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### DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 MEETING

Each year we nominate and elect officers for the coming year at this meeting. The officers elected for 2017 were President-Scott Klapperich, Vice President-David Mace, Treasurer- Ron Lange, and Secretary-Charley LaPine. All four posts were unanimously nominated and voted for by the members.

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We discussed the Sportsman's Rummage Sale and our involvement as food and refreshment vendor for that event to be held on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2017. It was the unanimous decision to once again run the stand. We also discussed the Boat Raffle for 2017. There will be another Ranger boat this year. Our efforts last year produced excellent results. We will try and secure the boat and get it strategically placed again this year to put us in front of many potential raffle ticket buyers. If you have any suggestions for venues please get in touch with one of the officers with your suggestion. We need to request the boat now from the Alliance in order to have it during our desired times. We are contemplating Father's Day at the Beaver Dam Car Show, the last Saturday in July for the Fox Lake Firemen's Car Show and hopefully we will be able to secure a spot at the Eden's Fireman's Picnic on Sat August 5<sup>th</sup>. We are currently trying to get their permission to be part of their event.

We also announced the date for the Annual Awards Banquet. It will be held Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> , 5:30pm, at the American Legion Clubhouse.

NEXT MEETING-WED, JAN. 4<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 PM, AMERICAN LEGION CLUBHOUSE

Adam Nickel, Senior Fishing Biologist for the DNR will be our guest at this meeting. Adam will be talking to us about some of the census information gleaned from fall netting projects on the Winnebago System. He also will bring us up to date with the high tech musky monitoring project we and some other Alliance clubs helped support last year. This should be an interesting meeting. Last year Adam's presentation was excellent. He had a wealth of information that included the health of the system, and information about species other than muskies. Plan to attend.

Also remember that dues are due at this time, \$20-Single and \$25-Family.



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Tom Francis is the last winner of the 2016 “First Musky of the Outing” trophy. We plan on continuing this new tradition for 2017 please watch for outing announcements so you can get your name etched into this honor trophy cup.





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### **January 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Recap**

At this first meeting of the year, Adam Nickel, Senior Fish Biologist for the DNR Oshkosh office spoke to our club. He discussed some findings of the recent Fall 2016 netting of the Winnebago System. There were lots of forage fish for the popular game fish to dine on this year. The trout perch was most plentiful this year. The shad netting was the 6<sup>th</sup> largest catch this year, a favorite meal of walleyes. The drum hatch appeared to have increased in the past year. The 2011-2015 young-of-the-year yellow perch counts were down but the 2016 yellow perch hatch grew at a healthy rate. They already are in the 4" range. The walleye and crappie young also grew at good rates. All in all, the forage rates improved to the betterment of the walleyes, perch, and crappies and hopefully for the muskies.

Because of our Club's efforts in giving the DNR high tech tools, more collected data from our digital fish tags should provide more information on the health of the musky population in the system. In June Adam will be downloading data from the musky transmitters we helped fund last year. Hopefully we will be able to learn some specifics about the Winnebago System Muskies from the downloads. Adam stated that these studies would be impossible to fund without the help of clubs such as ours.

### **FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> , MEETING**

This should be a very interesting meeting for musky hunters. Jeff Hanson, a full time professional Madison Chain of Lakes musky fishing guide, will be presenting to our club. Jeff has been a guide on the Madison chain for 21 years. Jeff's company is Madison Musky Guide Service. His resume is extensive and we urge you to check it out on his website [www.madisonmuskyguide.com](http://www.madisonmuskyguide.com) Jeff is a member of The Capital Cities Chapter of Muskies Inc. (<http://www.capitalcitymuskiesinc.org> ) and a frequent winner of various musky tourneys. He is a frequent presenter at seminars and guest of TV shows about musky fishing. This presentation will give us a great opportunity to become familiar with musky waters within an hour of Fond du Lac. Don't miss this opportunity. It is also a good opportunity to bring a guest to this meeting.

### **REMINDER**

2017 WMC dues are due The Single dues are \$20/yr and Family are \$25/yr. Please make your check payable to Winnebago and Musky Club. If you are snail mailing your dues use: Winnebago and Musky Club, P.O. Box 1735 Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1735.



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The Annual Awards Banquet Date has been changed to Saturday April 1 from 5:30 p.m. The Legion was not able to give us our regular date of March 11 therefore we had to postpone the date from March to April 1. As always we will have a great dinner, lots of raffle prizes, and a chance to honor our musky champions. Remember we also make this an opportunity to donate food to a worthy food pantry.

The Sportsman's Rummage Sale date is still March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds and we will be running the concession stand as always. We will have 1 table for use by our members to sell their experienced equipment that no longer is needed. Please give Dave Mace a call (920-960-4179) if you can volunteer some time on that day to help man the stand. The event lasts from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are able to donate homemade baked goods to sell at the stand, they will sell nicely and provide extra profit for the club. Drop off Pepsi canned products at the NAPA store if you wish to donate soda to the concession stand.

Our program schedule has been planned for 2017.

- **January** - Speaker - Adam Nickel DNR
- **February** - Speaker - Guide Jeff Hanson from the Madison Area Lakes
- **March** - No Meeting
- **April** - Constructing early season in line musky spinners
- **May** - Knot tying and Leader making
- **June** - Speaker on Locators & GPS use
- **July** - No Meeting
- **August** - Fish Photography and Documenting your fishing trips
- **September** - Speaker t.b.a. Fall Fishing techniques
- **October** - Hi-Tech Night using your smartphone and computer to enhance your fishing
- **November** - Open Member input invited
- **December** - Elections night

### 2017 Outings

May	13 & 14 <sup>th</sup>	Little Green and Fox Lake; Lunch at Vandy's
June	24 & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lower and Upper Buckatabon; Lunch at Bauers Dam Resort
July	15 and 16 <sup>th</sup>	Shawano Lake; lunch at Lighthouse Resort
August	18-20 <sup>th</sup>	Eagle River National Championship Musky Open
September		Lake, Date and Lunch t.b.a.



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### **SOMETHING NEW**

The WinnebagoLand Musky Club is going to try something new in 2017. We are proposing a season long tournament. This is an effort to learn new waters, share information with club members, and have some fun over the course of the season. We will call it the 5-2-6 tournament. The "5" the "2" and the "6" will be explained at the upcoming meeting. Essentially, there will be two person teams that consist of two members or a member and a guest. At least one team member must be a member of the Club. This will allow members to fish with a friend and maybe encourage them to join the Club. The details of this tourney will be explained at the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. We hope you will be open to this idea and that the participation rate is great. We are anxious to tell you about it.

### **ANOTHER IDEA**

Would there be an interest to represent our Club in the first-ever Chili Cook-Off at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Event of the "Fishing Has No Boundaries" organization? The event is Friday and Saturday February 10 and 11. The chili cook-off part is Friday evening February 10<sup>th</sup>. The chili will be presented, judged and consumed by patrons of the event. All the proceeds from the sale of the event go to "Fishing Has No Boundaries". The organizers need one more chili team and we were asked if we wanted to participate. We will discuss this at our February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and report back to the organizers. Our Club will pay for the expenses of the team in preparing a large Nesco cooker of prize-winning chili.



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### **IMPORTANT CHANGES**

- There will be a **regular meeting on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- **NO regular meeting on April 5.** *We typically do not have a March meeting because of our heavy calendar but this change was necessary because the Legion inadvertently booked our regular Banquet time to something else this year.*
- The **Annual Awards Banquet** is moved to **April 1, 2017.**

### **UPCOMING MARCH 1 REGULAR MEETING**

At this regular March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, we will be building early season musky spinner baits under the tutelage of Scott Klapperich, Bob Haase, and Dave LaPine. With smaller profile spinner baits, you will be able to “fish by the book” for early season muskies. As we always suggest, bring a guest to the meeting, have them enjoy the program, and join us for 2017 and beyond.

We will have the 2017 Alliance Boat Raffle Tickets for you to pick up and begin selling at the meeting. For the 32<sup>nd</sup> time, it is a beautiful Ranger Boat and the tickets should be an easy sale. The Alliance Tournament runs from August 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a very successful year of selling tickets in 2016. We will be challenged this year because we have a lot less time to possess the boat for presentation this year. We need a big personal effort by each of us to match our past year’s result. There will be photos of the boat for you to use at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and a list of last year’s winners to help you in your personal sales efforts. The boat will be raffled on the last day of the Alliance National Championship on August 20<sup>th</sup>. We’re counting on you very much this year since we won’t have the boat for display as much as in the past!

### **FEBRUARY 1, 2017 MEETING RECAP**

Wisconsin Musky Guide Jeff Hanson gave a detailed, quality presentation to our Club at this meeting. Jeff’s presentation featured the Madison, Wisconsin area lakes. Jeff spent over an hour discussing the lakes and techniques he has found productive over his 21-year career as a professional guide. Hanson’s presentation was organized by times of the season giving specific advice on weather patterns, presentation, lure selection, spot location, and times to fish. His informative presentation was clear and to the point. The information and advice he gave could also be used on other lakes as well. Jeff did acknowledge that these lakes are very busy and suggested that one should adapt to the crowds by fishing the right places, picking your times to fish, and be willing to fish when the weather was unattractive to the fair-weather pleasure boaters. Besides giving a great presentation, Jeff also donated a guided trip to our club for our upcoming banquet. This



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is a nice prize! Thank you, Jeff. You may reach Jeff Hanson by using the following contact information: Madison Musky Guide Service, 2466 Spring Rose Circle Verona, WI 53593, 608-848-3906, [musky@tds.net](mailto:musky@tds.net), [www.madisonmuskyguide.com](http://www.madisonmuskyguide.com)

At this meeting, we handed out and discussed our proposed 2017 WMC Program and Activity Calendar. We are revising this calendar with recommendations from the meeting and have it ready for you on or before the next meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Winnebago and Musky Club participated in the "Fishing Has No Boundaries" celebration Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> on frozen Lake Winnebago. Dave Mace and Dave LaPine represented our club by making a batch of homemade Fire Tiger Chili and entering it in the chili contest. We were one of six organizations that competed for a trophy. The chili contestants were: Fishing Has No Boundaries, Navy Club, Marine Corps League, Fond du Lac Police, Fond du Lac Fire Department, and Winnebago and Musky Club. We presented an excellent dish and received honorable mention for our presentation. The Marines won 1<sup>st</sup> Place and the FDL Police took second. Mary LaPine, and Scott Klapperich also assisted in the decorations used in the presentation. After the contest, the chili was sold to the public with the sales proceeds went to Fishing Has No Boundaries. Check out our website for photos of this event.  
[www.winnebagoandmuskyclub.com](http://www.winnebagoandmuskyclub.com)

### **COMING UP SOON**

**The 2017 Annual Awards Banquet** is being held on Saturday evening, April 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:30 pm. We moved the date to April 1<sup>st</sup> from March to accommodate the Legion who was not able to give us our usual March date. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this annual gala. At this banquet, we honor our 2016 Musky Champions' success on the water with handsome plaques and trophies. We are having a chicken and baby back ribs dinner with the best homemade desserts. There are several great raffle tables, including a jewelry table, gun table and cash raffle. Another table that we have enjoyed in the past is our special hand made lure raffle. We are proud to have our usual food pantry donation where attendees bring a non-perishable food item or a cash donation and receive raffle tickets for their donation to be used that evening. The donated food will be going to the Warrior House, a newly organized residence in Lomira for homeless veterans formed by "Salute the Troops" organization. The cost for the dinner remains the same \$25 per adult and \$12.50 for those 12 and under.

### **SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE**

We are running the food concession stand for the Sportsman's Rummage Sale held at the fairgrounds on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The stand will run between 7:00 am and 2:00 pm. At the last meeting we passed around a volunteer contact sheet for those that would be willing to



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work on that day. You also may call Dave Mace 920-960-4179 if you can help. It is an enjoyable time. If you wish to donate something, fresh baked goods always sell well and help us raise money. Or donate a couple 12-packs of soda. We do have a table for selling used items this year. If you have some experienced outdoor sports items to sell you may bring them to the sale.

### **SOMETHING NEW**

We proposed a new Winnebago and Musky Club tournament for 2017. Here is a brief proposal for this six month long tourney (May 6 thru October 31<sup>st</sup>) which will run alongside our regular outings. There will be two-person teams consisting of at least 1 member. You may have a guest as the second team member. Prior to the musky opener, the team will provide a registration selecting five specific lakes that you and your partner will fish. Two of the five lakes must be new to both partners. The lakes you choose may be any Wisconsin lake. Teams will fish five of their pre-selected selected lakes and record all fish caught and released over 34 inches. Only the lakes you have selected and recorded will count for fish caught and points for this contest. Fifty points can be attained by just fishing five different lakes. The fish will be reported to Harlan Hopp on the regular Club provided postcard. All information on the card must be completed. Ten points will be awarded to the team for each different lake fished and one point for each inch of fish over 34 inches. Rounding up or down to the nearest ¼" is permitted. It is requested to have a photo to submit either digitally or the old fashioned way. This tourney will be run on an honor system both in picking the lakes and in the dating and recording of the fish caught. We are attempting to have a fun time with this, encouraging people to get out and fish, and simultaneously make it a learning/sharing project. We hope it can be an annual event for the Club. What is The Prize for all this? Each member of the winning team will receive a \$75 gift certificate and an attractive plaque. Each team will be asked to discuss at a Club meeting, their experience in this contest at the November regular meeting. We will discuss and tweak (not *tweet*) this plan at our March 1<sup>st</sup> general meeting and have the registrations available by April 1. This operates much like a league and it was initially well received when proposed to the members at our February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. It is called 5-2-6 because you will fish 5 lakes, 2 of the lakes will be new, and 6 months of time running for the tourney.

### **REMINDER**

2017 WMC dues are due. No changes here. A single membership is \$20 and a family membership is \$25. You can bring your dues to the next meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> or mail them in to Winnebago and Musky Club, P.O. Box 1735 Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1735.





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The **Annual Awards Banquet** is quickly approaching. The date is **Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>** at 5:30. We hope that you all can make this gala event. Make sure you bring your significant other. Over the years, this has proven to be a fun social event with many raffle prizes to entice everyone. The dinner will consist of baked chicken, baby back ribs, salad, potatoes, and another vegetable. The raffle tables include guided fishing trips, outdoor gear, fishing gear, hand-made lures, 2 guns, a jewelry table, other items appealing to the ladies, and a cash raffle. Please remember to bring a donation of non-perishable food items to be donated to a newly formed veterans' project in our area (The Warrior House).

You will receive a raffle ticket for a raffle prize for every item or every dollar donated. Last but not least is the "Bucket of Baits" raffle. For this raffle you bring a bait to donate to the bucket. With each bait you receive a raffle ticket. One ticket is drawn and the winner gets all the baits in the bucket.

### **March 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

At the March meeting, members built smaller spinner baits appropriate for use on early season muskies. About 25 members braved the horrible weather for this informative meeting. Bob Haase guided people in making new lures while Scott Klapperich showed folks how to make a new bait using components harvested from older less productive baits. This type of educational/fun meeting seems to be popular with members. We have components on hand to repeat this type of meeting. When you see a meeting like this coming up, bring a friend and encourage them to join.

### **"5-2-6" club tournament**

Bob Haase explained the new "5-2-6" club tournament we are kicking off on May 6<sup>th</sup> and will run through October 2017. The membership seemed receptive to this new event that will consist of 2-person declared teams (1 team member must be a member). The key to this is that for the 6 month period you will fish 5 separate lakes and two of the lakes must be new water for your team. You can pick up a copy of the rules at the **annual banquet** registration table and sign up as a participant. There will be a \$75/each gift certificate for the winning team at the November meeting. Try it, it sounds like fun.



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### **Updates and Reminders**

On Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>, the Club once again hosted the concession stand at the fairgrounds for the Sportsman's Rummage Sale. The unofficial profit was over \$500 this year. We will have the official number as soon as all of the expense items are in to us. Sales were down a little from last year. We had **Outstanding** club participation at this event. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the event. Special thanks to Paul Roloff, Harlan Hopp, and Dick Denslow who braved the weather and did the cooking outdoors. Without the help of all the club volunteers we could not do this project.

### **Annual Awards Banquet – April 1<sup>st</sup>**

#### **American Legion Clubhouse-500 Fond du Lac Ave**

The cost of this event is \$25/adult and \$12.50 for those 12 and under. As seating is limited, we ask that you RSVP to us on or before March 28<sup>th</sup>. You may pay at the door when you register if you did not prepay using the return envelope and stub we provided earlier. Call



either Scott Klapperich 920-948-2283 or Dave Mace 920-960-4179 to RSVP. Get to the banquet by 5:30 so you have time to examine and play each raffle table and enjoy an adult beverage and conversation with your friends. Dinner will be served at 6:35 with the awards program following after dinner is served.

Check your fluorescent yellow/green calendar (“refrigerator poster”) for all the events planned for this year. You may pick up a Club calendar at the **Annual Awards** registration table on April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not already paid your 2017 dues you can pay them at the banquet registration table (\$20 single and \$25 family).

**There will be no regular meeting in April.** We just had the Sportsman's Rummage Sale on March 4<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Awards Banquet on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We don't want to see too much of each other : )

**Next Regular Meeting is Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017, at 7 pm at the American Legion Clubhouse.** 500 Fond du Lac Ave. Fond du Lac, WI.

At this meeting we will have a seminar on knot tying and leader making. Looking even further ahead, the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting program will be led by Paul Meshak from the Lowrance Pro Staff and the subject will be New Boat Electronics.

**See you at the banquet!**



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### APRIL RECAP

April is the culmination of our Musky Club's Activities with the Annual Awards Banquet held at the American Legion Post. This year's banquet was a fine event with lots of fun raffles, recognition of our award winners and a very successful food drive. The collected food was donated to Salute the Troops' Warrior House. The Warrior House located in Lomira, WI provides transitional living for veterans.



*Winnebago and Musky Club's 2017 Banquet donation presented at the Warrior House to Dan Tinsley, President of the Salute the Troops and Richard Feustel, Warrior House Director.*

Here is the listing of our Award winners for the 2016 musky season.

### MAY 2016 - FISH OF THE MONTH

- Mark Klapperich, 40", Caught May 22<sup>nd</sup> on Little Green Lake using a Rizzo Whiz

### JUNE 2016 - FISH OF THE MONTH

- Luke Mueller, 43 ¼", Caught June 10th on Lake Poygan using a Jake

### JULY 2016 - FISH OF THE MONTH including other winning categories

- Jared Langlitz, 48 ½", Caught July 16th on Lake Poygan using a Tinsel Tail
  - Jared also wins: **LARGEST MUSKY OF 2016-WISCONSIN**
  - Jared also wins: **LARGEST MUSKY OF THE YOUTH DIVISION**

### AUGUST 2016 - FISH OF THE MONTH including other winning categories

- Kevin Francis, 37" Caught August 19<sup>th</sup> on Yellow Birch Lake using a Creeper
  - Kevin also wins: **2nd LARGEST MUSKY OF 2016 - WISCONSIN: 47"**, Caught July 2<sup>nd</sup>, on Lake Winnebago using a bucktail
  - Kevin also wins: **3rd LARGEST MUSKY OF 2016 - WISCONSIN: 46 ½"**, Caught July 2<sup>nd</sup>, on Lake Winnebago on a bucktail

### SEPTEMBER 2016 - FISH OF THE MONTH

- Harlan Hopp, 46 ½" Hybrid, Caught September 30<sup>th</sup> on Big Sand Lake using a perch

### OCTOBER 2016 - FISH OF THE MONTH including other category

- Bob Kuhr, 39 ½", Caught October 1st, Noquebay using a Phantom



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- Bob also wins: **2nd LARGEST FISH 2016 - NATIONAL AWARD:** 43" Lake Vermillion, MN Using a Spanky

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- Greg Stubbe with 8 Muskies measuring 43 ½", 34", 34 ½", 36", 36", 35", 35" and 37 ½"

### **LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR - NATIONAL AWARD**

- Eric Larsen, 50 ½", Caught August 19<sup>th</sup> on Lake Vermillion, MN on a Flaptail

Congratulations to all of our Champions!!! To make sure you are recognized for your achievements, you must register your fish this coming season using the postcards sending them to Harlan Hopp, our official fish recorder. Pick up a supply of the postcards at our meetings or call Scott or Dave and we will send you a few.

Thank you to our Banquet Committee members for a job well done this year.

### **BOAT RAFFLE**

We have tickets available for you to sell. Pick them up along with some photos of the boat and information about our club at the meeting. The money you collect and the completed tickets must be turned in by Early August. This is our main fund raiser for the year and your individual effort is much needed. We do not have the pleasure of having the boat in our possession for very much time this year (2 weeks only). With that in mind, we will not be able to display it very long at our usual haunts.

### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AT THE AMERICAN LEGION 7:00 PM**

At this meeting we will have instruction on knot tying, both for your boat and lure attachment. In addition, we will have training on building leaders. You will have the opportunity to build one of your own. Bring a guest. We will also be explaining our new 5-2-6 Club tourney rules.

### **FIRST OUTING**

May 13 & 14 on Little Green Lake and Fox Lake with lunch at noon at Vandy's on Little Green Lake. Please register at the May Club meeting or call Scott 920-948-2283 so that we can plan food for lunch on Saturday at Vandy's.

*... the quest for the coveted cup in 2017 begins...*



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### **MAY 3, 2017 MEETING**

At the May meeting, we built fluorocarbon leaders with Scott Klapperich leading this part of our learning session. Steve Critchley filled in for Bob Haase on a knot tying session as Bob was struggling with a recent dental procedure. We tried different line tying knots using the diagrams Steve and Bob prepared and also knots used in lashing down our boats. There was one knot in particular that was very interesting that allowed one to untie the knot using one pull of the tag end of the rope. If you wish to see and practice some of the knots shown at our session, we have some handouts which you can pick up at the next meeting on Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING**

Paul Meschak from the pro staff of Lowrance will be speaking to us at the upcoming meeting. Paul has been with them for a number of years and is very knowledgeable about the operation and use of many of the Lowrance products. I have personally called on Paul several times to discuss issues I had with my Lowrance unit. He recognized my problem and solved it quickly. It is suggested that if you have questions about your unit make sure you have the model # and jot down your problem so that Paul can address your issue or question at the meeting. Paul will also be talking to us about some of the new products available and make suggestions to you if you are thinking of buying a unit. In helping me, he was very understanding and was able to explain things to me at my level (low).

Paul is also the owner of River Run Tackle Company and we asked him to bring some samples of his products with him to this meeting. Paul is an active fisherman and member of the 12 Apostles Musky Club out of Steven Point. He will be able to relate very well to your questions on the electronics and the tackle.

### **LAST OUTING AT LITTLE GREEN LAKE AND FOX LAKE May 13<sup>th</sup>**

23 Winnebago and Musky Club enthusiasts attended the May WMC outing with lunch at Vandy's Resort on Little Green Lake. The water was cold and the fish were colder. No fish were registered but there were several sightings on Little Green. The lunch and socializing at Vandy's was excellent. We have not given up on these waters. We will do it again.

### **NEXT OUTING JUNE 9, 10, & 11 AT UPPER AND LOWER BUCKATABON**

The upcoming outing on Buckatabon will have the lunch get-together at Bauer's Dam Resort, 3597 E Buckatabon Rd Conover, WI 54519 (715-479-4510) ([www.bauersdam.com](http://www.bauersdam.com)). Check them out for cabin rentals or referrals for other possible accommodations. Looking ahead, July 15-16 Shawano Lake with lunch at Lighthouse Resort Bar & Grill.

**FISH REPORT FOR MAY BY HARLEN HOPP**—None registered



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### **RAFFLE BOAT REMINDER**

Remember that we are selling raffle boat tickets for a \$40,000 Ranger boat again this year as our main fundraiser. We only have the boat to display for 2 short weeks so we are depending on each of you to sell tickets individually at a higher level than we have ever done before. If you have sold tickets already, you can turn in money at the meeting or pick up tickets to sell and turn in on or before the August 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting.

### **NEWS**

Charlie LaPine has asked to resign from his duties as Secretary of the club. We sadly will respect his request and wish to greatly thank him for his past work. Charlie has been an active and valued member for years and we await his return to active duty. Bob Rennock has graciously offered to step in for Charlie, and we thank him for that.

Also remember to register for the 5-2-6 club tourney. You can pick up the rules at the meeting and register as well.

### **REMINDER NOTICE**

There is no regular meeting for the month of July 2017. The next regular meeting is August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017. The program for that meeting will be on photo taking and documenting your fishing trips.

We will be collecting Alliance Raffle Boat tickets and money at this meeting for delivery to the Alliance. There is still a good amount of time for all of us to sell tickets individually. This individual effort will be especially needed this year because the club only gets the boat for a very limited number of days to display. Call Scott @ 920-948-2283 if you need tickets.

At the last meeting we announced a ticket sale incentive contest for club members. For every 4 packets of tickets sold, the seller will receive 1 entry in a drawing to be held at the September meeting. Helping at a car show will equal 4 books sold. Prizes are \$25 gift certificates from Dutch's, Tuffy's, Casa Del Tequila Restaurant, NAPA, and some lure packages. Please let Scott know of any ticket sales you turned in prior to the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting so that we give you credit.



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### **JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Paul Meschak from Riverrun Tackle and Lowrance Pro Staff made a presentation discussing Lowrance Electronics. Paul answered a number of members' questions about Lowrance and even Humminbird products. If you haven't updated your fishing electronics in the last few years, you would be surprised with the new features and benefits available. Paul also brought a few samples of his lures for us to examine. The "shark" and "manta" baits are a couple of his lures. Paul also works in the fishing and electronics department of the Wausau Gander Mountain as well as being on the Lowrance Pro Staff and running his own company Riverrun Tackle [www.riverruntackle.com](http://www.riverruntackle.com). You may contact Paul with questions at his email address [riverruntackle@charter.net](mailto:riverruntackle@charter.net) or his phone 715-432-1651.

### **OTHER NEWS**

At the June meeting we Elected Bob Rennock as our new Secretary to replace the vacancy of Charlie LaPine who has resigned as Secretary. Thank you to Bob for offering to pick up these duties and thank you to Charlie for his past work and dedication to the Club.

We had the boat at the Swan City Car Show on Father's Day. We had a beautiful day and the ticket sales were good. Thank you to Dik Suzek, Pat Michaelson, Scott Klapperich and Emma, and Dave Mace for manning the raffle effort at the car show. The show was an excellent venue to show the boat. Our next effort will be the Fox Lake Car Show on Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please give Dave Mace a call if you can help with this event. These shows are very pleasant to attend and it seems like more fun than work.

### **BEST WISHES AND GET WELL**

Two of our members are battling cancer at this time. We offer our thoughts, prayers, and best wishes to Carol Bartow and Doris Rubin. May their recoveries be quick and complete.

### **OUTINGS**

Our last outing on Upper and Lower Buckatabon with the bean feed at Bauer's Dam Resort was attended by eight. The weather was a little problematic, but we did have a good time fishing a very nice body of water and socializing at Bauer's Dam Resort. Our next outing is planned for Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at Shawano Lake with the "bean feed" on Saturday at 11:30 at the Lighthouse Bar and Grill on Shawano Lake on Gumaer Rd. Shawano, WI The resort is on the Southwest side of the lake near the mouth of the river in Shawano. There is dockage available for lunch attendees. Please give Scott a call by Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> to sign up for this outing (920-948-2283).

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

5/31	Bob Larsen	49 ½"	Bay of Green Bay	bucktail
6/01	Eric Larsen	42 ½"	Bay of Green Bay	black bucktail
6/01	Bob Larsen	42"	Bay of Green Bay	bucktail





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6/07	Dik Suzek	35"	Shishebogama	Mepps Maribou
6/17	Greg Stubbe	36 1/2"	Four Mile	Phantom Softail
6/19	Doris Rubin	37"	Pewaukee Lake	bucktail

### **THE 5-2-6 TOURNEY**

If you are interested in signing up as a 2017 participant in our Club tourney give Bob Haase a call (920-579-3858) to get registered as a participant.



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### **NEXT MEETING AUGUST 2 2017**

The next regular meeting of the Winnebago and Musky Club will be presided over by Past President Jerry LaPine. Both President Scott Klapperich and Vice President Dave Mace will be on Lake of the Woods chasing muskies that week. Along with Jerry LaPine, Treasurer Ron Lange will be present and Secretary Bob Rennock. Scott and Dave will be guided by members Dik Suzek, Mark and Terry Klapperich, and Paul Klein. The program this month should prove interesting. We are asking each member attending to bring one lure along to the meeting. What's so special about that you might ask? The lure that you bring should be the one lure in your arsenal that you would keep if you were ordered by the musky police to have only one musky lure in your possession. Bring that one "best lure" to the meeting and tell the others what it is, where you can get one, how you use it, when you would use it, and what type of water body you would use this special bait. This type of interaction fits in with the principles the club was founded on, namely education and the sharing of information. If you are unable to bring your lure to this "Show and Tell" we will have a couple of bait catalogs available at the meeting so you can cut out a photo and show the others. The entourage heading to LOTW would have benefitted from this program in that they always take too many lures with them.

### **OTHER NEWS**

The Club presented the raffle boat at the Fox Lake Firemen's Annual Car Show Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>. It turned out to be very nice weather. The weather was threatening in the early hours but changed for the better later on. The attendance suffered a little but we were able to sell \$365 worth of tickets that day. Thank you to Dik Suzek, Jerry Loop, Scott, Tuesday and Emma Klapperich, and Dave Mace for their efforts that day. This type of venue is very entertaining. If you have a chance to participate in this next year, make sure you try to be there. The cars and people you meet are great.

At the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, we ask that you bring your money and raffle ticket stubs with you along with your favorite lure. The Alliance requires that we turn in the tickets and money before the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, so please get them in. Make sure that your sales numbers are recorded when you turn in your tickets and money so that we can determine the results of our sales contest. (For every four books of tickets you sell and turn in, you will receive 1 entry in a drawing to be held at the September meeting. Four entries is also given to those helping with the Raffle Boat per car show. Prizes will be certificates from Dutch's Tuffy's, Casa Del Tequila, NAPA, and Nehl's Bait Shop in Fox Lake.

Our last outing on July 15th was very lightly attended on Shawano Lake. Dick Burrows, Bob Kuhr and Scott Klapperich were the only attendees. No fish were reported.

### **FISHING REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP**

06/24	Eric Larsen	43 1/2"	Eagle River Chain	Bucktail
07/02	Jordan Peebles	45"	Lake Poygan	Bucktail
07/08	Greg Stubbe	44"	Planting Ground	Suick
07/08	Bob Kuhr	42"	Noquebay	Spinner Bait



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And for those looking to do a little research about a classic lure, check out <http://www.suick.com/history.htm> The Frank Suick Story. Frank Suick is from Antigo, Wisconsin.



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### **AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING**

This meeting was presided over by Past President Jerry LaPine with the assistance of Treasurer Ron Lange and Secretary Bob Rennock. The program for the evening was a club participation evening with members recommending their favorite lures and sharing personal stories about these baits. It was reported that the meeting was one of the best ever. There was no lack of participation in this “show and tell” meeting. Everyone participated and we are probably going to send these stories to the “Musky Shop” for use in their catalog. The CHICKEN was the favorite!

The Alliance National Tournament was held from 8/17-8/20. Amy Langlitz from our Club boated a fish. Congratulations! There were 1,330 fishermen registered for this tourney with 194 fish registered. We will post the detailed results on our website [www.winnebagolandmuskyclub.com](http://www.winnebagolandmuskyclub.com)

The 2017 Ranger Raffle Boat was won by Amber Cmejla from Milwaukee, WI. The Grand Prize Winner from the registered Anglers was Paul Dimmer of Green Bay, WI. This prize was also a winner of a 2017 Ranger Boat.

Thank you to all that helped sell raffle tickets for our club. It looks like we were very close to the good results we had last year. The final numbers will be reported next month’s newsletter. This effort was very good in that we only had the boat for our own display 2 weeks!

We ask that you please give Scott a call, text, or email with the dollar amount of your own personal sales before the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to verify our count of the individual sales. (920-948-2283 or [scott\\_Klapperich@yahoo.com](mailto:scott_Klapperich@yahoo.com)) We are having a drawing for some prizes for personal ticket sales as a thank you and incentive. You need not be present to win.

### **SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING**

This will be a regular meeting. No speaker this month.

### **OTHER NEWS**

The Club will be sponsoring a “Salute the Troops” musky hunt for 12 veterans once again this year along with the Navy Club and Marion University. This event will be held on the Three Lakes Chain and at the Stone Lake Resort. Club and Navy Club member and Salute the Troops board member Richard Feustel and Tracy Quallman from Marion University will be spearheading this event. Mark Klapperich, Scott Klapperich, Paul Klein, Dave LaPine, Dix Suzek, and Greg Stubbe will guide the veterans on this fishing excursion. Their lodging will be the Triangle Motel and the Stone Lake Resort. Tracy Quallman, Mary LaPine and Tuesday Klapperich are helping with the food.

Generous monetary support is being provided by Dennis Buechel, owner of Natural Stone Veneer Company of Fond du Lac and the Navy Club of Fond du Lac. Their donation along with our Club’s Manpower makes this event possible for our deserving military veterans.

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

7/26	Greg Stubbe	35 ½”	Lake of the Woods	ACE Tandem
7/27	Greg Stubbe	37 ½”	Lake of the Woods	ACE Tandem



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7/29	Scott Klapperich	45"	Lake of the Woods	Double 10 Bucktail
7/29	Dik Suzek	36"	Lake of the Woods	700 Bucher Bucktail
8/04	Dik Suzek	48"	Lake of the Woods	Fat Bastard Topwater
8/04	Scott Klapperich	44"	Lake of the Woods	Double 10 Bucktail
8/04	Scott Klapperich	39 ½"	Lake of the Woods	Double 10 Bucktail
8/04	Scott Klapperich	35 ½"	Lake of the Woods	Double 10 Bucktail
8/06	John Peebles	39"	Pike Lake	#7 Mepps
8/08	John Peebles	38 ¼"	Bass Lake	Double 10 Bucktail
8/12	Bob Kuhr	36"	Lake Vermillion	HellHound
8/13	Jordan Peebles	46 ½"	Bay of Green Bay	Double 10 Bucktail
8/19	Amy Langlitz	34"	Yellow Birch Lake	Top Raider (Alliance Tourney)

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

This was a regular meeting of the Club. There was no guest speaker and we discussed the results of the 2017 Boat Raffle and presented some incentive prizes to Club ticket sellers. Good job to all of you that helped with this effort this year. 2017 sales were \$5,110, only \$70 less than last year.

### **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING**

At this regular meeting we will have a **bait building** session for attendees. There will be a small charge for materials.

### **NEWS**

The Salute the Troops Veteran Musky Fishing Outing in which our Club helped support was a great success. Even though only one of the twelve veterans (Scott Wolff) boated a musky, all of the vets had a well-deserved good time. In all we had 14 veterans, 7 club guides, and 3 wonderful staffers. Club members Scott Klapperich, Mark Klapperich, Dave LaPine, Dik Suzek, Greg Stubbe, and Paul Klein provided boats and guiding services for the event. Further support to this event was provided by Richard Feustel and Dann Denslow, Jenni Klein, Tracy Quallman, Mary LaPine, and Tuesday Klapperich. Monetary support was provided by our Club, The Navy Club, and Dennis Buechel of Natural Stone Veneer Company of Fond du Lac. Veterans exchanged war stories around the campfire Friday and Saturday nights. One of the vets told Richard that this was the first time, ever, he felt comfortable talking about his Viet Nam service. A heartfelt thank you to all of the above-mentioned for making this "thank you event" a huge success.

There is quite a side story to this event that shows just how much our Veterans service and this outing is appreciated.



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1. This story started with Bob the vegetable stand owner in Clintonville (an 80+ year old vet). When Scott and Mark stopped at his stand to buy corn for the cookout and he learned about this vets musky event, he donated the corn for the cookout.
2. When the owners of the Sunset Grill in Three Lakes learned that our Saturday breakfast was going to be a continental type, they decided to put on a full-blown breakfast for the event. They served all 23 people involved for free as a show of appreciation to our veterans.
3. When the owner of Jokin Joe's Bait & Tackle Shop in Three Lakes learned about our event, he personally came to the Friday night campfire and made a generous donation of a musky rod, reel and line setup for the veteran catching the biggest fish. That was Scott Wolff as mentioned above.
4. Lastly, the Firechief of the Pelican Lake Fire Department Wayne Sparks with the assistant fire chief happened to drop in the Sunset Grill for breakfast while the crew was eating and inquired about the large group gathered in the small resort dining room. When he learned about what we had going on, he pulled out a \$100 bill and asked that it go towards a veterans cause.

Wow! How great was this series of unsolicited support? All of these acts of kindness just shows how much our veterans and their service to our country is appreciated and respected by most citizens. More Thank-Yous to Bob the vegetable stand vet, Sunset Grill-Three Lakes, Jokin Joe's Bait & Tackle, and Wayne Sparks of the Pelican Lake Fire Department.

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

8/30 Ron Lange	38"	Birch Lake	Top Raider
9/04 Carol Heffner	39"	Pickeral Lake	Slippery Sam
9/04 John Peebles	36½"	Vermillion	#10 Spinner
9/11 Greg Rubin	35"	Pewaukee Lake	Bucktail



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

At the October meeting, we built small bucktail lures for use in the upcoming Spring 2018 season. There also was a recap given on the "Salute the Troops" September Musky hunt for veterans. The story unfolded over the whole weekend with strangers meeting the group and donating to the cause with absolutely no solicitation. Citizens were happy and impressed to see such efforts being made towards our veterans.

**NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING** 7:30 PM AMERICAN LEGION HALL FOND DU LAC, WI

The program for November will be a wrap up of 2017. Anyone that participated in the 5-2-6 Tournament was supposed to share some information about the lakes they fished. Unfortunately there were not that many members that participated, so we are opening it up for all members to give a little wrap up about their 2017 musky fishing season. Please come prepared to talk about any new lakes you fished, new lures you used, new techniques you tried, or anything that you feel might be helpful for next year. Bob Haase will lead the discussion and also share some information on how fishing has changed in northern Wisconsin. If you didn't get out as much as planned and are looking to make up for it next year, it may be a good meeting to attend and learn from fellow members what worked this.

### **OTHER NEWS**

Salute the Troops is hosting the **4th Annual Veterans Gala on November 9th** (see website below). It is possible for the Winnebago and Musky Club to help in a pretty simple and unique way. Hopefully this is not a large request.

For this event, some of our Club members are donating their time and talents as guides offering an auction prize of a day of guided fishing. To help with the auction display, we are asking that Club members bring to the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting a musky lure you are willing to donate. It can be new or used, no special requirements other than that it be in good condition. This would be something you are willing to part with and donate to the "Salute the Troops" cause. If you have any other ideas for the display or for donations, please contact Richard Feustel at his personal cell phone 920-517-4712.

If you would like to attend this veteran fundraising event or donate, please contact Richard or Vicky Melius as soon as possible or attend the November 1<sup>st</sup> WMC meeting to discuss this. (9Nov17 at 5:30 at South Hills Golf & Country Club, \$75/person) You can sign up online at <http://www.salutethetroopswi.org/gala.html>

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



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9/12	Bob Kuhr	39 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	Green Bay	Mepps Bucktail
9/24	Steve Critchley	36"	Pelican Lake	Hellhound
10/7	Jordan Peebles	37"	Allequash Lake	Suick
10/14	Terry Klapperich	41"	Lake of the Woods	Jake
10/14	Terry Klapperich	41"	Lake of the Woods	Jake
10/17	Terry Klapperich	43"	Lake of the Woods	Matlock
10/19	Terry Klapperich	40"	Lake of the Woods	Jake
10/20	Terry Klapperich	39"	Lake of the Woods	Jake





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### **NOVEMBER 1, 2017 MEETING**

At the last meeting, we discussed the 2017 5-2-6 Tourney. There were only 2 teams that registered. Dik Suszek and Dave LaPine's team was the only team that registered a fish. They are still discussing who was captain and who was the deckhand for their ship.

### **DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2017 MEETING** 7:30 pm American Legion Hall Fond du Lac, WI

The next meeting of the Winnebago and Musky Club is the Annual Election of Officers Meeting. At this meeting we will ask for nominations and vote for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Current office holders are Scott Klapperich - President, David Mace - Vice President, Bob Rennock - Secretary, and Ron Lange - Treasurer.

At this meeting we would also like to hear from members about their ideas for meeting programs, outings, projects and donation recipients, and other Club participation events. If there are members wishing to volunteer, we would like to hear from you. Pizza will be provided pizza to attendees and look forward to your input. Two of the veterans from the September outing want to say thank you by providing the pizza for the meeting. A special thank you to Pete Halbur and Dick Vandervelde.

We hope to revisit the 5-2-6 Tourney/ League issue and try to blow some life into this event.



### **REMINDERS**

Please mark your calendars for the following important WMC Dates. If you would like to participate in the planning or organization of these events, please speak up.

**SATURDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> 2018 – SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE** at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds. This is a fund raising event for the Club where we run the concession stand from 7:00 am - 2:00 pm. It is an enjoyable participation event that raises money for the Club in addition to providing a social gathering for participants. We also provide a table to allow members to rummage sale some of their outdoor gear.

**SATURDAY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> 2018 – WMC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET** at the American Legion Hall, where we hold our meetings. This is an excellent time for us to enjoy an evening with raffles, dinner, talk, and congratulatory celebration for our musky award winners. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

**ANNUAL CLUB DUES FOR 2018** The dues are the same, \$20 for single and \$25 for family. Please pay them as soon as possible.

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

10/25 Jonathon Bitter      38"      Deerskin Lake      Suick