



# THE MUSKY NEWS



## *Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club*

*January 2016*

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

At our December Meeting the slate of officers was elected. The officers are as follows: Scott Klapperich-President, Dave Mace-Vice President, Ron Lange-Treasurer, and Charlie LaPine-Secretary. Harlan Hopp graciously volunteered to be the club recorder for the Fish Report and Neal Seibel once again volunteered as our liaison with the local sportsmen's clubs. Jerry LaPine stepped up to the plate to chair the banquet committee and a number of our present members also volunteered to help him. We did not fill the outing committee position so please come forward if you have a desire to work on this committee. Bob Haase and Jerry Loop will be our liaisons for the Musky Alliance. Bailey LaPine came up with a good idea to improve communications (A refrigerator stickup for meeting dates and events). We are currently taking this idea up and will have it out at the February meeting.

### JANUARY MEETING

Our speaker for the January Meeting is Adam Nickel from the Oshkosh Office of the DNR. Adam is the Senior Fisheries Biologist for the Winnebago System. He is currently doing research work on the muskies in the Winnebago System and will bring us up to date on the current status of the muskies and the work that he and his crew have been doing. He will talk about ways in which we might be able to help the cause. This should be a very informative and interesting presentation and would be a good opportunity to bring a guest to the meeting. The February meeting will be a guide speaker.

### FISH RECAP BY HARLAN HOPP

Only 42 fish were registered in 2015. 20 of them were over 40 inches and 2 were over 50 inches. The middle of the season produced more than the beginning and ending months. There was 1 fish registered in May and 2 in October. Most of the fish were registered in July and August. All the numbers were less than the past 2 years. Further detail will be at the presentation at the **MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> AWARDS BANQUET.**

### NOTICES

1. Dues are now due. \$20 for single membership and \$25 for family. No increases in dues. A blank membership form is available online for your convenience. Please be accurate in completing the form.
2. In the future the Newsletter will be found on line at our website. We will go over this with you at our January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Website URL is <http://winnebagoandmuskyclub.com> ; 1-CLICK "Musky News" that is on the top 2-CLICK the blue rectangle that comes up on the right for the desired newsletter 3-CLICK the back arrow to get back to the main website. This is the last paper newsletter.
3. The SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE is Saturday **MARCH 5.** We will be asking for your help or donation of Pepsi Products.
4. Our Annual Awards Banquet is Saturday evening **MARCH 12.**
5. There will not be a Wednesday Regular Meeting in the Month of March



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### **JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Adam Nickel, Senior Fisheries Biologist from the WDNR Oshkosh office was our guest speaker at this meeting. Adam discussed the findings of the Fall 2015 fish census that were just finished by his office. His talk was very interesting and the presentation was well received by our members, keeping him talking to well past 9. An interesting finding from the netting that was done in the Butte des Morts area showed good populations of muskies in the 36 inch plus range but few in the smaller lengths. There were very heavy populations of drum in Winnebago and he predicted good walleye and perch catches this year, but warned that the drum catch would also be up. Adam encouraged those interested to volunteer for the census netting. He welcomes volunteers and he can be reached at [adam.nickel@wisconsin.gov](mailto:adam.nickel@wisconsin.gov) or 920-424-3059 at his Oshkosh Office.

Our club voted to purchase a power-point projector for our club's use and the use of our speakers who often have programs on power point but do not have a projector. The Website of our club is up and running and we had another review of its operation at the meeting. We hope that this site increases the effectiveness of our communications and you find it useful and easy to use. If you have operation questions on the use of the site bring your questions with you to the meeting. There are several members very willing to help you work through the tech issues you may be experiencing. The Newsletter is posted there along with notices to members. To make this website really good we would like to see and post your fishing pictures. As a matter of fact our August regular meeting program will feature "How to take quality fishing pictures?"

### **FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING**

Our guest speaker this month is fishing and hunting guide Matt Raley from the Minocqua, St. Germain, Eagle River Area. His outfitting company is known as Hideaway Hollow Outfitters, a mobile hunting and fishing operation based in Wisconsin. Raley's company pursues the best hunting and fishing opportunities Wisconsin has to offer. HHO started operations guiding only turkey and waterfowl hunts. He soon added fishing trips to the menu. Thirty-something Raley is one of only a handful of U.S. Coast Guard licensed Captains operating in Northern Wisconsin and on the Mississippi River, and Green Bay. When everything is frozen, Matt heads to South Texas and guides duck hunts with Castaway Lodge. Check out his website [www.hideawayhollowoutfitters.com](http://www.hideawayhollowoutfitters.com) for a more detailed look at his company and menu of services.

We would like you to bring a guest with you to this meeting as there should be very good information for us outdoor people. Each member that brings a guest to the meeting will have a chance to win a one year subscription to "Wisconsin Outdoor News". We have put out an open invitation to this meeting to the Winnebago and Conservation Alliance to



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attend our meeting to hear this speaker and get better acquainted with our club, The WinnebagoLand Musky Club.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**THE SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE** – Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7am-2pm at the Fairgrounds. We ask for your help in this fundraising effort where we run the food concession for this annual event. Sign up at the Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting or call Dave Mace at 920-960-4179. One of the best ways you can help, is to donate cans of Pepsi or Coke Products for us to sell; (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Diet Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist or Diet Sierra Mist, Coke, Diet Coke and Root Beer). The more we have donated by members, the better our profits from the event. In years past, we donated the excess if any to our American Legion friends or used it by the club as door prizes. You can bring the product donation to our Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting or drop it at the NAPA store on N. Main St.

**THE 2016 WINNEBAGOLAND MUSKY CLUB ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**  
**SATURDAY MARCH 12, 2016** held at the Fond du Lac American Legion Clubhouse. This member event is our club's annual gala event where we award our members trophies for their 2015 Musky Fishing efforts. Our bountiful dinner is catered by Eden Meats and will include baked chicken, country style ribs, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, seven layer salad, rolls, homemade desserts made by several members, coffee, and milk. Our evening includes several valuable raffle tables including a gun raffle, fishing raffle, jewelry raffle, cash raffle, musky lure raffle, and 2 large sportsmen/sportswomen tables including everything from guided fishing trips, and meat from local butcher shops. Let's not forget the bait bucket raffle where an attendee donates a lure, receives a raffle ticket for each lure donated with the winner taking all the baits. Don't forget our charitable endeavors where we can earn raffle tickets by bringing in non-perishable food items which are donated to a local food pantry. For each item you donate you will receive a raffle ticket to go in for a special drawing that wins raffle tickets which can be used on other tables. We have planned a truly fun evening and hope you can make it. The doors open at 5:30pm and dinner is served at 6:45. The Cost for the meal is \$25/adult and \$12.50 for those 12 and under.

Please RSVP to your invitation by March 8 so that our food preparation is sufficient. If you would like to pay when you RSVP please send your check payable to the **WinnebagoLand Musky Club** and mail it along with your RSVP to the following address. Scott Klapperich 926 Mequon Ave Fond du Lac, WI 54935. You can also pay at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.



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LAST MEETING – February 3rd

Our guest speaker was fishing and hunting guide *Matt Raley* from the Minocqua, St. Germain, Eagle River Area. His outfitting company is known as *Hideaway Hollow Outfitters*, a mobile hunting and fishing operation based in Wisconsin. Matt discussed some of his ideas that he implements to increase his success on the water. He suggested that we use the DNR Surveys that are readily available to us on the WI DNR websites. He told us how he distinguishes between “trophy waters” and “action waters”. For example: the Action Lakes are typically less than 35’ deep, are nutrient rich, usually stained, and have higher densities of muskies (typically greater than 0.25 fish/acre). The Trophy waters he stated are usually greater than 35’ deep, clear, with less nutrients in the water, and lower densities of muskies (less than 0.05 fish per acre). Here are a few more of Matt’s observations; better fishing activity starts when water gets above 65 degrees, in northern WI, usually about the third week in June is the earliest for the trophy lakes, when open trolling, begin when the thermocline is higher in the water column. When the thermocline is developed on the trophy waters look for one of the most underfished spots on the lake (the area where sand grass is prevalent). Matt also said that he favors the full moon and being on the water at moon rise and moon set. These are a few of his tips that he shared with us. He presented a lot of information to us. Raley pursues the best hunting and fishing opportunities Wisconsin has to offer for his clients. He started operations guiding only turkey and waterfowl hunts and soon added fishing trips to the menu. Thirty-something Raley is one of only a handful of U.S. Coast Guard licensed Captains operating in Northern Wisconsin on the Mississippi River, and Green Bay. When everything is frozen, Matt heads to South Texas and guides duck hunts with Castaway Lodge. See Matt’s website: [www.hideawayhollowoutfitters.com](http://www.hideawayhollowoutfitters.com) for a more detailed look at his company and to book a trip.

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REMEMBER, WE ARE SO BUSY THIS MONTH WITH CLUB ACTIVITIES, THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A REGULAR MEETING AT THE AMERICAN LEGION CLUB HOUSE. **OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS POOLSIDE AT THE FOND DU LAC HOLIDAY INN.** (625 W, Rolling Meadows Dr. Fond du Lac) on **April 6<sup>th</sup>**. At this meeting there will be demonstrations by members of some retrieving techniques and personal lure modifications on their own lures. Should be interesting.

### **COMING UP WITH OUR CLUB**

**SPORTSMAN’S RUMMAGE SALE** – **Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7am-2pm at the Fairgrounds.** We had a great sign-up help at our last meeting for this fundraising effort at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds. If anyone else wishes to help call Dave Mace at 920-960-4179. Another way you can help, is to donate cans of Pepsi or Coke Products for us to sell; (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Diet Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist or Diet Sierra Mist, Coke, Diet Coke and Root Beer). Donations of baked goods for us to sell also are appreciated. They go over quite well with the



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attendees and go towards our bottom line. The more we have donated by members, the better our profits from the event. In years past, we donated the excess if any to our American Legion friends or used it by the club as door prizes. You can bring the product donation to Scott Klapperich at the NAPA store on N. Main St., Fond du Lac

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We now have the raffle tickets to sell for the beautiful 18 ½' Ranger Boat with a 150 HP Mercury being raffled off at the 2016 National Championship Musky Open Tournament on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> the last day of the tournament. We did better last year with our ticket sales and hope that we can improve over that this year. If every member could sell just a few tickets the effort will be clearly visible since last year only a handful of us actually sold tickets individually. The special venues, Dutch's, and Nehl's Bait in Fox Lake, sold the most. If anyone has any ideas for us to present the boat at any creative venues to sell tickets please give us your ideas. So far we have plans to have the boat at a big car show in Beaver Dam on Father's Day. We will try to organize and have the boat shown. We have tickets now and you can pick them up at the Rummage Sale, The Banquet, or at the next meeting April 6 at the Holiday Inn. You can call Dave Mace 920-960-4179 to tell us your ideas. Here are the times we have the boat:

June 16 - 21      On June 21 we will be at the Swan City Car Show in Beaver Dam.  
July 21 - 26;    Aug. 4 - 9;    Aug. 11 - 16



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### **OUTINGS**

- May 7      Fox Lake Lunch 12:00 at Hayes Resort, W10551 Blackhawk Trl, Fox Lake  
Member gets credit for First Musky trophy for first musky caught that weekend.
- June 17-19      Lac Vieux Desert 12:00 Lunch at Sunrise Lodge. Land O' Lakes ; Lodging at  
sunrise Lodge if possible
- July 15-17      Lake Winneconne / Poygan Lunch Saturday 12:00 at TBD. Member gets credit for  
First Musky trophy for first musky caught that weekend.
- Aug 8-21      Wisconsin Musky Club Alliance Nat'l Tourney Eagle River
- Sep 9-11      Three Lakes combined with Veteran's Fishing Trip
- Oct 8      Lake Winneconne / Poygan Lunch Saturday 12:00 at TBD.





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## ***Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club*** ***April 2016***

### **MARCH RECAP**

On March 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 the Winnebago and Musky Club operated the concession stand at the Sportsman's Rummage Sale sponsored by the Winnebago Alliance of Sportsman's Clubs. This is an area-wide rummage sale that allows vendors and attendees to sell and buy used outdoor related items. Over 1200 people visited the sale where we had the opportunity to sell food and drink, keeping the net profits of our sales. We profited over \$600 from our efforts. Thank you very much to the members of our club that contributed money, soda and their labor to make this a success we couldn't do it without you.

On March 12<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Awards Banquet at the American Legion hall. Over 80 folks attended the event banquet and enjoyed a night of playing raffles, dining, enjoying adult beverages, and socializing. The event is organized by our banquet committee. The dinner is catered by Eden Foods with several members and their wives donating an array of desserts. One of the things that our Club does every year is collect non-perishable foods and cash from the attendees of our banquet and donate the food and money to a food pantry. This year we donated a large supply of food and \$93 to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Our Legion delivered our gifts to the home for us. Prizes for the raffles were donated by several businesses and members and some were purchased at deep discounts. Please remember these folks and patronize them when you are shopping.

**BECK'S MEATS – OSHKOSH**

**BLACK RIVER RODS-JASON ST MARY - OSHKOSH, WI**

**CABELA'S – RICHFIELD, WI**

**DUTCH'S TRADING POST – FOND DU LAC, WI**

**DIRTY HOOKERS TACKLE COMPANY- MENASHA, WI**

**FOND DU LAC TIRE – DIK SUZEK – FOND DU LAC, WI**

**INITIAL DESIGN CO.–PAT GAUTHIER–FOND DU LAC**

**ERIC LARSEN, RUBBERHAIRY TACKLE – MENASHA, WI**

**N A P A - SCOTT KLAPPERICH, FOND DU LAC, WI**

**MATT RALEY–HAPPY HOLLOW OUTFITTERS–ST GERMAIN**

**SLAMMER TACKLE – PEWAUKEE, WI**

**THE SPORTSMAN SPORT SHOP – APPLETON, WI**

**TACKLE INDUSTRIES – LE MARS, IA**

**TUFFY'S OUTPOST – FOND DU LAC, WI**

**Member Donations:**

**BOB and MARY HAASE – FOND DU LAC, WI**

**JIM and CAROL HEFFNER – SUICK–EAGLE RIVER, WI**

**RICHARD FEUSTEL – FOND DU LAC, WI**



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PAUL KLEIN GUIDING-VAN DYNE, WI  
KATIE SOLES - FOND DU LAC, WI  
DAVE LAPINE- GUIDING - FOND DU LAC, WI

### **WMC AWARD WINNERS FOR THE 2015 SEASON**

#### **MOST RELEASED MUSKIES OF THE YEAR**

**Gregg Stubbe                      Registered and Released                      8 Muskies**

#### **LARGEST MUSKIE OF THE YEAR**

**Bob Larsen, July 30,                      51½” Lake Vermillion                      Twinkie**

#### **LARGEST WISCONSIN MUSKIE OF THE YEAR**

**Chuck Brod, July 29                      50¼” Green Bay                      Double 10**

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> LARGEST WISCONSIN MUSKIE OF THE YEAR**

**Bob Kuhr, June 2,                      48½” Green Bay                      Crankbait**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> LARGEST WISCONSIN MUSKIE OF THE YEAR**

**Lynn Wells, June 21, (Tiger)                      48” LacVieuxDesert                      Crankbait**

#### **LARGEST INTERNATIONAL MUSKIE OF THE YEAR**

**Bob Larsen, July 30,                      51½” Lake Vermillion                      Twinkie**

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> LARGEST INTERNATIONAL MUSKIE OF THE YEAR**

**John Bartow, August 4,                      47½” Lake of the Woods                      Double 8**

#### **LARGEST MUSKIE OF THE YEAR WOMEN’S DIVISION**

**Amy Langlitz, August 23,                      39¼” Duck Lake                      TopRaider**

#### **LARGEST FISH OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2015**

**Harlan Hopp, May 4,                      41” Fox Lake                      Vibrax**

#### **LARGEST FISH OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE 2015**

**Bob Kuhr, June 2,                      48½” Green Bay                      Crankbait**





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### **LARGEST FISH OF THE MONTH FOR JULY 2015**

**Chuck Brod, July 29, 50¼" Green Bay Double 10**

### **LARGEST FISH OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST 2015**

**Amy Langlitz, August 23, 39¼" Duck Lake TopRaider**

### **LARGEST FISH OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Gregg Stubbe, September 26, 40" Planting Ground Jig**

### **LARGEST FISH OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER 2015**

**Tom Francis, October 13, 47" Caldron Falls Sucker**

**Congratulations to all of our champions. We hope that your name can appear on this list for 2016. Remember you need to register your catch and release with Harlan Hopp to possibly get your name on this list next season.**

### **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting is 7:00 pm Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Fond du Lac. The address of the Holiday Inn is 625 Rolling Meadows Drive. Several of our members will be demonstrating and sharing some of their baits, techniques, and equipment that have proven successful for them. We would ask that any members that would like to try out a new lure or rod and reel combo, bring it to this meeting and give it a tryout. This is a good opportunity to share an idea or try something new. If you have modified a lure that has proven successful, bring it to the meeting. This is just like "Show and Tell" from our grade school days. This should be fun. Our meeting in May will be the regular meeting date of May 4<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Building and our first outing will be May 7<sup>th</sup> on Fox Lake with lunch at noon at Hayes Resort on Fox Lake. Sign up at the April meeting.

Remember the season is now open for us to sell raffle tickets for the boat. We have tickets available now. You can ask Scott for some to sell. We did much better in 2015 than in 2014 and we hope to better our results for 2016. This is our main fundraising activity and we need your individual help to be successful.



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### **APRIL MEETING RECAP**

The April meeting of the WMC was held poolside at the Fond du Lac Holiday Inn on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was held there so that members could show how different baits that they use work in the water. Members also brought musky gear they use to give others a look and tryout. Examples of the low profile reels and high torque reels were presented and offered for tryout. Scott Klapperich demonstrated several baits that he modified from standard off the shelf models. Dick Burrows, Bob Kuhr, and Paul Klein also demonstrated lures and retrieving techniques and allowed others to try out their lures and techniques. This was an excellent meeting and it seemed everyone enjoyed it and the laid-back socializing.

### **MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

The next meeting is a regular meeting coming up Wednesday evening at the regular time of 7:00pm May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Legion Hall. At this meeting we will have several of our members review lakes that they have fished and discuss features of those lakes with the membership. Gregg Stubbe will talk about some lakes on the north end of the Three Lakes Chain and Dave LaPine will talk about some on the south end of that chain. Scott Klapperich will talk about Buckatobin. Tom Francis will discuss Winneconne/Poygan and Bob Haase will talk about Harris Lake. We will have some maps prepared for you take notes. Maybe someone will try a lake they've never fished before after coming to this meeting.

### **REMINDER**

The first 2016 outing of the year is Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. **DON'T FORGET MOTHER'S DAY IS THE NEXT DAY! MAKE PLANS WISELY!** We plan on fishing on Fox Lake and Little Green Lake and meeting for lunch at Hayes Resort on the North Shore of Fox Lake for lunch at noon. Hayes Resort is located at W10551 Blackhawk Trail, Fox Lake Wisconsin 53933. This outing gives all attendees a chance at the famous "FIRST MUSKY" traveling trophy. The trophy is now in the possession of Tom Francis the last winner. To win the trophy you must catch and successfully release a musky 34 inches or larger, photo, measure, date and timestamp your catch on a piece of paper and present it to Harlan Hopp or Scott Klapperich. It would be best to use the club's postcards which are available at every meeting but any written documentation and photo will work. The first one caught is the winner and holds the trophy cup till the next outing. We should try to win it from Tom Francis since he has held it since last fall. He may be planning to keep the cup. We will have a briefing on these lakes as well as the one mentioned above at the meeting on Wednesday evening May 4.

The next outing is June 17-19 on Lac Vieux Desert.



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## **YOUR HELP NEEDED**

We have raffle tickets for the 2016 Musky Alliance Boat Raffle. This is our biggest fund raising activity. We improved ourselves last year, so lets try and top our performance this year. For those of us that did not sell any tickets just a few sales will be incrementally better. You can get tickets, a picture of the boat to use as a selling aid, and turn your money in at each meeting. The prize Ranger Boat will be drawn on Sunday August 21. The time will be upon us real soon so try your best to sell some tickets.



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## ***Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club*** ***June 2016***

### **MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

The May 4<sup>th</sup> regular club meeting was an excellent meeting. We wish everyone could have been there. The program was titled "Share a Lake". Five of our members, Gregg Stubbe, Dave LaPine, Bob Haase, and Scott Klapperich all made presentations using our new projector. The presenter guided us by map through spots that they were familiar with on specific lakes and showed us how to approach those spots. Some of the areas they discussed were areas most of us would not have even touched in that they were unremarkable areas that fishermen often ignore. The lakes discussed were Poygan by Tom Francis, Harris by Bob Haase, The Buckatobins by Scott Klapperich, Four Mile Lake by Dave LaPine, Planting Ground, Range Line and Long by Gregg Stubbe. Thank you to all five of you for unselfishly sharing your knowledge. We are sure that one of our program nights next year will be the same with some other members bringing their lakes to our attention. We have started a lake map collection library to refer to at the meetings.

### **JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING UPCOMING**

Try and make this meeting as it too should be informative and entertaining. We will be making our own musky spinner baits. Bob Haase will be guiding us through the process of assembling your own musky spinner baits from scratch. When you leave this meeting you will walk out with your own model ready to use. The cost of this will run you close to a mere \$5.

### **FIRST MUSKY TROPHY CUP**

Dik Suzek wrestled the cup from Tom Francis at the Fox Lake / Little Green Outing held on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Dik fough, caught, and released a 35" musky on Little Green on that brisk Saturday morning. His net man was Scott Klapperich. Congratulations Dik! You may keep this on display in your hall of trophies until it is wrestled away from you by the next club angler that boats and releases the first 34" or more musky at our next outing.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June Outing: DATES-June 17-19, Lake- Lac Vieux Desert, Lunch For WMC Outing members- Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon, Place Sunrise Lodge on West shore of Lac Vieux Desert, piers available, land address- 5894 West Shore Rd Land O Lakes, WI 54540 Phone#-715-547-3684 Website [www.sunriselodge.com](http://www.sunriselodge.com) We will have a briefing for this outing at the June 1 meeting. Call or text Scott Klapperich at (920-948-2283) to sign up as a participant if you can't make the June meeting. This helps Sunrise plan for food.



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### NEWS

Scott Klapperich and Pat Primising took Second Place at the Landings May 2016 Musky Tournament on Little Green Lake on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>. They boated and released a 38” musky in this 20 boat tourney. Scott was the angler and Pat was the netman. Congratulations!

### FISH REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP

5/7	Dik Suzek	35”	Little Green	Crane Bait	Outing Fish
5/21	Scott Klapperich	38”	Little Green	#18 Perch Rapala	

### HELP NEEDED

We will be presenting the 2016 Alliance Raffle Boat at the Swan City Car Show in Beaver Dam on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> 7 am to 4 pm. We could use two or three more members to help sell raffle tickets that day. Call Dave Mace at 920-960-4179 if you can help for part of that day. Also, please try and sell some tickets personally. This is our main fundraiser. You may turn in money at the meeting if you have sold some already. Don’t wait till the last minute to make some sales. It is easy for such a great prize. We have some photos for you to use and other marketing tools to help you sell. Thanks in advance.



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## ***Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club July 2016***

### **JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING**

At our meeting in June we built spinner-baits. Bob Haase demonstrated the construction of a double bladed, 2 hook, spinner-bait. After a short explanation 13 of us got right to it in creating our own spinner-bait. Bob makes a lot of lures and many flies for his trout fishing aficionados. At one time Bob had his own musky bait business. Through his connections, the club purchased components to do this project and ordered enough so that we can schedule another evening in the future. Bob showed us and explained the equipment used in case one of us wanted to get in to this activity. We had several colors of blades and skirting materials to choose from in creating our own bait. It was fun and it cost each of us only \$6.00 a copy, a large savings over the cost of buying at retail.

### **NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE**

There is no regular scheduled meeting for the month of July. July and the month of March we usually do not have a meeting. We will see you for the regularly scheduled meeting in August on the First Wednesday evening in August at 7:00 pm August 3.

### **AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING**

At our August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting we will be having John Gremmer from Trout Unlimited talk to us about fishing photography. John spoke to us several years ago and we thought it would be an excellent topic to revisit. The technology is changing so fast that there are a lot of new capabilities in the equipment used. Creating memories for ourselves is extremely rewarding and we hope you will enjoy this meeting. We suggest that you bring the camera you use to ask John some questions about the technology that has been puzzling you about your own equipment. John may be able to help you personally take better photos with your own equipment. Bring him some samples of your photos to ask his opinion and get some advice. If you have no equipment John can point you in the right direction to buy the right thing.

### **MUSKY TROPHY CUP**

For the second outing in a row, the First Musky of the Outing was awarded. This time to the first, second and only muskies of the outing were caught by Dave LaPine. This outing was held June 17-19<sup>th</sup> on Lac Vieux Desert. It was a good time with a relaxing stay for some at the Sunset Resort . 13 members plus family members attended with the pan fish, walleye and northern pike biting but not to many musky. There were a number of musky follows but only Dave LaPine caught (and released) two muskies, a 36.25" musky Friday night and a 40" musky Saturday morning.





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### UPCOMING EVENTS

July Outing: **July 15-17**, on Lakes Winneconne, Poygan, and Butte des Morts , Lunch for WMC Outing members- Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fin n Feather in Winneconne. Call or text Scott Klapperich at (920-948-2283) for more information.

### BOAT RAFFLE NEWS

We had a successful day of selling boat raffle tickets on Father's Day June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Swan City Car Show in Beaver Dam. Thank you to Dik Suzek, Ron Haag, and Jerry Loop for helping to sell \$965 worth of tickets that day. We will be having the boat in our possession again July 21 - 26 and from August 4<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be displaying it at "Fish Tales Bait Shop" in Fox Lake and Dutch's Trading Post in Fond du Lac. If you have any suggestion for a good venue to display the boat during those times, please call Dave Mace (920-960-4179) or Scott Klapperich (920-948-2283) with your idea. If you need more tickets for the sales you are personally making, call Scott for more tickets. Bring your raffle ticket stubs and ticket money for the tickets you have sold to the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. **It is extremely important that you turn in your sold ticket stubs and money at that time so that we can get the tickets and money into the raffle drawing** which is being held on August 21 2016 at the Eagle River Headquarters of The Musky Alliance Annual Tournament. Hopefully, many of you will be entering the Tournament. Go to [www.muskyclubsalliance.org](http://www.muskyclubsalliance.org) for details on entering and the rules of the Tourney.

### FISH REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP

5/22	Mark Klapperich	40"	Little Green	Rizzo Wiz
5/26	Greg Rubin	36"	Pewaukee Lake	Crankbait
5/28	Mark Klapperich	36"	Little Green	#8 Bucktail
6/2	Greg Rubin	34"	Pewaukee Lake	Spinner Bait
6/10	Luke Mueller	43 1/4"	Lake Poygan	Jake
6/12	Mark Klapperich	36"	Little Green	Suick
6/21	Bob Kuhr	39 1/2"	Lake Noquebay	Mepps Bucktail
6/22	Bob Kuhr	38"	Lake Noquebay	Mepps Bucktail
6/23	Pat Primising	38 3/4"	Big Lake	Superhawk



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AUGUST 2016 WMC MEETING-WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3, 2016

Have you ever purchased a musky bait that doesn't work properly? Are the baits that don't work sitting at home collecting dust instead of catching fish? Do you have a favorite "confidence bait" that you are willing to share with others and tell us how you fish it?

Due to a conflict, the August meeting is being changed and we will not only be talking about musky baits, we will be trying to analyze why they work and why they don't work. Please bring a few of the baits you have that you don't think work. We will try to find ways you might try to make them work better. We also want you to bring a couple of your favorite baits and we would like you to share why you like them and how you fish them. This will be an interactive program with each person sharing information on the baits they fish and those that you stopped using.

We will also have a bait swap. If there are baits you would like to sell or exchange, bring them to the meeting. You might get rid of one that you don't want and replace it with one you might want to try.

We will also be talking about the things you think are most important in a musky bait such as size, color, shape, action, or other characteristics you think help make a bait effective. Our club is about sharing and you can also share any techniques that seem to be working for you this year. Go through your baits and bring a few to the August meeting. Bob Haase will be leading this discussion and plans on bringing tools and supplies to modify baits.

Mr. John Gremmer will be at our September 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting giving us advice on how to photograph your memorable fishing and other outdoor adventures.

### **RAFFLE BOAT TICKET SALES**

Our time has just about run out for selling raffle boat tickets. They are an easy sale, so make sure you're talking to your friends, relatives, and the folks that sold you something or some kind of raffle ticket for their fundraiser. Our prize beats most by a long shot. Please turn in your sold raffle ticket stubs and money to the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting. We need to get them up to the Eagle River Alliance Tournament and get proper credit for our club's sales. If you have not sold any this would be a good time to buy a couple of books for yourself.

We were lucky to participate in the Fox Lake Firemen's Car Show on July 23 with the boat in our possession. THANK YOU VERY MUCH to Harlan and Judy Hopp, Ron Haag, Pat Primising, Jerry Loop, and Scott Klapperich for weathering the sultry heat of the day and selling tickets at that event.

**JULY OUTING:** Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Winneconne, & Poygan



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Did you get a chance to check our website: [www.winnebagoandmuskyclub.com](http://www.winnebagoandmuskyclub.com) to see the nice fish Jared Langlitz boated on Poygan 48 1/2". Congratulations Jared!

### AUGUST OUTING

The August outing is the National Championship Musky Open August 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope that our club is well represented at this annual catch and release tournament. If you are interested in getting in on this tournament and have not made yourself familiar with the rules, regulations, and details check online.

[www.muskyopen.com](http://www.muskyopen.com) It is \$60/person if your entry fee is postmarked by August 1. Onsite entry is \$65/person. Remember another Ranger Boat is awarded to a qualified tournament participant (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN). You do not have to catch the biggest or the most to win this. This is A great tourney with lots of door prizes and raffles.

### SEPTEMBER OUTING AND COMBINED COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Our Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> the WMC outing will be on the Three Lakes chain. We are combining this outing with our "Salute the Troops" Veteran outing. Lunch will be at Noon on Saturday and will be held at Greg Stubbe's cottage on the Three Lakes Chain. Club members **MUST REGISTER** with Richard Feustel by September 1<sup>st</sup> for this outing. You will then get instructions to Greg's family cottage. Richard's phone # is 920-517-4712 and email is [richardfeustel@gmail.com](mailto:richardfeustel@gmail.com).

We have 12 Military Veterans and 6 Club member guides putting on this "Thank you fishing experience" for our veterans. Our Club, Marion University and the Fond du Lac Navy Club are the organizational sponsors of this proud event. We hope you will participate.

### FISHING REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP

6/17	Greg Stubbe	34"	Planting Ground	Suick
6/30	Greg Rubin	36"	Pewaukee Lake	Twinkie
7/2	Greg Stubbe	34"	Planting Ground	Bucktail
7/2	Kevin Francis	46 1/2"	Winnebago	Dbl 8 Bucktail
7/2	Kevin Francis	47"	Winnebago	Dbl 8 Bucktail
7/16	Jared Langlitz	48 1/2"	Poygan	Dbl 10 Bucher Mag



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### **AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

Our last meeting was presided over by Past President Jerry LaPine who graciously filled in for Scott Klapperich who was fishing Lake of the Woods (LOTW). Thank you Jerry. We turned in our raffle ticket sale proceeds and tickets for the Tournament in Eagle River. It appears that our results were up from last year. Thank you's are extended to all the members that sold tickets individually and to those that helped at the two car shows namely Dik Suzek, Scott Klapperich, Jerry Loop, Ron Haag, Harlan and Judy Hopp, Pat Primising, and Dave Mace. We also thank Tim Nehls at Fox Lake Fish Tales bait shop for a super sales effort. Other commercial establishments that helped us this year were Dutch's Trading Post, Tuffy's Outpost, Fond du Lac Cyclery, and Hayes Resort in Fox Lake. We really appreciate their help and hope you can patronize them when possible. We should have an accurate account at our September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Bob Haase led a program on bait modification and repair. He led the discussion and showed several different things that could be done to broken down and baits that just don't seem to work right. A big thank you to Bob for helping out and providing an interesting program.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> through Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> the WMC outing will be on the Three Lakes Chain. We are combining this outing with our "Salute the Troops" Veteran outing. Lunch will be at Noon on Saturday at a place to be determined on the Three Lakes Chain. There will be a bonfire and social with the veterans on Saturday night. Please join us for this great get-together. Club members **MUST REGISTER** with Richard Feustel by September 1<sup>st</sup> for this outing. Richard's phone # is 920-517-4712 and email is [richardfeustel@gmail.com](mailto:richardfeustel@gmail.com). We have 12 Military Veterans and 7 Club member guides putting on this "Thank you fishing experience" for our veterans. Veterans and guides have reported this is a weekend appreciation from both sides and a memory they truly treasure. Along with Salute the Troops, the Winnebago and Musky Club, Marian University and the Fond du Lac Navy Club are the co-sponsors of this proud event. We hope you will participate.

Check us out on line: [www.winnebagoandmuskyclub.com](http://www.winnebagoandmuskyclub.com)



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### **MUSKY STUDY AND POPULATION SUPPORT**

Adam Nickel, fish biologist at the Oshkosh Office recently received 500 extended growth muskies (12" or larger) to track and study in the Winnebago System including Winnebago, Poygan and Butte des Morts. The DNR has receivers already in place in the system and being used for sturgeon programs. The transmitters were needed to be fit to muskies and the same receivers could be utilized. They approached us along with Dave's Musky Club, The Alliance, the Winnebago Conservation Alliance, and two UP River Sportsman's Clubs and raised \$5,000 to buy and fit transmitters to as many fish as possible at a price of about \$350 each. We pledged \$1,000 along with the above named to this very worthwhile and local project that will be tracking and studying these muskies for the next 4 or five years. Adam will be reporting directly to us for the term of this project.

### **SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

In addition to regular business we will be having as our program a casting contest. We have not held this event for several years and we need to make sure our members skills are continually fine-tuned. We will be awarding a nice prize for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bring an accurate rod with you. We will have a couple rods there if you forget.

### **FISH REPORT**

BY HARLALN HOPP

7/23	Bob Kuhr	36"	Lake Vermillion	Mepps Bucktail
7/25	Bob Kuhr	43"	Lake Vermillion	Spanky
7/27	Bob Kuhr	40"	Lake Vermillion	Mepps Bucktail
8/1	Jim Hefner	35"	Muskellunge Lake	Crane Bait
8/3	Dik Suzek	39 ½"	LOTW	Flasher
8/6	Dik Suzek	41 ½"	LOTW	Bucher 700 Bucktail
8/18	Eric Larsen	38"	Lake Vermillion	Flaptail Topwater

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### **September 2016**

8/19	Kevin Francis	37"	Yellow Birch	Creeper " OUTING FISH"
8/19	Bob Larsen	40"	Lake Vermillion Flaptail Topwater	
8/19	Eric Larsen	50 ½"	Lake Vermillion Flaptail Topwater	
8/22	Carol Hefner	36"	Muskellunge Lake	Slopmaster
8/23	Eric Larsen	41"	Lake Vermillion Flaptail Topwater	

There probably are more fish caught by members as I have heard on the grapevine. If you want to see your catch in print I need to have you send me a postcard with the information. At the end of the year many members review the list and possibly draw conclusions from the info. Just let me know if you need cards. I always have them at every meeting to give to those that ask. They are small and compact, pre-addressed, and will fit somewhere with your tackle so that you can send them in as you pass a mailbox.

### **FIRST MUSKY OF THE OUTING**

Our new winner of the coveted "FIRST MUSKY OF THE OUTING" traveling trophy was Kevin Francis who registered his fish at the 31st Annual National Championship Musky Open Tournament in Eagle River. There were almost 1,300 registered anglers this year who registered 195 fish.





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### **SEPTEMBER 7TH MEETING**

At this meeting between rain drops we held the Winnebago and Musky Club casting contest. Tied for third place was Lynn Wells and Charlie LaPine. Jerry LaPine came in with a solid second, and the Club Champion was Scott Klapperich. Thanks to Charlie LaPine for his act of bravery doing the scoring as members were throwing hard objects his way. Some were aiming for Charlie as their scores indicated.

We discussed the most recent investment our club made of \$1,000 to the WI DNR / Oshkosh Fish Research office. This donation combined with the donations of 3 other clubs and the Alliance went toward the purchase of electronic transmitting devices clipped to Winnebago System Muskies for tracking purposes. These devices are to monitor the whereabouts in the system of tagged muskies utilizing the already installed receiving devices that are up and down the system for tracking sturgeons. Adam Nickel, biologist at the Oshkosh Office will be dropping by periodically to report findings.

Ron Lange also reported that we sold \$5,180 worth of boat raffle tickets this year. This was a little over \$1,000 more than we did last year. THANK YOU to all who sold tickets, helped at car shows, and to the merchants that sold tickets for us. The effort was remarkable and beneficial to our club's ongoing success.

### **OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Mr. Marine will be at our regular club to discuss necessary boat maintenance that is needed to keep our equipment in tip top shape.

### **SALUTE THE TROOPS VETERAN FISHING PROJECT**

The "Salute the Troops" organization along with Marian University and the manpower, boat power, and financial support of our club provided a weekend of musky fishing and fellowship for 12 military veterans. Guides for the outing were: Dave LaPine, Jerry LaPine, Paul Klein, Dik Suszek, Greg Stubbe, Scott Klapperich and Mark Klapperich. Scott guided Veteran J. P. Braker to a nice 42" musky, his first. There were several other short muskies caught and several northerns. The veterans were thrilled to be on a trip like this and it showed by their comments and on their faces. They were provided lodging at a motel, meals, and of course expert guiding services for the weekend of September 9, 10, and 11. On Saturday night, we held a fish fry managed by the master fish fryer Mary LaPine (fish caught by Dave LaPine and Dik Suszek). The evening was capped off with a campfire and a lot of touching stories that made us proud and brought a few tears.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Dennis Buechel, President and owner of Natural Stone Veneers International, Inc. who made a generous cash donation to this event. NSVI's Fond du Lac location, employs 8 on a 12 acre facility that manufactures stone veneer utilizing equipment patented by Dennis. In checking out their website, [www.nsvi.com](http://www.nsvi.com), it is clear that Dennis Buechel, with his family-owned company, is a generous corporate citizen donating to worthy causes like our veterans and others. It



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should be known, Salute the Troops is breaking ground on a new Veteran Resource Center on the corner of Main and Scott Streets and also the Warrior House in Lomira (as seen on TV 6 in September), a transitional living home to help veterans transition back into the community. The veterans have told us, ...Musky or no musky, this outing is very therapeutic and an experience they will treasure forever. Thanks Again. There were others that helped make this weekend a success, namely Marian University, The Fond du Lac Navy Club, Mary LaPine, Tracy Qualmann from Marian University, Jenny Klein, Chris Stubbe, Tuesday Klapperich, and Richard Feustel from our Club and Salute the Troops.

### **FISH REPORT by HARLAN HOPP**

8/18	Greg Stubbe	34 ½"	Rangeline Lake	Night Walker
9/9	Bob Kuhr	40 ½"	Lake Vermillion	HellHound
9/9	Greg Stubbe	36"	Little Fork Lake	Flaptail
9/15	Richard Burrows	43"	Bay of Green Bay	Bucktail
9/16	Bob Kuhr	35"	Noquebay	Waterchopper



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## ***Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club November 2016***

### **OCTOBER 2016 MEETING**

At this meeting Steve and Connie Herzberg, of Mr. Marine in Fond du Lac gave us a very good talk on maintaining our boats. They discussed the necessary items that need tending to when we put our boats away for the season. They emphasized that it is extremely important to drain, inspect, and refill the lower units. They feel it is very important to look for water leaks, identifying undue wear, and periodically replacing or at the very least inspecting the impeller. They discussed some of the best products to use in your fuel to keep the engine clean and efficient. They highly recommended the 3 Step Mercury Fuel Treatments to help your motor run efficiently and counter the effects of poor fuel, water, and ethanol. Connie and Steve also emphasized that one of the most overlooked maintenance issues they find in their shop is the maintenance of boat trailers. When there is a breakdown on this piece of equipment, it is usually an emergency and can wreck a trip which could be a trip of a lifetime. A little preventive maintenance is worth a lot. Several other issues were covered and they answered member questions on the spot. Mr. Marine offers trained technicians to handle vital maintenance and repair services and a variety of quality marine products and services including wrapping and storage. Steve and Connie are members and supporters of our club so please support their business.

Ron Lange talked briefly about our financial condition and showed us the positive turnaround we made in 2016 by doing some budget cutting and increasing our revenues with much better raffle ticket sales. Ron does a nice job for us in preparing our financial statements in a professional and understandable manner. As always, he offers his reports for examination to club members.

### **NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING**

At this November meeting, we will be learning how to build our own fluorocarbon leaders. Scott Klapperich will be leading this session and we will be building our own fluorocarbon leader to use on your next musky hunt. We will provide the components for a small charge, (much less than you will ever buy a quality leader). After this session you will be understand on how to build your own fluorocarbon leader and know what tools and components are needed to build a quality leader. No more taking risks using worn out or weakened leaders.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 7<sup>th</sup> we will have the 2017 election of officers and committees. Please come, please volunteer. We have a small club but we do a lot for the resource, the community, and we enjoy each other's company.



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### **FISH REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP**

09/23	Greg Stubbe	35"	Long Lake	Flaptail
09/30	Harlan Hopp	46 ½" Tiger	Big Sand	Perch
09/30	Greg Stubbe	43 ½"	Seven Mile Lake	Db1 10 Bucktail
10/1	Bob Kuhr	39 ½"	Noquebay	Phantom
10/1	Greg Stubbe	37 ½"	Seven Mile	Db1 10 Bucktail
10/8	Greg Stubbe	35"	Planting Ground	Chartreuse Suick
10/16	Tom Francis	37 ½"	Lake Caldron	Sucker



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### NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING

Learning to build fluorocarbon leaders was the topic at this November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Members built their own fluorocarbon leaders under the supervision and instruction of Scott Klapperich.

### **ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES-DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

Each year we nominate and elect officers for the coming year at this meeting. The offices to be elected are President, currently held by Scott Klapperich, Vice President, currently held by David Mace, Treasurer, currently held by Ron Lange, and Secretary, currently held by Charley LaPine. Committee heads that we would like to fill with willing volunteers are Banquet Chair, Newsletter, Outing, and Musky Recordkeeper. Please come to this meeting with a willing spirit and an appetite for Joe's Fox Hut Pizza as we will be providing a snack to those attending. Remember the Date: Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

A quick recap of 2016 of meetings and events:

- January - Adam Nickel from DNR reported to us on the census and health of the Winnebago system. We kicked off the use of our Website.  
[www.winnebagolandmuskyclub.com](http://www.winnebagolandmuskyclub.com)
- February - Matt Raley musky guide and waterfowl outfitter from Minocqua, St Germain area spoke to the club.
- March - We hosted the concession stand at the annual Sportsman's Rummage Sale and had our annual WMC Awards Banquet,
- April - We hosted our meeting at the Holiday Inn Pool and members demonstrated equipment, lures and presentation techniques.
- May - 5 members: Greg Stubbe, Dave LaPine, Tom Francis, Bob Haase and Scott Klapperich spoke in our "Share-a-Lake" program. We had an outing on Fox Lake and Little Green Lake. Dik Suzcek caught The First Musky of the Outing, a 35" musky.
- June - We made our own spinner baits, had a club outing on Lac Vieux Desert and attended the Swan City Car Show with the Raffle Boat. Dave LaPine caught The First Musky of the Outing, a 41" musky.
- July - We had an outing on the Winnebago system and attended the Fox Lake Fireman's Car Show with our boat. Jared Langlitz caught The First Musky of the Outing, a 48.5" musky.
- August - Some members attended the National Championship in Eagle River and we turned in our Boat Raffle Tickets and money. We had an EXCELLENT year increasing our sales by over \$1000. Congratulations. Kevin Francis caught The First Musky of the Outing, a 37" musky.



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- September - Our Club with several guiding members, Marian University, and corporate donor Dennis Buechel of Natural Stone Veneers International hosted a guided musky hunting weekend to 12 US Military Veterans in a "Salute the Troops" event. A great event which we were proud to be a part. Separately, in our club's casting contest, the top placements went to Lynn Wells, Charlie LaPine, Jerry LaPine, with Top Gun awarded to Scott Klapperich.
- October - Steve and Connie Herzberg presented a very informative boat maintenance seminar to the club.
- November - We learned how to build our own fluorocarbon leaders.
- Some monetary contributions went to: the DNR for the purchase of musky tracking tags for a research project, to UW Stevens Point for a research project, to our local VFW Post, The Winnebago Lakes Council and the Winnebago Sportsman's Alliance.

This is a pretty extensive list of things accomplished just this year for a small outdoor sports club. We hope you all will continue to be a part of this club and encourage a guest to join us. Your suggestions for further projects and events are welcome.

### **FISH REPORT by HARLAN HOPP**

There are no fish to report since the last registration on 10/16/2016. Here is a short recap with a more detailed report to be presented at the banquet in March.

As of November 30<sup>th</sup> club members registered 41 fish with 15 of those fish measuring over 40 inches. Last year there were 43 registered with 20 fish measuring over 40 inches.

### **Did you hear about Harlan Hopp's Perch Fishing Adventure?**

If you have not heard the story, Harlan tells it so much better than printed words can describe but let me tell you a few of the details.

Harlan was out perch fishing last September with a bobber, a minnow on a #6 hook, with 8 pound test line on his spinning rod fishing in 12 feet of water. The bobber went down, he thought it was going to be a nice one so he set the hook and as Harlan says, "He was off to the races." Harlan played the fish multiple times deep and shallow, under and around the boat giving him great looks at what it could be. After a long fight, Harlan managed to get the fish close enough to the boat that it could be netted. Harlan could not believe it, he caught a 46.5" tiger musky weighing about 30 pounds ...all on his spinner rod and 8 pound test with a #6 hook. Who needs those expensive reals, rods, 120 pound test line with fluorocarbon leaders and multiple #12 treble hooks on 12 inch lures??? Let's just perch fish with Harlan!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !**