" fingerlings were stocked in Hennepin-Harper Lake. Some 33,000 fingerlings have been put into the 3 rearing ponds at the Jake Wolfe Hatchery. One of the ponds remains without a net. The net is on-hand and IMA's member clubs have volunteered to provide manpower. The IDNR hasn't accepted this offer in spite of urging from Ray Thompson.

The next meeting will be held November 13th in Shelbyville.

Submitted by FRV IMA Delegate and Board Member Pete Barber



Club member/BOD Director Beau Farius holds a beautiful Canadian 48 inch fish that he caught during a summer trip.

Want to see yourself or your family/friends in one of the next newsletters? Maybe you even have a story to go with it. Send these along to us via the website and you'll see your name in print!



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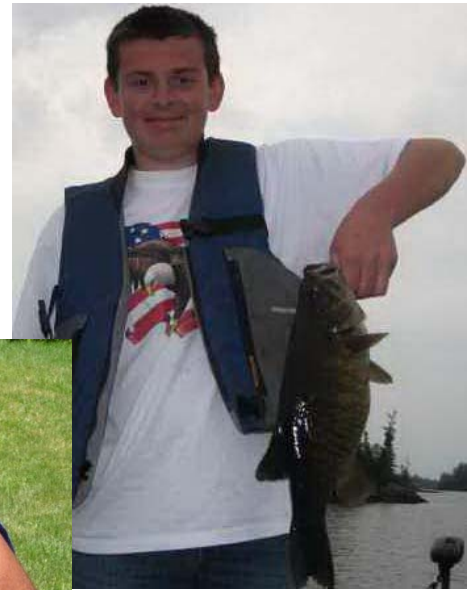
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Left: Dave Lukac with a 40 inch pike.

Right: Andrew Minor with a chunky Vermillion smallie

Below: Aaron Zorn and son with a different kind of catch!



Right: Mike Dover's son Will Dover's (11) 1st sizable fish 37"

Left: Todd Minor gets in on this photo with his son Evan as he holds Evan's nice 35.5" Lake Vermillion pike.



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