



The Follow Up- **November 2017**

First Wisconsin Chapter of Muskies, Inc.

Website: <http://firstwimuskiesinc.org>

If you have anything you would like added to the newsletter,
please email travis.sharer@hotmail.com.

Dates to Remember:

November 6– General Meeting – 7:00 Fill-In Station, Chippewa Falls
Brian Wright will be speaking on fall fishing tactics.

November 20 – Board Meeting – 6:30 VFW 305

December 4 – General Meeting Board Election – 7:00 Fill-In Station
Bob Benson from the Lake Vermillion area will be speaking
For the last 10 years he's focused mostly on the tremendous Muskie waters of
Northern Minnesota. Every day and moment he spends on the water is focused on
catching the largest Muskies available. He's been chasing muskies for over 30
years. He is a guide at Northland Muskie Adventures

December 18 – Board Meeting – 6:30 VFW 305 – Board Election

January 9 – General Rice Lake Meeting – 7:00 Moose Lodge

Adam Glickman will be speaking.

January 20 – Annual Banquet – Fill – In Station – More Details to Follow

Check the EVENTS tab on our website for more dates
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Lunker of the Month

Lunker of the Month for 2017

First Wisconsin Chapter

Month	Member Name	Length
May	Brian H. Wright	48.00
June	Jason Roytek	48.50
July	Tyler Scott	50.50
August	Shane Mc Laughlin	51.50
September	Matt Rokus	51.50

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Chapter Fish List for 2017

First Wisconsin Chapter

Member Name	Division	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
Fischer Smith	Juniors	13	135	46.50
Joel Leif Weeks	Juniors	2	22	36.75
Mason Liske	Juniors	2	17	36.50
Marissa Liske	Juniors	1	14	40.25
Jacob William Weeks	Juniors	2	14	33.50
Austin C. Smith	Juniors	1	12	38.00
Matthew Emerson	Juniors	1	6	32.00
Matt Rokus	Mens	33	475	51.50
Jordan Klingbeil	Mens	41	466	45.00
Shane Mc Laughlin	Mens	32	374	51.50
Nickolas Brenner	Mens	30	342	47.00
Matthew Ross	Mens	28	337	51.00
Tyler Scott	Mens	19	270	50.50
Jason Roytek	Mens	22	250	48.50
Cortland Spletter	Mens	14	192	48.00
Tom Riedel	Mens	12	174	49.00
John K Imm	Mens	7	105	47.75
Dan C. Hanson	Mens	6	90	44.00
Chris Liske	Mens	6	90	48.50
Todd Carlson	Mens	6	87	47.00
Matthew M Eiden	Mens	7	80	46.75
John Goodbrake	Mens	7	75	41.50

Mike Schmidt	Mens	4	73	51.00
Don Maves	Mens	6	71	43.00
Bruce Scott	Mens	5	70	46.50
Mike Keown	Mens	7	68	39.00
Michael Milz	Mens	4	63	49.50
Corey Demulling	Mens	6	59	43.25
Chris Hostak	Mens	3	52	46.75
Martin Ursin	Mens	6	52	42.25
Bill Brunstad	Mens	4	50	45.75
Josh Rabska	Mens	3	43	44.50
Keith Hammerbeck	Mens	2	42	49.00
Dan Husby	Mens	4	42	44.00
Vern W Weeks	Mens	4	39	43.00
Nathan Mc Keeth	Mens	3	38	38.50
Joseph Heil	Mens	3	37	44.00
Alex Swanson	Mens	3	37	40.00
Scott Jerrie	Mens	3	34	42.50
Chad Harris	Mens	3	33	41.00
Dave Jann	Mens	2	29	40.75
Kris Brenner	Mens	2	27	41.00
Jack Gerlach	Mens	2	27	42.25
Scott T Smith	Mens	2	24	40.00
Jason P Emerson	Mens	2	18	39.00
Tim Hillery	Mens	1	18	43.75
Clint Keuler	Mens	1	15	40.50
Bradley Marg	Mens	1	15	41.00
Robert Longwitz	Mens	1	12	38.00
Mickey Allen	Mens	1	8	34.00
Bill Schmidtke	Mens	1	8	34.00
Paul Gottwald	Mens	1	7	32.50
Brian H. Wright	MensMasters	45	462	48.00
Brett Olson	MensMasters	47	412	44.00
Ace Sommerfeld	MensMasters	33	341	42.00
Jason D Smith	MensMasters	15	188	48.00
Jeffrey Bunch	MensMasters	16	160	46.25
Leonard J Rubesch Jr	MensMasters	13	146	43.50
Dan Klein	MensMasters	5	55	43.50
Chuck Spletter	MensMasters	3	41	44.00
Rick Mechelke	MensMasters	1	10	36.00
Kathleen R Scott	Womens	1	20	46.00
Elizabeth Bunch	Womens	1	14	40.00
Nancy Scharhag	Womens	1	11	37.00
Karen Swanson	Womens	1	10	35.50

2017 Summer League Results

2017 Chippewa Valley Muskie League			Sponsored by First Wisconsin Muskies Inc.		
Place	Team Name	Partners	Total Points	Best 5 Nights	Fish Caught
1	Sudden Impact	Shane McLaughlin & Jeremiah Wolf	207	162,75	42,5, 34, 39,5, 43,5, 44,75, 36,5, 36,5, 38,75, 39, 36, 34,5, 37,5, 38,75, 36, 47,75, 37,5
2	Wake Makers	Matt Ross & Jordan Klingbeil	132,5	116	34,5, 40, 39,25, 43,5, 36,25, 34,25, 44,5, 46,25, 48
3	Keepin' it Reel	Alex Swanson & Travis Henry	76	76	46, 40, 38,5, 45,25, 36,25
4	Muskie Nutz	John Goodbrake & John Imm	68,5	68,5	38, 41,5, 41,75, 38, 39,25
5	Burn 'n' turn	Josh Rabska & Tyler Scott	74	63,5	40,25, 37,5, 39, 36,5, 38,5, 38,25
6	Hawgs n Hops	Scott Schreiber & Greg Hassmann	42,25	42,25	42,5, 43,25, 35,5
7	Musky Smith's	Jason Smith & Fischer Smith	41,25	41,25	38,75, 39,5, 41
8	Moose Knuckle	Steve Weyers & Brian Phillips	38	38	45,5, 44,5
9	Eau Claire Musky Maximizers	Braed Dittner & Dave Albricht	36,5	36,5	44, 35, 35,5
10	Busted Rubber	Michael Keown & Jonnie Gamble	20,5	20,5	34, 38,5
11	Flight of one	Bill Brunstad	19,75	19,75	45,75
12	Hammer/Rock	Matt Hokus & Keith Hammerbeck	16,25	16,25	42,25
13	Slimetime	Eric Morello & Max Goettl	16	16	42
14	Squanch Donkey	John West & Jamie Kuhl	12	12	38
15	Tallywackerz	Cole Brathol & Jim Anger	10,5	10,5	36,5
16	Get the Net	Don Maves & Scott Jerrie	10,5	10,5	36,5

41st Annual Muskie Tournament

Thank you to everyone who came out and fished the tournament. We had a good turnout and good fishing.

A total of 207 registrations this year for teams fishing.

80 fish were caught throughout the weekend on the lakes / rivers

Longest release was 50.75" by Jeremiah Wolf on the Flambeau

Corey Pettis won the Total Points with 5 fish caught and 62 points

The rest of the details can be found on our website under Tournament

Gil Hamm Tournament

First Place – Bemidji / Cass Lake Team #1 with 352.5 points

Second Place – Fargo / Moorhead Team #1 with 262.5 points

Third Place – South of the Border - 243

Fall Meltdown

There were 7 people who joined our Fall outing on Lake Holcombe despite unfavorable weather. One fish was caught throughout the day. Thanks for those that came out and enjoyed the weather and the fishing, well, at least the fishing.

Whispering Winds Trip

We had an extra club outing with one of our Tournament sponsors on Lake Vermillion. We sent a few people up for the outing. End result was a good trip with a stay in nice cabins. 1 fish was caught over the trip. We will be looking for a similar outing in the upcoming year. Stay tuned.

Board Meetings

- We have had some recent conversation about the board meetings and the turnouts at each board meeting. The last two months did not have enough attendees to conduct official club business, which resulted in conversation, but no action.
- If you are interested in attending a meeting to see what the board does, feel free to contact any member of the board for conversation or come to a meeting.
- If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact any of the board members. We would like to keep this club as active and effective as possible to represent our region.

Board Meeting Minutes

Secretary's report:

-If there is anything that is wanted to be put in the newsletter, please send to Travis.

Treasurer's report:

-The report was given, all is well financially, and the report was approved by the board. There was \$500 budgeted for habitat projects this year that hasn't been used to date.

Membership:

- We are at 216 members and holding strong.
- There will be a retention and recruitment package coming in the mail before too long to assist with retaining and gaining new members. If you know anyone that would like to join, bring them in to a meeting or talk with one of the board members.

Chapter Rep Report:

- Retention packages are in the mail coming to the chapters to help in retaining and recruiting new members.
- Requirements for regional representatives are being discussed to lower the standards of qualifications needed. The regional reps have been hard to get and retain, so they are looking at other ways of recruiting for the positions.
- The name of the “Kleeba Challenge” is being discussed for renaming of the event.

Fisheries Report:

- Spotted muskies were held 1 month longer on the East side of WI prior to stocking this year. The longer hold resulting in average stock sizes in between 16” and 20”. Holding onto fingerlings longer is something our chapter has considered for stocking efforts.
- After a few years of shortages in fingerlings to stock, WI is boosting the stocking of brood stock lakes. Brood stock lakes are stocked with “pure bread” muskies for better blood lines. They are expecting to get better quality fish out of these lakes to pull eggs from for stocking purposes. This will reduce reliance of other states fingerlings and lessen the chances of years where shortages of fingerlings are stocked.
- Spooner Hatchery – due to limitations put on minnow suppliers and government bidding, a large shipment of minnows had to be sent back to the supplier last year. This resulted in a very low stocking rate for our local lakes. The supplier limitations have been considered and new rules are in effect. The Hatchery should be able to get minnows from multiple suppliers going forward.

Tagging: If anyone is interested in Pit tagging or Floy tagging this upcoming year, applications need to be filled out and sent back to our DNR Biologist. Joe Heil has the information on what needs to be done.

Fundraising: We will have the boat for the annual Alliance Boat Raffle again this year at the Eau Claire Sports Show.

Youth:

- We will be having a tentative outing with the Boy Scouts of the Bloomer area. Details are still being worked on, but it is tentatively scheduled for June 3rd on Round Lake. We will need volunteers for the event with boats, life jackets, and youth fishing poles and reels to be lent for the event. We are considering purchasing some lures for the scouts to keep.
- If you are willing to donate gear or willing to bring a boat for the day, please contact one of the board members for more information.

Programs:

- November: Brian Wright
- December: Bob Benson
- January – Rice Lake – Adam Glickman

Newsletter:

- If you have anything you would like added to the Follow-Up, please contact Travis.

Banquet: More information to follow on details

New Business:

- Advertising – if you know of a business that is interested in advertising, please contact John Imm.

- Gil Hamm tournament will be held on Lake of the Woods next year on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of August. We have 1 team so far, with 1 open spot.

- We have a fish tank display with a small muskie scene in it for raising awareness. If you know of a public place that would like to have it displayed, please contact a board member.

- Flatlanders Chapter of Muskies Inc. – The Flatlanders Chapter out of the Rockford, IL area has reached out to our chapter to see if there is an interest in a joint outing for the 2018 season. We are going to follow up with more information and details.

- Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association has reached out to our chapter for support. They asked for support for the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Fund. The Project started on Little Lake Wissota and has been successful in improving water quality over the last 5 years. They had a major sponsor for the project which has decided to remove their support. They are asking local business, land owners, and invested clubs such as ours for support.
- We voted to support the project and have donated to help the project continue

- The Mike Malone Service award has had a name change. There has been discussion about this for many meetings. The Mike Malone Service Award for our Chapter has been changed to the Jim Bunch Service Award.

- The chapter is looking for a storage unit to hold merchandise and donations. If you know of a good place, please contact a board member.

Cornell Flowage Drawdown

The Cornell Flowage drawdown is completed.

Volunteers Needed

We have a good club here at the 1st Wisconsin Chapter. There are a lot of people that have done lots of work to make this club what it is today. If you are interested in helping out in any way, we'd like the help. We have board positions coming up for elections and nominations in December. We also have board positions that are being filled by others running multiple roles. If interested, contact anyone on the board. There are a couple of openings coming up. We also need many people to help out with events, donations, ideas, and anything to benefit the chapter.

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