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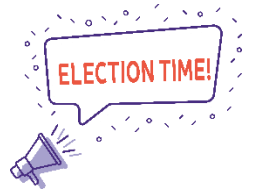


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OCTOBER 2ND REGULAR MEETING RECAP

This meeting featured Chuck Nelson from the Figure 8 Lure Company. Chuck made his presentation to us in a very personal roundtable discussion. Chuck's resume is impressive. He is a teacher, a musky guide, and a representative for FIGURE 8 (www.figure8lurecompany.com). Chuck also was previously employed by Mepps where he was instrumental in bringing the Marabou-style to their product line. Chuck did bring a sampling of Figure 8 lures along and discussed how they work and where to use them. (This writer is getting a couple.) He surprisingly stated that we all should be looking at our own tackle boxes for older lures that you have had success with and tap them for use again, e.g. Eagle Tails and Mepps bucktails. He feels that many musky hunters have abandoned the old "reliables" that worked well for the newer, highly marketed lures. Maybe the fish are used to seeing those new ones only and would like to view some of the old, good ones. In essence, he said, Put more thought into using some of the old ones. Chuck urged everyone to look at FIGURE 8 offerings on their website and at the upcoming shows.

NEXT MEETING-Wednesday December 4th -(Election Of Officers)



The annual nomination and election of officers for 2025 meeting will be December 4th, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the American Legion Clubhouse at 500 Fond du Lac Ave Fond du Lac, WI 54935, our regular meeting location. We will have pizza available to members attending this meeting. This is a call for those interested in serving and maintaining this Club as officers.

Musky Stocking Event October 2024

On October 10th, 2024, in partnership with the Fox Lake Preservation Organization (FLPO) and the Wisconsin DNR, the WinnebagoLand Musky Club stocked (193) 13" large musky fingerlings. Checkout the Club webpage for cool pictures and videos. <https://winnebagoLandmuskyclub.com/> Our Club participated with several of our members releasing the muskies from their boats around the lake.





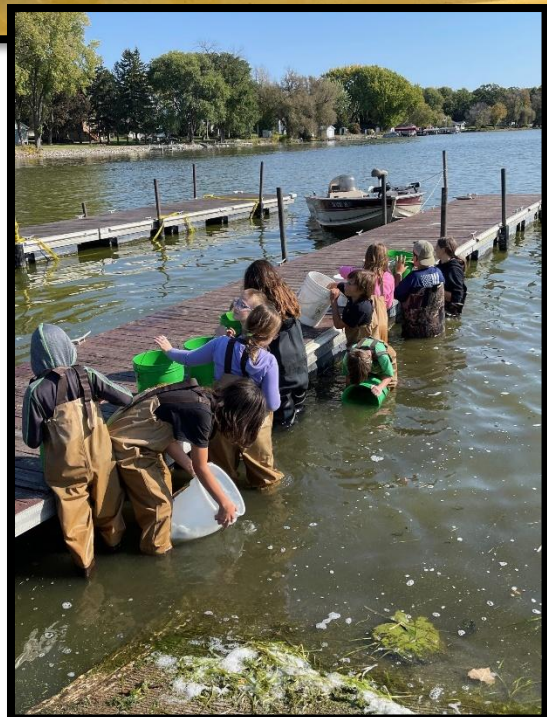
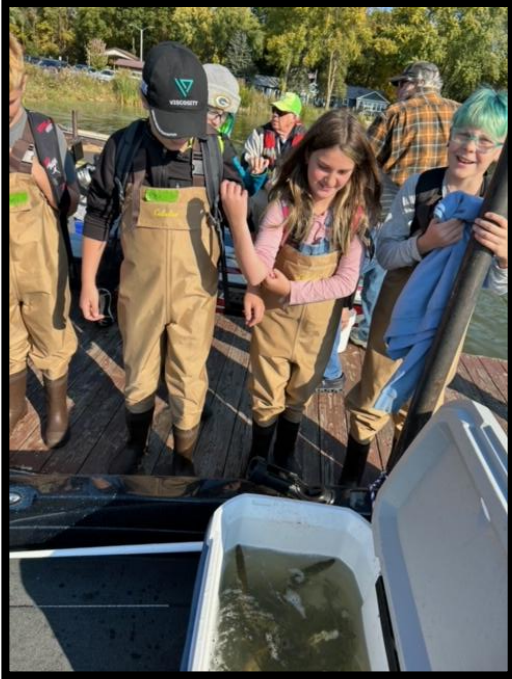
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The FLPO also released on the same day, (1,539) 7" Walleyes, (3,077) 5" Black Crappies, and (2,500) Yellow Perch.

The FLPO organized this stocking project along with the Wisconsin DNR and SAGES Agricultural and Environmental Charter Elementary School in Fox Lake. SAGES school planned a field trip for their students with this stocking project. The WI DNR's involvement offered the children scientific knowledge regarding fish stocking and some hands-on experience getting the fish into the lake. Nice Job!





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CLUB HAPPENINGS in 2024

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| March | Sportsman's Rummage Sale Fundraiser - ran the concession |
| March-July | Boat Raffle Sales - Record Sales thanks to Club Members |
| April | The Annual WinnebagoLand Musky Club Awards Banquet Participated in two direct sales days at Farmer's Market plus two days of selling at Waupun's Famous "Truck N Show" |
| May | Club Outing on Little Green Lake and Fox Lake |
| June | Program - WDNR Biologist Speaker/Presentation Club Outing on Poygan & Winneconne Lakes |
| July | Club Outing on Vilas & Oneida County Lakes |
| August | Musky Clubs Alliance National Tournament (Outing) |
| September | Program - Mat's Reel Repair, Speaker "Operation WinnebagoLand Muskies "Salute the Troops" guided musky fishing weekend for Veterans in Three Lakes WI |
| October | Program - Speaker from Figure 8 Lure Company Musky Stocking in Fox Lake partnering with Fox Lake Preservation Organization |

The activities listed above are all examples of active participation events and do not include monetary contributions to worthy charitable causes. We look forward to more members attending meetings and activities in 2025. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. Hope you can attend and participate in the upcoming important meeting on Wednesday December 4th. We will be nominating and electing 2025 officers. We will also be looking for volunteers for committees and projects and enjoying some hot pizza.

FISH REPORT by GREG RUBIN

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| Beth Kaiser | 08/04/2024 | 37" | Perrault Lake, Ontario | Crank Bait |
| Lance Ziemer | 09/08/2024 | 35.5" | Green Bay | Crank Bait |
| Bob Larsen | 10/18/2024 | 40.5" | Chute Pond | Crank Bait |
| Eric Larsen | 11/01/2024 | 39.5" | Chute Pond | Live Bait |
| Bob Larsen | 11/01/2024 | 36.5" | Chute Pond | Live Bait |
| Bob Larsen | 11/16/2024 | 38.5" | Chute Pond | Live Bait |
| Eric Larsen | 11/23/2024 | 40" | Chute Pond | Live Bait |