



# FLATLANDERS

## TAILS

July 2014

MEETINGS: 7:30 P.M. ~ FOURTH THURSDAY ~ LOVES PARK VFW ~ 2018 WINDSOR RD ~ LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS

## Quality over quantity during LOTW trip

The numbers were down, but there were plenty of big fish caught during the annual outing on Lake of the Woods. I'll give you highlights in this month's newsletter and more details next month. Of course, if you want to hear a full accounting of the July 11-19 trip, show up at Thursday's meeting and hear for yourself. There are some stories that won't make it into the newsletter so you don't want to miss out. High winds and relatively cool temperatures made for tough fishing, but some big girls did show up. Tim Scruggs caught the biggest fish of the week with a 52.5. Steve Ruhmann caught a 51.5 on the same day at the same time. Other big fish were Leo Hauser's 51 and Jerry Oestreich's 51. You may remember that Leo was last year's winner of the prestigious Skunk Award. Another biggie was Jack Pertz's 49.5. That's right. Jack was honest. He didn't exaggerate the length of his fish as so many anglers are wont to do. Another highlight was a Thursday night Fish Fry thanks to Jaime Bowman. Jaime and his son, Collin, caught four nice-sized walleyes and a northern. Jordan, the dock boy at Walsh's Bay Store Camp, added 22-inch and 24-inch walleyes to the mix. Those seven fish were enough to satisfy 20 hungry Flatlanders. More details Thursday night or in next month's newsletter. We thank Frank and Laura Walsh for their hospitality and Jordan for being there whenever we needed something. He pumped gas, helped with dead batteries, filleted fish and a bunch of other stuff.

### You must have a fish by now

Now that many of us have a big trip or two under our belts, it's time to turn those fish in for the Members Only Release Contest. It's best if you enter the fish yourself on the Muskies, Inc. website and then print out the form and give it to Tim Scruggs. If we get a good internet connection at the meeting, we can walk you through the process. Also, remember, the 50/50 contest. You get more chances the longer the fish is that you release.

Mail forms and money to:

Tim Scruggs, 9668 Bagley Drive, Apt. 3,  
Roscoe, IL., 61073.



*The pictures above illustrate how windy it was during the July trip to Lake of the Woods. The top pic shows the flag at Bay Store Camp on Oak Island. It's amazing that it didn't get blown off the pole. The bottom photo, courtesy of Senior Correspondent Dick Cholke, shows a rough ride home.*



*The annual group shot. Twenty anglers made the trip this year. It's always a great trip. Next year the club will be limited to 20 spots for this trip so if you want to go, you better let Steve Ruhmann know ASAP. Those who went this year get first choice, but there's sure to be a spot or two open for 2015.*

### One-of-a-kind display tackle box

Dick Lapp has donated a unique tackle box that any angler would be happy to own to display his or her favorite lures. The tackle box will be raffled off during one of our meetings. Only a limited number of tickets will be available. We were hoping to have a picture available for the newsletter but didn't get it set up in time. We'll have a picture in next month's newsletter and we'll post a picture of it on our website before then.

### Almost there on award changes

The executive committee is waiting to see how much new awards will cost before making a decision. The proposal is to create a more personalized award. Your name, a photo and a list of your fish will be placed on a wooden plaque. Once we get the costs nailed down, we'll be able to present the plan to the membership. If all works out, the awards will be very cool.

### Is your membership up to date?

We don't kick you off this distribution list when your membership expires. At least not right away. You can renew your membership easily by going to the Muskies Inc. website. If you don't renew, your fish entries for the Members Only Contest will not be valid.

### Mark your calendars

EC meeting: 7 p.m. Aug. 7, VFW  
 Gil Hamm Chapter Challenge: Aug. 20-22, LOTW  
 General meeting: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28, VFW  
 EC meeting: 7 p.m. Sept. 4, VFW  
 Deer-Bone-Apple River-Wapogossit outing: Sept. 12-14.  
 General meeting: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25  
 EC meeting: 7 p.m. Oct. 2  
 Oxbow outing: Oct. 10-12  
 General meeting: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23  
 Lake Vermilion outing: Oct. 30-Nov. 2  
 EC meeting: 7 p.m. Nov. 6, VFW  
 General meeting: 7:30 p.m., Nov. 20, VFW  
 EC meeting: 7 p.m., Dec. 4, VFW  
 Christmas lure swap: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18, VFW  
 Annual Awards Banquet: March 14, 2015

### Purposes of Muskies, Inc.

- To promote a high quality Muskellunge sport fishery
- To support selected conservation practices based on scientific merit and carried out by authorized federal and state agencies
- To promote Muskellunge research
- To establish hatcheries and rearing ponds and introduce the species into suitable waters
- To support the abatement of water pollution
- To maintain records of habits, growth and range of species
- To disseminate Muskellunge information
- To promote good fellowship and sportsmanship among men, women and children

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