

## **LSMC Spring Tourney Report – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

It has been hard fishing for muskie fishermen this spring. Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Lake Shelbyville Muskie Club hosted its spring tournament. Fluctuating temperatures and water levels, as well as heavy rains bringing stained waters, have made a challenging fish even harder to catch. 12 boats of fishermen put in a day on the water, all but emptying their bag of tricks, with no caught fish being recorded. Fish were being seen on boat electronics, but they appeared to be deep and nothing this determined group of fishermen did could entice them to strike.

This Lake Shelbyville tourney was also an Illinois Muskie Tournament Trail event. A light spring bite has made the IMTT fishermen even hungrier, and the second half of the Trial will be even more important and exciting than usual, as the group fishes its way toward the State Championships in November. A big day on the water in any of the remaining events could put a muskie angler in an enviable position in the season's rankings. This prospect will turn on the muskie fishermen, who anxiously wait for the muskie to turn on. Good times are ahead.

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