



# THE MUSKY NEWS



## *Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club March 2023*

### **JANUARY MEETING RECAP**

The 2023 Election of Officers process was completed. The nominated and elected officers are as follows.

President	Jerry Lapine
Vice President	Dave Lapine
Secretary	Beth Maeder
Treasurer	Ron Lange

We take this opportunity to thank our past president for accepting and managing the position of President for the last 15 years, and to Richard Feustel for his past service as Vice President. Both of these guys have stated that they are still going to be active. Officers of volunteer organizations require great personal efforts and most people do not covet these positions which take time from their personal lives. If you have a chance, extend a thank you to Scott, Richard, Jerry, Dave, Ron and Beth for their service to our Club.

### **FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP**

We had an excellent program at this meeting with over 45 people in attendance. Sara Trampe, co-host of the syndicated TV show "Sportsman's Journal" presented a program titled "Lake of the Woods Muskies". Sara's program went over several things regarding the topic such as finding the pattern that's working, searching and targeting structure, timing, favored tackle and equipment, and an overview of this monster lake located in Minnesota, Ontario, and Manitoba. Her program included personal cases of successes and missed opportunities that she and her



husband Tyler, the co-host of the Sportsman's Journal, had in their real-life fishing of Lake of the Woods Muskies. You could tell Sara was a highly experienced angler with a passion for what she does. Her program was professionally done and enjoyed by our audience. Several guests in the audience from other local fishing Clubs attended and enjoyed this meeting. Check out the "Sportsman's Journal" TV program on Saturday mornings (Bally Sports North.)





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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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

There are several changes in meeting dates for 2023. Scheduling is being changed due to the lack of attendance in the past and other scheduling issues. Going forward here are the Scheduled regular Wednesday 7:00pm meeting dates:

**May 3, June 7, August 2, October 4, & December 6.** Normally the March and July meeting dates were never held.

#### **4Mar23 Sportman's Rummage Sale**

Once again, our Club will be running the concession stand at the **Annual Sportsman's Rummage Sale on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Fond du Lac Fairgrounds.** This event is our second fund raising activity. Local outdoor sports people bring their new, old, slightly used, big time used, and unwanted outdoor gear to this popular venue to sell or trade. Our Club will be providing 2 tables to our members to display their items. We need helpers at various times of the day between 7:00 am and 2:00 pm to help with the food concession stand. If you have items you wish to sell, come earlier to display your items on the table with the price clearly indicated. Please give Dave Mace a text or phone call (920-960-4179) and let him know when you can be there to help.

#### **01Apr23 – WinnebagoLand Musky Club - Annual Awards Banquet**

All member's formal invitations were mailed a couple of weeks ago along with an RSVP response form and return envelope. Here is a recap of that invite.

- **DATE:** Sat, April 1, 2023, Time-5 pm-Dinner-6:30, Cost:\$40/person, 10 & under Free
- **RSVP:** We ask that you RSVP by responding to the WinnebagoLand Musky Club's PO Box 1735, Fond du Lac, WI 54935 on or before March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:** If payment and positive RSVP received on or before March 18<sup>th</sup>, the reward will be a packet of free raffle tickets.
- **CHARITY SUPPORT:** Once again WMC members are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the Banquet to be donated to a local food pantry. A raffle ticket is given to the donor for each item donated.

#### **03May23 – Regular Monthly Meeting -7pm FdL American Legion**

There is a scheduled program speaker at this meeting. Professional guide Todd Forcier from Wisconsin Rapids and Forcier Fishing & Guide Service will be the presenter. Todd has guided on the Wisconsin River system for over 30 years. He will be discussing "Early Season Muskies" on the Wisconsin River System. His discussion will include lure selection, water temp factors,





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techniques, etc. Todd has been a friend of this Club for many years. He last visited us over 15 years ago. He is planning a donation to our Club's award banquet for this year. This theme of early season muskies is timely since our first outing of the year is May 13 and 14. Todd is the owner/operator of Forcier's Fishing Guide Service, LLC offering professional, full service, guided walleye, and musky fishing trips in Central Wisconsin. His focus areas include the Wisconsin River, Petenwell and Castle Rock Flowages

### **13-14 May 23 – 1<sup>ST</sup> Outing of the Year @ Little Green & Fox Lake**

The first outing for the WMC is being held Saturday and Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be fishing both Little Green Lake near Markesan and Fox Lake. We will have a lunch get-together at noon at Lake View Inn which is on Little Green Lake. We have held our lunch here before. If your fishing on Fox, plan to interrupt your actual fishing and travel to Lakeview. We ask each person pay \$5 for the lunch to the Club, and the Club will pay the balance and tip. Any launching fees are on the angler. We ask that you pay for any alcohol you drink separately. Please contact Dave LaPine (920-579-5932) to let us and restaurant know on or before May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **WMC FISHING REPORTING**

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:

- Lake or River
- Lure/Bait
- Length (minimum 34" for Club entry)
- Date

Our policy is to register the fish within 14 days of the catch and release. Our other policy is to release all fish safely. Photos sent to us by email or mail would be nice as well as any other data regarding your success.

### **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. Take a look at their website [www.reconboats.com](http://www.reconboats.com). We expect to have the boat in our Club's possession for 3 weeks in June. Hopefully each member will do their best to sell their share of tickets. The prize ticket will be drawn at the National Alliance Tournament on Sunday August 20th, 2023.