



# THE MUSKY NEWS



## *Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club* *September 2026*

### **August Meeting Recap**

Our August meeting featured Angelo Cozzola of the Wisconsin DNR, who joined us to discuss recently completed studies on the Lake Winnebago System musky fishery, as well as upcoming research and management projects.



Angelo shared a tremendous amount of valuable information with club members, providing insight into the health of the fishery and the work being done to better understand and manage these incredible fish.

As part of our continued commitment to conservation and fisheries research, the club has agreed to purchase \$1,500 worth of PIT tags to be used this fall on muskies being stocked into the Winnebago System. There will also be an opportunity for interested club members to attend the fish hatchery, assist with tagging the fish, and learn more about the stocking and tagging process. More information about this opportunity will be provided as it becomes available.

### **Boat Raffle Sets New Club Record!**

The 2026 Boat Raffle ticket sales are officially complete, and we are proud to announce that the club has set a new all-time record with more than \$14,000 in total sales!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of our members who took the time to sell tickets and help make this year's raffle such a tremendous success.

These funds are extremely important to the club and will help us continue completing our annual projects, supporting conservation efforts, and building stronger area fisheries for future generations.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!



### **Recent Musky Catches**

The hot weather has limited fishing opportunities over the past month, but our members have still been putting some great fish in the boat!

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|---------------|------------|----------------|---------|-------------------|
| Bob Kuhr      | 7/23-24/26 | Lake Vermilion | Corndog | 46.5", 43.5, 40.5 |
| Jeff Kliefoth | 8/19/26    | Oneida Lake    | Corndog | 45.5"             |



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With temperatures beginning to cool off, conditions should improve and the fish should become more active. It's time to get back on the water! Remember to register your qualifying fish with the Club so you can be considered for awards at our Annual Banquet. Register your fish online at: [www.WinnebagoLandMuskyClub.com](http://www.WinnebagoLandMuskyClub.com)

### **New WinnebagoLand Musky Club Facebook Page**

The Club now has a new business Facebook page: WinnebagoLand Musky Club  
We encourage everyone to:

- Like the page
- Follow the page
- Share the page with friends
- Share it with fishing groups

Invite anyone you think may be interested in the Club

The new page will give us one central location to share club information, events, conservation projects, outings, catches, and other updates with the public.

Only the club will be able to post directly to the page, allowing us to keep our information organized and make it easier for people to find out what the WinnebagoLand Musky Club is all about.

If you have something you'd like to see shared on the page, please get the information to Jeff Kliefloth or Dakota Krupp, as they are currently the only members able to post.

Let's work together to build our following and get the WinnebagoLand Musky Club recognized throughout the fishing community!

COMING UP

### **September Outing — Elkhart Lake**

The September outing will be held September 25–27 on Elkhart Lake.

The Club lunch will be held:

Saturday, September 26 at Noon

Fudgienuckles Sports Bar & Grill, Glenbeulah, WI

If you plan to attend the Club lunch, please contact Jeff Kliefloth at 920-948-7388 so we can provide the restaurant with an accurate count.



### **Get Involved. Support the Club. Build the Fishery.**

Thank you to all of our members for your continued support of the WinnebagoLand Musky Club. Whether you're selling raffle tickets, participating in outings, supporting stocking and research projects, attending meetings, or simply spreading the word about the club, your involvement makes a difference.

Together, we're working to build better musky fisheries for generations to come.



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### **2026 Meeting Schedule**

Trier-Puddy American Legion  
500 Fond du Lac Ave  
Fond du Lac, WI

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| <b>January</b>                 | No meeting |
| <b>February 4<sup>th</sup></b> | Meeting    |
| March                          | No meeting |
| April                          | No meeting |

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>May 6<sup>th</sup></b>      | Meeting             |
| <b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>     | Meeting             |
| July                           | No meeting          |
| <b>August 5<sup>th</sup></b>   | Meeting             |
| September                      | No meeting          |
| <b>Oct 7<sup>th</sup></b>      | Meeting             |
| November                       | No meeting          |
| <b>December 2<sup>nd</sup></b> | Meeting - Elections |

### **Upcoming Outings**

|             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| Sep 25 - 27 | Elkhart Lake     |
| Oct 16 - 18 | Lac Vieux Desert |

You can order your apparel at <http://outdoormamadesign.com> You can also get the Club logo put on your own clothing for \$10/decal.

Club hoodie, shirts, hats, and decals are available online.