



THE MUSKY NEWS



Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club January 2020

DECEMBER 4th MEETING RECAP

The 2020 WMC Officer Election Results are in. The officers for 2019 are as follows:

President: Scott Klapperich
Vice President: Jerry LaPine
Fish Record Keeper: Harlan Hopp

Secretary: Beth Maeder
Treasurer: Ron Lange

Dave Mace former Vice President did not seek this office this year and Jerry LaPine generously offered up his services for this office and accepted the nomination and election to this office. Jerry has been an active and dedicated member of this Club for years also being a former president of the Club. We expect him to offer much to the operation. Dave stated that he will remain an active member and will continue volunteering for various jobs and write the Newsletter for one more year.

Bob Rennock did not seek the nomination for Secretary and Beth Maeder stepped up to accept the nomination and election to the Secretary's position.

Thank you and congratulations to both Jerry and Beth to take on these necessary positions.

We welcome them and their input.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

In our December Newsletter we announced that the 2020 Banquet would be held April 11th. After discussion at the December 4th Meeting it was decided that the **AWARDS BANQUET** would be best on **March 21st 2020**. The members felt that there would be no conflicts with other area banquets so the March 21st date was chosen. Re-Mark your calendars for **MARCH 21st for the 2020 WMC AWARDS BANQUET**. More details will follow shortly.





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JANUARY 2nd MEETING

Plan to attend this meeting. This date is correct. The first Wednesday of the month fell on the New Year's Holiday, thus the change to January 8th.

Dave Bartz, Senior Fisheries Biologists from the Wautoma Office of the WI DNR will be our guest at this meeting. He will discuss with us the stocking of Big Green Lake in 2020. This will be an interesting discussion and hope you will attend.



SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE

The sportsman's rummage sale fundraising event will be held Saturday March 7th at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds. This event is an annual rummage sale where outdoors men 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 8th meeting, February 5th 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 oversupply, we donate it to the Legion.

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JANUARY 8th MEETING RECAP

At this meeting, Dave Bartz, Senior Fish Biologist for the Wisconsin DNR was our guest speaker. He discussed fishing and stocking Big Green Lake. He has many years of experience, and insight on this body of water and its fish populations. Dave answered questions concerning our plan to stock larger muskies and the protocol we need to follow to obtain the proper permits. Our Club has a line on some larger fish than the normal stocking size through the Musky Club of Wisconsin, one of our Alliance members, with a history of stocking "holdover" fish. They have indicated that they



would be willing to share their holdover fish with us. We discussed this and voted to allocate \$2,500 from the 2020 budget plus \$1,600 which was recently received from our deceased member, Pat Primising's family. These amounts will be added to the \$2,500 we had previously approved for 2019 stocking for a total \$6,600 for the Green Lake project. This budget will allow us to make a meaningful stocking effort in that the fish have a better chance of survival because of their increased size.

As mentioned above, our Club received a generous donation of \$1,600 from the Patrick Primising family in memory of Patrick. Patrick was a long time, active member of the Winnebago and Musky Club. Patrick and his family have made numerous contributions to the Club including a sizable donation when Patrick's father, a DNR fisheries biologist, passed away. Patrick's wife Chris, told us that "Pat loved musky fishing and this Club. He enjoyed being an active member." Patrick participated in many of our outings and fund raising events. He shared information with others, brought in new members, and always had a friendly presence. This man was an all-around great citizen. He held an honorable position as a Fond du Lac Police Officer and spearheaded other charitable activities in the community. We thank Patrick and his family for remembering us. We will miss Patrick and all of us are proud to have known him.

FEBRUARY 5th MEETING

At this meeting we will have Bill Schwartz, owner of the famous Slammer Tackle Company will speak on the topic of "Early Season Muskies, starting the season out right."





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ANNUAL WMC AWARDS BANQUET

The ANNUAL WMC AWARDS BANQUET is coming up on Saturday, **MARCH 21st**. This year's gala will begin at 5:00 pm and the dinner and program will start at 6:45 pm. There will be raffle tables with many fine prizes, a great dinner with special member made desserts, and an official award presentation that honors our successful musky hunters. The price this year is \$35/adult and \$12.50 for children 12 and under. A formal invitation and RSVP package will be in the mail to you shortly. Register early and be eligible to win early bird prizes. Seating is limited so respond as soon as possible. This year's event will have some great prizes and we hope to see you there bringing a new member. Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items or money at the banquet registration table will receive 1 raffle ticket for a chance to win a ticket package to be used on several of the tables. Besides having a chance to win, a meaningful donation to a charity is made. If you have a nice, new or unused bait that you would like to donate to the bait raffle board, please contact Scott (920-948-2283).



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MUSKY CLUBS ALLIANCE OF WISCONSIN



Shane and Sue Luft, our newly elected Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin representatives have informed us that the Alliance Raffle Boat tickets will be available soon. We will inform you when we have the tickets in our hands. This is our main fundraiser and we hope that you will all help in selling tickets. We had great success last year and we hope to repeat. This allows the funds to continue with stocking projects and support other WMC projects. The Lufts also mentioned that the special Wisconsin Musky Alliance license plates program is in place with the DOT and Alliance. In order to keep the program in play, they do need to sell more plates. Contact Shane or Sue for more details if you wish to obtain those plates.



Scott Klapperich wishes to inform you that he has uncovered a line of T-shirts, hoodies and sweatshirts that are nice looking and fairly priced that are available to us if we have enough orders. The clothes have either dark blue ink or silver ink only with our Club logo. T shirts-\$10, Long Sleeve T shirts-\$15, Sweat shirts-\$20, and Hoodies-\$25. Add \$2.00 for 2XL or larger. If interested, contact Scott at 920-948-2283 and he can send you a color palette for the main color of the clothes. The color palette will also be available at the Feb 5th meeting.





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NOTICE! There is no March Meeting as per normal scheduling.

FEBRUARY 5TH MEETING RECAP

Our guest speaker was Bill Schwartz from Slammer Tackle. Bill talked about early season tactics and he opened with the 3 most universal requirements:

1. Moon phase check
2. Water temp check
3. Get wife's approval!

Bill also mentioned that following the bait fish will lead to action. Locating warmer water is where the muskies hang to warm their body. In early spring warmer water will be found in the darker water lakes. Rocks tend to draw in heat along with softer bottoms and weeds. Regarding lure presentation, Bill felt that in the warmer water use brighter colors and a faster retrieve. In the cooler water, use a slower retrieve using more natural colors. Use smaller bucktails and leave the big 10s for later in the season. Bill had a myriad of other suggestions too numerous to mention here. His presentation was an excellent one for both experienced and new musky hunters.



SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE

This club event held at the Fond du Lac Fairgrounds is an event that is sponsored by the Sportsman's Alliance. People rent tables and try to sell their outdoor gear (some new some used). Our Club provides 3 table for our members' use in selling their gently used stuff so you can get new stuff. Obviously, there is only so much room so first come-first served. If you are not going to be at the table watching the process throughout the day let whoever is manning the table know if you will take less money if the buyer wants to chisel on the price. If the person manning the table doesn't know if you have any wiggle room, then all they will do is process the transaction at your labeled price.

We would appreciate some help at the food concession stand which our club runs. The day runs from 7 am to 2 pm. Call Dave Mace or text at 920-960-4179 if you will be there to help and what times you will be available. We have always had great Club participation and even if there is some work involved it seems to be a fun day. 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 oversupply, we donate it to the Legion.



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ANNUAL WMC AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY **MARCH 21st** AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL, 500 FOND DU LAC AVE, FOND DU LAC, WI
ARRIVAL, COCKTAILS AND CHECK IN STARTS AT 5 PM, WITH DINNER AT 6:45
COST - \$35/ADULT and \$12.50 FOR THOSE 12 and UNDER

We hope all of you can make this year's gala event. As usual, we have many door prizes and raffle tables with great prizes for you to enjoy. We look forward to presenting our Custom Lure Board and special Fisherman's Raffle. Our dinner is catered by Eden Meats with baked chicken, sirloin tips with noodles, accompanied by cheesy potatoes, buttered corn, 7-layer salad, rolls, coffee, milk and Unique and Outstanding desserts prepared by our own members or significant other.

Our successful musky hunters will also be honored at this event for their championship catches and releases of muskies over the 2019 season.



Again this year, we will be having a food drive for a local food pantry. Bring a non-perishable food item and receive a raffle ticket for each item donated. You may also donate money and receive a raffle ticket for each \$1. For the past several years, we have made some significant donations to these worthy causes.

SEE YA THERE! A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL!

WMC MUSKY STOCKING PROJECT UPDATE

The Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin, an Alliance musky club from Waukesha, is sharing fish from their allotment with our Club and Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc. We are grateful to the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin for giving us this opportunity to procure larger stockable-fish. We do not know exactly how many fish we will receive until the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin is informed later this spring by the hatchery. These fish will be larger than fish normally procured and stocked in the fall. The hatchery feeds these fish through the winter and their increased size will greatly boost their survivability. We have budgeted and approved funds from 2019 and 2020, along with a \$1,600 bequeathment from the Pat Primising estate to provide a total of \$6,600 for this Big Green Lake Stocking Project. The Club extends another Thank-You to the Pat Primising family and Patrick for remembering the Club. Patrick would be pleased to see



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this project go forward. We will be working with the DNR in the next few weeks to procure the proper permits and organizing the logistics. We will need manpower and boats to stand by to help with the stocking project. There will be little notice when the fish are coming but they probably will arrive at Big Green Lake within the first 3 weeks of April. Please let Scott Klapperich (920-948-2283) or Dave Mace (920-960-4179) know if you would like to be on the call list to provide manpower and your boat if available to make this happen. It will be fun, interesting, and a long time coming. We are hoping that the Club can continue with projects like this which are made possible only by our fundraising efforts like the selling of licensed Boat Raffle tickets. This is another impressive Ranger Boat and the tickets are an easy sale. Pick up your tickets at our regular April meeting on Wednesday, April 1st or at the Sportsman's Rummage Sale on Saturday March 7th. If you contact Scott or Dave by phone or text we will make arrangements to get you raffle tickets.



**WIN THIS
BOAT-MOTOR-TRAILER**



Grand Prize

**2020 Ranger Boat Model 1880MS Angler & Trailer
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2nd-10th Prize

Musky Fishing Reels

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164 W. Forest St. Eagle River Wisconsin

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NOTICE! The regular April 1, 2020 meeting of the Winnebago and Musky Club is cancelled. This cancellation is due to the Coronavirus.

NEWS

March 2020 was a busy month for the Club. The Sportsman's Rummage Sale did occur on March 21. The Club ran the food concession stand and we had excellent member participation as usual. We operated in the black and created a profit of \$914. Thanks to all the members that pitched in with their help.

The planned Awards Banquet, as you all know, did not occur as planned. Lots of work has been done to bring the Awards Banquet to you. However, the "Virus" forced the Club to cancel and postpone the 2020 banquet to a later undetermined date. The banquet committee is unable to provide a new date yet, but will work to declare a new time and place as soon as it is feasible. Those of you that have paid the banquet fee may choose to have the Club hold your banquet money for a time to use towards the new banquet, or have your prepaid banquet amount returned to you now. Call or text Scott @ 920-948-2283 with your wishes regarding the return of your banquet fee. The Club's desire is to announce plans for the banquet as soon as the government gives a clearance for groups to gather. If you have any suggestions or feelings regarding this banquet's venue or time please let Scott know by calling or texting him at 920-948-2283. Hopefully this country's coronavirus epidemic is short and everyone avoids it.



WMC MUSKY STOCKING PROJECT UPDATE

The Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin, an Alliance musky club from Waukesha, is sharing fish from their allotment with our Club and Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc. We are close to having our stocking program implemented on Big Green Lake. We are hopeful that the actual stocking will occur between April 3 and April 6. The actual timing for the stocking is determined by the hatchery. We do not have control of this timing. We also have to contend with the social distancing. Volunteers





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would provide manpower and boats to disperse the fish. We want to scatter the fish in the lake. ARE YOU AND YOUR BOAT AVAILABLE ON A DAYS NOTICE? If so, please call Scott Klapperich 920-948-2283 or Dave Mace 920-960-4179 to discuss your availability.

BOAT RAFFLE TICKETS

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NEWS

Musky Stocking: We finally got the job done regarding the musky stocking of Green Lake. We were fortunate to obtain the fish we desired, which were 400 12" to 19"

"holdover yearlings". We utilized our 2019 and 2020 budgeted funds along with the \$1,600 donated to us by the Patrick Primising bequeath. Several members showed up on Monday morning April 6th to help disburse the fish across the Lake. To add to the challenge, these volunteers practiced "social distancing" methods to accomplish the task. The disbursement of the fish, rather than merely dropping them off in one spot, further helped protect these valuable fish from predation. Thank you to those that voluntarily came out to do this.

We were sorry that we could not gather and celebrate the stocking but we wanted to be mindful of social distancing. There are

some photos and live action shots on the website which are a nice commemoration of the event. Now let's regroup and build the resources to do this again, maybe on Green Lake or maybe another. Richard did receive an email from the Green Lake Foundation that thanked us for the musky stocking and they reported they stocked 28,000 lake trout the week before. Green Lake should be a great fishing location in future years thanks to these stocking efforts.



WMC Banquet: As you know, we had to postpone the WMC banquet. The officers are hoping to reschedule this annual event to a time this year when the comfort level for gatherings is right. Most of the preparations and prizes are in place already. The timing and exact location need to be determined. Call or text President Scott with your thoughts. (920-948-2283).

First WMC Outing: An impromptu outing on Little Green was announced by email for opening day, May 2nd. A half dozen boats and members were out fishing but no outing musky were registered, a few nice northern pike were boated. Eric Larsen did boat one small musky and Greg & Mike Stubbe caught 3 musky the following Tuesday, one making the legal limit.





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NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY JUNE 3rd, 2020 at 7:00 PM

There will be a regular Club meeting Wednesday June 3rd at the American Legion. We will place chairs at least 6 feet apart and politely ask that you honor the social distancing limits recommended by the medical experts. The Legion Hall is open after the lifting of the general restrictions set by the government. We felt it was important to have a meeting maintaining a commitment to all of you that this Club is a viable organization, not to be shut down by a virus. We are open for business and comradery. There is no training program planned but have quite a bit of catching up to do. We will have a general business agenda, discuss the banquet and possible outings, dispense boat raffle tickets, and just get together for a beverage and some "fish talk".

BOAT RAFFLE TICKETS

We have boat raffle tickets and hope that you pick some up to sell if you come to the meeting. Heritage Truck Stop and Cafe (Eden Meats) and Fish Tales Bait Shop in Fox Lake are selling tickets at their places of business. Both of these places sold a significant amount of tickets for us in the past and they are both pleased to do it for us this year again. If you have any chance to patronize these people, please do so! They ask nothing of us to do this. We have the boat for Memorial Day weekend and it will be at Fish Tales in Fox Lake.

Your personal efforts are needed to sell and buy these tickets. This is our main fundraiser so do your best in selling these tickets. If you do not attend the June 3rd meeting and would like tickets, just call Scott at 920-948-2283 or Dave at 920-960-4179. We will get you the tickets you need. The public raffle for the boat is definitely happening even if the August tournament doesn't happen.



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FISH REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP

5/6 MIKE STUBBE 36" LITTLE GREEN LAKE SMALL BLACK SPINNER

Hopefully you are getting out there to do some musky fishing this year despite COVID-19. To register your fish, please send Harlan a post card with the date, your name, length, the lake you caught and released the fish, and the lure. Everyone is interested in this information and registering your fish gets you into the mix for the awards at our banquet. Let Harlan or one of the officers know if you need a few pre-printed postcards. We will get some to you or you can pick them up at the meeting. They look like this.

Winnebago and Musky Club Registration

Name _____ Date _____

Time _____ Kept _____ Released _____ True _____ Hybrid _____

Length _____ Weight _____ Girth _____

Lake _____ County _____

Bait _____ Color _____ Size _____

Water Depth _____ Structure _____

Weather Condition _____

Weighed at _____

Signature _____

Witness Signature _____

(Must be postmarked no later than 14 days after catch)

NOTES:



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JUNE 3rd MEETING

We had a short meeting at the American Legion Hall with no speaker/program. At this meeting, we discussed a few things with the limited number of members present. It was well understood that attendance was hampered by COVID 19. We discussed the stocking project of April 6th on Big Green Lake. As stated before, we strategically placed 400 sizable "holdover" muskies with about 10 members disbursing the fish in their boats. It was a quick process and we had to do it without celebration, being mindful of the pandemic issues. The fish all appeared to be very healthy in the 12"-18" range. Stocking fish of this size and disbursing them should result in a high survival rate. This completed our budgeted stocking project for 2019 and 2020. Funds for this project came from our fund raising projects and a generous donation from the Pat Primising Estate. If you have not checked out the website "News and Events", please do so. You will find some great pictures and even underwater videos of the stocking event.



The Banquet is still very much on our minds. We have purchased prizes and have stored them in Scott's beautifully restored 1961 Chevy Impala. There will be no rides in this car for a while.

The Legion Hall facility is not available Saturdays pretty much for the rest of 2020, due to the COVID-19. It was suggested that no banquet be held in the calendar year 2020 but postpone it to 2021. It is almost impossible for us to break-even without a full house plus it could be a health risk to put a crowd together anytime soon. It was



suggested that we present 2019 awards at our regular meeting on **August 5th**. There will be no formal dinner or long program, just some light snacks, a dessert or two, and a couple of raffles. We will be able to officially acknowledge our champions and save the formal Banquet for 2021. The projected date will be sometime in late March or early April, subject to the health issues and hall availability. There are a number of people that have prepaid for the 2020 banquet. We have that record and you will be credited with

your payment for the 2021 banquet. If you desire to have a refund at this time, let us know at the August 5th meeting or by emailing Scott at scott_klapperich@yahoo.com or text 920-948-2283.



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AUGUST 5th MEETING (subject to COVID 19 issues) 7:00 pm American Legion Hall

At this meeting we plan to announce the 2019 Awards have some light snacks, dessert, and a couple raffles. As a business meeting, we will determine a new date for the banquet. So we can get a good headcount for food, please let us know by an email to Scott if you plan to attend this meeting.

BOAT RAFFLE TICKETS

It is great to report to you that current sales for our club have already surpassed our record of last year. This phenomenon is occurring thanks to the sales efforts at Fish Tales bait shop in Fox Lake, the Heritage Truck Plaza in Waupun, and members Shane and Sue Luft. Their numbers are GREAT. We have been fortunate that we have had possession of the boat for a longer period of time because some clubs have given up on this fund raising project. We took advantage of this by presenting this boat at Fish Tails and Heritage for longer than usual. These two retailers are truly friends of our Club. The owners and the sales staffs at both places are energetic and ambitious in offering the raffle to their customers. The same is true for our new members Shane and Sue Luft.

There still is time for us to sell tickets and raise more money for the club by selling and buying tickets individually. The 2020 Alliance Tournament in Eagle River has been cancelled but the raffle is still on. This is an effective money-raising project and we need everyone to make an effort in selling tickets. Even buying a couple tickets yourself is helpful.

Contact Scott or Dave Mace know if you would like some tickets to sell or buy. The ticket stubs and money need to be returned to us on or before the August 5th meeting. The boat drawing is August 23rd. Please give this your best effort and thanks to those that have already sold tickets.



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First WMC Outing: Another attempt to win the coveted 1st Musky of the Outing trophy took place on June 27th at Green Lake. The conditions were beautiful ...and hot. A half dozen boats and members were out fishing and enjoyed a nice lunch at Reilly's Pub. Unfortunately, no Outing musky were registered but a few panfish were boated.



FISH REPORT By Harlan Hopp

5/27	Jerry Loop	36"	Pelican Lake	Slim Whiz
6/2	Lance Ziemer	37 3/4"	Little Green Lake	Phantom Softtail
6/7	Jordan Kurkowski	48/1/4"	Big Lake	Suick
6/13	Jordan Kurkowski	38"	Deer Lake	Suick
6/14	Jordan Kurkowski	39 1/4"	Dam Lake	Suick
6/26	Eric Larsen	48"	Little Green Lake	Bucktail



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AUGUST 5, 2020 MEETING

At this meeting we announced and presented the Awards to Members that caught, released and registered fish during the 2019 fishing season. We normally present these awards at our Annual Awards Banquet. As you all know, we had to postpone the banquet due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The **2021 Banquet** is planned for **March 27th, 2021**. The banquet committee has already purchased and received most of the prizes for this banquet. Let's all hope that this pandemic thing has run its course!

*****SEPTEMBER 2nd MEETING / OUTING COMBINATION*****

Another attempt to win the coveted 1st Musky of the Outing trophy. The September 2020 Meeting is going to be a combination meeting and Club musky fishing outing on Elkhart Lake. You may start fishing any time on September 2nd. We are meeting at PARKER JOHN'S BBQ & PIZZA for dinner at 7:30 but no later than 8:00 pm. Check out their website; www.parkerjohns.com . The address of the restaurant is 819 Service Rd Kiel, WI. This outing is in place of a September meeting. Please call Scott Klapperich or Richard Feustel with questions (Scott-920-948-2283 or Richard 920-517-4712). Parker Johns closes at 9:00 pm. Let's see if we can raise a few local muskies.



THE 2019 AWARDS

- **Largest Fish of 2019**- Lance Ziemer, 54 1/2", 5/25/19, Peshtigo River , Double 8 Bucktail This fish also won **Largest Fish of Wisconsin Category**
- **Largest Fish for the Month of June 2019** - Eric Larsen, 51 1/2", 6/2/19 Green Bay on a Perch Bucktail This fish also won **2nd Largest Fish of Wisconsin Category**
- **3rd Largest Fish of 2019** - Kevin Francis, 49", 6/22/19, Lake Poygan, on a bucktail **Most Released Fish of 2019** - Eric Larsen - 51 1/2', 47 1/2" & 44"
- **Largest Fish for the Month of July 2019** - Tom LaPine, 45", 7/3/19, Lake Poygan, on a Salmo
- **Largest Fish for the Month of August 2019** - Wyatt Ziemer, 41 1/4", 8/16/19, N.Twin, on a Bull Dawg This fish also won **2019 Youth Division Award**
- **Largest Fish for the Month of September 2019** - Lonnie Ziemer, 40 3/4", 9/2/19, Green Bay, on a Super Shad Rap





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- **Largest Fish for the Month of October 2019** - Greg Rubin, 41 1/2", Pewaukee on a suick
- **Largest Fish of 2019- Women's Category** - Jenni Klein, 37", 7/6/2019, Oneida County, on a Crank bait
- **Largest Fish of National Category** - Bob Haase, 52", 7/4/19, French River Canada, on a LeLure Thumper
- **2nd Largest Fish of National Category** - Eric Larsen, 51", 7/20/19, Leech Lake, MN, bucktail

2020 BOAT RAFFLE NEWS

The 2020 Musky Alliance Boat Raffle was a success for the Club. We set a raffle ticket sales record for the Club this year. We recorded a total of \$8,225 in sales this year. Much of our success was due to the assistance of two merchants that displayed the boat for us and sold tickets on their site. Those generous merchants were "**FISH TAILS BAIT SHOP**" on Main Street in Fox Lake and "**HERITAGE RIDGE TRAVEL PLAZA**" on Hwy 26/151 interchange just South of Waupun. Two other merchants that helped us were **FOND DU LAC CYCLERY** on Main St. in Fond du Lac and "**THE AMERICAN LEGION**" on Fond du Lac Ave, our meeting place. We thank these businesses and organizations very much for their ambitious voluntary efforts to help our Club. They asked us for nothing in helping. We hope that you will remember their generosity when you are in need of bait and you are traveling and need fuel, dining, and other convenience store services, bicycling and fitness needs and local tavern refreshment. We also thank some notable individual sales efforts on the part of members that turned in big numbers, (Shane and Sue Luft, Jerry Loop, and Harlan Hopp) . There were many other members that contributed to our record year and we thank you all. Without the efforts of all that sold tickets we would not have had a good year. This is our main fundraiser and allows us to budget worthwhile projects for the benefit of the musky resource and the community.

The boat raffle was held on September 23rd in Eagle River as planned, even though the Tournament itself had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. The Ranger Raffle Boat with a 150 HP XL PRO XS Mercury Outboard was won by Bryan Buntrock, of Ft. Atkinson, WI. Second through 10th prize winners are posted on the Musky Alliance website, www.muskyclubsalliance.org, click on "2020 Raffle Winners.pdf"

UPCOMING

The Salute the Troops Veteran Musky Fishing weekend in Three Lakes will be September 11, 12, and 13. Dave LaPine will be contacting the volunteers to firm up the details.

FISH REPORT By Harlan Hopp



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07/27	Bob Kuhr	35"	Lake Vermillion, MN	Spanky Lure
07/30	Bob Kuhr	44 1/2"	Lake Vermillion, MN	Spanky Lure
07/30	Bob Kuhr	37 1/2"	Lake Vermillion, MN	Spanky Lure
08/05	Lance Ziemer	35 1/4"	Jump River	Mepps
08/08	Dani Miller	35 1/4"	Pioneer Lake	Dr Evil (1st Musky)
08/07	Jordan Kurkowski	42 3/4"	Bearskin	Lake Suick
08/08	Jordan Kurkowski	34"	Wabikon	Baby Girl
08/22	Lance Ziemer	40"	South Twin	Spanky Bucktail
08/22	Jordan Kurkowski	40 1/2"	Palmer Lake	Suick
08/23	Jordan Kurkowski	43 1/4"	Moen Lake	Suick
08/23	Aaron Bilitz	43 1/2"	North Twin	Fat Bastard



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2020 MEETINGS

There was no formal meeting held the first week in October due to the gathering issue of the COVID -19. The same is true for the upcoming November 4th 2020. Recent spikes of infections have become worse recently. Don't despair, we still are a Club and this pandemic is just causing unwanted disruptions in our meetings.

2020 BOAT RAFFLE NEWS

Thank you again those of you that helped us post a record year of Alliance Boat Raffle sales. Our Club was responsible for sales of over \$8200 this year, a record amount. A number of members made exceptional efforts in selling raffle tickets. Much of our success was due to merchants that sold tickets on their premises. We would like to thank them again and mention their names one more time:

- FISH TAILS BAIT SHOP in Fox Lake,
- HERITAGE RIDGE TRAVEL PLAZA (Eden Meats) in Waupun
- Fond du Lac CYCLERY
- Fond du Lac AMERICAN LEGION POST (our meeting place)

Please remember their generosity by patronizing them when you are able. This is our main fund raising activity and will allow us to support our community and the musky resources in the future.

FISH REPORT

We do have members that are reporting fish as you will see in the Fish Report. If you have been fishing and have photos that you would like posted on our website, please email them to Richard Feustel with any of your commentary you care to share. Richard's email address is richardfeustel@gmail.com Members please don't forget to regular mail your catch and release information to Harlan

Hopp at Rt 1 144 W Church Street Oakfield, WI 53065. The registration you send to Harlan is documented and used in determining the Annual Awards our Club presents to members catching and releasing muskies that are 34" or longer during the calendar year. We have postcards preprinted for your use but a letter containing the minimum amount of

WinnebagoLand Musky Club Registration				
Name _____				Date _____
Time _____	Kept _____	Released _____	True _____	Hybrid _____
Length _____	Weight _____		Girth _____	
Lake _____	County _____			
Bait _____	Color _____	Size _____		
Water Depth _____	Structure _____			
Weather Condition _____				
Weighed at _____				
Signature _____				
Witness Signature _____				
(Must be postmarked no later than 14 days after catch)				
NOTES:				



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information including date, lake or river name, length, and lure used. Call Scott at 920-948-2283 if you need postcards sent to you.

ALLIANCE NEWS & MUSKY LICENSE PLATES

Shane Luft, our Club's Alliance Representative will be attending an annual meeting of the Alliance representatives on Nov 7th in Eagle River. Shane also reminds us that if we want the Special Edition License Plates regarding muskies to be issued by the State there need to be more applications. He believes we are 46 applications short for the DOT to issue these plates. If you would like to see these special edition plates on the roads and have questions or need an application, please call or text Shane Luft at 920-385-8513.



2020 VETERAN MUSKY FISHING OUTING

On September 11th, Salute the Troops and the WinnebagoLand Musky Club took 14 veterans, 6 guides, and a staff of 3 to the Three Lakes Chain to fish muskies... and they caught muskies. The annual pilgrimage for many, a special treat for so many veterans, the chance of a lifetime to musky fish --- with our country's finest. Guided by Club members - Dave LaPine, Charlie LaPine, Scott Klapperich, Mark Klapperich, Paul Klein, and Greg Stubbe a boisterous group of veterans not afraid of pandemic (or rain), these veterans bonded early and fished through a whole day of on and off downpours. Three muskies were caught and another during pre-fishing. The largest was a 41" musky caught by the oldest veteran, Don Daleiden on Mark Klapperich's boat. Also on Mark's





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boat, a veteran caught a 32" musky and Dave LaPine and Charlie LaPine boated smaller muskies. Richard Feustel coordinated the veterans and hosted the alumni veteran while Tracy Qualmann, and Mary and Bailey LaPine provided awesome food and support. You cannot beat the Saturday breakfast hosted and donated by the Sunset Grill in Three Lakes and the Saturday evening's fish fry courtesy of the LaPine's, even in the rain.



This year we were privileged to have a number of active duty and active National Guard veterans attending including two brothers and the father-in-law veterans of Charlie LaPine. So many veterans asked emphatically to return next year explaining this outing is so much more than fishing. The camaraderie and emotional support it provides is better than catching any musky... although they all want to return to catch a musky. Many cited this year's outing as the uplift they severely needed in these challenging times.





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08/22	Dave LaPine	46"	Three Lakes Chain	Top Raider
08/29	Jordan Kurkowski	35 1/4"	Bearskin Lake	Fat Bastard
08/29	Jordan Kurkowski	34 1/4"	Tenderfoot Lake	Suick
08/30	Jordan Kurkowski	35"	Dog Lake	DrEvil
08/30	Luke Mueller	46 1/2"	Big Arbor Vitae	Beaver
09/01	Luke Mueller	36 1/2"	Little Lake Tomahawk	Beaver
09/17	Greg Rubin	40"	Shallow Raider	Leech Lake MN
09/20	Eric Larsen	41"	Firetiger Crankbait	Green Bay
10/11	Lonnie Ziemer	40"	Big Green	Spanky 99

(maybe this fish was one of our stocked ones????)