

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

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Chapter Mtg -
Pete Stoltman
- ◆ April 30th -
16th Annual
Tournament on
Fox Chain
- ◆ May 11th -
Chapter Mtg -
Tom Gelb
- ◆ May 20th-22nd
Club Outing to
Oconomowoc, WI



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FRV News Cast

APRIL 2011



From The Front Deck



Our chapter is finally operating like a fine tuned sports car & we are firing on all cylinders! Meeting attendance is way up. Membership is growing each & every month; as our membership has increased to well over 325+ members to date. Our revenues are up which is a direct result of all of our fundraising activities! The increased revenues allows us to do some great things; not only for our membership but for our fishery! We continue to actively stock muskies with your donated dollars. We continue to help the IDNR with the many projects that they cannot fund, including the Shabbona Barrier Net Project. We continue to do outstanding work within our Youth programs. For example, this year we are taking a group of kids on a Canadian Youth Adventure which runs from August 17th – 20th. Destination is Vermillion Bay, Ontario! This outing is open to young adults from ages 10–18. They must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All **children** participating in this event will have their expenses covered by the Fox River Valley Chapter! The FRV Youth Muskie Scholarship Committee will select these participants on the basis of their essay responses. All applicants will be notified of their status once their essays are received. The essay application deadline is April 15th. Essay forms are available off the FRV website at www.frvmuskie.com just go to the forums page and click on FRV Youth Fishing Programs! Hurry as this event will fill up quickly. Our formula for success is really no secret. It's because your FRV board of directors are continuously hard at work to make this club the best it can be! The activity levels within our board actually never stops, and it shows! I am proud of their dedication and work ethic, for without them this wouldn't be the great club that it is. Also without our members participation & support we wouldn't have a reason to be here. As I write this column, all of our lakes have finally opened up! Small lakes & ponds have gone from black ice to open water overnight and the geese are now returning to these lakes & ponds. Many of us have already launched our boats for the 1st outing of the season! Now it's time to focus on the joys of getting out on the water and chasing some Crappies, Pike and Muskies! Many of us have already taken some vacation days and hit Kincaid, Spring Lake or even Cave Run! Spring is definitely in the air!!! It always a great feeling to smell the fresh spring air as you get the boat on plane for the 1st outing of the season! Speaking of outings, our 16th annual Spring Challenge on the Chain is scheduled for Saturday April 30th and we have about 25-30 boats already registered. If you haven't gotten your team entries in, please do so as soon as possible. We will be headquartered at Famous Freddie's on Pistakee Lake and 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. Current starting positions can be viewed by going to the FRV website. Click on the forum page & then go to "2011 Challenge on the Chain Tournament" thread. Then click on the starting positions posting. Good luck to everyone. Last year we set a record with the number of muskies caught in the Spring tournament with 23 fish over 30" released! It would be great to beat that mark this year!

Until next month....blow out the fogging oil on those outboards & let's go fishin! See you at the "Challenge"!

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

6:30 PM. Cabelas, on Tuesday following the General meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

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APRIL 2011 MEETING

Speaker: Pete Stoltman -
Pro Guide - Eagle River, St. Germain, Vilas & Onieda Counties, WI.
When: Wednesday, April 13th - 7:00 pm.

Where: Schaumburg Golf Club,
Grand Ballroom, 410 N. Roselle Rd in Schaumburg.



Pete Stoltman's Seminar is entitled "The Devil is in the Details..." This slogan expresses the idea that whatever one does should be done thoroughly, details are important. Pete will focus on some fine points of tackle tuning along with some techniques that are sometimes overlooked by both novice and experienced fishermen...



Pete has been guiding since 2003. He primarily casts, but can also roll troll, in his home base which is the Vilas, & Onieda Counties, WI. Pete is centrally located St Germain WI area - where he has extensive knowledge of many bodies of waters - Sugar Camp Chain, Eagle River, Twin, LVD. Pete will share all seasonal patterns & generous detailed info on specific lakes. He will field questions on any of these lakes...

Pete Stoltman also co-hosts "Regular Fishing Regular Guys Outdoors Radio" - an internet radio broadcast occurring every Sunday eve from 7-9 pm, live from Wild Eagle Lodge in Eagle River, WI. His show is an interactive program which answers live calls, emails, and shares fishing reports - featuring the latest on the East Wisconsin Northwoods Area.

Pete is also on the Pro Staff at Rollie & Helen's Musky Shop. He can handle most questions regarding gear, tackle & lures...



Originally from Downers Grove, Pete is a Muskies, Inc member, who is still proud to be in our FRV Chapter. The FRV Prize Raffle will follow his seminar, where several of Pete's favorite baits can be won. For full information on Mr. Stoltman visit: www.rfrgoutdoors.com

MAY 2011 MEETING SPEAKER

Our **May 11th** host will be Tom Gelb - a well respected, "old school" Manitowish Waters Pro Guide & Musky Expert. He is best known as a



Vilas County Row Troller. Tom caught his 1st musky in the Vilas area in 1952, and has been addicted to the sport ever since...

Tom will give us his presentation, "**The Big Fish Zone - Suspended Muskies**"



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
April 30, 2011



Grand Door Prize \$250
Gift Certificate

This event takes place at the end of the month - so **now** is definitely the time to sign up for our 16th Annual Challenge on the Chain Tournament!! This first installment of the FRV two-event tournament series will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at 7 a.m. The tournament is being held again at last year's new venue - Famous Freddie's on Pistakee Lake. The outdoor conditions will not be a factor at Famous Freddie's for festivities before and after the tournament. Spring is now in the air. It is time to show off your musky hunting skills, and compete on the Chain. There more details about the event - ramp/launching instructions, and how to register on-line if you visit the FRV 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.

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| <p>Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____ Email Address: _____</p> | <p>Pre-register Entry Fee Per Team _____ Tournament Series \$340 (\$380 after 3/1/2011) _____ Spring Tournament \$180 (\$200 after 3/1/2011) _____ Fall Tournament \$180 (\$200 after 9/1/2011)</p> <p>*****Entry fee on the day of the event \$210*****</p> |
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Mail Completed Form & Payment to:
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***NOW IS THE TIME TO ENTER
 THE 16TH ANNUAL FRV CATCH &
 RELEASE MUSKY TOURNAMENT.
 23 FISH OVER 30 INCHES WERE
 CAUGHT IN LAST YEAR'S SPRING
 TOURNAMENT. SO GRAB A PARTNER
 & SHOW OFF YOUR MUSKY SKILLS...***



IMA MEETING NOTES

The quarterly Illini Muskies Alliance (IMA) meeting was held Saturday, March 26 at the Bass Pro Shops in Bolingbrook. Steve Crook and Ken Sponseller were in attendance representing Fox River Valley Chapter 39. The IMA is an alliance of all musky clubs in Illinois and thus provides a single unified working partnership with the IDNR to support stocking and conservation efforts statewide with support from groups like ours.

The Lake Shabbona Barrier Project was successfully completed and the barrier fence is now functioning. Nine six inch diameter twelve foot poles were used to hold the barrier in place and are submerged seven to eight feet in clay. The fence is 4 feet above the water line. The barrier netting material is rubber coated metal to prevent rust. Total construction took 22 hours using contractors and volunteers and total construction fees were \$10,580.38. Once road access limitations are lifted April 15th an access road will be built and signage will be placed using a \$3,100 grant from the Hugh C. Becker Foundation.

The Lake Evergreen Barrier Project has been approved by the IDNR and the McLean County Park District will be picking up the cost. Construction will begin soon. We fully support this project and will provide additional funding if necessary.



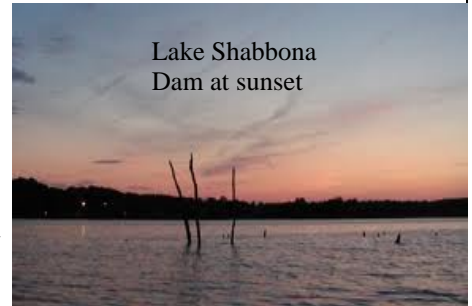
Fox River Valley Chapter 39 Muskies Inc. is donating \$1,200 to the IMA to buy a PowerPoint Projector, a Hanging Electronic Scale, and an Oxygen, Conductivity, Temperature, and PH Meter for the IDNR's NE IL office and our local fisheries biologist Frank Jacobicek.

The IMA is also working to gather funding to support the IDNR's Urban Fishing Project. We will work with local retailers to buy fishing equipment at the lowest cost possible to donate for children to learn about fishing and the outdoors.

Max Walter's dam escapement research has added Lake Mingo this year. Max will provide the IMA a Project Green Gene Update during our November 19th meeting at Shelbyville.

The next IMA meeting is scheduled for July 16th at Lake Heidecke.

Any questions regarding the IMA can be directed to our IMA Director Pete Barber.



Lake Shabbona
Dam at sunset

FOX RIVER VALLEY - MI 30th Year 2011 Commemorative Lure

The Special Edition FRV 30th anniversary lure has been designed by lure artist Stan Deurst. Stan has consigned and dedicated a one of a kind **COPPER SUCKER pattern 7" Big Game Bait** to the **FRV Muskie's Inc.** After the limited edition of ONLY 40 lures is made, the pattern will not be available again. Each lure will be stenciled in Gold on top commemorating the Club's 30th anniversary. Lures will also be numbered from 1 to 40 and signed by the lure artist Stan Durst. Don't miss out on this little piece of FRV history and order your lure today.

\$40.00 Per Bait.
\$3.50 Shipping and handling.
(Can be picked up at meetings)
\$1.20 for Credit Card Orders.



Order Forms for appear on the FRV Website under **Forum - FRV General Discussion**. For more info contact Dan Koniewicz. If you would like a specific number, Dan will try to accommodate. If you would like to order via CC, drop Dan email at frvgear@comcast.net, or call him at 847-682-9238.

Oconomowoc Area Outing - May 20-22, 2011

Our first 2011 FRV Outing will be held in the Oconomowoc, Wisconsin area for the first time this year, per the suggestion of our members. The Oconomowoc area is in Waukesha County, just North & West of Milwaukee. Our March Speaker was Pro Guide Mr. Dennis Radloff, who lives & guides on the lakes in the area. His presentation covered lakes Okauchee, Oconomowoc, Fowler, Pewaukee, & Lac La Belle. With healthy musky populations, these lake are all considered consistent producer of muskys - up to and above 50".

An award for the outing will be given to a current FRV member that catches the biggest muskie. Note that tournament rules apply - you both need a witness and picture of the fish.

Okauchee Lake



Pewaukee Lake

The Outings are a great way for new members to meet and share stories & tips with fellow club members. This outing can expedite the learning curve for many nearby bodies of musky waters.

We will publish tips from Dennis Radloff, and list evening meeting places for FRV Club Members for the outing in our May Newsletter. Hope to see you there. Jim "Jimmy Z" Ziebka will answer any further questions...

FRV HAS SECURED A SPECIAL RATE AT THE COUNTRY PRIDE INN IN DELAFIELD, WI. THE HOTEL IS RIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF I-94 AND HWY. 83. EXIT 287 OFF OF I-94. DAVE, THE HOTEL MANAGER, HAS US SETUP FOR A FISHERMAN'S DISCOUNT OF \$39 PER NIGHT!! ALL OCONOMOWOC AREA LAKE LAUNCHES ARE WITHIN 10 MILES...

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FRV Muskies 30th Anniversary Decals

"30th Anniversary Decals"
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 Only 80 remain!!!

Please see Jim "Jimmy Z" Ziebka
 at the raffle table at meetings.





North to Ontario! 2011 Youth Musky Scholarship Recipients Head To The Canadian Shield!



The Fox River Valley Chapter of Muskies, Inc. has announced a world-class opportunity for ten very lucky young anglers who will receive “*musky scholarships*” from the chapter, allowing them to attend a very special Canadian fishing event. From August 17th-20th, 2011, the select group of young musky hunters, each accompanied by an adult guardian, will embark on a fabulous chaperoned trip to NW Ontario to fish the musky-filled waters of the Indian Chain of Lakes north of Vermillion Bay, Ontario. Youth participants will have all of their expenses paid by the Fox River Valley Chapter.



The 2011 youth musky outing continues the chapter’s storied tradition of organizing exciting trips to remote destinations, providing young musky fisherman with opportunities to build their own fishing and outdoor heritage. Previous successful scholarship trips have been held at Lac Vieux Desert and Moose Lake in northern Wisconsin among others. During these adventures, the developing anglers have the opportunity to learn musky fishing skills, outdoor traditions, good sportsmanship, boating safety, weather awareness, planning, organizational skills and a host of other tools designed to help them throughout their lives both on and off the water.

According to Rich Gallagher, the Fox River Valley Chapter President, “*Our board works tirelessly to promote the three main tenets of Muskies, Inc. - Youth, Fisheries and Conservation*”. Gallagher added- “*In addition to our work to add more Muskies to local waterways, and to protect those waterways for future generations, our youth programs provide a vital platform to ensure the future of musky fishing by introducing the next generation to the magic of our sport and educating the public on the role and importance of the King of Freshwater Fish. The Indian Lakes Chain is a natural destination for an outing of this nature because of its large numbers of Muskies and its manageable size as a waterway. The kids are sure to have encounters with lots of fish and have a terrific time.*”

Complete scholarship details, travel requirements and outing specifics on the 2011 Fox River Valley Chapter’s 2011 “*Ontario Musky Scholarship Program*” can be obtained by visiting the Chapter’s website at www.frvmuskie.com.

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The Fox River Valley Chapter #39 of Muskies, Inc., is a 501 C-3 non-profit organization dedicated to Youth, Fisheries and Research. Headquartered in Elgin, Illinois, the Chapter has more than 300 members and is extremely active in the community. Chapter meetings are held monthly at Chandlers Chop House at the Schaumburg Golf Course in Schaumburg, Illinois. You can find out more about their meetings, calendar of activities, outings, tournaments and community service projects and how to get involved, on their website at www.frvmuskie.com.

Note from your New Editor... I will be working at filling the shoes of former FRV Newsletter Editor & Board Member, Mark Lamont - who is moving forward to direct all media activities for FRV Muskies... For three years, Mark has ensured that every FRV Member has received a fresh & informative monthly update on club events... Let’s all thank Mark for his previous hard work, and encourage him to keep up his efforts in his new role...

I ask all FRV Members for your suggestions, feedback, & pictures. I welcome articles or reports that could be of benefit to fellow club members - so please share any tips, techniques, facts, theories or trivia...

Thank you - Dave Lukac...

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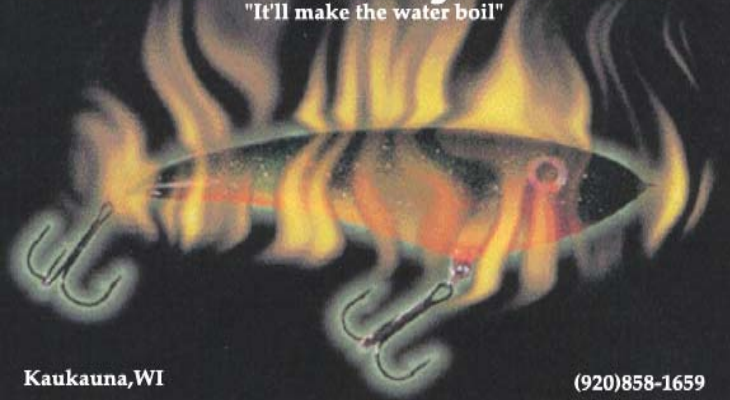
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