



The Follow Up- December 2016

First Wisconsin Chapter of Muskies, Inc. Chapter

Website: <http://firstwimuskiesinc.org>

If you have anything you would like to be added to the newsletter, please email me at travis.sharer@hotmail.com. –Travis Sharer, Editor

Dates to Remember:

December 5th, 2016 – Election of Board Members at Fill Inn Station – 7
Speaker: Scott Peterson of Humminbird Electronics

December 19th, 2016 – Board Meeting at VFW on Starr Ave. E.C. - 6:30 PM –
Election of Officers

January 6th, 2016 – Chicago Expo - Pheasant Run Resort, St Charles, Il
January 6-8th <http://muskieexpo.com/chicago>

January 9th, 2016 – Board Meeting at VFW on Starr Ave. E.C. - 6:30 PM

January 21st, 2017 – First WI Muskies Inc. Banquet 5 PM.
Social Hour 5-6 pm, Dinner 6 pm – Reservation form below

January 27th, 2017 – Waukesha Expo – Waukesha Expo Center, 1000 North Road.
Event details at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/swme2017/>

February 6th – General Meeting at Fill Inn Station in Chippewa Falls – 7 PM

February 10th – 12th – Milwaukee Expo – <http://muskieexpo.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/MuskieExpoMilwaukee/>

February 20th – Board Meeting at VFW Post 305 on Starr Ave.

Check the EVENTS tab on our website for more dates
@ <http://firstwimuskiesinc.org>

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Fish MUST BE registered within 30 days of release.
First Wisconsin Chapter Fish List for 2016 as of 11/13

Chapter Fish List for 2016

First Wisconsin Chapter

Member Name	Division	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
Lesa Allen	Womens	4	55	45.00
Connie Smith	Womens	1	20	46.25
Susan Roytek	Womens	2	17	35.00
Nancy Scharhag	Womens	1	12	38.00
Rick Hall	MensMasters	58	660	48.75
Brett Olson	MensMasters	60	529	46.00
Brian H. Wright	MensMasters	38	483	50.00
Jason D Smith	MensMasters	32	388	49.75
Ace Sommerfeld	MensMasters	31	315	43.50
Jeffrey Bunch	MensMasters	22	250	51.00
Dan Klein	MensMasters	13	175	50.00
Jim Coffin	MensMasters	12	151	48.00
Chuck Spletter	MensMasters	10	135	47.50
Leonard J Rubesch Jr	MensMasters	10	122	45.00
Rick Mechelke	MensMasters	2	26	43.00
Fischer Smith	Juniors	20	199	46.00
Max Gibson	Juniors	6	70	42.00
Cortland Spletter	Juniors	2	29	42.50
Mason Liske	Juniors	2	26	44.00
Brian R Jann	Juniors	1	11	37.00
Cordetia Wright	Juniors	1	10	36.00
Matthew Emerson	Juniors	2	9	31.00
Sam Hall	Juniors	1	9	34.50
Marissa Liske	Juniors	1	8	33.50
Matt Rokus	Mens	36	487	49.00
Andrew Adams	Mens	37	452	50.25
Jordan Klingbeil	Mens	33	339	43.75
Nickolas Brenner	Mens	30	318	47.00
Jason Roytek	Mens	21	279	51.50
Tom Riedel	Mens	15	205	49.75

Corey Demulling	Mens	15	162	45.00
Tyler Scott	Mens	12	147	41.00
Brian D Phillips	Mens	10	119	52.50
Chad Harris	Mens	8	109	48.75
Chris Liske	Mens	10	107	40.50
Chris Hostak	Mens	7	102	47.25
Keith Hammerbeck	Mens	7	99	45.00
Bill Brunstad	Mens	7	98	43.00
Alex Swanson	Mens	8	95	42.00
Todd Carlson	Mens	6	93	46.50
Vern W Weeks	Mens	9	90	44.00
Jason P Emerson	Mens	6	86	45.50
Josh Rabska	Mens	9	86	41.00
Matthew M Eiden	Mens	5	74	43.00
Don Maves	Mens	5	71	48.25
Dan C. Hanson	Mens	5	68	42.00
Bruce Scott	Mens	5	67	44.00
John Goodbrake	Mens	5	50	38.25
Jim E Everett	Mens	3	46	44.50
Joseph Heil	Mens	3	38	40.50
Martin Ursin	Mens	2	37	51.00
David Jann	Mens	2	35	44.25
Mitchell J Gibson	Mens	2	33	44.00
Mickey Allen	Mens	3	29	41.00
Tim Hillery	Mens	2	29	47.00
John K Imm	Mens	2	27	40.50
Steve Weyers	Mens	1	27	53.00
Robert Longwitz	Mens	3	26	39.00
Greg Hassmann	Mens	1	24	50.00
Nathan Mc Keeth	Mens	2	23	39.00
Dan Husby	Mens	2	21	39.50
Chuck L Elmberg	Mens	1	20	46.00
Paul Gottwald	Mens	2	20	41.00
Scott Jerrie	Mens	2	20	40.00
Bob Neidhold	Mens	1	18	43.50
Grant Jones	Mens	1	16	42.00
Scott T Smith	Mens	1	15	40.50
Larry Thorson	Mens	1	13	39.00
Gordon Roytek	Mens	1	9	35.00
Tim Kilness	Mens	1	8	34.00
Michael Milz	Mens	1	8	34.00
Bill Schmidtke	Mens	1	5	31.00

Gil Hamm 2016 Final Results

1st Place – Star of the North - Team #1 – 238 points

2nd Place – Bemidji Cass – Team #1 – 205 points

3rd Place – Fargo Moorehead – Team #1 – 190.5

4th Place – Headwaters – Team #2 – 131

******* 5th Place – 1st Wisconsin – 113.5 *******

Musky Clubs Alliance License Plate

At the last general membership meeting, a petition was handed out to adopt a new specialty license plate. The petition is through the Musky Clubs Alliance and they are working with the government to incorporate a new license plate featuring a musky scene.

The petition needs 500 signatures to get approved. Upon approval, an extra \$25 will be charged as well as specialty plates and the extra funds will go back into fostering a better Muskellunge fishery throughout Wisconsin.

The petition was available for signature at the last meeting, but the form has been updated since then. The old one is no longer valid. If interested in supporting this, please make sure to get your Herby Hancock on the form.

Extended Stocking of Fingerlings

Discussions continue about options on stocking fingerlings over the winter / further into the Fall

A few clubs are working with the Hatchery to look at feasibility as well as costs associated with keeping the fingerlings in holding ponds longer than current times.

The theory behind raising the fingerlings longer is to enhance length, weight, and survivability to continue to improve the fisheries. Bigger, stronger fish will have a better chance to survive once released.

Costs associated with this is still being figured out and analyzed. The theory has been experimented with over the last couple of seasons. Some of the challenges:

- The costs of extended feeding and holding periods
- Holding ponds are being used for other species, lack of ponds to stock
- Private ponds are not getting the same support from the government as before
- Clubs are not guaranteed a ration or percentage of extended fingerlings

Leech Lake Strand of Muskellunge

Leech Lake stocking has ended in Wisconsin and Petenwell. The 10 year stocking limit was reached for both lakes. Along with that, research has found that hybrids were found in the lakes. Conclusion from DNR studies indicate that natural reproduction is occurring and stocking would harm the local population.

Scholarship

This past year, 1st Wisconsin provided a scholarship for the environmental camp held at Stevens Point. One person applied and received the funds of \$200 to help pay for the cost of the camp. A thank you letter was sent to the club.

Awards Banquet Slide Show:

If you have pictures that you would like included in this year's slide show at the Awards Banquet, please submit them to John Imm either via email at huntingnut@charter.net or by text to 715-797-7006. Deadline for picture submission is Friday, January 6th. Anything received after this date will not be in the slide show. All pictures will be used for promotional purposes at sport shows unless YOU EXPLICITLY STATE AT PICTURE SUBMISSION, for Banquet Only. Also, backgrounds will also be removed by EXPLICIT REQUEST. Background removal is a time consuming process but will be done if requested.

Christmas / New Years Promotion

Musky Innovations is offering Muskies Inc. members the opportunity to purchase Pro Series Rods at a deep discount.

Retail Value is \$200, M.I. member price is \$75, shipping is \$25

Following Lengths and Powers are available:

-8'6" and 9'0" Medium Heavy rods for bucktails and smaller cranks

-8'6" and 9'0" Heavy rods for rubbers and large bucktails

-8'6" Magnum (X-Heavy) for pounders

-9'0" Trolling

For inquiries on the rods, please contact Dennis Lappen, VP of Sales at 952-994-5681 or dennislappen@aol.com

We will try to order as many together as we can to reduce shipping costs. (7 rods per shipping container).

Rice Lake Meeting

A Rice Lake meeting is in the works of being scheduled. To help support our fellow members and to encourage further membership, we will be holding a meeting in Rice Lake. Stay hooked for more information.

Casting Rivers

The enthusiastic Shane McLaughlin spoke at our November meeting about fishing rivers. He says to not shy away from getting closer to flowing water. But be safe. Thanks to Shane for sharing his experiences.

Banquet Reservations

1st Wisconsin Annual Banquet Reservation

Place: Fill Inn Station,

104 W Columbia St, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729i

Date: January 21, 2017

Time: Cash Bar 5-6 PM Meal at 6 PM followed by Awards at 7 PM

Cost: Adults \$20/person Jr / 12yrs and under Free with a parent

For Early Bird Drawing Reservation, must be in by January 9th, 2017

Names: _____

Adults # _____ Jr # _____

Total Enclose: Check # _____ Cash _____

Make checks payable to: 1st Wisc Muskies Inc.

Send: Joseph L Heil 1231 Rowe St Eau Claire, WI 54703