

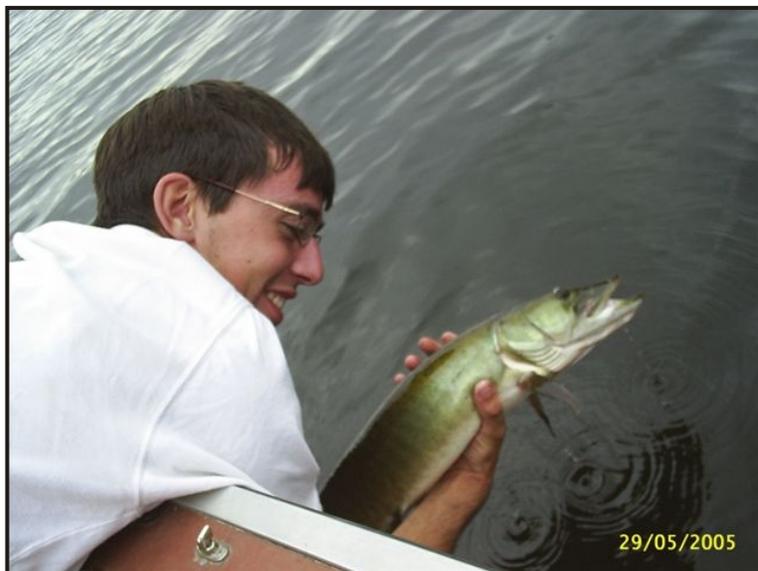
A Lifetime of Memories...

By Angela DiDomizio

When I was talked into joining Muskies Canada, I never knew how much fun I was going to have. Being an avid angler I took on one of the biggest challenges of my life, fishing for muskies.

When I first started it was all trolling and with no rod holders. I remember my first hit it came in mid morning trolling a sucker colored Cisco Kid. At that time I didn't have a large selection of muskie tackle and what ever I had was going to have to do. Sitting in the boat with Al Giddings, talking about what ever we could think of at that moment, was the appropriate thing to do. We had no fish finders and all the sophisticated equipment that we have today. Trolling at a relatively quick speed my rod doubled over. At that moment I asked Al if there were any rock shoals out here. All I could hear was, "set the hook". When I looked back all I could see was a large swirl on the surface and then my line went slack. This was my first attempt at muskie fishing and I have never let this memory ever slip my mind.

The story actually begins now. 28 years later, here I am still going after these fish but with a higher success ratio than most anglers have to deal with. Learning and experiencing first hand how to capture these toothy creatures. I look now, at a mantle that I have constructed, which carries 5 Mike The Mover trophies and a plaque for a fish for a junior member who has caught and released one over 50 inches. All trophies have fish pictures related to them except one.



Christopher DiDomizio releases a small Muskie. One of many Muskies he has released.

I have two boys, Christopher and Michael, who I have raised to respect all fish species and especially muskies. Michael, the oldest has two trophies under his belt, his younger brother has two trophies and a 50" fish plaque for a junior (under the age of 16).



A very impressive MCI Trophy display at the DiDomizio home.

I recently acquired my first Muskies Canada trophy at a Gananoque Release Outing and I told the boys that I will try to surpass their achievements.

It's taken me well over 26 years to get my first trophy at any Muskies Canada Outing. I have really enjoyed seeing my two boys receive this prestigious award and I am very proud of them. In the entire time that they fished for muskies, we never had one die. They were always there, hands on, to help release these fish. We have pictures and great memories of all of them.

I think that we should all take our kids out and show them what fishing is all about. Start small and later bring them up to catch the bigger fish. We are here to educate them in helping to protect all levels of what we call our "sport fishery".

I don't think that there is enough paper or website to tell you all of the precious moments we have had as a family while fishing, especially muskie fishing.