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2023 WinnebagoLand Musky Club - Annual Awards Banquet Results

This year's banquet was held on Saturday evening April 1. The banquet was a great time for all. There was a host of great prizes, good food from Eden Meats, and refreshed meetings with old friends. Here's a recap of the awards that were given.

Largest Fish of the Year + Largest Fish/July
53", 7/27/22, Green Bay, Dbl 9 Bucktail
Greg Rubin

Largest Fish/August
41.5", 8/21/22, North Twin, Suick
Lance Ziemer

2nd Largest Fish of the Year, *tie + Largest/May
44.5", 5/14/22, Little Green, Bucktail
Tom LaPine

2nd Largest/Year,*tie + Largest/Oct
44.5", 10/12/22, Eau Pleine Res
Eric Larsen

3rd Largest Fish of the Year
44", 10/9/22, Eau Pleine Res
Eric Larsen

Most Released Muskies 2022
39",42",44",44.5",42.25",35" & 38"
Eric Larsen

Largest Fish of the Year National
52.5", 7/28/22, Lake of the Woods, Bucktail
John Bartow

2nd Largest Fish/Year National
48",7/29 Perrault Lk, Silver Minnow
Dave Mace

Largest Fish of the Year - Women's Division +
2nd Largest Fish/year-National *tie
48", Lake of the Woods, Dbl Jointed Crank
Terri Klapperich

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.



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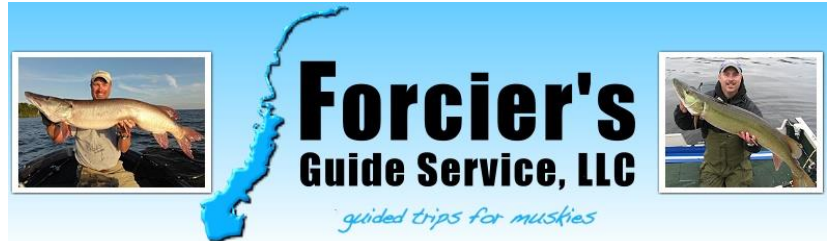


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03May23 – Regular Monthly Meeting -7pm FdL American Legion

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, 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



13-14May23 – 1ST Outing of the Year @ Little Green & Fox Lake

The first outing for the WMC is being held Saturday and Sunday May 13th and 14th. 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, please join us at 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 11th.

Our “First of the Outing” trophy will be in play again this year. Briefly, you must call in as soon as possible your catch and release information. Your call in or text to Jerry at 920-517-0392 is the time stamp entry. The first entry wins, and a photo is also needed. Utilize voicemail if no answer.



For those fishing on Little Green, there is a launch and bait shop known as “Landing on Little Green” W2120 Melmar Dr., Markesan, WI. This is on the southern shore and there is a \$5 fee for launching. There is another launch just west of this that is a public no fee launch. For those fishing Fox Lake there is a public launch on the north side of the City of Fox Lake in Clausen Park (fee of \$5). There is also a Town Park boat launch on the NW



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corner of Fox Lake 10176 Indian Point Road. Both of these Fox Lake sites are nice with parking.

WMC FISHING REPORTING (Please participate in the process)

Greg Ruben 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 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

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. 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. All of these sales came from the help of the 3 places where we have already displayed the boat, namely the American Legion Post here in Fond du Lac, The Heritage Truck Stop Plaza in Waupun, and the Fish Tails Bait Shop in Fox Lake. GREAT RESULTS and Thank you. Please remember these businesses with your



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patronage when possible. Their employees have done an amazing job so far. Several of our own members picked up tickets at the Awards Banquet to sell. We have high hopes they will be successful in selling their tickets. If everyone does their fair share in selling tickets the project will be a success. You may pick up tickets to sell at our next meeting on May 3rd.

WMC Dues Reminder

There are no changes in dues for 2023 - **\$20/yr-Single and \$25/yr for family** members. If you did not pay at the banquet, please mail your dues to the WINNEBAGOLAND MUSKY CLUB (P. O. Box 1735 Fond du Lac, WI 54936 or contact Dave directly (920-960-4179).

