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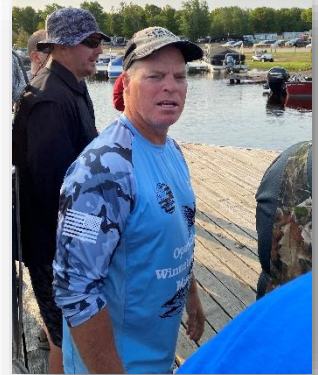
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SOME SAD NEWS FIRST

Longtime Club member, Paul Klein passed away Friday, May 17th after a long battle with cancer. Paul has been a very long time, dedicated, active, and fun member of this organization. Paul was instrumental in many of the important activities and principles of this Club. Paul was very generous, donating valuable guided musky hunts to our awards banquets. If you were lucky enough to win one of those Paul Klein trips or you fished with him on an outing, you really had a great time and learned a lot! Paul was trained and formally educated as a natural resources biologist. He was generous with his time by

participating in Club activities. He was very open and friendly with people and had more energy than anyone. He never complained about his cancer affliction and remained a tough fighter throughout his ordeal. Paul will be missed by many. God Bless you Paul and your family.





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Annual WinnebagoLand Musky Club Awards Banquet Wrap-up

This gala event included dinner catered by Eden Meats, several entertaining raffle tables and boards giving the attendees a chance to win many excellent prizes. In addition to the event, members donated food that was given to a local food pantry. Surprisingly, the attendance was lower than in previous years but nevertheless was enjoyed by everyone. Several members donated items located on the raffle tables and bait boards. Thanks also goes to the donors John Bartow (gun), Richard Feustel (TranX reel), Paul Klein (pheasant hunt), Scott Klapperich (lures), Bob Haase, Paul Klein, and Greg Stubbe (artistic items on silent auction table). These valuable donation's revenue goes straight to the Club's bottom-line.

Also, thanks to Beth Maeder, Amy Langlitz, John Bartow, Bonnie Mace and Paul Klein, makers of the homemade desserts. Thanks for those nice-looking award plaques, the work of Bob Haase. The Banquet Committee also deserves a thank you for their hard work.

2023 Annual Fishing Report - Award Winners

Big Fish Wisconsin -1st	Owen Ziemer	50"	Green Bay
Big Fish Wisconsin -2nd	Eric Larsen	46.5"	Green Bay
Big Fish Wisconsin -3rd Reservoir	Eric Larsen	41.5"	Eau Pleine
Big Fish Wisconsin Women Lake	Amy Langlitz	36"	Catfish
Big Fish Wisconsin Junior	Owen Ziemer	50"	Green Bay
Big Fish National 1st	Terri Klapperich	50.25"	LOTW
Big Fish National 2nd	Scott Klapperich	48.25"	LOTW
Big Fish National Women	Terri Klapperich	50.25"	LOTW



BIG FISH BY MONTH FOR WISCONSIN

May	Eric Larsen	46.5"	Green Bay	Bucktail
June	Luke Mueller	38.5"	Elkhart Lake	Bondy
July	Mike Mueller	40"	Elkhart Lake	Bondy
August	Tom Francis	40"	Cranberry Lake	Bucktail
September	Owen Ziemer	50"	Green Bay	ShadRap
October	Eric Larsen	41.5"	Eau Pleine Reservoir	Bucktail
November	Eric Larsen	38.5"	Eau Pleine Reservoir	Sucker



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Thank you to Greg and Doris Rubin for handling our fish registration process and record keeping. The Rubins prepared an excellent written report for our Club including photos presented at the awards banquet. This was an ambitious contribution to our archives that they prepared. Hopefully all of you contribute to this project this coming season. It is so simple: Catch and release a qualifying 34 incher or more, take a photo and email the photo to Greg at: winnebagomusky@gmail.com along with the minimum detail of information (Name, date caught and released, length in inches to the 1/4", Body of water caught, and lure or bait used). If you need to mail your info, please send your data and photo to our PO Box 1735 Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1735. It is very important that we all participate in this process.



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MAY OUTING, LITTLE GREEN LAKE NEWS

21 members attended the May 11th outing on Little Green. Weather was good, weeds were high in the water column, and the fish bite was LOW. Lance Ziemer did catch and release a nice 35" northern pike however. The get-together/lunch at Lake View Inn was fun. No "First of the Outing" award this time.





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JUNE OUTING-LAKE WINNECONNE & LAKE POYGAN

The next outing for the WMC will be held on Lake Winneconne and Lake Poygan on Friday June 14th thru Sunday June 16th. The hours will be sunrise June 14 to sunset June 16. When a club qualified fish is caught, and successfully released, you must immediately text or call in your catch to Jerry LaPine (920-517-0392) . A photo would also be nice. This communication is necessary to be qualified for the "FIRST OF THE OUTING" trophy. The club get-together at the outing will be on Saturday the 15th at the Finn and Feather Restaurant in Winneconne at NOON.



NEXT REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 7:00 PM, AMERICAN LEGION

The planned program for this meeting will be Wisconsin DNR Senior Fisheries Biologist, Jason Breeggemann. Jason works out of the Green Bay Service Center Office of the DNR and serves Brown and Manitowoc Counties. Jason will be talking about musky and walleye in Green Bay and Inland waters of NE Wisconsin. The main topics covered will be current and future management plans and habitat restoration projects for these waters.

Please come out for this meeting if you're interested in being informed of the current and future plans for our fisheries. It is important our Club be educated as much as possible by environmental experts. As we embark on efforts to do what our Club charter asks, like support the fisheries and natural resources, we need hear facts from people like our last guest, Fisheries Technician Mark Baldock, and Biologist, Jason Breeggemann. These people are also outdoor sportsmen like all of us.



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THE ANNUAL BOAT RAFFLE IS ON!

We are in the middle of selling raffle tickets for the Alliance Boat Raffle Project. We have had the boat on display so far at the Legion, Tavern on the Ave, Eden Meat Market's Heritage Plaza in Waupun and Fish Tails Bait Shop In Fox Lake. We will be getting the boat for a short time at the end of June and we will be displaying and selling tickets on Saturday June 29th at the FDL Farmer's Market from 7:00am to 2:00pm. WE NEED SOME HELP! Call Dave or text to volunteer (9209604179). We will have the boat for 2 weeks in August, just before the tournament (8/1-8/13). Members, please do your part and sell some tickets for the club. They are very easy to sell, just ask people, nobody will be offended as a matter of fact, most people are grateful that you asked. Call or text Dave (920960-4179). Every year we have a small group of members do a good job marketing these tickets. Several of you have already picked up tickets. Thank you from the club in advance for your help.

Currently, we have the following retail establishments selling tickets at their businesses, Central Barber-FDL, Tommy J's-Johnsburg, Fish Tails-Fox Lake, Lake View Bar & Grill-Little Green Lk, Heritage Ridge Travel Plaza-Waupun, Tavern on the Ave-FDL, Hansen's Badger Tire-FDL, and the American Legion- FDL. It would be nice if members of the Musky Club would do some business with these places. They donate their time and space to us for this project which is our main fund raising project. We will be adding a few more retailers to this list in June, closer to the drawing date of the tournament.



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WIN ME!



Grand Prize

**2024 Recon Boat Model 895 DC & Trailer
Powered by Mercury Outboard 115 XL Pro XS**

OR

\$25,000

2nd-10th Prize

Musky Fishing Reels

**Profits Used For Stocking, Research,
& Improving Musky Fishing in Wisconsin
Drawing to be held Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 1:30PM
Vilas County Fairgrounds, Eagle River WI**

**164 W. Forest St. Eagle River Wisconsin
(Need not be present to win)**

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



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Every year members tell us they don't receive emails. To help rectify this issue, everyone please email (preferred), text or call Dave 920-960-4179 to simply say yes or no if you are receiving this newsletter in your email. Someone will be calling you if we do not receive your response. Thanks.

