



THE MUSKY NEWS



Newsletter of the WinnebagoLand Musky Club April 2022

MARCH RECAP

March was a very busy month for the WinnebagoLand Musky Club. The Club ran the food/concession stand at the Sportsman's Rummage Sale held at the Fond du Lac County fairgrounds on Saturday March 5th. The concession stand raised fundraising \$764 for the Club. Thank you's go out to the following members that donated their time and efforts:

Dann Denslow, Richard Feustel, Scott Klapperich, Jenni and Paul Klein, Dave LaPine, Jerry LaPine, Eric and Heather Larsen, Dave Mace, Beth Maeder, Pat Mickelsen, Paul Roloff, Greg Rubin, Neal Seibel, and Mickey Wolff.

In addition to the money raised by the concession stand, the Club received a cash donation of \$226, from the Mark Haak Family. Margaret Haak, wife of Mark and the Haak Family donated outdoor equipment that was sold at the Club tables. Mark, an avid outdoorsman, died in a tragic car crash along with his daughter, Megan and grandson Philip. Margaret and the family donated outdoor gear to the rummage sale directing all the proceeds to be donated to the WinnebagoLand Musky Club. The family felt that our Club was a worthwhile organization that supported the natural resources which Mark so enjoyed. Thank you to the Mark Haak Family for their thoughtful generosity.

THE AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday night, March 26th, our Club finally had our 2 year COVID interrupted awards banquet. It was very nice! 58 people enjoyed the evening's socializing with members, meal, prize events, and award presentations. President Scott Klapperich emceed the evening. Scott announced that member Harlan Hopp would be resigning from his long-time emcee position, award presenter, and Club fish recordkeeper. Harlan served the Club for many years as recordkeeper and Klapperich heartily expressed our gratitude to him. Harlan spoke shortly about how it was an interesting and educational job for him. He learned much about musky fishing just interpreting the information from the catch information being shared. Thank you Harlan and we look forward to yours and Judy's continued presence in this Club!

Another presentation in honor of deceased member Pat Primising was made to Mrs Chris Primising and daughter Megan Stikl. Pat passed away in 2019. He and his family were active members of the Club and generous benefactors to this Club. The First Musky of the Outing Trophy was renamed, the "Pat Primising First Musky of the Outing Trophy" as our way of saying Thank you and remembering Pat's legacy.



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We went on to the other fish awards for the 2021 season. Only 11 fish were registered for the year which was a strange phenomenon. Congratulations to the following 2021 Champions:

LARGEST FISH - MAY 2021 Jordan Kurkowski 5/29, 38 1/4", Boot Lake, Dr Evil
Also, 3RD LARGEST FISH FOR WISCONSIN

LARGEST FISH - JUNE 2021 Bob Larsen 6/23, 45 1/2", Big Stone, Fat Bastard
Also, LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR
Also, LARGEST OF WISCONSIN

LARGEST FISH - JULY 2021 Wyatt Ziemer 7/3, 36 1/4", South Twin, Bucktail

LARGEST FISH - AUG 2021 Jerry Loop 8/17, 38", Pelican Lake, Tandem
Bucktail
Also, MOST RELEASED MUSKIES OF 2021

LARGEST FISH - OCT 2021 Eric Larsen 10/2, 44 1/2", Green Bay, Crankbait

LARGEST FISH INT'L Beth Maeder 9/9, 40", 40", 36", Perrault Lake,
Ontario
Also, 2ND LARGEST INT'L AWARD 9/9, 40" Perrault Lake, Ontario
Also, LARGEST FISH INT'L WOMEN'S AWARD 9/9, 40" Perrault Lake, Ontario

REPORTING YOUR CATCH

Beth Maeder will be taking over the recordkeeping job from Harlan. Digitally reporting your catch and release information will be used. Photo sharing is also encouraged along with your catch statistics. It's easy to do and hopefully everyone will enjoy this way of registering your fish. In keeping with the Club bylaws, we ask that you report your catch to Beth within 14 days of your catch and release. The minimum information needed is date, length to the 1/4", water body where caught, and lure used. Other information like weather conditions e.g., sunny, cloudy, windy, watercolor, lake structure, e.g. weeds, rock, boulders, sand, muck will be very interesting for everyone. (bethmkaiser@gmail.com). More to follow.

NEXT MEETING—Wednesday April 6th, 7:00 pm American Legion Building

This will be a regular business meeting . At this meeting we would like to develop a plan for the first outing of the year. We are looking for member input on this. There is no speaker program planned at this time for the meeting.