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January 2018

JANUARY 3RD 2018 MEETING

Our first meeting of the year will be a presentation from Abe Downs, owner of Great Northern Fly Fishing. Abe is an Orvis Endorsed Guide headquartered in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Abe caters to both experienced and novice fly fishers. Mr. Downs will introduce his method of musky hunting to expand our horizons for fishing muskies. The goal, as stated by Abe, is to inform, teach and promote warm water fly fishing and all that it has to offer. He primarily fishes musky, smallmouth bass and northern pike on fly rods. Even if you decide not to try this fishing method, Abe's extensive knowledge of the resource and the waters of the Wisconsin River will prove interesting and we are sure you will take something useful away from this presentation. We hope you can brave the weather and make this meeting Wednesday January 3rd. Take a look at their impressive website at www.greatnorthernflyfishing.com prior to coming to the meeting.



DECEMBER 6TH MEETING

At the last 2017 meeting of the Winnebago and Musky Club, we held the election of officers for 2018. The following individuals were nominated and elected. President - Scott Klapperich, Vice President - Dave Mace, -Treasurer - Ron Lange, and Secretary - Bob Rennock-.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday March 3rd 2018 - SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds. This is a fundraising event where we run the concession stand from 7am to 2 pm. It is an enjoyable participation event that raises money for the Club. We will be providing at least one table to allow members to rummage some of their own gently used outdoor gear. We also ask that members provide donations of soda for the concessions stand, a 12-pack of a brand name soda is the perfect donation.

SATURDAY MARCH 10TH 2018 – WMC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET at the American Legion Hall where we hold our regular meetings. This is an excellent time to enjoy an evening with raffles, dinner, talk and congratulatory celebration for our Club to honor for our musky award winners. More to come. Watch your mailbox.

FISH REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP

11/27 Robert Larsen 37" Bay of Green Bay using a Slammer

An interesting note: Bob was the first member in 2017 to register a fish and the last to register for 2017. Our count was down over the year. 32 musky were registered with 11 of them over 40 inches long. The complete report is always available at our regular meetings and at the Annual Awards Banquet.



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REMINDER

Dues for 2018 are the same, \$20 for single and \$25 for family. Please pay as soon as possible.



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UPCOMING FEBRUARY 7TH MEETING

Don't miss this meeting. We have a special guest speaker that will be discussing fishing on the Bay of Green Bay. Kevin Pischke is the owner-operator of the "Lay in a Line Guide Service" operating primarily on the Bay of Green Bay and Fox River System. Along with his guiding services, Kevin is an active member of **MUSKIE'S Inc** (M.I.) and an *Officer in the TitleTown – Packerland M.I. Chapter*. Having numerous published articles, Kevin was promoted to Field Editor with **MUSKIE Magazine**, The Official Publication of M.I. Along with his writing and guiding, Kevin is an active seminar speaker and a 16-year veteran Fireman/EMT. This is a seminar you do not want to miss. Do another musky angler a favor and bring him or her to this meeting.



JANUARY 3RD MEETING RECAP

Where was everyone? We had a very low member turnout for a very interesting guest speaker presentation. Perhaps the weather kept everyone in the warmth of their homes. Abe Downs from the **Great Northern Fly Fishing Service**, an ORVIS endorsed guide, presented a very interesting seminar for us on fly fishing the Wisconsin River (abe@greatnorthernflyfishing.com). Abe's presentation opened our eyes to a resource and method that is not widely utilized or practiced by existing musky hunters. Abe is planning to return later this year to put on a private, hands-on demonstration for us. Did anyone notice the musky shows this last weekend? One of the boats on the Keyes show, had a fisherman working a heavy fly rod on a river float trip in northern Minnesota. Stay tuned to our newsletter for the date when Abe returns to our Club for a hands on primer to this fishing method.



Neal Siebel, our Club's liaison to the local sportsmen alliance announced that they have learned that 23 new Wisconsin wardens have been approved for hire but only to replace retirees. It would appear that the warden crew will be very thinly spread throughout our state. Jerry Loop informed us that a newly organized Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance is replacing the Winnebago Lakes Council. Jerry will try and bring their representative to our February meeting.



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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Upcoming 2018 Sportsman's Rummage Sale --- Saturday March 3, 2018

This is an annual fund raising event in which we run food concession at a public outdoor sports rummage sale at the Fond du Lac fairgrounds. We appreciate volunteers to help make this successful. It is an enjoyable day associating with members and raising money for the Club. We provide at least one table for members to use and sell their gently used outdoor gear and make room for new stuff. Please call or text Dave Mace at (920-960-4179) or Scott Klapperich (920-948-2283) to volunteer some of your time for that day. We also like to sell home-baked goods as an addition to our regular menu. If you would like to donate baked goods or Pepsi and Coke products to the club, which helps lower our costs and increase profits, please drop off your donation at the February 7th meeting or at the downtown NAPA store on 56 N Main St., Fond du Lac and tell them it is for Scott.

Upcoming WinnebagoLand Musky Club Annual Awards Banquet --- March 10, 2018

This gala event is held each year to honor our Club's Musky Hunters for the past year's catch and release. It is also one of the most noted social and fun events of the year with an evening of dinner, raffles, talk, and celebration. The Banquet Committee is currently working on all of the details. We do know that the cost will be the same as last year. (\$25/adult and \$12.50/children 12 and under), and the location and time is the same (5pm-Cocktails and 6:35-Dinner at the American Legion Clubhouse at 500 Fond du Lac Ave Fond du Lac). Watch your mailbox for your formal invitation and RSVP form.

Musky Banquet

DUES REMINDER FOR 2018 \$20 Single and \$25 Family



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REMINDERS AND NEWS

Sportsman's Rummage Sale

Once again, our busiest time of the year as a Club is now upon us. The Sportsman's Rummage Sale is this Saturday, March 3rd from 7:00 am until 2:00 pm. For those not familiar with this event, it is one of our fundraisers. We operate the food concession at the fairgrounds for the Winnebago Sportsmen's Alliance. The event allows the public to browse through and buy and sell new and used sportsman's gear. We sell the food and refreshments throughout the event. We also rent a table from the Alliance and allow our members to sell their goods. The Club needs your help so plan to attend. Please call Dave Mace at 920-960-4179 if you can spend some time at our stand somewhere between 7:00 am and 2:00 pm or contact Dave Mace to donate soda to be sold at the concession stand.



Banquet

Packets are out to you with Banquet details and an RSVP request. If you have already RSVP'd or paid, great, thanks, no need to RSVP again. If you have not RSVP'd please do as soon as possible. This is critical to planning our dinner food order and banquet setup. If you prefer to pay at the banquet, that's OK, but we still need your RSVP on or before March 7. We're flexible, so you may also call or text Scott Klapperich (920-948-2283) or Dave Mace (920-960-4179) if you wish with your RSVP.



We hope you are planning to attend. The committee has put together a nice array of prizes to include multiple guided musky fishing trips and raffles along with a delicious meal catered by Eden Meats. At this banquet, we honor the 2017 champion musky hunters. Remember, we also have a charitable effort each year where we **donate non-perishable food items** to a food pantry. Please bring as many donations as you like. For every item donated, you will receive a raffle ticket to be played on one of the raffle boards. If you elect to donate cash, you will receive one raffle ticket for each dollar donated. All money and food collected is then given to a food pantry or veterans home. This continues to be a very sizable combined donation each year.



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In your mailed out packet, we placed a green printed 2018 calendar of events for the Club and a resume highlighting past donations and service provided by the WinnebagoLand Musky Club. We thought you may be interested and this information may help promote the Club to potential members and the community. The Club has and continues to contribute to the community and our natural resources and it is important for us to be knowledgeable and spread the word. Much of the research and work done by our DNR would not be possible without contributions from clubs like ours.

WMC BANQUET DETAILS

Date: Saturday, March 10th, 2018
Time: 5:30 pm Cocktails
6:35 pm Dinner
Place: American Legion Hall
500 Fond du Lac Ave Fond du Lac, WI

**BRING A
FRIEND!**

February 7th Meeting

Kevin Pischke from "Lay in a Line Guide Service" of Green Bay gave a very well prepared, informative presentation to our Club at the February meeting. The program lasted well over an hour as all of those attending were riveted to his words. Kevin also donated a guided ½ day trip to our banquet. Whoever wins this prize will be pleased! He booked a couple of people right after our meeting. Check out his website for yourself www.layinalineguideservice.com.

See you at the Banquet and bring a friend.



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FEBRUARY 7TH MEETING

Kevin Pischke from “Lay in a Line” Guide Service was our guest speaker. He spoke about his methods for musky fishing on Green Bay. When asked about whether he casts or trolls his answer was whatever fits for the time he is engaged. He has been fishing the Bay professionally for the last 17 years and is well connected to the water and those fishing the area so the method can vary. It was a very good presentation that was done professionally and thoroughly. He stayed quite after his 1.5 hour presentation for us, candidly answering questions and sharing his expertise. He donated a half day trip to our club that was won by Bob Kuhr at the banquet. If you wish to discuss a trip with Kevin check out Kevin’s website at www.layinalineguideservice.com and mention the Winnebago and Musky Club.

March was a busy month for the Club. We had the Sportsman’s Rummage Sale at the Fairgrounds on March 3rd. Lots of helping hands from members running the food concession stand made the work light. We also manned two sales tables that we obtained for our Club members’ use in selling their used outdoor gear. The fundraiser was down a little in profits this year along with the public attendance numbers but that did not diminish the fun had by all. **Thank you to our volunteers!!!**

On March 10th, we had our Annual Awards Banquet. A good time was had by all. There were lots of prizes this year including one table where there were five guided musky hunts raffled. The food was also very good with prize winning desserts from Judy Hopp, Tuesday Klapperich, Amy Langlitz, and Jenny Klein . Thank you to these generous and dedicated folks along with the Banquet Committee members who worked very hard to make this event a success. Special thank you to Harlan Hopp for showing up and helping with the banquet on top of all his other help even though he was ill.



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THE 2017 FISH AWARDS FOR THE WINNEBAGOLAND MUSKY CLUB

presented at the 2018 Banquet

Fish of the Month for May

Bob Larsen, 49 ½", Caught on May 31, on Green Bay, on a bucktail

Fish of the Month for June

Eric Larsen, 43 ½", Caught on June 24, on the Eagle River Chain on a bucktail

Fish of the Month for July

Jordan Peebles 45", Caught on July 2nd, on Lake Poygan on a bucktail

Fish of the Month for August

Jordan Peebles, 45 ½", Caught on August 13, on Green Bay on a Double 10

Fish of the Month for September

Bob Kuhr, 39 ¾", Caught on September 12, on Green Bay, on a Mepps Bucktail

Fish of the Month for October

Jonathan Bitters, 38", Caught on October 25, on Deerskin Lake on a Suick

Fish of the Month for November

Bob Larsen, 35", Caught on November 26, on Green Bay on a Slammer

Most Released Fish

Jordan Peebles, 5 Fish measuring 45", 45 ½", 39", 38 ¼" and 37"

Largest Fish-Women's Division

Carol Heffner, 39", Caught September 4th, on Pickeral Lake on a Slammer

Largest Fish of the Year

Bob Larsen, 49 ½", Caught May 31, on Green Bay on a bucktail. This was also

The **Largest fish of Wisconsin and the Largest Fish for the month of May**

3rd Largest Fish of Wisconsin

Jordan Peebles, 45", Caught July 2nd, on Lake Poygan on a bucktail. This was

Also **The Largest Fish for the Month of July**

Largest Fish- International Awards

Dik Suszek, 48", Caught August 4th, on Lake of the Woods, on a Fat Bastard

2nd Largest Fish-International Awards

Scott Klapperich, 45" Caught on July 29, on Lake of the Woods on a Double 10



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Congratulations to all of these Musky Champions!! Make sure you register your fish with Harlan this coming year so you can get in on this record of honor.

APRIL 4TH MEETING

The presentation this meeting will be a video by Lindners' Angling Edge on Early Season Suspended Muskies. James Lindner and Josh Borovosky chase mysterious early-season musky, matching the right presentations to suspended, deep-water fish on Minnesota's Lake Vermilion. This should prove to be a good presentation about a method of fishing that our own professional guide Paul Klein has been promoting for years. It is our first attempt at bringing the digital age to our programs. We hope you can make it to this meeting. Paul also plans to be at this meeting to express his comments regarding the video.

Scott Klapperich has another video from Lindners' Angling Edge. The past, present and future of musky management, fishing tactics and record-breaking catches. These ARE the good old days of musky fishing.



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APRIL 4TH MEETING

At this meeting, we utilized technology providing a video program to the Club. We viewed a Lindner's Angling Edge presentation on "Early Season Suspended Muskies". This professionally done presentation discussed fishing open waters during the early season where the muskies are cruising for food. It may seem like fishing the "abyss" but if the angler is paying attention to the electronics, there is structure, and the baitfish are relating to the structures with the hunting muskies nearby. Our professional guide member, Paul Klein was present at this meeting and has long been a proponent of this type of musky hunting. He too agreed that muskies are present near the "structure" away from the shoreline, knowing that the baitfish are near the various structures. Paul was able to offer extensive professional input during this presentation. We also viewed another Lindner presentation that was more general in nature "Musky Fishing, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". This discussed the history of the sport and how it has evolved with regard to conservation and fishing methods.

Scott Klapperich reported on the Awards Banquet. The banquet was attended by 72, down slightly from previous years. It has long been our tradition to not operate the banquet as a fundraiser but as an awards presentation and fun evening for members. We did have a slight revenue/cost shortfall, but a nice evening was had by all with a large array of valuable prizes. Thank you to the banquet committee for a job well done.

Neal Seibel reported from the Sportsman's Alliance. Our dues are paid and we are members in good standing. They are working on a proposal regarding Hobbs Woods. The project would include cleanup, a new parking lot, and portable restroom. They are also working on the West Shore boat landing. The annual sportsman rummage sale attendance was down this year to 1,198 thru the door. Our results reflected this lower attendance.

BOAT RAFFLE

Musky Alliance Ranger Boat raffle tickets are available for members to sell. This is the main fundraiser for the Club and your personal help is needed. If every member would sell just 5 books, it would result in over \$2,000 in sales. These tickets are EASY to sell for a great prize! We have some very nice 8 1/2" X 11" posters for you to help sell the tickets. The boat prize is drawn Sunday August 19th and the winner need not be present to win. Make sure that your ticket customers write legibly so that they can be promptly contacted if they win. This is the 33rd year of this tournament. The tournament runs from August 17-19 in Eagle River. Check out muskycluballiance.org for details. We do have some applications for you to join in on the tourney. Pick them up at the next meeting. We will be bringing



Raffle Tickets Sold Here-\$5 each or 3 for \$10

Grand Prize

2018 Ranger Boat Model 1880 Angler & Trailer
Powered by 150 H.P. Mercury Outboard

2nd-10th Prize
Musky Fishing Reels



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the boat to the Father's Day Car Show at Swan City Park in Beaver Dam, WI. We need some help for this. Four or five people would be nice. Call or text Dave Mace @ 920-960-4179 or Scott Klapperich @ 920-948-2283 to volunteer to help at the Car Show on Sunday June 17. Time spent is usually between 7am to 5pm. If we have enough help, nobody needs to be there all day.



Tim Nehls owner of Fox Lake's Fish Tales Bait & Liquor will be helping us again this year in displaying the boat and selling tickets. As members, please recognize this help and patronize his business. He does this every year for us and asks for nothing. We are in the process of preparing a plaque for Tim and FishTales. <http://www.foxlakefishtales.com/>

FIRST OUTING

Our first outing is **Saturday and Sunday May 12th and 13th on Little Green Lake and / or Fox Lake**. We will meet for lunch at Noon on Saturday at Vandy's Lakeside Pub on the east shore of Little Green Lake. As usual, we ask that you pay \$5 for lunch, order off the menu, and the Club picks up the balance and tip. This is for the lunch only, not beer or cocktails. We will be having a briefing at the Wednesday May 2nd regular meeting. Please call or text Dave Mace at 920-960-4179 or Scott Klapperich at 920-948-2283 or sign up at the meeting to let us know if you are participating in the outing. This helps us prepare Vandy's for the lunch. This will be your first chance to win the coveted "First Musky of the Outing" Club award. This is a silver cup that is awarded to each outing winner. To win you must report your fish ASAP with a photo. A cell phone call to Scott at 920-948-2283 would be appreciated as soon as you release your 34 inch minimum size or larger musky.

JUNE OUTING

The June outing has been changed to June 23 & 24 on the MANITOWISH CHAIN from the 3 Lakes Chain. We were advised that there is a major event on the Three Lakes Chain that weekend. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

MAY 2ND MEETING

We will be having a regular meeting on Wednesday Evening at the American Legion Clubhouse at 7:00pm. The program for the evening will be a short introduction to the local high school fishing clubs. We will also be having a briefing on the May 12th and 13th outing on Fox and Little Green Lakes. We will also have a raffle this meeting with the main attraction being a musky rod.



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NOTICE

There is **NO MEETING** for the WMC for the month of July. The next meeting is August 1st.

JUNE 6TH MEETING RECAP

The June Meeting of the Winnebago and Musky Club was held at Lakeside Park on the south shore of Lake Winnebago. The program for the meeting was a “primer for fly fishing for muskies”. Bob Haase, Bob Rennock, Dave LaPine, Jerry Smet, and Rand Vander Schaff gave members one-on-one instructions on the basics of fly casting using light weight rigs and graduated to the heavier musky type rigs as the evening progressed. Thank you goes out to all the instructors and the Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Chapter for sharing their members and expertise. It just so happens two of their members, Haase and Rennock are active TU members. Also, thanks to the Oshkosh DNR Fisheries Office for lending us the equipment to put this session together.

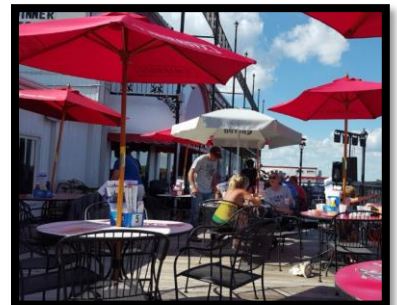
MANITOWISH WATERS OUTING RECAP

The June 23rd & 24th outing had 14 members attending. The weather was perfect and the social at the Pea Patch on Saturday was great. Unfortunately, no one boated a legal musky. Wyatt Ziemer will be able to hold on to the coveted “First Musky of the Outing” trophy which he garnered at the Little Green outing for another month. Wyatt, please keep it polished and in a highly regarded place while you are guarding it.



NEXT OUTING

The next Club Outing is July 14th and 15th fishing lakes Winnebago, Winneconne, Butte des Morts, Poygan, and the Wolf River. Lunch will be at NOON at the Fin n Feather in Winneconne. Their address is 22 W. Main St., Winneconne, WI. See fin-n-feathershowboats.com. They are located on the river connecting Winneconne and Butte des Morts. They have dockage but it is not guaranteed. If you drive to the restaurant, you will have to follow detour signs.





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FISH REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP

5/22	Richard Feustel	39"	Wabigoon Lk (Ontario)	Bucktail
5/25	Dave Mace	34 3/4"	Wingra Madison Chain)	Swimmin Dog
5/26	Jordan Peebles	36"	Little Green	Fat Bastard
5/26	Jordan Peebles	34"	Little Green	Fat Bastard
5/27	Greg Stubbe	34 1/2"	Long Lake	Double D
6/3	Mike Mueller	36 1/2"	Little Green	Jake

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1st

Watch your email for the program announcement. This will be a regular meeting at the American Legion Clubhouse at 7:00 pm. This meeting we will be collecting the raffle boat money and ticket stubs for those members that have sold tickets. Please give your best sales effort in these last days. We did not participate in the Beaver Dam Car Show this year, so getting a special effort by member sales is going to be needed. If you are not able to make this meeting with your sales, please call Scott Klapperich (920-948-2283) or Dave Mace (920-960-4179) to make other arrangements for the ticket and money delivery. The National Championship Musky Open at Eagle River is August 17th - August 19th. This tournament is counted as an outing. It is lots of fun and we hope you all can make it. If you have not already registered for the tournament, we will have some applications at the August 1st meeting. It is imperative that we get the money and tickets to Scott or Dave by August 10th (ABSOLUTELY LAST DATE!) Scott and Dave will be out of country from July 27th thru August 4th.

Footnote by Dave Mace*

I fished with Jeff Hanson (Madison Musky Guide Service email-musky@tds.net) on 5/25 and took a rookie musky fisherman. My friend caught his first 2 muskies. It was an excellent guided trip. Hanson's methods, knowledge, equipment, boat, personality, ethics, and professionalism were all A++. If you want to learn the Madison Lakes contact this guy. He donated a half day trip to our club and I was lucky enough to win that raffle in March 2017. Hanson's website is madisonmuskieguide.com.

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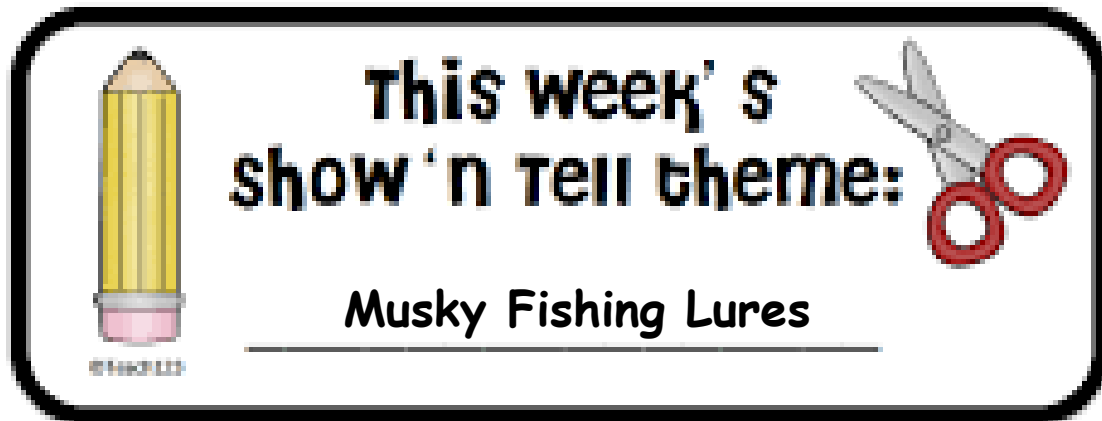


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AUGUST 1st MEETING - 7:00 PM at the AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING

There will be a meeting on August 1, 2018, which will be presided over by former President Jerry LaPine. This will be a brief meeting with no formal presentation. There are a number of absences planned this year by members and officers, as there have been in past, and Jerry has graciously accepted the role as acting meeting officer. Bob Rennock also plans on attending.

Last year we asked that members come to the meeting with a favorite lure to present to the club as a "show n tell" session. This worked out well and those in attendance gave positive feedback. So let's do it again. If you come to the meeting, bring a bait, talk about how it works and where you like to use it. If I (Dave Mace) was able to come to the meeting, my show n tell bait would be the "Swimming Dawg" by Musky Innovations. I used this bait at the recommendation of guide Jeff Hanson and boated 1 musky this May on Lake Wingra. We had a lot of action on this bait that day. It is a rubber bait 7 to 9 inches long which pulls very easily and can be retrieved evenly or erratically.



In September, our presenters are a husband and wife fishing team, Eric and Sarah Defferding. They will be talking to us about sucker fishing in the fall and will be discussing their best techniques. In October, Adam Nickel from the Fisheries office in Oshkosh will be telling us about what they are finding out with the electronics that are tracking muskies in the Winnebago system. Our club has helped fund some of the digital equipment that they are using to study muskies in the system. Adam will have other information about the Winnebago System that should be interesting.

Kevin Francis is now the proud holder of the "First Musky of the Outing" trophy with his catch at the July 14th outing on Lake Winneconne. About 15 members participated in the outing and buffet lunch at the Fin-n-Feather. It was a good turnout and the buffet was excellent.

AUGUST OUTING

The August outing is August 17th thru the 19th at Eagle River. Those fishing the MUSKY OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 will qualify as attending the outing. Please let us



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know by reporting your fish to Harlan Hopp if you have fishing success. If you have not registered for this tournament yet, you can go online to <http://eagleriver.org/featured/musky-open/>. At that site, you can read the rules and register to fish. You must register, pay, and go to a scheduled briefing to qualify as a participant. This is an annual event for over thirty years. There also is a chance to win a Ranger Boat if you are a qualified participant. Try to get in this event. You will probably meet up with members of our Club. Check out the site, but do it soon as there are deadlines that must be met.

RAFFLE BOAT TICKET SALES

How are you doing selling raffle tickets for the Championship Open 2018? Our Club relies a great deal on the sales of the Ranger Boat Raffle Ticket Sales. We receive a percentage of the ticket sales for the tickets our club sells. This is a GREAT prize and an easy sale to make. This boat is the grand prize that is given away on the last day of the tournament. The winner need not be present to win. This raffle boat is presented in addition to the one that the registered tournament angler can win.

Bring your ticket stubs and sales proceeds to the August 1st Meeting. If you are not coming to the meeting, drop your tickets and money off at the NAPA Store in Downtown Fond du Lac no later than August 10th. We need to get the money and ticket stubs in to the Eagle River Headquarters in a timely fashion.

FISH REPORT by HARLAN HOPP

7/04	Jordan Peebles	42"	Wisconsin River	Fat Bastard topwater
7/04	Dakota Krupp	45"	Little Green Lake	Polish Perch
7/04	Corey Krupp	34"	Little Green Lake	Polish Perch
7/14	Jordan Peebles	36"	Catfish Lake	Fat Bastard topwater



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SEPTEMBER 5th MEETING - 7:00 PM at the AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING

The July outing was held on Lakes Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts, and Winnebago with the "Bean Feed" at Fin 'n Feather. Kevin Francis reporting the only fish a 39 1/2 incher. There were about 15 members present for this outing. Kevin Francis was the winner of First Musky of the Outing.

The August outing was held at the Musky Open National Championship in Eagle River. The only member reporting a fish there was Jim Heffner boating a 35 incher on Dam Lake.

There is no outing planned for the month of September.

AUGUST 1ST MEETING

This meeting was presided over by Past President Jerry LaPine. Thanks for helping out Jerry. At the meeting, members brought in some of their favorite lures and discussed their successes with their baits and why they were their favorites.

The members also discussed taking the N Fond du Lac High School Fishing Team on a day trip to Little Green with a lunch at Vandy's on September 22nd. We need volunteers with boats so please let us know at the September 5th meeting if you can be a "guide" that day. You can also call Scott Klapperich @ 920-948-2283 to volunteer. Making this the September Club outing will be discussed at the September meeting.

SEPTEMBER 5TH MEETING

Our guest speakers at the next meeting will be Eric and Sarah Defferding, a husband and wife fishing team, will be presenting a PowerPoint session to us on musky fishing in the fall with live sucker bait.

We look forward to viewing this seminar and hope you can attend

The weekend of September 7, 8, and 9 is the weekend that the "Salute the Troops" musky outing spearheaded by Richard Feustel and Tracy Quallman. It is being held in Three Lakes. WMC Members Paul Klein, Dik Suzek, Dave LaPine, Greg Stubbe, Mark Klapperich, and Scott Klapperich have volunteered their time and boats to guide veterans on this musky hunt on the Three Lakes chain.

FISH REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP

7/14	Kevin Francis	39 1/2"	Poygan *	Bucktail
7/20	John Peebles	38 1/2"	Three Lakes Chain	Suick
7/21	Michael Stubbe	40"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Ace Tandem
7/21	Michael Stubbe	34 1/2"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Pacemaker



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7/21	Greg Stubbe	39"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Nitewalker
7/21	Greg Stubbe	46 1/2"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Nitewalker
7/22	Jordan Peebles	45"	Eagle River Chain	Poseidon
7/22	Jordan Peebles	38 1/2"	Eagle River Chain	Fat Bastard
7/22	Michael Stubbe	43 1/2"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Ace Tandem
7/24	Michael Stubbe	41"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Ace Tandem
7/25	Greg Stubbe	50 1/2"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Nitewalker
7/25	Greg Stubbe	45"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Nitewalker
7/26	Mike Stubbe	38"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Ace Tandem
7/28	Pat Primising	36 1/4"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Slammer
7/29	Pat Primising	36 3/4"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Bucktail
7/29	Mark Klapperich	42"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Jtd. Shallow Raider
7/30	Terri Klapperich	44"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Crane Bait
7/31	Scott Klapperich	45 3/4"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Bucktail
7/31	Dik Suzek	38 1/2"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Bucher 700 Bucktail
7/31	Dik Suzek	41 1/2"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Bucher 700 Bucktail
8/01	Mark Klapperich	36 3/4"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Homemade Bucktail
8/01	Bob Kuhr	41"	Lake Vermillion-Minnesota	#9 Cowgirl
8/01	Dave Mace	39"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Depth Raider
8/01	John Bartow	43"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Depth Raider
8/03	Mark Klapperich	38"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Homemade Bucktail
8/03	Terri Klapperich	37"	Lake Of The Woods-Ontario	Shallow Raider
8/04	Marian Critchley	35"	Pelican Lake	Bagley
8/19	Jim Heffner	35"	Dam Lake*	Cisco Kid Topper
8/25	Eric Larsen	51"	Green Bay	#10 Bucktail

* Denotes First Musky of the Outing Fish

Kevin Francis and Jim Heffner both were awarded the "First Musky of the Outing" award for catching and releasing the first musky for an outing. Kevin for the Winneconne July Outing and Jim Heffner for the National Championship Musky Open in Eagle River (August outing).



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OCTOBER 3RD 2018 MEETING

At our next regular meeting on October 3rd at the Fond du Lac American Legion Post, Adam Nickel, Fisheries Biologist from the Oshkosh Office of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will be presenting to us. Adam will bring us up to date on the usage and findings of the electronic tags placed in muskies living in the Winnebago System. Our Club helped fund these electronic tags. The tags help record the muskies movements in the Winnebago System so that their recordings provide data to the researchers studying muskies. Adam will also be discussing the health of the fishery and fish populations in the system as well. Plan to attend this meeting, as Adam's information is always interesting.

SEPTEMBER 5TH 2018 MEETING

Erik and Sarah Defferding of Hortonville gave us an excellent presentation on Fall fishing for muskies with suckers. Erik and Sarah are a husband and wife fishing team that focuses on sucker usage in the fall. Sarah takes on the responsibility of managing 2 sucker lines while Erik is in the bow managing the direction of travel and casting artificial lures. Sarah also casts and uses one lure specifically, the Suick. The Suick seems to bring a lot of muskies close in where they discover their boat-side live sucker. Sarah manages one sucker close to the boat side and the second sucker which is deeper and a little further from the boat. They showed us how they harness the sucker so it stays lively and right-side-up and the rods they use. They prefer a softer tip rod. All in all, there is a lot to managing the location and liveliness of the sucker. Sarah also indicated that one must learn to read the activity of the sucker as their activity may indicate the presence of a nearby musky. Thank you Erik and Sarah for a great presentation.

OTHER NEWS

Korey Krupp asked for the support of the club in providing a musky fishing trip for students at Horace Mann at Little Green or Fox Lake. Seven students were provided a morning of musky hunting on Sunday, September 23rd by Club members: Jerry LaPine, Dave LaPine, Greg Stubbe, Korey Krupp, Jordan Peebles and John Peebles. The original plan was to fish Little Green but the outing was moved to Fox Lake as Little Green was weed and algae-choked. The fishing club students did catch a few northern pike but no muskies. These young guys are real fisherman and understood that not all fishing trips are 100% success. Hopefully we can continue with activities like this in the future with these young people.



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The Salute the Troops Veteran Musky Fishing Outing in which our Club helped support was a great success. Four musky were caught with vets boating a 41' and 38" muskies and Greg Stubbe catching two muskies. A few pike and bass were caught as well. Bart Waters, fishing with Paul Klein, caught the largest musky and was awarded a traveling trophy with a miniature musky replica made by Joe Fittante (Fittante Replica & Taxidermy). All of the vets had a well-deserved good time. In all we had 14 veterans, 6 club guides, and 2 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, Tracy Quallman, and Mary LaPine. Brian Eisch, the owner of Tricky Phish Baits donated a few bags of poured bass baits. Monetary support was provided by our Club, The Marine Corps League, Thrivent Foundation, Mount Calvary American Legion, and Dennis Buechel of Natural Stone Veneer Company of Fond du Lac. Veterans exchanged war stories around the campfire Friday and Saturday nights which brought some to tears. A heartfelt thank you to all of the above-mentioned for making this "thank you event" a huge success.





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8/31	Scott Klapperich	46"	Green Bay	Perch Crankbait
9/06	Elizabeth Maeder	35"	Perrault Falls Canada	Live Target Perch
9/06	Cody Maeder	41"	Perrault Falls Canada	Super Shad Rap
9/07	Elizabeth Maeder	40 1/2"	Perrault Falls Canada	Live Target Perch
9/07	Elizabeth Maeder	40"	Perrault Falls Canada	Live Target Perch
9/07	Cody Maeder	42"	Perrault Falls Canada	Live Target Perch
9/08	Greg Stubbe	41 1/2"	Big Stone Lake	Dbl 10 Bucktail
9/09	Greg Stubbe	37 1/2"	Big Stone Lake	Dbl 10 Bucktail



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NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER

UPCOMING REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

There will be NO MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2018. By coincidence, all four officers, Scott Klapperich, Dave Mace, Bob Rennock, and Ron Lange will be either out of state or unable to attend a meeting on this date.

OCTOBER 3RD 2018 MEETING

Our guest speaker was Adam Nickel, Winnebago System Gamefish Biologist from the Oshkosh Office of the DNR. Adam reported to the Club about findings in their Winnebago System tagged musky research project (Yearling Acoustic Tag Study). Our Club along with 12 other clubs donated funds to purchase 15 digital tracking devices that were implanted in muskies and released into the Winnebago system in August 2016. Without our support, this project would have been impossible. Adam pictorially reviewed how the 20"+ muskies were surgically handled while installing the devices. After 2 years of having the devices turned on, the researchers were able to pinpoint movements of eight fish as they passed near receivers placed throughout the System from Poygan to Green Bay. Eight of the fifteen fish have had detection so far. Each June the receivers are downloaded to pick up on the individual muskies travels. It was extremely interesting to see where these muskies traveled in the system. Some of the fish traveled a great distances from Winneconne to Green Bay and back again. Adam will be back again to show us this map tracking report. The tracking chips still have a couple years of life. Hopefully everyone can see the next report with even more tracking data and locations available.

Adam also gave us a brief report on the most recent trawling census for Lake Winnebago. He reported that the gizzard shad netting had very low numbers. This forage fish is a favorite of walleyes. With the count down on this food source, the walleye fishing should be good as they are looking hard for this bait. The VHS virus kill this spring was very hard on drum, trout, and perch, more food sources for gamefish. This virus which thrives in colder water is the culprit that prevents us from planting muskies because of VHS planting of muskies must come from muskies taken from "brood stock" lakes such as Elkhart, Archibald and Anderson lakes. Adam was not very optimistic about the VHS problem being resolved in the next few years. Adam stated that the census did show a good crop of 8" to 10" perch and lots of crappies and bluegills.

Korey Krupp reported on the Clubs support of the high school fishing club outing on Little Green and Fox Lake on September 23rd. They did have to move to Fox Lake because of the heavy algae bloom on Little Green. Two northern pikes were caught but no muskies. Not to worry, the spirit of the kids was not dampened. The Club extends its



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thank you to the boat guides and to John Peebles for making baits for the high school fishermen. The WMC looks forward to working with these kids and others in 2019.

Neal Seibel reported from the Conservation Alliance that the infestation of invasive Gobi is becoming a problem on the Winnebago System. There is a major discussion about keeping the Locks open between the Bay and the Winnebago System. The pleasure boaters and the fishermen are on opposite sides of this issue.

Neal also informed us that there is a slight change of location for the Sportsman's Rummage Sale in March. It will be in the larger building next door at the Fairgrounds. We asked Neal to reserve two tables for our club. Start planning on what outdoor gear you want to bring and pare down all the unused outdoor gear around your house.

Scott Klapperich reported to the Club about the Veterans "Salute the Troops" fish outing our Club hosted for 14 veterans on the Three Lakes chain. It was very much appreciated by the veterans. Richard reported they all want to come back and do it again. It was also a good time for the Winnebago and Musky Club guides Dik Suzek, Greg Stubbe, Dave LaPine, Mark Klapperich, Paul Klein, Scott Klapperich, and Richard Feustel. There were lots of memories exchanged and stories told along with four muskies being caught and released. Scott also extended a thank you to Tracy Quallman, Mary LaPine, and Tuesday Klapperich for their behind the scenes help.

Richard Feustel will be representing our Club and presenting a report to the larger community about our Club's involvement with the "Salute the Troops" veterans fish outing at the Annual Gala Fundraiser at South Hills Country Club on November 7th. Three of our members are donating fishing trips to be auctioned at this community event. Those members are Paul Klein, Mark Klapperich, and Scott Klapperich.

OTHER NEWS

WMC members John and Carol Bartow, owners of Fond du Lac Cyclery and fitness have most generously donated Hercules Fat Bike to our Club. This bike 3.8" wide tires, 21 speeds, with aluminum frame and rims and retails for \$849. Thank you very much, John and Carol. The use / raffle of this is to be determined.





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9/20	Ron Lange	35"	Birch Lake	Walleye Minnow
10/1	Pat Primising	35"	Big Lake	Sucker
10/2	Pat Primising	40 1/4"	Little Lake Tomahawk	Golden Black Twinkle
10/13	Jordan Peebles	45 1/2"	High Falls Flowage	Magnum Super D walleye-color

The Club had a few brave souls laugh at the elements and fish Lake of the Woods in late October. They did very well. Here are few pictures of members Mark and Terri Klapperich and Dik Suzek.





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UPCOMING REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting for the WinnebagoLand Musky Club is Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm, at the American Legion Hall in Fond du Lac. At this meeting, we will nominate and elect individuals for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for 2019. Other nominations and volunteers are desired for Banquet Chairman, Newsletter writer, Membership Chair, Outing Chair, Speaker Chair, and Fish Recordkeeper. Please plan to attend. Your help is needed. We will have a pizza from Joe's Fox Hut for those attending.

REMINDERS

Mark your calendars for the following:

MARCH 2nd 2019-SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE: Fond du Lac Fairgrounds, 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. Club members can bring gently used outdoor gear to sell at the tables we have procured. We also will need help manning the food concession stand. This is a fund-raiser for our Club.

MARCH 9th Annual WinnebagoLand Musky Club Awards Banquet at 5:00 pm

DUES - We will begin accepting 2019 dues at the December Meeting.

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10/22	Terry Klapperich	48"	Jake	Lake of the Woods Ontario
10/23	Terry Klapperich	47"	Phantom	Lake of the Woods Ontario
10/23	Terry Klapperich	38"	Phantom	Lake of the Woods Ontario
10/25	Terry Klapperich	36"	Phantom	Lake of the Woods Ontario
10/25	Jonathon Bitter	39"	Suick	Deerskin Lake- WI
10/26	Jonathon Bitter	39 1/2"	Suick	Deerskin Lake- WI
10/27	Terry Klapperich	45 1/2"	Phantom	Lake of the Woods Ontario
10/27	Terry Klapperich	43"	Phantom	Lake of the Woods Ontario
10/27	Terry Klapperich	46 1/2"	Phantom	Lake of the Woods Ontario
10/27	Dik Suzek	44"	Phantom	Lake of the Woods Ontario
11/02	Jordan Pebbles	44 1/4"	Suske	Butternut Lake- WI
11/03	Mike Mueller	46 1/2"	Shad Rap	Green Bay- WI

In 2018, more fish were registered as being caught in Canada and Minnesota than in Wisconsin.

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