



# THE MUSKY NEWS

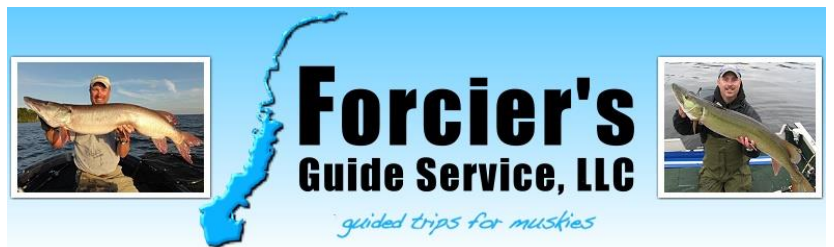


## *Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club*

*June 2023*

### **MAY 3rd MEETING RECAP**

Todd Forcier, a professional guide that concentrates on the Wisconsin River and its flowages gave us an excellent presentation on fishing the flowages. He discussed in detail, techniques, how to identify some of the areas that he has found productive, tackle used, and his philosophies about the sport of musky hunting. It was an excellent presentation. Jerry LaPine had a chance to fish with Todd recently. Jerry said it was one of his best fishing experiences. Todd was extremely knowledgeable and pleasant to be with. Just a reminder, Todd also donated to our Club, a guided trip. The winner of this prize trip is going to have a great time! Check out Todd's website [www.forcierfishing.com](http://www.forcierfishing.com) . You may want to book a trip.



### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY June 7<sup>th</sup> 7 PM**

At this meeting, Eric Larsen will be doing a workshop on building and pouring plastic baits and Scott Klapperich will be having a bucktail building workshop. This is a great opportunity to bring a young person and get them further interested in fishing.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **Changes in Meeting Dates for 2023**

Going forward here are the Scheduled regular Wednesday 7:00pm meeting dates:

**June 7, August 2, October 4, & December 6.** Normally the March and July meeting dates were never held.



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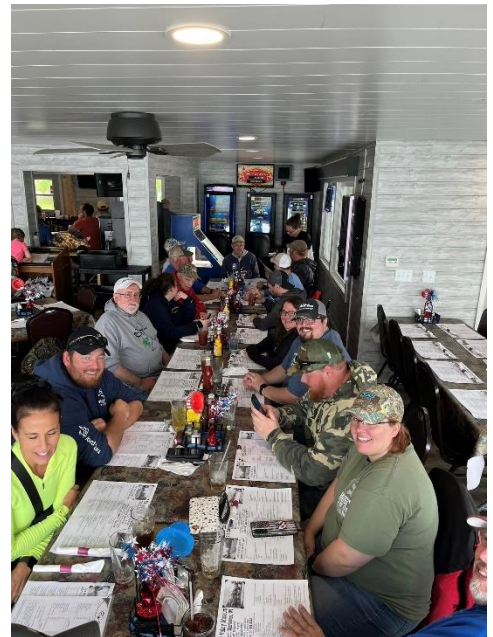
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### 1<sup>ST</sup> Outing of the Year @ Little Green & Fox Lake RESULTS

19 people participated in the first outing of the WinnebagoLand Musky Club on Little Green Lake and Fox Lake. The weather cooperated and the lunch get-together at the Lakeview Inn was excellent. The fish were not exactly cooperating this day. On a high note, Cody Maeder was successful catching a 39-incher early Saturday on Little Green using a "Fat Bastard" topwater lure he borrowed



from his wife, Beth. With this catch and successful release, Cody is awarded with the coveted "First of the Outing" engraved trophy where his name will be forever etched. Cody exclaimed that this musky is his first Wisconsin musky. Cody is still a committed all species angler but a very enthused musky hunter.



### THE NEXT Club OUTING

On June 23rd, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> our next outing will be held. To participate in this outing, you may fish your lake of choice in Vilas or Oneida County. A WMC outing get-together will be Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at Buckshots Saloon & Eatery at 2230 US-45 N, Eagle River. Each participant will contribute \$5 towards the meal. Please call Dave LaPine (920-579-5932) on or before June 23rd to let us know what the count at the restaurant.



Please register each musky 34 inches or longer with the Club. To qualify for the "First of the Outing" award you must submit a photo or call in your catch to Dave LaPine (920-579-5932). Report the catch as soon as it is caught and released with the measurement and photo. This is the time stamp needed..



Member and Facebook communicator for our Club, Tom LaPine also reminds all members to send him photos and stories about your musky adventures. We would like to post these on our Facebook site.





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### **WMC FISHING REPORTING** (Please participate in the process)

Greg Rubin volunteered his services for the Fish Reporting. There are 2 ways to register your muskies you catch and release. Remember to send your photos (easy by email).

**Email:** Send your data about your success by email to [winnebagomusky@gmail.com](mailto:winnebagomusky@gmail.com)  
or

**Snail Mail:** Mail your info using the postcard system to P O Box 1735 Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1735.

Minimum information needed:

- Date
- Lake or River
- Lure/Bait
- Length (minimum 34" for Club entry)
- Include a picture when possible

### **Alliance Boat Raffle**

The Club has been notified that the Alliance Boat Raffle is back, an 18.5ft RECON with a Merc 115 - 4 stroke --- both Wisconsin-based manufacturers. The sale of raffle tickets on this boat is our main fundraiser. This is an excellent and easy opportunity for our Club to raise money for its projects. For this project to be successful and retain our leadership in this event, it is necessary for members to sell tickets. We kicked off our efforts at the awards banquet. Since we began selling tickets, we have booked over \$2,000 in sales.



We will be having the boat for several times this summer before the National Championship and raffle drawing. We need the help of members to sell the raffle tickets! This is our main fundraising source. To be successful we need everyone to help and do their share of sales. So far, we have made some sales with the help our retail helpers The American Legion, Heritage Truck Stop in Waupun, and Fish Tails in Fox Lake. Jenni and Paul Klein have made a great effort so far. They easily turned in \$125 worth of sales already. This is the kind of effort we need from everyone. I'll be at the June 7th meeting and We will discuss this at the June 7th meeting. Save Mace will have tickets available for members to pick up and sell. These tickets are an easy sell. **We will have the boat June 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> to 15th.**



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Our Alliance member representative, Jerry Loop reported to us at the last meeting that the Alliance is not necessarily going to share 75% of the raffle sales with the member clubs. Jerry has always been an advocate for the 75% share. The percentage may be less because of the huge increases in boat costs. Jerry was not happy to present this news to us but the times have drastically changed. We can counter this news by selling more. Let's do it!

### OTHER NEWS

Our longtime charter member Bob Haase has been published in the latest edition of Outdoor News, a publication many of you are receiving. It is a photo story on foxes he has been following. Bob has been quite active lately posting a lot of wild birds and game photos on Facebook. He's having lots of fun with his new cameras. Bob is also making very thoughtful presentations with wildlife photos to nursing homes. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Bob received the "Conservation Communicator of the Year Award" from the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. Congratulations Bob. You're a great citizen. Bob is a writer and outdoor photographer.



You can check out some of Bob's photography work at:

[www.flickr.com/photos/bob\\_haase](http://www.flickr.com/photos/bob_haase)