



THE MUSKY NEWS



Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club

August 2026

COMING UP

August Club Meeting - August 5th

Join us for an informative presentation from Angelo Cozzola, Winnebago System Gamefish Biologist, as he discusses the continued success of muskellunge management on the Winnebago System.



The Winnebago System received Great Lakes spotted muskellunge stockings from 2015 through 2021, and those efforts are now showing excellent results. DNR survey work and angler reports indicate increased catch rates, with fish sampled this spring ranging from 37.1 to 45.4 inches. All but one fish captured during the spring surveys contained a PIT tag, with most being seven-year-old fish from the 2020 stocking. One remarkable fish observed was 20 years old.

Prior to 2026, only one PIT-tagged musky had been reported by an angler on the Winnebago System. So far this year, seven PIT-tagged muskies have already been reported, showing how important anglers can be in helping the DNR evaluate the success of stocking efforts.

Angelo will also discuss:

- Results from past acoustic telemetry study.
- General musky management on the Winnebago System.
- How anglers can assist the DNR by reporting PIT-tagged fish.

This promises to be a great presentation for anyone interested in the future of musky fishing on the Winnebago System. See you at the Trier -Puddy American Legion at 7:00 PM.

June Club Outing Recap

Next Outing – National Championship Musky

Open

Our June outing on Lake Namekagon was another great success! Members enjoyed an outstanding weekend of fishing, fellowship, and great food. A total of five muskies were caught, with many more fish seen throughout the weekend. Saturday's lunch at the Loon Saloon was enjoyed by everyone and was another highlight of the trip. We are already planning to return to Lake Namekagon next June and hope even more members can join us.





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Our next Club outing will be the **National Championship Musky Open in Eagle River, August 20–23**. We hope to see many members competing and representing the WinnebagoLand Musky Club.

For additional information, contact: Jeff Kliefoth 920-948-7388



New Club Facebook Business Page

The Club now has a new business Facebook page: WinnebagoLand Musky Club
Please take a moment to:

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

Helping grow our online presence will allow us to reach more anglers and better promote our Club and events. If you have Club-related content you'd like posted, please send it to Jeff Kliefoth or Dakota Krupp, as they are currently the only administrators able to post to the page. This page serves as a centralized location for all Club information and will help us better communicate with the public while building recognition for the WinnebagoLand Musky Club.

Member Involvement – A Key to Success

We need members to help with:

- Selling boat raffle tickets
- Transporting the raffle boat
- Assisting at events
- Promoting the Club

At many events, the same small group of volunteers consistently steps up to help.

Additional support would greatly reduce the workload placed on those individuals.

Our Club will only be as strong as our members make it! Your help is greatly appreciated.

May Musky Report

Jeff Kliefoth	6/24/26	Lake Namekagon	Bucktail	42.5"
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16 muskies have been registered so far this year! Remember, every musky you catch should be registered to qualify for annual awards presented at the banquet each April. Even if your fish isn't a giant, you could still be selected to win a prize at the banquet. Register your fish online at: www.WinnebagoLandMuskyClub.com

2026 Meeting Schedule



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

January	No meeting
February 4th	Meeting
March	No meeting
April	No meeting

May 6th	Meeting
June 3rd	Meeting
July	No meeting
August 5th	Meeting
September	No meeting
Oct 7th	Meeting
November	No meeting
December 2nd	Meeting - Elections

Upcoming Outings

Aug 21 - 23	Alliance Tournament – Eagle River
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.

Boat Raffle

Boat raffle tickets are available from Dave Mace.

Boat raffle ticket sales continue to be our club's largest fundraiser each year. These funds make it possible for the Club to:

- Support local organizations
- Host veterans during our August outing
- Stock muskies in area lakes
- Support conservation efforts
- Fund Club activities throughout the year

Please do your part by purchasing and selling tickets. Every ticket sold helps the Winnebago Land Musky Club achieve its goals and continue making a positive impact on local fisheries.

BOAT RAFFLE TICKET LOCATIONS

Wendt's on the Lake
N9699 Lakeshore Dr
Van Dyne, WI 54979

Shakey Joe's Bar & Grill
401 Fond du Lac St
Mt. Calvary, WI 53047

828 E Johnson St
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Lake View Inn
N2905 WI-44
Markesan, WI 53946

Kurtev's Backyard Bar & Grill

Hansen's Badger Tire & Auto Care
350 W Johnson St
Fond du Lac, WI 54935



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The Outpost Pub &
Provisions
606 Knight Dr
Sherwood, WI 54169

Woodeye's Bar & Grill
700 W Main St
Winneconne, WI 54986

Tavern on the Avenue
725 Fond du Lac Ave
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Rippn-Lips Outdoors
258 N Main St

Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Rippn-Lips Tackle
Company
106 S Military Rd Unit F
Stockbridge, WI 53088

Heritage Ridge Travel
Plaza
1705 Shaler Drive
Waupun, WI 53963

Eden Citgo Corner
Express
301 E Main St
Eden, WI 53019

Tommy J's Bar
W2663 County Rd W
Malone, WI 53049

Fish Tales Bait, Tackle &
Liquor
529 W State St
Fox Lake, WI 53933

B & B Express Gas &
Convenience
N6714 County Rd W
Mt. Calvary, WI 53057

Lori's Bar & Grill
W8147 County Rd Y
Oakfield, WI 53065





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WIN ME!



Grand Prize

**2026 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 23, 2026 at 1:30PM

Vilas County Fairgrounds, Eagle River WI

164 W. Forest St. Eagle River Wisconsin

(Need not be present to win)

Sponsored by: *Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin*

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