

**SUMMER 2023**



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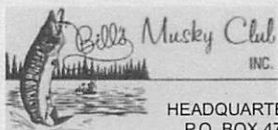
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# President's REPORT

Hoping this newsletter finds you and your family well and enjoying the summer! Bill's Musky Club is busy fishing our scheduled outings as three have concluded at the time of this newsletter. I am happy to report that our members have turned out in good number, enjoying our club outings. Please see some of the outing pictures sprinkled throughout our newsletter. Outings are a great way to meet members from our club and anglers from our neighboring clubs. It's also a great way to score points for Bill's and receive club awards.

We had a great Wisconsin River Cleanup effort this year involving over 200 local high school students and many volunteers including helpers from Bill's Musky Club. This is the 22 year of the event and it has cleaned tons of trash and waste from the area as well as taught youth about conservation and stewardship. We also presented scholarships to students from D.C. Everest, Wausau West, Wausau East and Mosinee high schools as well. Some of the most important lessons we can teach kids occur outdoors. The outdoors can be the best classroom and parents need to continue to involve their children with outdoor activities! Our nation depends on it!

If you are able to attend the Wausau Taste and Glow Balloon Fest July 7-8, please come visit us at our Bill's Musky Club booth. We will sell boat raffle tickets for the Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin and proceeds from the sales will help support our club and clubs around the state. The beautiful Recon raffle boat will be on display for all to see. We can always use your help if you wish to volunteer your time!

Our Fall outing this year (September 29-October 1) will allow members to fish the Wisconsin River from the Merrill Dam south to Lake DuBay Dam. On Saturday (September 30) you can volunteer to help kids fish muskies on Lake Wausau from 12pm-5pm for our Youth Outing. This year we will present a fishing gift to a youth member in the memory of longtime friend, Bill Melanson. We also provide the suckers for bait and later the food at our gathering at Eagles Club beginning at 5pm. Raffles and an attendance prize are also available. Then on October 7, help us fish against 12 Apostles Musky Club for our Stump Trophy Challenge (fishing hours from 8am-4pm). The average length of the three longest fish from each club determines the Stump Trophy winner. Food, raffles and attendance prize at Eagles Club in Wausau at 4:30pm.

Finally, help us fish against the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin at the Old Club "Blue Nose" Challenge October 28 (fishing hours from 9am-3pm). All of our outings are family friendly and fun.

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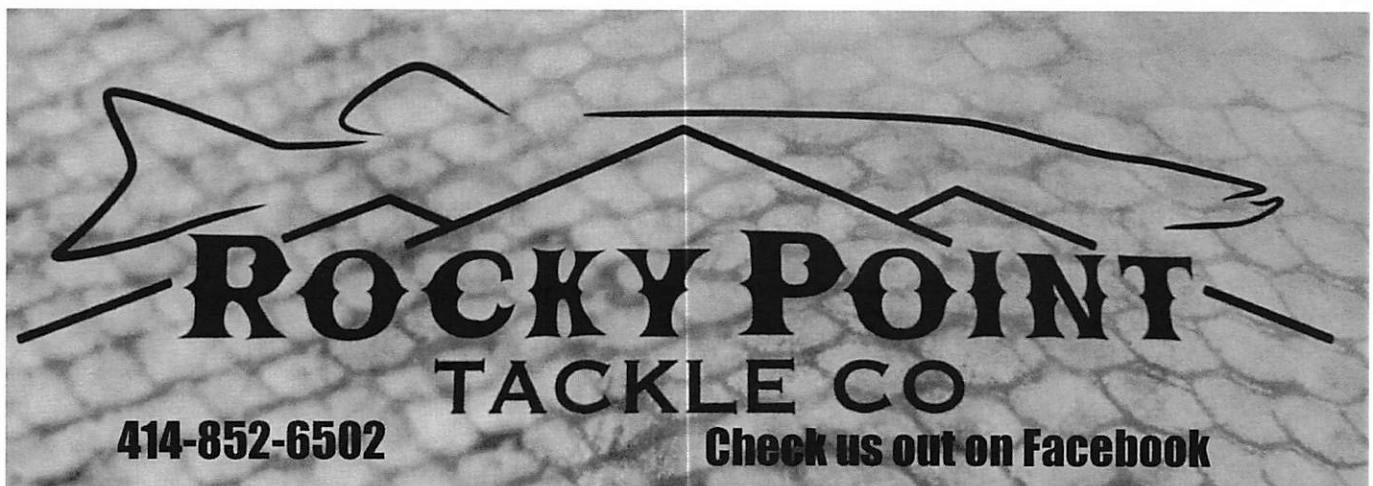


Please watch for details on Facebook as meeting times and locations are subject to change.

Speaking of change, please mark your calendars for our 2024 Speaker Meetings at Dale's Weston Lanes. This year we will meet the second Monday of the month, but are subject to change (December-May). We always feature excellent guides and speakers with ties to the musky fishing industry. Last year we averaged between 40-50

in attendance at the meetings. The meetings provide useful information and give members a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Also, join us this year at our Bill's Musky Club Annual Awards Banquet April 19. The 2023 Bill's Musky Club Banquet was a great success and saw a nice jump in attendance. Please see the 2024 Bill's Musky Club banquet form on page 10. You can check out our 2022 fish registration data as well on page 12. Congratulations to all members on your catches last year. Please send your 2023 fish registration data to (jmicholic55@gmail.com). Best of luck to you this year. As always, tell your friends and family: Join the Fun! Join Bill's Musky Club!!!



# 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sept 29-Oct 1**

## **Fall Outing-Wisconsin River Challenge**

- Fishing hours 12:01am 9/29 to 11:59pm 10/01
- Fish Wisconsin River from the Merrill Dam south to Lake DuBay Dam
- Catch and release only. No minimum size limit
- Food, raffle, and attendance prize at Eagles Club, Wausau, WI 5:00pm 9/30
- email (jmicholic55@gmail.com) or text/call (715-573-9071) fish registration details
- Members only

**Sept 30**

## **Bill Melanson Youth Outing (Saturday only)**

- Fishing hours 12pm to 5pm
- Meet to sign up at Eagles Club, Wausau, WI
- Youth Outing on Lake Wausau. Register fish by 5pm.
- Catch and release only. No minimum size limit
- Food, raffle, and attendance prize at Eagles Club, Wausau, WI 5:00pm

**Oct 7**

## **Lake Wausau Outing-Stump Trophy Challenge vs 12 Apostles Musky Club**

- Fishing hours 8am-4pm. All fish registered by 4:30pm at Eagles Club
- Catch and release only. Average length of the three longest fish from each club determines the Stump Trophy winner
- Food, raffle, and attendance prize at Eagles Club, Wausau, WI @ 4:30pm

**Oct 27-28**

## **Old Club "Blue Nose" Outing vs Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin**

- Club Social (Oct 27) Time and Location TBA
- Fishing hours 9am-3pm (Oct 28)
- Fish Wisconsin River from Lake Wausau to DuBay Dam Saturday Oct 28 only.
- Must report fish by texting or calling Jeff (715-573-9071) by 3:05 p.m.
- Average length of the three longest fish from each club determines the winning club.
- Please provide fish and bump board picture
- Trophy awarded at the banquet (April 19)

## 2022 BILL'S MUSKY CLUB FISH CONTEST RESULTS

### **1. All Divisions Largest Release of the year**

Tim McMahon 54.5"

### **2. Men's Division (1st, 2nd, 3rd) largest releases**

Tim Loeffler	49"
Tim McMahon	47"
David Snorheim	45.25"

### **3. Master's Division largest release**

Jeff Micholic	52"
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### **4. Junior Division (1st, 2nd, 3rd) largest releases**

Landon Bauer	46.75"
Ryker Ahrens	45"
Cole Luedtke	42.25"

### **5. Out of State Division largest releases**

Tim McMahon	51.25"
Joel DeBoer	50"
Tom Pollack	48.25"

### **6. Spring Outing (1st)**

Charles Schauer	42"
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### **7. Fall Outing (1st, 2nd, 3rd)**

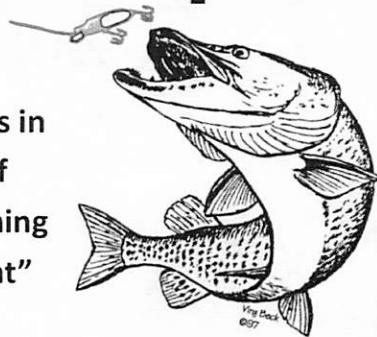
Tim Loeffler	49"
Jeff Micholic*	48"
Jeff Micholic*	43.25"

### **8. Blue Nose Trophy Challenge vs MCW**

Landon Bauer	46.75"
Jeff Micholic	37.75"
James Yach	37.50"

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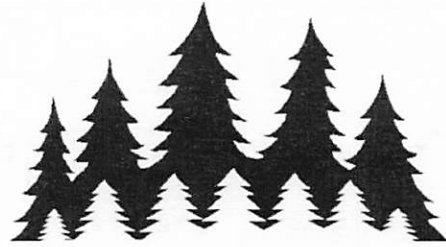


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Included in the membership:

1. 2 newsletters each year (1 copy per household)
2. Bills Musky Club Outings - Free to members, Lunch provided, & Attendance prizes
3. Fish Registration - Awards for largest fish, many categories 4: Member of Musky Clubs Alliance of WI
5. Monthly Speaker Meetings (December thru May)

Mail form and payment to:

**BILL'S MUSKY CLUB, INC., PO BOX 476, SCHOFIELD, WI 54476**

Membership Type	Price	Quantity	TOTAL
Adult	\$10.00		
Junior (18 Yrs Old & Under) *must be sponsored by an adult member, parent or guardian	\$5.00		
Joint (Husband & Wife)	\$15.00		
Lifetime Single	\$150.00		
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			<b>TOTAL:</b>

**\*Memberships are good for 1 year from the date of purchase**

## Member Information (Print Clearly)

Today's Date					
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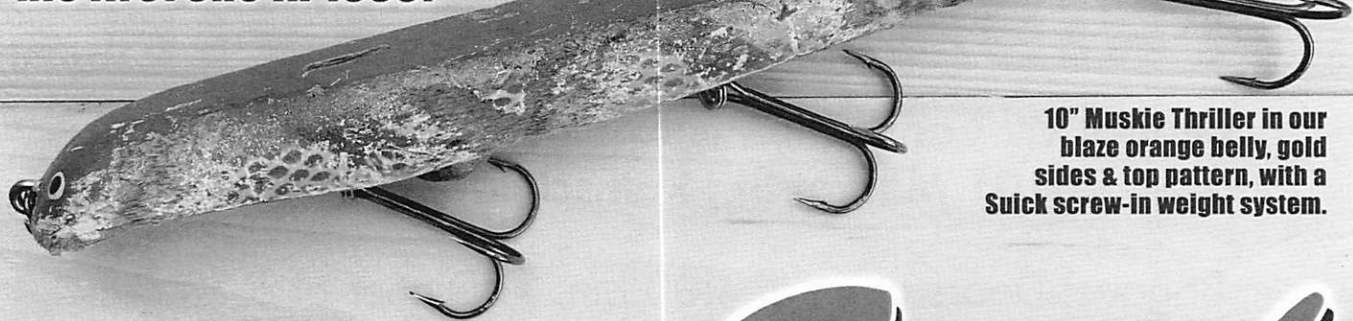
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The purpose of the alliance is to provide an organizational framework in which the clubs can share information and work together to improve the musky fishery in Wisconsin.

The Alliance meets on the first Saturday in April and November in Stevens Point, usually at the Stevens Point Moose Lodge. Meeting usually start at 10:00 a.m. Their web site is: <http://www.muskyclubsalliance.org>.

If you have items that you would like the Musky Alliance of Wisconsin to discuss, please contact:

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# BILL'S MUSKY CLUB ANNUAL BANQUET

## FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

Central WI Convention & Expo Center (Cedar Creek)  
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Banquet Doors open at 4:00 pm. • Dinner at 6:30 pm  
Awards, Attendance Prizes and Raffle to Follow

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Send below reservation form with payment by March 24th to:  
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Bill's Musky Club Annual Banquet RSVP by March 24

RESERVATION INFORMATION			
Name (Print Clearly):			
	Price	Quantity	Total
Banquet Ticket(s)	\$30.00 per person (includes tax)		\$
Raffle Tickets	\$5 Each or 25 for \$100		\$
TOTAL			\$

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## 2022 Fish Registration

Masters	Men's	Guides	Women's	Junior	Name	Date	Time	Lake	Co	Length	Weight	Bait Mfg.	Type
<b>Men's</b>													
X					Tim McMahon	29-May	5:00 PM	Long	Onieda	37.50		Berkley	Rubber
X					Tim McMahon	29-May	6:45 PM	Scattering Rice	Vilas	37.00		Gambler	Jig
X					Tim McMahon	30-May	8:30 AM	Boom	Onieda	38.25		Gambler	Jig
X					Tim McMahon	30-May		Boom	Onieda	38.00		Gambler	Jig
X					Tim McMahon	30-May	8:30 AM	Boom	Onieda	35.00		Gambler	Jig
X					Tim McMahon	30-May	10:30 AM	Boom	Onieda	38.00		Gambler	Jig
X					Tim McMahon	30-May	2:30 PM	Boom	Onieda	37.00		Gambler	Jig
X					Tim McMahon	31-May	9:30 AM	Fishtrap	Vilas	38.50		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	4-Jun	8:30 AM	Manitowish Chain	Vilas	35.00		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	4-Jun	9:00 AM	Manitowish Chain	Vilas	35.00		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	4-Jun	10:15 AM	Manitowish Chain	Vilas	38.00		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	4-Jun	10:45 AM	Manitowish Chain	Vilas	37.00		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	4-Jun	11:30 AM	Manitowish Chain	Vilas	37.00		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	4-Jun	2:30 AM	Manitowish Chain	Vilas	39.00		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	4-Jun	4:45 AM	Manitowish Chain	Vilas			Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	5-Jun	8:30 AM	Manitowish Chain	Vilas	38.00		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	11-Jun	8:45 AM	Catfish Lake	Vilas	36.00		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	11-Jun	1:30 AM	Catfish Lake	Vilas	35.00		Berkley	Rubber
X					Tim McMahon	11-Jun	5:00 PM	Eagle	Vilas	37.50		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	12-Jun	7:15 PM	Randall	Iron			Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	15-Jun	7:45 PM	Waubesa	Dane			Suick	Jerk
X					Tim McMahon	16-Jun	5:45 AM	Waubesa	Dane	38.00		Suick	Jerk
X					Tim McMahon	16-Jun	6:30 PM	Wingra	Dane	38.50		Suick	Jerk
X					Tim McMahon	16-Jun	7:45 PM	Wingra	Dane	35.00		Suick	Jerk
X					Tim McMahon	17-Jun	7:00 AM	Dam	Onieda	38.00		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	17-Jun	8:10 AM	Dam	Onieda	38.50		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Sam Lau	26-Jun	10:20 AM	Wisconsin River	Marathon	34.00		Mepps	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	25-Jun	9:30 AM	South Twin	Vilas	38.50		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Brad Schmidt	2-Jul	9:22 AM	Wisconsin River	Lincoln	42.75		Homemade	Buck Tail
X					Darrell Fritz	7-Jul	5:30 PM	Wisconsin River	Marathon	39.00		Bucher	Surface Bait
X					Sam Lau	10-Jul	7:05 AM	Wisconsin River	Lincoln	41.00		Mepps	Buck Tail
X					Sam Lau	10-Jul	8:00 AM	Wisconsin River	Lincoln	40.00		Mepps	Buck Tail
X					Sam Lau	31-Jul	7:15 AM	Wisconsin River	Lincoln	38.00		Mepps	Buck Tail
X					Lonn Lau	19-Aug	8:40 AM	Catfish Lake	Vilas	41.50			
X					Tim McMahon	27-Aug	8:45 AM	Fence Lake	Vilas	38.00		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Tim McMahon	27-Aug	12:00 PM	Fence Lake	Vilas	36.00		Rizzo Wizz	Buck Tail
X					Bernie Lakus	26-Aug	6:55 PM	Eagle Lake	Vilas	42.25		Yo Zuri Deep Diver	Jerk
X					Tim McMahon	14-Sep	7:55 AM	Green Bay	Door	47.00		Rapala	Crank
X					Lonn Lau	20-Sep	7:15 PM	Gilmore Lake	Onieda	45.00		Topper Stopper	Surface
X					Rick Weyenberg	23-Aug	7:00 PM	Pelican Lake	Onieda	32.00		Enticer Tackle	Spinner
X					Rick Weyenberg	10-Jun	12:30 PM	Bearskin Lake	Onieda	33.25		Enticer Tackle	Buck Tail
X					Tim Loeffler	24-Sep	9:30 AM	Lake Wausau	Marathon	49.00		Musky Innovations Bulldawg	Rubber
X					David Snorheim	27-Sep	6:40 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Sawyer	40.50		LeLure	Surface
X					David Snorheim	27-Sep	7:05 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Sawyer	45.25		Rich Reinert	Buck Tail
X					Curtis Luedtke	4-Sep	10:00 AM	Carroll Lake	Onieda	38.50		Lake X	Surface
X					Curtis Luedtke	13-Aug	8:00 AM	Sweeney Lake	Onieda	39.00		Lake X	Surface
X					Jim Korduckli	16-Jun		Lake Wausau	Marathon	30.50		Ducktail Lures Jungle Warrior	Spinner
X					Jim Korduckli	9-Jul		Seven Island Lake	Lincoln	33.50		8/7 Stagger Bucktail Ducktail Lures	Buck Tail
X					Jim Korduckli	14-Aug	5:45 PM	Tenderfoot Lake	Vilas	39.00		Seductress Ducktail Lure	Jerk
X					Jim Korduckli	14-Aug	7:00 PM	Tenderfoot Lake	Vilas	37.50		9/8 Stagger Ducktail Lure	Buck Tail
X					Jim Korduckli	18-Sep	3:00 PM	Catfish Lake	Vilas	32.00		Warrior Ducktail Lure	Jerk
<b>Junior Division</b>													
			X		Owen Lynch	21-Aug	10:00 AM	Scattering Rice	Vilas	40.00		Musky Mayhem	Spinner
			X		Ryker Ahrens	4-Jun		Wisconsin River	Portage	38.25		Whaletail	Rubber
			X		Ryker Ahrens	11-Jun		Wisconsin River	Portage	38.00		Whaletail	Rubber
			X		Radyn Ahrens	15-Jul		Wisconsin River	Portage	34.25		TR Custom	Surface



## 2022 Fish Registration

Masters	Men's	Guides	Womens	Junior	Name	Date	Time	Lake	Co	Length	Weight	Bait Mfg.	Type
			X		Ryker Ahrens	5-Jun		Wisconsin River	Portage	45.00		Whaletail	Surface
			X		Radyn Ahrens	15-Jul		Wisconsin River	Portage	41.25		TR Custom	Surface
			X		Micha Brown	5-Oct		Wisconsin River	Lincoln	39.00		Quick Strike	Sucker
			X		Ryker Ahrens	11-Oct		Wisconsin River	Portage	38.00		Quick Strike	Sucker
			X		Landon Bauer	29-Oct	2:29 PM	Wisconsin River	Marathon	46.75		Quick Strike	Sucker
			X		Cole Luedtke	30-Oct	9:38 AM	Johnson Lake	Oneida	42.25		Chaos Tackle	Rubber
			X		Cole Luedtke	30-Oct	8:45 AM	Johnson Lake	Oneida	40.00		Quick Strike	Sucker
<b>Womens Division</b>													
<b>Masters Division</b>													
X					Jeff Micholic	29-May	5:15pm	WI River	Marathon	34"		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	8-Jun	5:00 PM	WI River	Marathon	34.50		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	8-Jun	5:30 PM	WI River	Marathon	35.00		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	9-Jun	4:00 PM	WI River	Marathon	32.00		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	9-Jun	5:00 PM	WI River	Marathon	37.75		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	14-Jun	6:15 AM	WI River	Marathon	37.00		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	11-Jul	8:15 PM	WI River	Marathon	37.50		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	12-Jul	2:10 PM	WI River	Marathon	42.50		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	13-Jul	12:00 PM	WI River	Marathon	36.50		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	16-Jul	12:30 PM	Carroll Lake	Vilas	35.50		Homemade	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	19-Jul	7:30 PM	WI River	Marathon	39.25		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	27-Jul	12:30 PM	WI River	Marathon	35.50		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	2-Aug	10:30 AM	WI River	Marathon	52.00		Mepps	Buck Tail
X					Charles Schauer	11-Jun	2:00 PM	WI River	Oneida	42.00		Pandemonia	Buck Tail
X					Charles Schauer	26-Jun	3:00 PM	Johnson Lake	Vilas	41.00		Saber	Buck Tail
X					Charles Schauer	27-Jun		WI River	Oneida	42.00		Ducktail	Buck Tail
X					Charles Schauer	21-Jun	2:00 PM	Sparkling Lake	Vilas	43.00		Musky Innovations Cowgirl	Buck Tail
X					Charles Schauer	26-Jun	6:00 AM	Little Arbor Vitae Lake	Vilas	40.00		Saber	Buck Tail
X					Kelly Melanson	23-Jul	8:00 AM	WI River	Marathon	36.00		Keeper Tackle	Spinner
X					Kelly Melanson	16-Jun	7:40 AM	WI River	Marathon	38.00		Mud Puppy	Surface
X					Don Kempen	26-May	4:45 PM	WI River	Portage	32.00		Manta Shark	Crank
X					Don Kempen	31-May	12:30 PM	WI River	Marathon	32.00		Zait	Jerk
X					Don Kempen	25-Jun	10:20 AM	Mercer Lake	Onleda	38.50		Bennett	Crank
X					Don Kempen	24-Jun	9:10 PM	Mercer Lake	Oneida	48.00		Bennett	Crank
X					Jeff Micholic	10-Aug	10:20 AM	WI River	Marathon	34.25		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	16-Aug	8:35 PM	WI River	Marathon	40.00		Chaos	Rubber
X					Charles Schauer	3-Aug	2:00 PM	Gunlock Lake	Vilas	42.00		Smitty Bait	Jerk
X					Charles Schauer	3-Aug	1:00 PM	Gunlock Lake	Vilas	40.00		Smitty Bait	Jerk
X					Charles Schauer	6-Aug	2:11 PM	Big Arbor Vitae Lake	Vilas	47.00		Ducktail	Buck Tail
X					Charles Schauer	22-Aug	2:15 PM	Little Arbor Vitae Lake	Vilas	52.00		Topraider Bucher	Surface
X					Charles Schauer	4-Sep	6:30 AM	Big Arbor Vitae Lake	Vilas	50.00		Topraider Bucher	Surface
X					Charles Schauer	3-Sep	6:00 AM	Big Arbor Vitae Lake	Vilas	46.00		Topraider Bucher	Surface
X					Jeff Micholic	9-Sep	8:15 AM	WI River	Marathon	37.25		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	9-Sep	9:00 AM	WI River	Marathon	42.00		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	19-Sep	11:40 AM	Green Bay	Brown	43.25		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	19-Sep	6:00 PM	Green Bay	Brown	40.00		Homemade	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	21-Sep	9:15 AM	WI River	Marathon	33.00		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic*	23-Sep	4:00 PM	WI River	Marathon	43.25		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic*	23-Sep	4:15 PM	WI River	Marathon	48.00		Chaos	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	4-Oct	9:15 AM	WI River	Marathon	41.00		Musky innovations	Rubber
X					Jeff Micholic	29-Oct	11:40 AM	WI River	Marathon	37.75		Bucher	Crank
X					Jeff Micholic	10-Nov	11:50 AM	WI River	Marathon	39.75		Chaos	Rubber

## 2022 Fish Registration

### Out of State

Masters	Men's	Guides	Women's	Junior	Name	Date	Time	Lake	Co	Length	Weight	Bait Mfg.	Type
X					Jeff Micholic	18-Jun	9:00 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	39.75		Pandemonium	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	18-Jun	10:00 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	35.25		Pandemonium	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	18-Jun	11:00 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	42.00		Pandemonium	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	18-Jun	1:00 PM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	42.00		Pandemonium	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	18-Jun	3:35 PM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	41.50		Pandemonium	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	18-Jun	3:50 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	33.50		Home made	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	18-Jun	6:50 PM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	40.50		Home made	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	19-Jun	12:25 PM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	36.00		Mepps Magnum	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	20-Jun	7:55 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	32.00		Mepps Magnum	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	20-Jun	4:20 PM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	38.75		Mepps Magnum	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	21-Jun	1:30 PM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	41.75		Mepps Magnum	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	22-Jun	9:00 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	37.50		Mepps Magnum	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	23-Jun	8:45 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	43.25		Mepps Magnum	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	23-Jun	11:00 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	40.00		Mepps Magnum	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	24-Jun	7:50 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	41.25		Mepps Musky Killer	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	25-Jun	8:45 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	33.75		Mepps Musky Killer	Buck Tail
X					Jeff Micholic	25-Jun	12:45 PM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	45.00		Mepps Musky Killer	Buck Tail
	X				Darrell Fritz	18-Jun	9:35 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	35.00		Rizzo Whiz	Buck Tail
	X				Darrell Fritz	18-Jun	9:23 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	40.00		Rizzo Whiz	Buck Tail
	X				Darrell Fritz	18-Jun	11:45 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	34.50		Rizzo Whiz	Buck Tail
	X				Darrell Fritz	18-Jun	12:15 PM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	30.00		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Darrell Fritz	18-Jun	1:30 PM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	37.50		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Darrell Fritz	19-Jun	12:00 PM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	34.50		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Darrell Fritz	20-Jun	7:45 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	42.50		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Darrell Fritz	20-Jun	11:00 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	39.50		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Darrell Fritz	20-Jun	11:30 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	36.00		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Darrell Fritz	21-Jun	10:30 AM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	37.00		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Darrell Fritz	21-Jun	12:15 PM	Crow Lake	Ont. CA	39.50		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Derek Fritz	18-Jun		Crow Lake	Ont. CA	34.50		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Derek Fritz	19-Jun		Crow Lake	Ont. CA	39.50		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Derek Fritz	20-Jun		Crow Lake	Ont. CA	36.50		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Derek Fritz	20-Jun		Crow Lake	Ont. CA	36.50		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Derek Fritz	22-Jun		Crow Lake	Ont. CA	33.00		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Tom Pollack	18-Jul	9:05 PM	LOTW	Ont. CA	41.00		Surface	Surface
	X				Tom Pollack	21-Jul	6:30 PM	LOTW	Ont. CA	46.00		Buck Tail	Buck Tail
	X				Tom Pollack	20-Jul	8:30 AM	LOTW	Ont. CA	48.25		Twitch	Twitch
X					Don Kempen	15-Jul	6:45 AM	Indian Lake	Ont. CA	43.00		H2O Tackle	Jerk
X					Don Kempen	12-Jul	9:15 AM	Indian Lake	Ont. CA	39.50		Ducktail Lures	Buck Tail
X					Don Kempen	12-Jul	8:45 AM	Indian Lake	Ont. CA	40.50		Ducktail Lures	Buck Tail
X					Don Kempen	10-Jul	2:30 PM	Indian Lake	Ont. CA	41.00		Ducktail Lures	Buck Tail
	X				Mark Baumann	19-Jul	10:13 AM	LOTW	Ont. CA	46.75		Livingston Lures	Jerk
	X				Tim McMahon	4-Aug	7:10 AM	Lake St. Clair	Ont. CA	38.00		Chaos	Rubber
	X				Tim McMahon	4-Aug	10:30 AM	Lake St. Clair	Ont. CA	42.00		Chaos	Rubber
X					Bill McMahon	4-Aug	2:30 PM	Lake St. Clair	Ont. CA	38.00		Chaos	Rubber
	X				Tim McMahon	5-Aug	8:20 AM	Lake St. Clair	Ont. CA	54.50	41	Musky Mayhem	Buck Tail
	X				Tim McMahon	5-Aug	11:40 AM	Lake St. Clair	Ont. CA	46.00		Musky Mayhem	Buck Tail
	X				Tim McMahon	5-Aug	12:20 AM	Lake St. Clair	Ont. CA	46.00		Musky Mayhem	Buck Tail
	X				Tim McMahon	5-Aug	1:15 PM	Lake St. Clair	Ont. CA	45.00		Mattlock	Crank
	X				Tim McMahon	5-Aug	3:30 PM	Lake St. Clair	Ont. CA	51.25		Mattlock	Crank
	X				Tim McMahon	5-Aug	9:00 PM	Lake St. Clair	Ont. CA	46.00		Musky Mayhem	Buck Tail
	X				Joel DeBoer	13-Aug	8:30 AM	Leech Lake	Cass, MN	50.00		Bomb Squad Baits	Surface
X					Jeff Micholic	19-Aug	7:15 AM	Lake St. Clair	Ont. CA	40.00		Home made	Buck Tail
X					Don Kempen	7-Aug	5:00 PM	Lake of the Woods	Ont. CA	41.75		Shallow Invader Musky Inovations	Crank
X					Don Kempen	10-Aug	11:15 AM	Lake of the Woods	Ont. CA	39.00		Sledge	Jerk
X					Don Kempen	11-Aug	12:00 PM	Lake of the Woods	Ont. CA	36.00		Sledge	Jerk
X					Don Kempen	12-Aug	12:00 PM	Lake of the Woods	Ont. CA	40.00		Sledge	Jerk
	X				Bruce Kitowski	8-Sep	5:00 PM	Rainy Lake	Ont. CA	43.00		Ruff Tackle	spinner
	X				Lonn Laiu	21-Oct	2:30 PM	Detroit LaKes, MN	Becker, MN	36.50		Quick set	Sucker
	X				Bruce Kitowski	15-Oct	11:00 AM	Lake of the Woods	Ont. CA	42.00		Headlock (Super Natural)	Crank
	X				Bruce Kitowski	15-Oct	3:00 PM	Lake of the Woods	Ont. CA	44.50		Headlock (Super Natural)	Crank

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X					Bruce Kitowski	15-Oct	3:15 PM	Lake of the Woods	Ont. CA	36.50		Headlock (Super Natural)	Crank
X					Bruce Kitowski	19-Oct	4:30 PM	Lake of the Woods	Ont. CA	48.00		Headlock (Super Natural)	Crank
X					Bruce Kitowski	19-Oct	1:00 PM	Lake of the Woods	Ont. CA	39.50		Headlock (Super Natural)	Crank
X					Bruce Kitowski	20-Oct	6:00 PM	Lake of the Woods	Ont. CA	48.00		Headlock (Super Natural)	Crank
X					Don Kempen	22-Oct	11:45 AM	Detroit LaKes, MN	Becker, MN	39.00		Quick set	Sucker
X					Don Kempen	25-Oct	2:00 PM	Detroit LaKes, MN	Becker, MN	35.00			Jerk
X					Don Kempen	25-Oct	6:15 PM	Detroit LaKes, MN	Becker, MN	43.50		Quick set	Sucker
X					Don Kempen	26-Oct	11:30 AM	Detroit LaKes, MN	Becker, MN	41.00		H20 Tackle	Jerk
X					Jim Korducki	21-Oct		Detroit LaKes, MN	Becker, MN	39.50		Ducktail Lures Quickset	Sucker
X					Tim McMahon	13-Dec	10:15 AM	Lake St. Clair	Wayne, MI	45.00		Bulldawg Pounder	Rubber
X					Tim McMahon	13-Dec	10:30 AM	Lake St. Clair	Wayne, MI	42.00		Bulldawg Pounder	Rubber
X					Tim McMahon	13-Dec	3:30 PM	Lake St. Clair	Wayne, MI	38.00			Rubber
X					Tim McMahon	14-Dec	10:35 AM	Lake St. Clair	Wayne, MI	47.50		Bulldawg Pounder	Rubber

# UPDATE! 2023 BILL'S MUSKY CLUB OUTINGS!!!

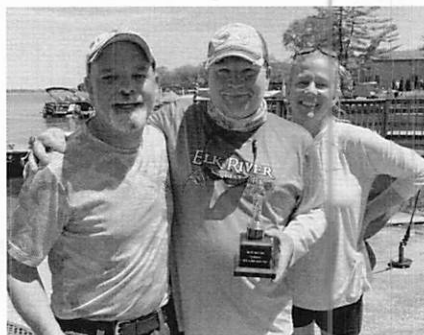
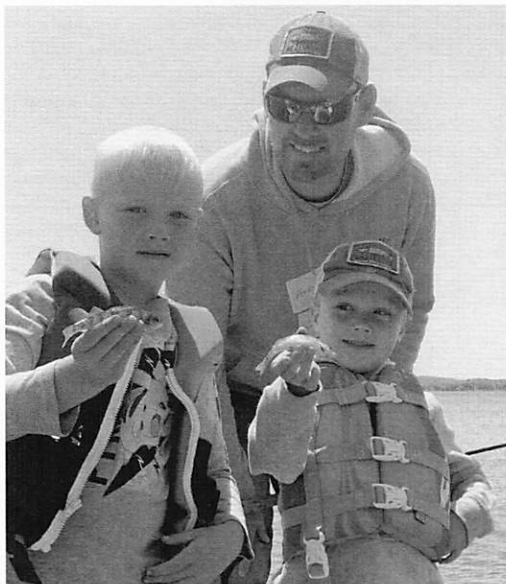
On Saturday May 20, Bill's Musky Club traveled south to work with youth and fish with members of The Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin (MCW) in the Old Club Challenge. This is the third year of the event between the two oldest musky clubs on the planet. The camaraderie and hospitality was outstanding! Thank you to Scott Wilke (MCW President) and all the members of MCW for your efforts!

Pictured below are highlights of the 2023 Old Club Challenge:



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## OUTING UPDATE! SPRING CHALLENGE VS DAVE'S MUSKY CLUB



Happy to report that the "Spring Challenge Trophy vs Dave's Musky Club is safe at home for another year. Catching fish for Bill's Musky Club were Don Kempen (38") and Charles Schauer (43, 45"). Special thanks to all who attended and supported Bill's Musky Club.



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# WHAT'S THE BUZZ WITH BRAIDED LINE?

by Rich Reinert

While at the Wausau Musky Expo in March, the buzz amongst my guide friends revolved around the changes in musky fishing that have made the most impact over the last 50 years. After thinking about the question, my answers became obvious. Beyond the transformation of longer fishing rods and smaller profile reels, I settled on the evolution of fishing line as one of the most important innovations that has changed the industry because it provides a direct connection between me and the fish.

When I fish for muskies, I fish them because they grow big and fat and fight with ferocious headshakes, making deep drag runs at boatside making my heart race. The biggest challenge for me is getting them to eat and to prove they are not the fish of 10,000 casts. When choosing my line, I never worry about the size or fight of the fish. Instead, I consider the size, weight, and action of the musky lure. Musky lures abuse your line in the worst way. Using a durable line that provides abrasion strength and shock resistance is paramount. You want to make sure you're making the right choice.

Shortly after the expo, I had the opportunity to sit down to chat with Dave Burch, from Fins Braids of Erlanger, KY, to discuss the dynamics of braided line. According to Dave, "the braid man," musky anglers need to decide upon the best application for their experience. Things we need to consider are the tensile strength, line diameter, and line color that suit the water condition and lure presentation. A thicker braid offers more lift in the water column but will alter the lure's action. All too often musky anglers blame the lure's lack of action on the lure, but in actuality...it's the fault of the line.

Since 1994, through trial and error, Dave Burch and the engineers at Fins Braid have scientifically calculated the infusion of resin saturation and mastered the processing technique to give it the highest degree of durability and breaking strength. In most cases, Fins Braids far exceed their given tensile rating. Fins Braids also provide a full range of situational fishing line in various colors and tensile strengths that offer superior performance in any fishing experience. They provide the

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Many other braids on the market are either processed raw or overprocessed with additives that comprise the polyethylene fibers. Raw, non-treated braids, retain water making them flat or oval and affect your casting distance giving you a shower at the same time. This also makes line quick to freeze during fall weather, making life miserable for even the most determined musky anglers. Fins braid produces line that is round and firm, allowing little or no water retention, equating to 10-15% further casting distance.

Improvements on braided line has stepped up, especially, in the last decade. What has worked best for me is the 80 and 100# braids. I primarily use 80# for the majority of my musky fishing because it offers me the kind of strength and durability to handle the 7-to-10-inch lures that weigh from 2 to 6 ounces each. The 80# XS Big Game Braid has a mono diameter equivalency of 16#, while the 100# diameter is equivalent to 17# mono. For throwing big rubber baits like medusas and bull-dawgs, I like the 100# Fins because it offers a thinner diameter than other braid companies, but gives me ripping power and hook set strength.

Interestingly, Fins Braid has been innovative in the braided line market, introducing a braid called 40G, offering high tensile strength with very low diameter (85# equals 10# mono, 100# equals 12# mono). This is especially effective using jigs and smaller lure presentations, needing a smaller diameter but with higher tensile strength not offered by other line companies.

In my case, I have used a lot of different lines in different situations over the last 54 years. I've guided on the Chippewa and Turtle Flambeau Flowages for many years. I've landed thousands of muskies and snagged my share of stumps along the way. Since I began using braided line, I have never looked back. Braided line has become standard for me and all musky anglers around the country in the last 35 years, and it has changed dramatically since the early days of the old Dacron braid.

Since I often fish dark-stained water, I also need to address the idea of color with braids. Musky's eyes look up and in front of them, whereas, other game fish have eye placement on the side of their head, allowing them to keep eyes alert for muskies and avoid becoming a meal. That is why when using horizontal presentations like bucktails, top waters, or twitching minnow baits, I use a white or blue line color to blend with the sky or light conditions because the muskies look upward. But, if I'm fishing gliders or rubber in dark water, I tend use flowage brown or dark green line colors like the majority of musky anglers.

My point remains clear, line color can give the angler an advantage on the water. I think about adapting to the conditions that I face with my presentation. Does it make a difference to the fish? I'm not sure, but it makes me feel more confident, which makes me fish harder. I have a guide friend that likes orange braid on dark water flowages, allowing him to see the rig presentation when sucker fishing in the fall. It helps him to locate the fish and know when to set the hook. Who can say if fish actually recognize difference in line color? We may never know, but it works for my friend, and he puts a lot of fish in his boat.

Beyond all the science and engineering—my thoughts align with one of the top musky guides in the state of Wisconsin, Bryan Schaeffer, who perhaps says it best: "Fins is super strong, very quiet on the retrieve, has very little water retention, and has absolutely zero line dye bleeding over your hands and clothing. Not all braid is created equal. The hype is real! I guarantee if you try this line, you'll never return to the line you were previously using. And, it's 100% made in the USA!"

Please join Bill's Musky Club on Saturday September 30, at Eagles Club of Wausau at 5:00 pm for our **Fall Outing-Wisconsin River Challenge** and **Youth Outing**. We will enjoy a meal and present one youth with a fishing prize in honor and memory of longtime friend Bill Melanson. Raffles and attendance prize will also be available.

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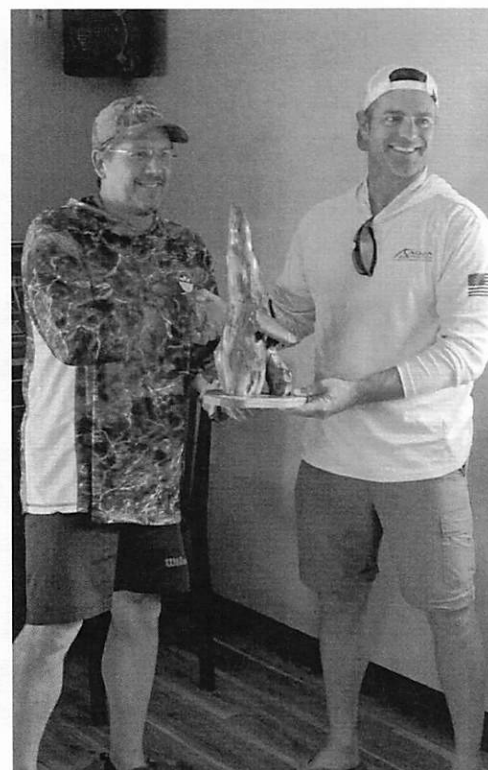
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## 2023 OUTING UPDATE! 12 APOSTLES TROPHY CHALLENGE VS BILL'S MUSKY CLUB

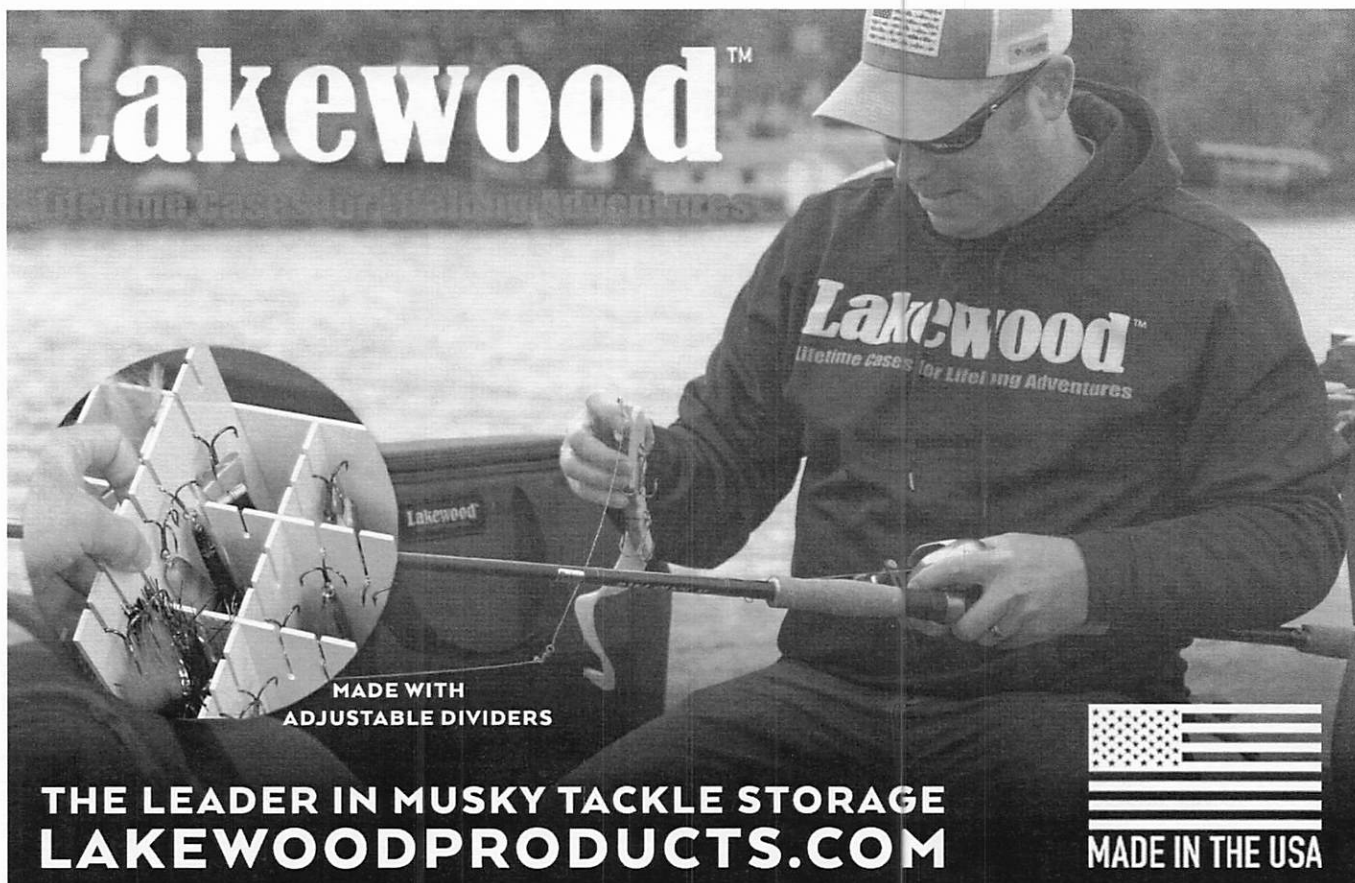
Thanks to the members of the 12 Apostles Musky Club for hosting the 2023 Stump Trophy Challenge at The Waters Pub and Pier. The food and drinks were excellent and the camaraderie between our two clubs continues to be outstanding! We share the Wisconsin River and enjoy the great musky fishing resource together...

Pictured below: Bill's Club member Tim Plevak (2022 winner) handing over the coveted 2023 trophy to 12 Apostles member Corey Huck.





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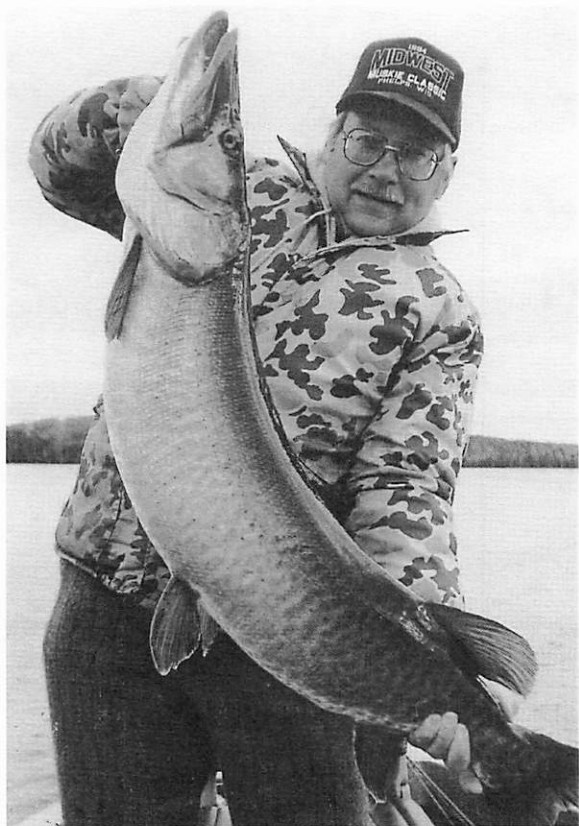
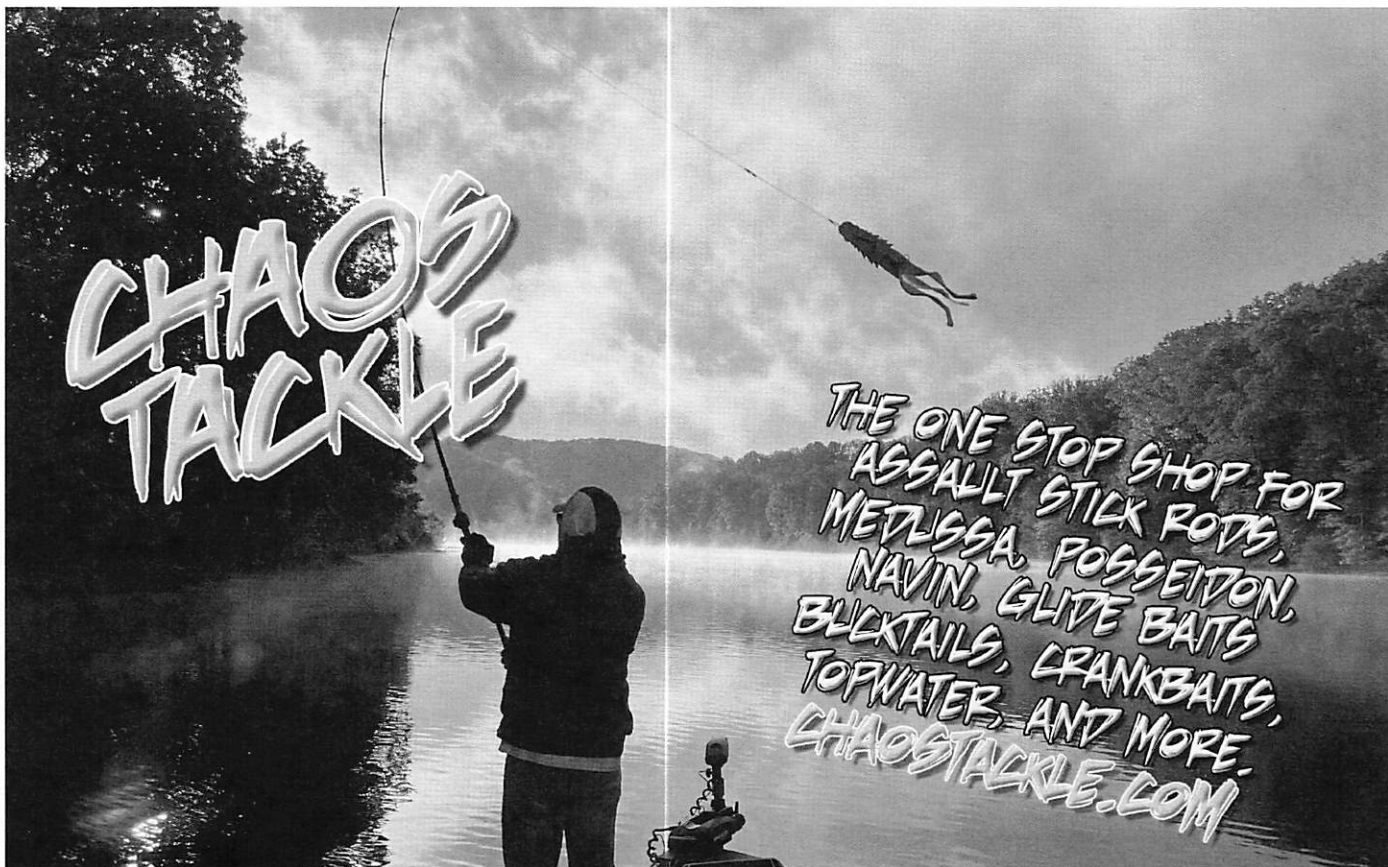
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