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New Fishing League Provides Opportunity for College Anglers

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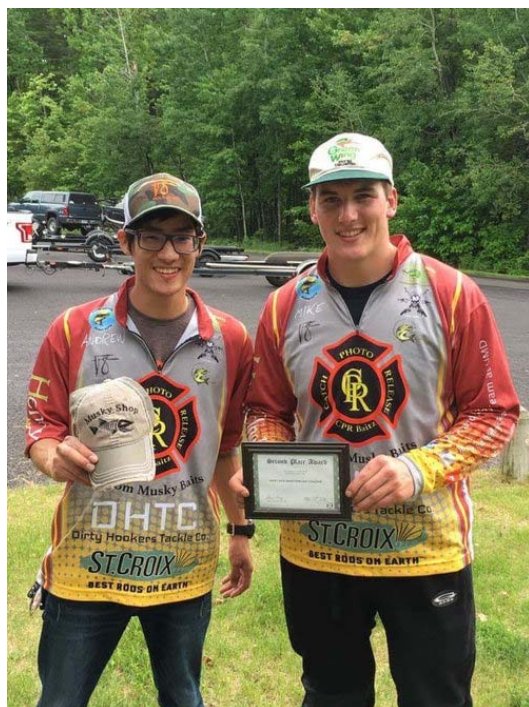
When you are on a college student budget everything can seem expensive, especially extra-curricular activities. This is why UMD sophomore Andrew Kueng built an affordable fishing league for muskie and walleye enthusiasts.



Kueng, an avid fisherman, created the Muskie and Walleye Fishing League. The league consists of 15 colleges from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Kansas. All at an affordable price of competition for college students.

“The league was designed to give college students a low-commitment and cheap way to fish competitively against one another,” Kueng said.

Kueng describes the process of trying to enter into professional muskie tournament trials as an expensive thing to do.



“Each tournament was a minimum of \$200 which is awfully expensive for a college student. Meanwhile you’re fishing against some of the best guys in the country so your odds of actually placing are super slim,” Kueng said.

Enter the Muskie and Walleye Fishing League.

“With the college league it’s all competing with people at your same ability,” Kueng said. “The cheapest route you can go to fish in the college league is \$80 per angler. And teams that sign up for the league must sign up for a minimum of four tournaments.”

The work and effort that Kueng put into turning the fishing league into a reality was not

an easy task for the sophomore.

“It was basically an 8-5 job every day,” Kueng said, “it was reaching out to companies that sponsor our team to see if they wanted to donate and support the league. We got a lot of positive feedback from that.”

Everyday, Kueng would be reaching out to sponsors and colleges while trying to get the league off the ground.

“You get into the tedious stuff like setting up separate bank accounts for it, writing rules and regulations for the website, making the website,” Kueng said. “It’s been a lot of work for me setting this up.”

Kueng’s roommate and teammate, Brad Rhode, has witnessed his friend’s hard work and determination pay off as the year has progressed.



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