



Illinois Muskie Tournament Trail

February 2013 Newsletter

2013 Trail Schedule

IMTT Spring Classic @ Kinkaid - March 9 & 10
IMTT Spring Lake North - March 16 & 17
Shawnee Spring Brawl @ Kinkaid - May 4 & 5
Shelbyville Spring Tournament - May 18
FRV Spring Challenge @ Fox Chain - May 18
IMTT Jake Wolf @ Fox Chain - June 8
IMTT Prairie Lake Tournament - Sept. 7
Shelbyville Fall Tournament - Sept. 21
Hawg Hunter Tournament @ Lake Evergreen Sept. 28
FRV Fall Challenge @ Fox Chain - October 5
IMTT Fall Classic @ Shelbyville - Oct. 5 & 6
Shawnee Fall Brawl @ Kinkaid - Oct. 19 & 20
IMTT State Championship @ Kinkaid - Nov. 9 & 10

Please note the date changes for both the Spring Lake North and the Jake Wolf tournaments. These dates have been revised since we printed the initial schedule flyers and the 2013 member cards.

2012 Season Recap

2012 was a great year for IMTT! We conducted a very successful tournament trail in 2012. We introduced a special \$10,000 cash prize for the largest muskie, 50' or greater, caught in a trail event. No one caught a "50", but we came darn close with a 49" beauty caught at the Spring Classic on Kinkaid in early March. Congratulations to 2012 State Champions **David Eichelberger** and **Tony Carswell**, and 2012 Trail Champion **Robert Taylor** and Runner Up **Dane Garrett!**

In 2012 the IMTT awarded its first scholarship to Ms. Kathryn Alber, a Fisheries Biology major. We were able to assist the IDNR Fisheries Division with the purchase of five digital scales and a dissolved oxygen meter – equipment needed by the Jake Wolf Hatchery, but not funded through state appropriations. And the IMTT Youth Honor Roll awarded many young anglers engraved plaques to commemorate their muskie catches. Each of these programs - the IMTT scholarship, our IDNR contributions, and the IMTT Youth Honor Roll are all designed to further the IMTT's mission to promote camaraderie among muskie anglers and improve the resource for future generations. ❖

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2013 Spring Classic Tournament Information

The 2013 IMTT Spring Classic is March 9 and 10 at Kinkaid Lake. Early spring on Kinkaid Lake may be your best chance for an Illinois "50". The big gals come up into the shallows and are more vulnerable to our angling efforts than any other time of the year. Kyle Hilger's 49" muskie caught at the 2012 IMTT Spring Classic illustrates how good early spring fishing can be on Kinkaid.



While the water level at Kinkaid was low throughout the fall, the lake is now at full pool and we have heard reports of multiple fish days even through the winter, so we're looking forward to a great tournament to kick off the 2013 Trail. It's time to get your entry form in!

Lodging options:

America's Best Value Motel

128 E. Walnut St. Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 687-2244

Apple Tree Inn

200 N. Second St. Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 687-2345

For more information, contact Tournament Director Walt Krause at (618)972-5584. ❖

New IMTT Website Is Online

The new IMTT website went live in mid- January. The site is available at the same URL: illmuskie.com Some of the new features include:

* Details on each tournament, including tournament director contact information, registration and banquet locations, lodging options, etc. – all of the information needed to prepare for the tournament.

* A **Partner Finder** feature. Want to fish a tournament but don't have a partner? This feature can help you find a partner for an upcoming tournament.

* Following each tournament the website will have a brief write up of the action and results. We need your help to make this section of the website fun and informative. Email your pictures and descriptions of the tournament to the tournament director or an IMTT officer immediately after each event and we'll get them posted for everyone to enjoy. ❖

Spring Lake Tournament March 16 & 17

Spring Lake is a unique fishery. The spring-fed lake covers 1,285 acres and has a maximum depth of 10 feet. This small shallow lake serves as the muskie broodstock source for the Jake Wolf Memorial Hatchery. While the lake has a 25 hp limit, boats with larger outboards are permitted to launch and use either kickers or trolling motors to move around. Last year the winning team in this tournament boated seven muskies during the two day tournament, so Spring Lake can provide lots of action.

Lodging:

Concorde Inn

2801 Court St, Pekin, IL

(309) 347-5533

For more information, contact Tournament Director Bob Taylor at (309)262-9720. ❖

2013 ILLINOIS MUSKIE TOURNAMENT TRAIL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

MUST BE A 2013 IMTT MEMBER TO ENTER – 2013 DUES ARE \$25.00

Please Print Legibly!

Name: _____ **Member #** _____

Phone # : _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Boat Registration # : _____

Partner Name: _____ **Member #** _____

Phone # : _____

Mailing Address: _____

Partner's Email: _____

ENTRY FEES MAY ALSO BE PAID THROUGH PAYPAL ON THE IMTT WEBSITE - illmuskie.com

X	Date	Tournament	Tournament Contact Person	Entry Fee (per person)	Prize Pool
	March 9 & 10	IMTT Spring Classic Kinkaid Lake	Walter Krause 211 Yorktown, Collinsville, IL 62234 krausewalter@attnet	\$100.00	\$3,000.00 (based on 60 entries)
	March 16 & 17	IMTT Spring Lake North	Bob Taylor 4598 Duckhorn Lane Lafayette, IN 47909 elusivedreamsguide@gmail.com	\$100.00	\$3,000.00 (based on 60 entries)
	June 8	IMTT Jake Wolf Memorial Fox Chain of Lakes	Mike Witowski 13553 S. Cicero Ave. PMB290 Crestwood IL. 60445 muskellunged@yahoo.com	\$100.00	\$2,500.00 (based on 50 entries)
	September 7	IMTT Prairie Lake Tournament Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Park	John Sutton 2325 W. 113th Place Chicago, IL 60643 keepcasting1000@aol.com	\$50.00	\$1,500.00 (based on 30 entries)
	October 5 & 6	IMTT Fall Classic Lake Shelbyville	Garry Brookman 302 Virginia Street Sikeston, IL 63801 glbimtt@att.net	\$100.00	\$3,000.00 (based on 60 entries)
	November 9 & 10	IMTT State Championship Lake Kinkaid	Walter Krause 211 Yorktown, Collinsville, IL 62234 krausewalter@attnet	\$100.00	\$3,500.00 (based on full tournaments throughout the trail)

POINT LEADER AT END OF TRAIL SEASON WINS \$1,800.00 (based on full tournaments through the trail)

Please mail Tournament Entry Form and fees to the tournament contact person listed above.



IMTT / Glenwood Lodge Fishery Scholarship Fund 2013 Silent Auction

This is your opportunity to purchase a one week stay at Glenwood Lodge, a great resort located on Lake Vermillion in Tower, Minnesota.

GLENWOOD *Lodge*
on beautiful LAKE VERMILION



Up for auction is a one week stay in a two Bedroom Cabin for up to 4 people, valued at \$1,250.00. Selected week to be mutually agreed upon between winning bidder and Glenwood Lodge personnel. Package does not include boat gas, boat/motor rental or bait. All details to be mutually worked out between successful bidder and personnel of the Glenwood Lodge. For more information on Glenwood Lodge and its amenities, go to: www.glenwoodlodge.com

Income from this silent auction goes to the IMTT / Glenwood Lodge Fishery Scholarship Fund

Silent Auction Process:

- Auction conducted from January 1 through March 31, 2013.
- Bid must include the bidder's name, home address, home phone, cell phone and email address.
- Bids must be in \$50.00 increments
- Highest bidder must submit payment in full by June 1, 2013.
- Starting bid set at \$500.00.

To Place A Bid:

Bids may be submitted at any Illinois Muskie Tournament Trail event, or they may be phoned in, mailed in or emailed to:

Howard Chambliss, IMTT President
12422 N. Sparrow Lane
Mount Vernon, IL 62864
hdpada@aol.com
(618) 244-1982 or (618) 214-5918



Welcome New Members!

IMTT had a very successful booth at the Chicago Muskie Show in January. To induce potential members to learn about the IMTT and our Trail, we held a raffle for a new Shimano Tranx reel. We sold over 500 tickets, and the raffle gave us the opportunity to reach an even larger portion of the Illinois muskie angling community. The reel was won by **Terry Magnusson of Carol Stream, IL**. Congratulations Terry!

We also conducted a January membership drive, culminating with a drawing for a new St. Croix rod and Abu Garcia Revo Toro reel to one lucky member that paid their 2013 dues by January 31. The lucky member was **Jerry Larson of Machesney Park, IL**. Congratulations Jerry – enjoy the new outfit!

So far we have 12 new members in 2013:

Devon Alvis of Bloomington, IL

Bill Barkley of Yorkville, IL

Shannon Beaty-Dingus of Wood River, IL

John Blattel of Jefferson City, MO

Mike Bolt of LaGrange Park, IL

Carl Buehrer of Dekalb, IL

Anthony Fazio of Downers Grove, IL

Ed Fitzgerald of Carrier Mills, IL

Pat Harrison of Park Ridge, IL

Michelle Hruskovich of Lafayette, IN

Dana Smith of Seneca, IL

Jim Ziebka of Norridge, IL

Welcome to the Illinois Muskie Tournament Trail - we look forward to seeing you on the water! ❖

Other News...

Bring lots of food donations and plenty of raffle money to this year's Tournament events. The Board has been working hard to secure some great prizes and merchandise for our tournament raffles. Prizes this year include guided muskie trips by Spenser's Angling Adventures, Mayer's Musky Guide Service, Langkamp's Guide Service and Webster Lake Guide Service, and lodging at Tony Grant's Lodge on Cave Run. We have some beautiful merchandise for the raffles from **Cabelas**, **St. Croix rod**, **Fishouflage**, **Cortland**, **Llungen Lures**, **Spanky Baits**, **Tackle Industries**, **Drifter Lures**, **River2Sea Tackle**, **Red October Baits**, **Smoker Tackle**, **Phantom Lures**, and **Suick**. The food donations benefit local food pantries in our host communities, and the cash raised from raffle ticket sales is used to fund IMTT operations and purchase equipment for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

\$10,000 Special Cash Prize Program - we are again offering a \$10,000 special cash prize for the largest muskie, 50" or greater, caught at a 2013 IMTT event. See the IMTT website for full details. In addition, Joe Fittante of **Fittante Reproductions** is offering a 50% discount on a reproduction of the 2013 winning fish.

Equipment Loaner Program – for tournament participants that may not have portable marine band radios, muskie sized nets or bumpboards, the IMTT has an inventory of loaner equipment that we bring to each IMTT tournament. Please make sure you return any borrowed equipment so we can maintain our inventory for everyone's benefit.

Russ Schaller (1958-2013) The Officers and Directors of IMTT regret to report the passing of IMTT Member Russ Schaller. Russ was a former IMTT Director and the 2011 IMTT State Champion. Russ was a great muskie angler and a friend to all. We will miss Russ on the Trail. ❖



**Enclosed is your February 2013 IMTT Newsletter
Sharpen those hooks - the hunt for an Illinois "50" starts March 9!**

The Illinois Muskie Tournament Trail is a Not-For-Profit organization, uniquely set up through the cooperation of existing muskie clubs throughout the state. The organization's mission is to promote interaction and camaraderie among muskie fishermen in the State of Illinois, and help maintain and expand the state's fishery.

2013 IMTT Officers:

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