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Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club January 2019

DECEMBER 5TH MEETING

The 2019 WMC Officer Election Results are in: The incumbent officers were unanimously elected at this meeting. The officers for 2019 are as follows:

President: Scott Klapperich
Vice President: Dave Mace

Secretary: Bob Rennock
Treasurer: Ron Lange

IMPORTANT NEWS CHANGE

The Annual 2019 Awards Banquet Date has been changed to **March 23, 2019**; 5:00 pm cocktails, 6:30 dinner with raffles and awards to follow. We also will have our food pantry donations project going on. This is a great evening for socializing and winning valuable prizes at the raffle tables. Very importantly, we honor our Musky Hunters at this event. Mark your calendars for this date.

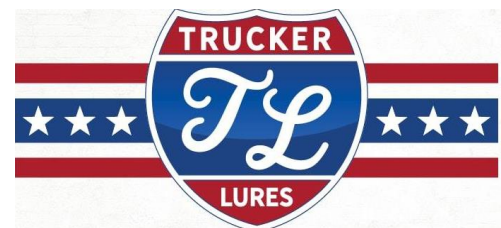
SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE

The sportsman's rummage sale fundraising event will be held Saturday March 2nd at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds. This event is an annual rummage sale where outdoorsmen and women bring their used items for sale to the public. Our Club runs the food concession stand at this event. It is very popular and brings in good crowds. Separately, our Club pays for and reserves two sales tables that members are welcome to use and bring their items to sell. We will need volunteers to help on this day and you can sign up for a time to help at the upcoming January 2nd meeting, February 6th meeting or by calling or texting Dave Mace @ 920-960-4179. We have always had good member participation in the past and it seems to be a fun combined event for members. Also, please consider donating a 12-pack of Pepsi or Coke products for us to sell further boosting our sales. If we end up with an over supply, we donate it to the Legion.

JANUARY 2nd MEETING

Plan to attend this meeting. We are having guide and lure manufacturer Bob Kimball from Trucker Lure and Guide Service to make a presentation to our Club.

Bob's guide service takes him into the Vilas, Oneida, and Forest county waters as well as our local areas. He will be sharing strategies he utilizes in guiding clients for muskies from opening to close. He also will be bringing a display of his lures (Trucker Lures) and answer your questions about particular bodies of water in his guiding playbook.





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Our lineup of upcoming speakers for this year will also include Doug Wegner from Brett Alexander's group. He will be visiting us for our February meeting. These first two speakers are a great start to the 2019 season.

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JANUARY 2nd MEETING

Our first meeting of the year hosted Bob Kimball owner of Trucker Lures and Guide Service. Bob gave an excellent, to the point discussion on presentation basics and finding muskies, including some tackle and lure choices. Bob lives near the Princeton area where he manufactures his line of baits. He offers guiding services on nearby lakes, Green Bay, and northern areas such as Oneida, Vilas, and Forest Counties. Bob also brought a massive selection of his lures for us to examine and/or purchase. The baits are carefully crafted to give long service and tough rock banging durability. He has a very large selection of patterns as well. Bob also donated a guide trip to our club for us to raffle at our upcoming Awards



Banquet. You can find out more about Bob and his lures and guiding service by searching him out on Facebook ("TRUCKER LURES") or calling him at 920-229-3759. Bob will be at the February 6th meeting to listen to his friend Doug Wegner's presentation.



As a point of business, the members voted to make a donation to a community project at this meeting. We agreed to donate \$250 to the "Birky Challenge" Bike Ride in Fond du Lac on June 1. This Bike ride is named in honor of Officer and U.S. Veteran Craig Birkholz a Fond du Lac Police Officer who was killed in action on March 20th 2011. One member of our club, who wishes to remain anonymous, graciously matched that amount to this worthwhile project. Thanks! Pat Primising, a member of our club is one of original organizers of this annual Memorial Bike Ride. This organization has already funded, with the help of the Fond du Lac Foundation, a self sufficient scholarship that helps 2 students a year enter the law enforcement profession. 200-300 riders usually participate in this annual ride on 20, 40 and 67 mile courses starting at the Grace Christian Church. Other things that this community charity organization supports ; Training for Police Honor Guards, Police Chaplain Training, and help for officers experiencing mental health issues. All said, we agreed that this is an important community project worthy of our support. To learn more about this event checkout their website at www.birkychallenge.com

Our Next Meeting Wednesday, February 6th, 7:00 pm at American Legion

Don't miss this meeting! We have guide Doug Wegner from the Brett Alexander Sport Fishing Group. Doug has a vast amount of knowledge and experience on Green Bay and loves to educate musky hunters. Doug also separately spends a lot of time on the waters of Lake of the Woods in the Northwest Angle of Ontario and Minnesota. He will be talking to us about the "How and when" to hunt muskies with an emphasis on the technologies he employs. Check him out on *YouTube* by searching for Doug Wegner Fishing. He has a number of entertaining clips on Muskie fishing. We are very lucky to



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have been able to engage this young man speak to our members. Try not to miss this meeting and bring a friend.

IMPORTANT BANQUET NEWS

The Annual 2019 Awards Banquet Date is now **March 23, 2019**; 5:00 pm cocktails, 6:30 dinner with raffles and awards to follow. Shortly, you will receive your personal invitation package to this annual Banquet along with a sign-up sheet for the banquet and membership form for your completion. Mark your calendars and invite a friend and future member to join in on this fun evening. As in the past, we will have a dinner, lots of chances to win prizes, and a great opportunity to socialize and trade musky stories. Eden Meats will cater the dinner of chicken and ribs. The cost is \$25/adult and \$12.50/children 12 and under. We have kept the price the same for many years. One important change; there will be an "Early Bird Special" for all those that have the Banquet Fee and Membership Dues Paid and Received on or before March 1st. There are two prizes, an 8' musky rod and a Knipex hook cutter. Those of you that have already paid need not worry, you will receive your ticket at the banquet. Remember, both dues and the banquet fee must be paid and received on or before March 1st. Use the self-addressed envelope for your RSVP and payment. We also ask that those not paid by March 1st have until March 18th to RSVP by phone or text to Scott Klapperich at 920-948-2283 to support meal planning. There is limited seating.

We will be making a donation to a local food pantry. To participate in this donation, bring a donation of non-perishable food items to the banquet. A special raffle ticket will be given to you for each item you donate.

WE HOPE TO HAVE A FULL HOUSE AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

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NEWS OF A LOSS OF ONE OUR MEMBERS

We have just learned that a long time member of our club, Carol Seibel, wife of Neal Seibel passed away on Tuesday January 22nd at St. Agnes Hospital. Carol was always very friendly with a bubbly personality and she will be missed. Please remember Neal and Carol's family in your thoughts and prayers. Uecker-Witt Funeral Home is handling the funeral arrangements. Visitation is Wednesday January 30th, 2019, 3:00 PM - 7:00PM with the Funeral at 7:00 PM.

FISHING SHOWS COMING UP AROUND STATE

MUSKIE EXPO MILWAUKEE

- FEB 15-17, Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center, West Bend, (muskieexpo.com)

THE WISCONSIN MUSKY EXPO

- March 1-3, Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center, Rothschild, WI (wimuskyexpo.com)

WISCONSIN FISHING EXPO

- FEB 22-24, Alliant Energy Center Expo Hall, Madison, WI (wifishingexpo.com)

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Newsletter of the WinnebagoLand Musky Club *April 2019*

RECAP OF 2019 WINNEBAGOLAND MUSKY CLUB AWARDS BANQUET

85 guests and members had a great time at the 2019 WinnebagoLand Musky Club Banquet held Saturday evening March 23rd at the Fond du Lac American Legion Hall. Along with a great array of homemade desserts. Those attending enjoyed the evening winning many raffle prizes, guided musky trips, and talking about the 2018 musky season. Ron Lange was the winner of our big prize, a \$900 “fat tire” bike donated to our Club by member John Bartow, owner of Fond du Lac Cyclery. Thank you John for this generous donation.



There are a number of people that deserve our thanks for making this banquet possible. In addition to the Banquet Committee that worked very hard putting this event together, we thank the “Dessert Committee” for the outstanding desserts. The desserts were made by Judy Hopp, Tuesday Klapperich, Amy Langlitz, Mary LaPine, Beth Maeder, and Chris Stubbe. These desserts were a great addition to a nice meal served by Eden Meats.

The following folks also deserve our gratitude for their contributions to the banquet.

- **Richard Feustel** Guided trip with guide Jeff Van Remortel
- **Bob Kimball, Trucker Lures** Two guided trips and lures
- **Paul Klein** Guided musky or duck hunt
- **Eric Larsen** Guided musky trip
- **Dik Suzek** Prizes included on the raffle tables
- **Beck’s Meats** Butchered and processed hogs
- **Scheels Appleton** Discounts on purchased prizes and \$50 cash
- **J & K Summerfield Alignment** raffle table prizes
- **Randy Raith** Custom bucktails
- **Jordan Peebles** Custom bucktails
- **Joe Kosloske & Fond du Lac Tire and Auto** Deep cell battery
- **Scott Klapperich** Deep cell battery and custom bucktails,
- **Dave La Pine** Custom spinner baits
- **Eric Croat** Custom spinner baits
- **Casa del Tequila** Gift baskets
- **Mary LaPine** Hand made craft
- **Eden Meats** Sausages.

These wonderful donations make it economically possible to put on an awards banquet like this one. Thanks again to all including the Banquet committee.



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2018 AWARD WINNERS at the 2019 BANQUET

Presented at the 2019 Banquet.

Fish of the Month for May

Luke Mueller: 38", Caught May 13 on Little Green Lake on a Jerk Bait

Fish of the Month for June

Mike Mueller: 36-1/2", Caught June 3 Little Green Lake on a Jake Bait

Fish of the Month for July

Dakota Krupp: 45", Caught July 4 on Little Green Lake on a Polish Perch
Also winner of the **Youth Award**

Fish of the Month for July (Tied with Dakota Krupp)

Jordan Peebles: 45", Caught Eagle River Chain on a Poseidon
Also **Most Released Muskies** 45", 45-1/2", 39", 38-1/4", and 37" (five fish)

Fish of the Month for August

Eric Larson: 51", Caught August 25 on Bay of Green Bay on a bucktail
Also winner of **Largest Fish of the Year**, and **Largest Fish of Wisconsin Award**

Fish of the Month for September

Gregg Stubbe: 48", Caught September 1 on Bay of Green Bay on a #10 bucktail
Also **2nd Largest fish of Wisconsin Award**

Fish of the Month for October

Jordan Peebles: 45-1/2", Caught October 13 on High Falls on a Magnum Super Dee

Fish of the Month for November

Mike Mueller: 46-1/2", Caught November 3 on Bay of Green Bay on a Shad Rap

Largest Fish National Awards

Gregg Stubbe: 50-1/2", Caught July 25 on Lake of the Woods on a Nite Walker

2nd Largest Fish National Awards

Teri Klapperich: 48", Caught October 10 on Lake of the Woods on a Jake



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MARCH 2ND SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE CONCESSION STAND

A big thank you to all of you that joined in helping and donating to our Club's fund raising activity, providing the food concession stand for the Annual Sportsman's Rummage Sale. We had a turnout of over 20 members to cook and serve food at this annual event. Additionally, several members donated soda which we sold at the concession stand. There were members that also manned the rummage table. Additionally, there were members that donated gently used items to sell at our rummage table, allowing the proceeds to be donated to the Club. All in all this was an event that brought our club together and raised over \$800. THANKS AGAIN!

FEBRUARY 6th MEETING

Guide Doug Wegner spoke to our Club at this meeting. Doug guides on Green Bay for Alexander's Sport Fishing Guide Service. Doug also guides for himself on Lake of the Woods in Minnesota/Ontario. We had a technical snafu and we were not able to get Doug's projected displays up on our screen. Later thru persistent efforts we were able to find a fix. Despite that problem, Doug was able to share information with us on techniques he uses as a musky guide. One of the most important issues he covered was the importance of utilizing a very aggressive and persistent use of the "figure 8". He mentioned that the shortest rod he is now using for casting is 8 1/2 feet. The 9 foot rod allows one to get the figure 8 out and away from the boat. Doug also discussed some baits he prefers including the "Frenzy" bucktail and the "Fat Bastard" as a topwater choice. Check out Doug's many clips he has on YOU TUBE. Just search You Tube for "Doug Wegner Fishing". Doug's contact information is email- wegnerdoug94@gmail.com and his website www.dougwegnerfishing.com.



Please note the impressive lineup of speakers we have for you at the next 3 meetings.

APRIL 3rd MEETING 7:00 PM - American Legion Hall



Kevin Dempsey will lead us into the fishing season at our April Club meeting. Kevin is a Pro Staffer for a company named "Lure Lipstick". This is a company that manufactures and sells scents for fishing. Kevin is also a tournament angler and guide working Green Bay area, the Winnebago System and the Menominee River System.



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MAY 1st Meeting Speaker **Jim Salber**, new owner of Sportsman's Repair of Mosinee, WI. Many of us know the Sportsman's Repair Shop when it was owned by Chuck Brod. I have experienced the same excellent service since the ownership transfer and have noticed that Chuck is still around the office working with Jim. Jim has extensive knowledge about the Minn Kota line of equipment and will be talking to us about effectively using your electronics with bow-mount motors, care and maintenance and setup of the motors, and new Minn Kota products. I saw this presentation at the West Bend Musky Show and walked away with much more knowledge about my Minn Kota. The presentation should have relevance to all Wisconsin anglers. The Sportsman's Repair shop is an Authorized Service Center for Minn Kota and Abu Garcia warranty reel repair. Bring a fishing friend and any reels that need repairs or maintenance (Minn Kota's too). He will take them back to his shop for you and whip them in to shape.



JUNE 5th Meeting Speaker **Michael Olson** is a guide and bait manufacturer that we met and took in one of his seminars at the Musky Show in West Bend this spring. Mike will be talking to us about the combined usage of electronics and trolling and sharing other productive tactics. Mike is a professional tournament angler, a contributing writer to Musky Hunter Magazine, custom lure designer and manufacturer, and fishing guide. He guides for muskies as well as multi-species. Mike's guiding territories include Pewaukee Lake, and Vilas and Oneida County. You can look up Mike on Facebook : or email him at flyrodsmike@gmail.com . He offers both trolling trips and casting. His presentation will educate us on utilizing electronics for trolling. Mike enjoys giving clients an "educational angling experience".



We hope you will mark your calendars and attend these three meetings. The topics are relevant to all types of fishing. Bring a friend and show them our Club. We are extending an invitation to the "Foot of the Lake Fishing Club" members for the May and June Meetings.

RAFFLE BOAT TICKETS

This is the pep-talk.

Selling Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin boat raffle tickets is the main revenue source for our Club. Revenue from dues and profits from the Rummage Sale are not sufficient to run the Club and still provide meaningful contributions towards the musky resource and the community. It is as simple as that! We sold almost \$5,000 worth of tickets last



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year. However, of that almost a third of that amount was sold by one entity, Fish Tails Bait Shop of Fox Lake. Please make sure you remember to patronize a friend like this.

What is a ***fair share for a club member to sell ???*** Don't know what that is exactly, how about 5 books???

Why should you sell these raffle tickets?

1. There is a great prize possibility for purchasers of tickets (#1 prize \$45,000 boat)
2. 75% of the money goes to the Club to do the things we do like support the resource and support good community stuff like taking a vet fishing, getting kids hooked on fishing, helping to build and maintain public access, etc
3. None of the money goes to you, but to something worthwhile. (Doesn't that feel good?)
4. It is an easy sell if you JUST POLITELY ASK.
 - a. Briefly explain where the money goes.
 - b. Thank them if they buy or decline this opportunity. Don't be pushy or judgmental.

It's just like the clerk at McDonalds asking you if you want fries or a drink with your order. Sometimes your answer will be simple and surprisingly usually "ya sure".

Let's give it a try this year. Try and sell at least 5 books. They sell 1 ticket for \$5 or a book of 3 for \$10. Ask Scott (920-948-2283) or Dave (920-960-4179) for tickets and sales aides like posters. We will have some tickets at the meetings beginning with the upcoming April 3rd meeting. Start early and turn in your money and unsold tickets in early August.



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APRIL 3rd Meeting Highlights

At this meeting, members discussed stocking opportunities for the Club. One lake idea that was discussed regarding Big Green Lake. The consensus of the Club was to do a project where we would plant 8-12 inch (average) fish which would have been hatched this spring and planted in October. The stocking must be done according to DNR rules and guidelines in lakes that are approved for stocking true muskies. Larger fish **might** be available and are more expensive. They run about \$11 each with the larger, older fish running about \$15 each. They are about 3 inches longer but 30% more in mass. The larger the fish, the better the chance for ultimate survival. All those at the meeting agreed that we should do some stocking and discuss and offer input to a project at the upcoming May 1st regular meeting. Timing is important, in that the fish need to be spoken for as soon as possible from the hatcheries.



Kevin Dempsey representing the “Lure Lipstick” company spoke to us at this April meeting. His company, the Lure Lipstick Company manufactures fish attractants used by many types of anglers. He explained how the attractants work. For musky, one could apply the attractants by spray or a gel to the blade or hair of a bucktail. As the bait is retrieved, it would leave a scent trail that the fish would pick up. The attractant scent could represent a food trail that would excite a fish and possibly draw the musky from a distance. Kevin estimated the attractant would remain with the lure for about 20 casts. A different attractant is

used to lure catfish. The attractants come in several forms such as sprays, gels, and liquids. Kevin is a tournament walleye fisherman and he firmly believes these attractants give an edge to the angler in getting fish to bite. Kevin is the distributor for these products and can be reached by calling 855-208-5873 or on Facebook.

MAY 1st MEETING

Jim Salber, new owner of Sportsman’s Repair of Mosinee, WI will be our guest speaker this month. Many of us know the Sportsman’s Repair Shop when it was owned by Chuck Brod. I have experienced the same excellent service since the ownership transfer and have noticed that Chuck is still around the office working with Jim. Jim has extensive knowledge about the Minn Kota line of equipment and will be talking to us about effectively using your electronics with bow mount motors. Care, maintenance, and setup of the motors will also be discussed along with innovations from Minn Kota. The presentation should have relevance to all Wisconsin anglers. With that in mind, we have invited members from the “Foot of the Lake” fishing club to this meeting. Jim will take back to his shop reels that need repair or tuning. He is an authorized service





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center for warranties and repairs for Abu Garcia. He also does repairs on many other brands. He is also an authorized repair center for Minn Kota. Have your stuff ready for the musky opener. Do not wait for a problem with your equipment to show itself just when you want to use it.

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FIRST OUTING 2019

On Saturday May 11th and Sunday May 12th Club members will be fishing Little Green Lake and Fox Lake as the first outing of 2019. We will meet for a lunch break at Vandy’s on the east shore at noon on Saturday. This day is an opportunity to invite a young high schooler to fish with you and introduce them to musky fishing and good outdoor sportsmanship. Please contact Scott (920-948-2283) if you would like to volunteer and introduce a new fisherman to the sport in your boat on Saturday. This could be a very rewarding experience for the young person and you. Please let Scott know by May 5th if you are “in”. Lunch at Vandy’s is \$5 for members and the club will pay the balance and tip. There will be no alcoholic beverages paid for by the Club.



RAFFLE BOAT TICKETS



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We have raffle tickets for the boat. Pick some up at the meeting on May 1st. We also need a few volunteers to help sell tickets on Fathers Day, June 16th at the annual Car Show in Swan City Park in Beaver Dam.

Let's try and sell at least 5 books each. They sell 1 ticket for \$5 or a book of 3 for \$10. Ask Scott (920-948-2283) or Dave (920-960-4179) for tickets and sales aides like posters. We will have some tickets at the meetings. Start early and turn in your money and unsold tickets in early August.



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May 1st Meeting Recap

Jim Salber, new owner of Sportsman's Repair of Mosinee, WI was our guest speaker. Jim educated us on the care, accessories, proper setup, and new innovations in the MinnKota line of trolling motors. Jim purchased the Sportsman's Repair business from our friend and Alliance Board Member, Chuck Brod. Jim's presentation was very thorough and to the point. He discussed in his question/answer presentation many issues common to the excellent products MinnKota has on our boats. In that Jim has a deep knowledge of the advancements in the products, he was able to offer solutions to our questions. Jim also joined our Club and gave us a number of items to use at our banquet and meetings. Jim is an authorized repair center for MinnKota and Abu. You can reach him by phone at 715-693-6634 or email reeldoc@sportsmansrepair.com.



At the meeting, we also discussed stocking efforts of our club. We did not vote on a specific immediate project but voted to allocate and reserve \$2,500 at this time to a project lake to be determined. By budgeting, we can make a more significant impact on a stocking project by adding to the budget as we go along.

FIRST 2019 OUTING

Our first outing occurred on Saturday and Sunday May 11th and 12th on Little Green Lake and Fox Lake. We had a lunch get together on Saturday at Vandy's Resort on Little Green. Several students from WLA and North Fond du Lac High School Fishing Clubs joined us on this musky hunt. Thank you Korey Krupp for rounding up this group of very nice young men and to the members hosting them in their boats. One of the students, Chayse Wegner, caught and released a 36" musky on Little Green. Congratulations Chayse! We hope you are now "hooked on musky fishing". New member, Lance Ziemer was the winner of the coveted "First Musky of the Outing" trophy, catching and releasing the first and only Club musky, a 39 1/2 inch musky on Fox Lake. Your name is to be etched in this famous trophy for all time.



The next outing will be on the Winnebago System on June 22nd and 23rd with our "bean feed" at the Fin 'N Feather Restaurant in Winneconne at noon on Saturday the 22nd. The July outing is scheduled for July 13th and 14th on Big Green Lake with lunch at Reilly's Pub in Markesan. This is on the far southwest corner of Big Green Lake. They have a pier on their property and the county park and boat launch is a short distance down the same road.



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The Legion has informed us that they are closing at 9 pm on weekdays as of June 1. As a result of this new Legion policy we will start our meeting at **7 pm sharp** to ensure our business is taken care of quickly and provide sufficient time for our speakers.

RAFFLE BOAT FUNDRAISER

The 2019 Raffle Boat will be at the Father’s Day Car Show at Swan City Park in Beaver Dam Sunday, June 16th. Volunteers are needed to help sell tickets this day. This is a great venue. Contact Dave Mace at 920-960-4179 or let us know at the June 5th meeting if you can spend some time selling raffle tickets on this day. The boat will be there from 7am to 5pm. This car show is usually quite spectacular and our volunteers get to view some great cars.



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We would like to acknowledge the great personal effort of new members Shane and Sue Luft in selling raffle tickets. At the May meeting, Shane and Sue turned in over \$600 in ticket sale money. Way to go Shane and Sue!!!



FISHING REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP

Pat Primising	4/1/19	40"	Cave Run Kentucky	Rat'l Trap
Pat Primising	4/2/19	36"	Cave Run Kentucky	Crankbait
Lance Ziemer	5/11/19	39 1/2"	Fox Lake (Outing)	Phantom Soft Tail
Lance Ziemer	5/25/19	54 1/4"	Peshtigo River	Lazer Bucktail



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JUNE 2019 MEETING

Mike Olson from “Musky Mo” guiding service was our guest speaker at the June 5th Meeting. Mike gave us an informative discussion on trolling techniques using the new electronics available. Mike is a professional guide operating as Mike’s Guiding Service on Pewaukee Lake and the Vilas and Oneida County region. Mike is also on the pro staff of Chaos Tackle, Figure 8 Apparel, Team Rhino Outdoors and Mo Musky Bait Company. Contact Mike for more info on his guiding services and lures at (momusky.com email- momuskylc@gmail.com or 414-218-4212).



AUGUST 7, 2019 REGULAR MEETING



At the August meeting, we will be showing members how to build musky bucktails. We have done this in the past, and members will be participating hands-on in building a special lure. For those wishing to build one, the cost will be \$5.00 which helps defray the cost of materials. We will be building #8 bucktails this time. There will be a selection of different blades and different colored tinsel’s. Put your imagination and creativity caps on and participate in this activity. It will give you an opportunity to build that “perfect lure”.

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Do not miss the September 4th regular Club meeting. We are bringing in three WI DNR fish biologists to present to our Club a panel discussion focusing on the topic of stocking muskies. At an earlier 2019 meeting, the Club voted to budget for the year 2019, \$2,500 to stock muskies. This should be a great lineup of knowledgeable people to advise us in our decisions regarding the stocking of muskies and what body of water to stock. Our panel for the meeting will include fisheries biologist Jordan Weeks, NR Region Team Supervisor of the West District Mississippi Field Unit, David Bartz, Senior Fisheries - Oshkosh Field Unit, and Jason Braggeman, Senior Fisheries Biologist-Waupaca and Shawano Counties. In order for us to make an informed decision, we felt it was important to discuss this practice in detail with experts. The more facts our members have, the better the benefits will be to the musky resource. Bring some questions to our panel at the September 4th meeting.



RAFFLE BOAT FUNDRAISER

Dik Suzek, Gerald Loop, Scott Klapperich and Dave Mace took The 2019 Raffle Boat to the Father's Day Car Show at Swan City Park in Beaver Dam Sunday June 16th. The event yielded us less than \$500 after expenses. The weather threatened the show early. The threat of poor weather lessened the number of cars being shown from over 400 to about 300. We were pleased with the results considering the weather. Thank you Dik, Jerry, Scott, and Dave for your efforts.



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



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We kept boat for a couple of weeks and were able to display it at the “Fish Tails” bait shop owned by Tim Nehls in Fox Lake. They have been selling many tickets. The Heritage Truck Stop owned by Eden Meats is another retail establishment that is also selling a good number of tickets for us. Vandy’s Resort on Little Green Lake and Dutch’s Trading Post in Fond du Lac are also doing well selling tickets for the raffle boat. We can thank all of these retailers by patronizing them whenever possible.

IMPORTANT. Please turn in your sold ticket stubs, unsold tickets, and money to the Club at the next regular meeting on August 7th. We must turn in the money and ticket stubs to the Alliance Headquarters prior to the National Tournament which begins August 16th. If you are not able to be at the August 7th meeting, please make arrangements with Scott Klapperich (920-948-2283) to have the ticket stubs, unsold tickets, and money in his hands on or before August 9th. You may also drop the money, stubs, and unsold tickets off at the NAPA store at 56 N Main St. Fond du Lac, WI 54935 in a clearly identified envelope by Friday August 9th. The NAPA store hours are 7:30 - 5:30 PM.

FISHING REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP

5/26	Eric Larsen	47 1/2"	Green Bay	Perch colored bucktail
6/2	Eric Larsen	51 1/2"	Green Bay	Perch colored bucktail
6/2	Eric Larsen	44 1/2"	Green Bay	Perch colored Bucktail
6/22	Kevin Francis	49"	Poygan	Bucktail (Outing Fish)
7/3	Tom LaPine	45"	Poygan	1 1/2" Salmo Firetiger
7/3	Aaron Bilitz	34 1/2"	North Twin	#8 Blade lazer Bucktail
7/3	Bob Haase	40"	French River	LeLure Thumper
7/4	Bob Haase	52"	French River	LeLure Thumper
7/4	Steve Critchley	44"	French River	Hellhound Perch color
7/6	Steve Critchley	47"	French River	Suick
7/6	Jenni Klein	37"	Oneida County Lake	Crankbait

It is good to see that some members are getting out to fish and registering their successful catch and release. By registering your fish, you are sharing information with our members about the musky resource. This is our goal in registering fish. We take this information and prepare a comprehensive summary and present the results at our Annual Awards Banquet. We offer many reward category plaques to our registrants at the banquet. If you would like to win one of these high honors and help other members in telling them what works, please continue to register your fish. Don't keep it a secret. It is easy to do. Pick up some pre-printed postcards available at every meeting, fill it in, and mail it to our fish record keeper Harlan Hopp. If you don't have a card just send Harlan a written note with the date of your catch and release, the length, the location,



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AUGUST 7, 2019 REGULAR MEETING



At the August meeting, our club members built bucktails. Several young members participated in this activity as well. It was good to see these young folks showing an interest. Also at this meeting, members turned in their Boat Raffle money and unsold tickets. It was really heartening to see the excellent results that members produced in this year's fund raising. Thank you to all of you that participated! Special thank you goes to our friends at Nehl's "Fish Tales" bait shop in Fox Lake, Eden Meat's "Heritage Ridge Travel Plaza" in Waupun, "Vandy's Resort" on Little Green Lake and "Dutch's" in Fond du Lac. These businesses and employees took time and resources to help us make this a record sales year for our club. Make sure to thank them personally when you see them and please patronize their businesses when you can.



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OTHER ACTIVITIES

On September 6, 7, and 8, the “Salute the Troops” veteran organization and several members of our Club will be taking 12 veterans musky fishing in the Three Lakes Area. There is no formal club outing this month but we do participate in the National Championship Musky Open Tournament held in Eagle River. There were two outing fish registered in the Tournament. One of our young members, Wyatt Ziemer was the “First of the Outing” trophy winner for this outing. Congratulations Wyatt! Tom Francis was also successful at the outing.

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7/20	Eric Larsen	51"	Leech Lake, MN	Gold Bucktail
7/21	Greg Stubbe	43 1/2"	Lake of the Woods	Ace Tandem
7/22	Mike Stubbe	35"	Lake of the Woods	Ace Tandem
7/23	Greg Stubbe	34"	Lake of the Woods	Bobbie Bait
7/25	Mike Stubbe	44"	Lake of the Woods	Shallow Invader
7/26	Greg Stubbe	40"	Lake of the Woods	Bucktail
7/26	Greg Stubbe	41"	Lake of the Woods	Dbl 10 Bucktail
7/26	Mike Stubbe	46 1/2"	Lake of the Woods	Ace Tandem
7/27	John Bartow	41 3/4"	Lake of the Woods	Slammer
7/28	Scott Klapperich	36 1/2"	Lake of the Woods	Bucktail
7/28	Scott Klapperich	43 1/2"	Lake of the Woods	Fat Bastard
7/28	Scott Klapperich	39 1/2"	Lake of the Woods	Dbl 8 Bucktail
7/29	Dik Suzek	42 1/2"	Lake of the Woods	Ace Tandem
7/31	Dave Mace	37"	Lake of the Woods	Grandma
7/31	Scott Klapperich	39 1/2"	Lake of the Woods	Suick
8/01	John Bartow	40"	Lake of the Woods	Dbl 9 Bucktail
8/03	Wyatt Ziemer	34 1/2"	Jump River	Mepps
8/15	Owen Ziemer	34 1/4"	Lac Vieux Desert	Twisted Sister
8/16	Wyatt Ziemer	41 1/4"	N Twin. (Outing)	Bulldawg (gold)
8/17	Tom Francis	34"	Duck Lake (Outing)	Bucktail
8/19	Patrick Nolan	46"	Lake of the Woods	Depth Raider

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OCTOBER 2ND, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Adam Nickel, Fisheries Biologist out of the Oshkosh Office visited our club and brought us up to date on the Winnebago System musky tracking research project we helped fund. Our Club donated funds to purchase electronic tagging chips implanted into muskies that enabled the DNR to track the fish in the Winnebago System.

Adam presentation showed us that some of these fish have quite a range of travel in the Winnebago System and beyond. The tracking maps showed that a couple of muskies actually left the system and moved into the Bay of Green Bay. Another fish traveled from north of Winneconne to Oshkosh and back again multiple times. There are a couple of tag years left in the fish. Not all the tagged fish have shown up on the receivers. There are many reasons they have not registered, (caught by non-reporting anglers, fish never traveling near receivers, fish staying in the middle of the basin, death, etc.). After 5 years, the DNR will make an assessment as to whether or not to continue this method of research.

NOVEMBER 6th MEETING

At this regular meeting there will be no speaker presentation. We will have the normal business agenda. We would like to further discuss and receive member input on a plan to stock muskies in 2020 as part of this meeting.

DECEMBER MEETING REMINDER

2020 Officer elections are coming up for our December 4th meeting. Start your campaigning early if you are interested in an elected position.





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9/4	Beth Maeder	39"	Perrault Lake , Ontario	Rapala Super Shad Rap
10/17	Greg Rubin	41 1/2"	Pewaukee Lake	Suick
10/19	Lonny Ziemer	34 1/4"	Green Bay	Musky Armor Krisco
10/23	Dik Suzek	36 1/2"	Lake of the Woods (LOTW)	Hex Bait
10/26	Luke Mueller	37 1/2"	Green Bay	Grandma Bait

Note: Lonny and Dik, if you attend the Wednesday meeting, would you please bring your lures to show us. Any other members that have newer or less common lures, we would all find that interesting at any of our meetings. We all need more lures. LOL.

**A BIG
THANK YOU**

The Salute the Troops 6th Annual Gala Dinner Event is being held on Wednesday Night, 6Nov19, the same night as our meeting. Richard Feustel has informed us that they plan to publicly acknowledge and thank our Club for our efforts at this event.



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SEPTEMBER 4th, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

At this meeting, a panel of WI DNR fish biologists discussed the practice of stocking muskies in Wisconsin waters. The panel was excellent with lots of issues covered. Our panel of experts included Jordan Weeks, DNR Region Team Supervisor of the West District Mississippi Field Unit and Jason Braggeman, Senior Fisheries Biologist - Waupaca and Shawano Counties. Addie Dutton, Senior Fisheries Biologist from the Plymouth Office also attended and introduced herself to the Club. All of



these people offered to assist us in whatever way they can in helping us with our musky projects. One of the main points of the discussion was that the local fish biologist of the area, Addie Dutton, should be the first point of contact for information and help with stocking. Another very interesting point, brought out by these biologists was that stocking definitely helps more bodies of water than relying on just natural reproduction.

Many other aspects about muskies were discussed, such as “trophy waters vs numbers waters”, and “strains of fish allowed”. There are many ways for us to contribute to the musky resource in addition to stocking. For example, habitat projects such as “fish sticks” (bait projects) and fishing access projects. “Musky Team” gift accounts along with hatchery gift accounts and individual DNR office gift accounts also can be utilized to improve the resource. These gifts can be specifically directed in their use.



Sadly there was a very low turnout for this meeting where a wealth of information was provided.

OCOTBER 2ND, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Adam Nickel, Fisheries Biologist out of the Oshkosh Office will be at our meeting to bring us up to date on the musky research project we helped fund that tracks the movements of musky in the Winnebago System. As you may recall, we funded a project that tagged and released muskies in various locations within the Winnebago



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System. These fish then register their location by swimming by various tracking stations throughout the system. The biologists can then pinpoint their movements to learn more about their travels. Last year, Adam reported to us and the information we gleaned was amazing. Try to make this meeting. We're sure you'll find it interesting.

VETERAN MUSKY FISHING OUTING

The 2019 Veteran Musky Fishing Outing was held September 6th – 8th in Three Lakes, WI. This special musky hunt weekend was sponsored by the Salute the Troops veterans support group, the WinnebagoLand Musky Club, Dennis Buechel, President of Natural Stone Veneers, Inc., and Navy Club – Ship 75. Member fishermen from the WinnebagoLand Musky Club guided the veterans on the water. This event introduces veterans to musky fishing, providing a brat fry and social on Friday evening, breakfast and lunch Saturday, and a fish fry on Saturday evening. At this event, there is a tradition of sitting around the campfire exchanging "war stories". This is what makes it all worthwhile, seeing these veterans open up and be appreciated. The outing gives the veterans a chance to unwind, share their military experience, and bond with other veterans and guides who are often in tears from the stories.

Six legal muskies were caught by the vets with the largest one being a 45 incher boated by veteran Jim Erskine under the guidance of Mark Klapperich.

Many parties to this event deserve a big thank you for making this memorable weekend happen for 12 veterans. In addition to the above mentioned sponsors, we wish to thank Karen at the Sunset Grill in Three Lakes for a fantastic breakfast they provided on Saturday morning for our vets and guides. Thank you to Bob from Jokin' Joes Sport Shop in Three Lakes who donated prizes and gifts to the outing. Also, we thank Dave LaPine, Dik Suzek, Richard Feustel and their fishing buddies for providing the fish for the Saturday night fish Fry and Mary LaPine for frying them up. Tuesday Klapperich deserves our thank you for her excellent potato salad which made the fish fry complete. There were several boats and guides from the WinnebagoLand Musky Club who guided the veterans on the water. Thank you guides Dave LaPine, Jerry LaPine, Charley LaPine, Paul Klein, Steve Critchley, Mark Klapperich and Scott Klapperich. We also wish to thank Richard Feustel, Tracy Qualmann, Mary LaPine and





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Bailey LaPine for all their help behind the scenes in organizing and actively helping in numerous ways to make this weekend possible. We hope our deserving veterans enjoyed their weekend.



SAD NEWS – PASSING OF A FRIEND

One of our Club members, Pat Primising passed away Saturday September 14th. He was not only an active member of this club, but was active in many other worthwhile community projects. It was amazing to see the number of people that attended his funeral visitation. In reading his obituary with the long list of his community involvement, it was no wonder the lines were long. This man was generous to many including us. He was a model citizen. We all are lucky to have known him and we extend our heartfelt prayers and condolences to his family.





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We discussed the idea of planting fish in 2019. We previously budgeted \$2,500 for 2019 but did not make a decision on the lake. We also discussed the Sportsman's Rummage Sale to be held on March 2nd 2020 and agreed to purchase 3 tables and run the food concession as a fundraiser this year.

We also discussed the 2020 Awards banquet. Our discussion led to having Scott book the date with the Legion on a date that would not interfere with the banquet date of Walleyes for Tomorrow. The date was booked for April 11th, 2020. Mark your calendars now for the Awards Banquet.

DECEMBER 4TH MEETING

We will hold the **2019 Election of Officers** at this meeting. The current officers are:

President	Scott Klapperich
Vice President	Dave Mace
Treasurer	Ron Lange and
Secretary	Bob Rennock



This is the time to put on your volunteer's hat and volunteer to be nominated if you desire a position. We also take in volunteers at this time for any of the active committee chairmanships such as Banquet, Outing, Musky Recorder, and Newsletter writer.

One of our new members, Shane Luft volunteered and was accepted by the Musky Alliance as the representative for the WinnebagoLand Musky Club. Thank you Shane for volunteering for this important position.

At this time we would like to thank two of our most renowned members Gerry Loop and Bob Haase for representing our club at the Musky Alliance. These two gentlemen did a great job actively representing our club and presenting our Club's positions for many years. They put on lots of miles and many hours working unselfishly with the Alliance. Gerry and Bob informed Shane of some of the policies and procedures of the Alliance.



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To celebrate our election process we will be having some pizza from Joes Fox Hut. Please come Wednesday Evening December 4th, eat some pizza and volunteer for the Club work of 2020.



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The Salute the Troops 6th Annual Gala Dinner was held on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019, the same night as our meeting. The WinnebagoLand Musky Club was publicly acknowledge and thanked for our efforts supporting veterans. Also, three Club members donated guide services to assist in the fundraising. Way to go WMC!!!