



\$20,000 SALMO HODAG MUSKIE CHALLENGE

September 16-17, 2006

Rhinelanders, Wisconsin

SPONSORED BY THE RHINELANDER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CATCH & RELEASE TOURNAMENT

Dates:: September 16th and 17th 2006

Tournament Name:: 19th Annual Salmo Hodag Muskie Challenge

Promoter:: Rhinelanders Area Chamber of Commerce-Wisconsin/ Salmo Lures

Held At:: 5 Lake Groups in the Rhinelanders Area, Rhinelanders, WI

Number Of Days:: 2 Day Tournament

Number Of Teams:: 183 teams

Total Purse:: \$28,950 Total

1st through 10th place \$20,000 Guaranteed 1st prize

Weather:: Cloudy Wind & Rain Sat / Cloudy Sun

Water Temp:: Average Lower 60's



Winners::

1st Place:

\$20,000

Kent Stadler from Wausau and Doug Block from Hortonville took home the \$20,000 and tournament jackets for this year. Fishing Oneida lake they Netted 34 1/2" and 36" on Saturday and 37" and 47" on Sunday.

2nd Place:

\$4,000

Area locals Dave Jonesi, from Tomahawk and Troy Adler from Rhinelander took home \$4,000.00 for second place. They were in the led on Saturday with 41" and 44" registered on the Moen Chain.

Third Place:

\$2,000

John Schweizer, from Hoffman Estates, IL and Matt Sexton from Lake Thompson reeled in third place for \$2,000.00 catching 41 1/2" & 40 3/4" muskies.

Fourth Place:

\$800

Nate Osfar from Marathon and Steve DeWitt from Stevens Point registered 41" & 40 3/4" for \$800.

Fifth Place:

\$500

Local Brothers Jerry & Rich Hirman caught 39 3/4" & 40 3/4" winning \$500.00

Sixth Place:

\$400

Randy Peyer & Bob McMahon, both from Rhinelander won \$400.00 for catching 36 3/4" & 43" muskies

Seventh Place

375.00

Brian Lepak from Plover and Norm Bejna from Germantown caught a 41 1/2" and a 38" musky winning \$375.00

Eighth Place:

\$350.00

Gary Bushong of Rhinelander and Todd Kobelish from Rice Lake caught a 38 1/2" & 35 3/4" on Saturday winning \$350.00.

Ninth Place:

\$275.00

Brad Jorgensen & Mark Saliman both from Rhinelander caught a 38" & 35" on Saturday winning \$275.00

Tenth Place:

\$250

Alan Dirmeier from Campbellsport and Jeffery Dirmeier from Milwaukee won \$250.00 for catching a 35" and a 38" musky both on Saturday.

Tournament Notes -

On Saturday we had 8 Teams double with 43 muskies caught and Sunday 11 muskies were caught with only the winners catching their limit. We are proud to announce that they were all live releases.

The Rhinelander Chamber of Commerce would like to Thank all of the Muskie anglers who participated along with the sponsors: Major Sponsor: Salmo Performance Baits Trophy Level: MinnKota and St. Croix

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Next years Tournament will be held September 15th & 16th 2007. **See you again next year!**