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Ben Modica
- ♦ April 13th -
Chapter Mtg -
Pete Stoltman
- ♦ April 30th -
16th Annual
Tournament
- ♦ May 11th -
Chapter Mtg -
Tom Gelb
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Club Outing to
Oconomowoc, WI

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MARCH 2011



From The Front Deck



Well this winter was one reminiscent of when we were kids growing up "back in the old days"! The snow came early and stayed on the ground all season long! It was great seeing the kids having lots of fun snowboarding, tubing, ice-fishing and just being kids! They even got a few snow days off this season, how bout that! The snow pack offered lot's of opportunities for everyone to get out and enjoy the winter season! Now as the snow melts and gives way to fields of brown, most of us are thinking "good riddance winter"....."come-on springtime"! Most of us are suffering from a severe bout of "cabin fever" and we're just itching to get out on some open water somewhere!! At this time of year my attention jumps from the outdoor fishing and hunting shows, to getting outdoors and chasing some muskies. Now is the time to blow the dust & cobwebs off your fishing gear and get things ready, as the 2011 musky season is finally here. Many of us are already planning trips to get that 1st musky of the season under our belts! Places like Cave Run, Green River and Kincaid are all great early season destinations, so start planning your spring trips now!

Our annual awards banquet & fundraiser was a HUGE success! I'm glad everyone made it to this gala event! Thanks to all of you who donated your hard earned money towards our raffles & auctions, as we gave away well over \$22,000.00 in prizes! Dan Koniewicz did a great job with the awards presentation, and my personal thanks goes out to Steve Kroll who worked his butt off putting this whole shindig together. Thanks Steve! I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate all of our award winners; who brought home those beautiful plaques! We are looking forward to seeing some new faces at the awards banquet in 2012! BTW, all the monies that were raised during the banquet will be used to finance things we have planned for this year which include; stocking, research and youth activities! Thanks for all your support!

By now you all should have received my personal letter regarding the Butter Braid Fundraiser. If you attended the February meeting, then you sampled some of that goodness!! I am asking your help in selling at least 20 Butter Braids per member! I will be giving out a cash award of \$250.00 to the person who sells the most Butter Braids. All money must be turned in by **3/25/11** and merchandise will be delivered at our **April 13th club meeting**, so let's get selling!!!

Our 16th annual Spring Challenge on the Chain is scheduled for Saturday April 30th. If you haven't gotten your team entries in, please do so as soon as possible, as starting positions are filling up! We will once again be headquartered at Famous Freddie's on Pistakee Lake. Chauncey Niziol from ESPN Radio Chicago AM-1000 will once again be our M.C. This year most of the teams that are signing up are doing so as "trail teams" and will be fishing both the Spring & Fall events! 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 pay for your tournament entry via PayPal by simply clicking on the tab found on the FRV website's front page entitled "FRV Products". Starting positions can be found by clicking on the forums page, then click on 2011 Tournament news! 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

Here's wishing all of you a happy & successful 2011 fishing season! Remember to take a kid fishing this year and create a memory that will last a lifetime! It's not always about the catching!!

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

6:00 PM. Cabelas, on Tuesday following the General meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

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MARCH 2011 MEETING

Who: Ben Modica - Captain
-Musky Fix Guide Service.

When: March 9th - 7:00 pm.

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



Captain Ben Modica is a Licensed Musky Guide, with knowledge of great opportunity for a trophy and or numbers of muskies from our home waters in Illinois...

Ben has been fishing for muskies since 1987; from the early 90's to present. He has fished the Illinois Fox Chain of Lakes, along with other lakes from Lake of the Woods, to Cave Run Lake in pursuit of the elusive fish known as the Musky. In his pursuits, Ben Modica – Musky Fix Guide Service, has caught and released many trophy muskies from Illinois waters.



Being on the water daily, Benny understands seasonal patterns and presentations. His March 9th seminar at FRV will feature "Sucker Fishing."

See the Musky Fix website for more on Ben...

www.muskyfix.com

APRIL 2011 MEETING SPEAKER

Our **April 13th** Meeting Presentation is entitled "The Devil is in the Details," & will feature new insights on our not so holy freshwater predator. Our host will be Eagle River Wisconsin's own, Pete Stoltman. Pete is an acclaimed guide in Vilas & Oneida Counties in NE WI...

Pete also hosts "Regular Fishing Regular Guys" Outdoors Radio, incorporating the modern format of Internet Radio to bring us a weekly real time taste of the North Woods...

For more information...

www.rfrgoutdoors.com





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

Catch & Release Muskie Tournament Series

Headquarters: Famous Freddies on Pistakee Lake of the Fox Chain of Lakes

Tournament #1 April 30, 2011



Grand Door Prize \$250 Gift Certificate

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 30th, at 7 a.m. The tournament is being held again at last year's new venue - Famous Freddie's on Pistakee Lake. Outdoor conditions definitely are not a factor at Famous Freddie's "before and after" tournament festivities... With the long and snowy winter in mind, it will be nice to get out of the elements to compete on the Chain. There are lots of details about the event - 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.

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: ____ Zip: ____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p>	<p>Pre-register Entry Fee Per Team</p> <p>_____ Tournament Series \$340 (\$380 after 3/1/2011)</p> <p>_____ Spring Tournament \$180 (\$200 after 3/1/2011)</p> <p>_____ 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:
Fox River Valley Chapter of Muskies Inc.
P.O. Box 7613
Algonquin IL 60102**

2011 IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR CHAPTER 39

- Mar 5th & 6th Woodstock Show. FRV will have our booth there.
- Mar 9th FRV Club Meeting 6-10PM. Schaumburg Golf Club.
- Mar 14th BOD meeting 7-9PM @ Cabela's.
- Apr 13th Pete Stoltman FRV Club Meeting 6-10PM. Schaumburg Golf Club.
- Apr 18th BOD meeting 7-9PM @ Cabela's.
- **April 30th 16th Annual Challenge on the Chain**
- May 11th Nick Camarrata FRV Club Meeting 6-10PM. Schaumburg Golf Club.
- May 16th BOD meeting 7-9PM @ Cabela's.
- May 20th-22nd Club Outing to Madison Chain(WI) "Musky Mayhem"
- June 4th NISRA Fishing Outing at Bangs Lake
- June 17 FRV/YCA Silver Lake Youth Muskie Hunt

IMA MEETING NOTES

The Illini Muskie Alliance held its annual joint meeting with the DNR at the Chicago Muskie Show. The DNR, represented by Steve Pallo, head of IL fisheries, presented the 2010 Muskie Stocking and 2011 Status of Illinois' Muskie Fishery – 2011 reports. In spite of Illinois' severe fiscal problems, all 2010 planned stockings were accomplished.

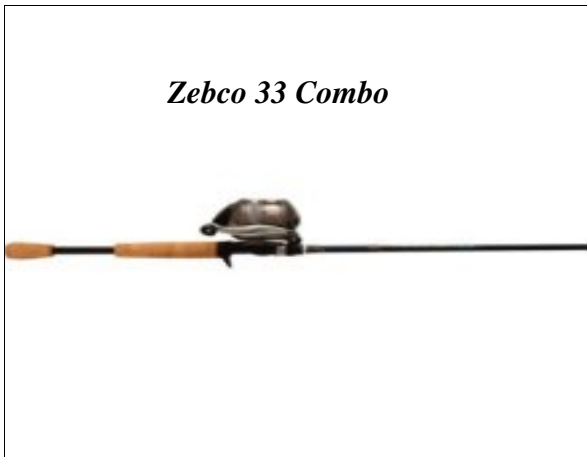


One of the purposes of the IMA is to help DNR with manpower and financial assistance with equipment needs and projects that need doing but, whose budgets were not approved. This year, the Department requested some \$7,700 for unfunded equipment and \$10,000 for help with the Urban Fishing Project. DNR wants to purchase 500 Zebco 33 type rod and reel combos for use in the collar counties around Chicago. At our February meeting, the FRV Board approved purchasing a projector, portable scale and conductivity/Ph/temperature meter for needed by our local DNR regional office and biologist. Also, FRV has volunteered to contact rod and reel vendors and manufacturers to obtain donations and/or best prices for the combos.

Steve Pallo announced that the Shabbona Barrier Project Agreement has been signed and plans approved. FRV contributed \$4,700 in 2010 to this \$15,000 project. Construction is to begin shortly. Steve, also, announced that DNR is seeking approval for the new Evergreen Lake barrier. It, too, could be built this year. The DNR Green Card program for registering muskies caught in IL is being revised. A new, on line system is being developed. Once the existing stock of Green Cards is gone, no more will be printed.

- The IMA Committee

Zebco 33 Combo



Ice on Lake Shabbona Dam



Pictures from FRV 6th Annual Fundraising Banquet & Awards

Saturday, Feb 19th, 2011



Over \$22,000.00 in Auction & Raffle Prizes



\$1,900 Diamond Earring Winner
(All Participants receive Cubic Zirconium)



50 Inch Club



Hundreds of Raffle Prizes



V's Award!



FRV OUTINGS in 2011 - ***IT'S TIME TO JUMP IN and PARTICIPATE!!!***

We'll post a Master 2011 Calendar with specific dates in the April 2011 Newsletter... but for starters, here's a listing of outings on the way: **3 - 5 Youth/Sponsor Events @ Max McGraw**, **2 Outings on Lake of the Woods**, and **Outings on Oconomowoc (late spring) and N. Webster (fall)**. There has to be something for everyone on this list! So pick one or two. We give a rundown of these outings with dates/details on our website, at meetings, and in the newsletter. If you're looking for more info, the best idea would be to talk to or contact Outings Director **Jim Ziebka** at any one of our monthly meetings or via the website. He should have all info you need if you are interested in participating in an outing... and he's always looking for feedback or ideas about potential new outings for our club.

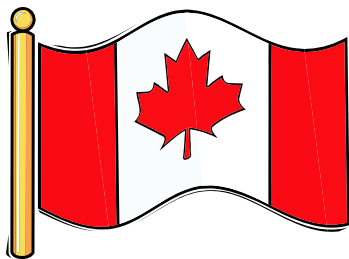


North to Ontario!

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.

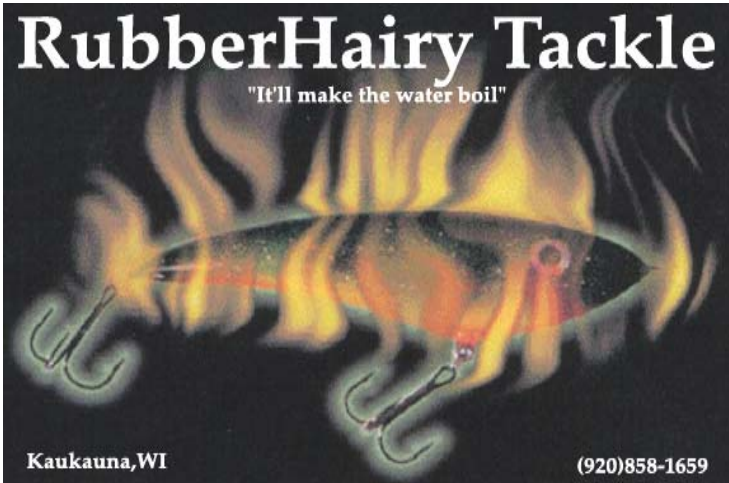
Note from your New Editor... I will be working at filling the shoes of former FRV Newsletter Editor & Board Member, Mark Lamont - who is moving forward to direct all media activities for FRV Muskies... For three years, Mark has ensured that every FRV Member has received a fresh & informative monthly 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...

Going forward, 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...



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

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