



## The Follow Up- **December 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](mailto:travis.sharer@hotmail.com).

### **Dates to Remember:**

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 8 – Board Meeting – 6:30 – VFW 305

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

Adam Glickman will be speaking.

January 15 – Tournament Meeting – 6:00 - TBD

January 20 – Annual Banquet – Fill-In Station – Information Below

February 5 – General Meeting – Fill-in Station

Dan Lazzeroni will be speaking on live bat and trolling

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

## 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
October	Cortland Spletter	47.50
November	Nickolas Brenner	43.00

## MOFC

Matt Rokus	Mens	38	544	51.50
Jordan Klingbeil	Mens	47	537	46.00
Shane Mc Laughlin	Mens	42	495	51.50
Nickolas Brenner	Mens	40	465	47.00
Matthew Ross	Mens	36	416	51.00
Tyler Scott	Mens	20	280	50.50
Cortland Spletter	Mens	19	253	48.00
Jason Roytek	Mens	22	250	48.50
Tom Riedel	Mens	15	210	49.00
Corey Demulling	Mens	15	169	43.25
Todd Carlson	Mens	10	151	47.00
John K Imm	Mens	8	125	47.75

## Chapter Fish List for 2017

### First Wisconsin Chapter

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Muskies Caught</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Largest Fish</b>
Fischer Smith	Juniors	21	238	46.50
Marissa Liske	Juniors	3	41	40.75
Joel Leif Weeks	Juniors	2	22	36.75
Matthew Emerson	Juniors	2	19	39.00
Mason Liske	Juniors	2	17	36.50
Jacob William Weeks	Juniors	2	14	33.50
Austin C. Smith	Juniors	1	12	38.00
Elijah Smith	Juniors	1	10	36.00

Dan C. Hanson	Mens	7	103	44.00
Don Maves	Mens	9	102	43.00
Chris Liske	Mens	7	101	48.50
Mike Keown	Mens	10	100	39.00
Matthew M Eiden	Mens	7	80	46.75
John Goodbrake	Mens	7	75	41.50
Mike Schmidt	Mens	4	73	51.00
Bruce Scott	Mens	5	70	46.50
Chad Harris	Mens	5	67	44.50
Michael Milz	Mens	4	63	49.50
Martin Ursin	Mens	7	58	42.25
Joseph Heil	Mens	4	57	45.50
Kris Brenner	Mens	4	53	41.00
Chris Hostak	Mens	3	52	46.75
Brian D Phillips	Mens	3	51	45.25
Bill Brunstad	Mens	4	50	45.75
Jason P Emerson	Mens	4	46	40.00
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
Alex Swanson	Mens	3	37	40.00
Dan Prestebak	Mens	3	36	40.00
Scott Jerrie	Mens	3	34	42.50
Dave Jann	Mens	2	29	40.75
Mark Tlusty	Mens	2	29	41.50
Jack Gerlach	Mens	2	27	42.25
Scott T Smith	Mens	2	24	40.00
Paul Gottwald	Mens	2	18	37.00
Tim Hillery	Mens	1	18	43.75
Harry Ekstrom	Mens	1	16	41.50
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
Brian H. Wright	MensMasters	59	637	48.00
Brett Olson	MensMasters	47	412	44.00
Ace Sommerfeld	MensMasters	39	410	42.00
Jason D Smith	MensMasters	17	216	48.00
Leonard J Rubesch Jr	MensMasters	17	200	45.50
Jeffrey Bunch	MensMasters	16	160	46.25
Dan Klein	MensMasters	6	64	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

## Annual Banquet

### Pictures for Banquet Slide Show

If you would like to share your pictures from 2017 for the upcoming banquet, please email them to John Imm at [huntingnut@charter.net](mailto:huntingnut@charter.net) or text them to 715-797-7006. Please limit your pictures to your 6 to 8 favorite, we don't need pictures of all 87 fish you caught this year. Include a description for the pic, i.e. angler, fish size, date, etc. Pictures will also be used for promotional purposes at the Wausau Muskie Expo and the Wisconsin Sport Show unless removal of your pictures is requested. Nature, comical, and other pics gladly accepted. Please submit pictures by January 9<sup>th</sup>, no exceptions, no late pictures will be included.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Annual Banquet Reservation

Place: Fill Inn Station,

104 W Columbia St, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729i

Date: January 20, 2018

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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Menu: Shrimp, Chicken, Meatballs, Mashed, Dressing, Gravy, Corn & Salad**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Jr # \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclose: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: 1<sup>st</sup> Wisc Muskies Inc.**

Send: Joseph L Heil

1231 Rowe St

Eau Claire, WI 54703

## **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Muskie Tournament**

Planning will soon be underway for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tournament. If interested in helping plan, support, or help out at the event, please contact Travis or Don.

## **Gil Hamm Tournament**

We will be sending 2 teams up to the tournament again in the coming year.

## **Election of Board Members**

During the December general meeting, we will be taking nominations for board positions that are opening up. The board positions will be voted on by the board at the next board member meeting. If interested, please speak with any member of the board, or come join at the next board meeting.

## **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. The new budget is being finalized and will be voted on next board meeting.

### Membership:

-We are at 215 members with a recent family membership received.

### Chapter Rep Report:

- DNR are putting Spotted Muskies into Green Bay
- New trolling laws are being debated and created
- The new stocking quota is being moved to 1/4 fish per acre
- We are starting to see a statewide stocking shortage for Muskies across the state
- Discussion was had about getting more lake surveys done through funding to try to push for a faster turnaround from study to findings to corrections on stocking

### Fisheries Report:

- 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.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

-December: Bob Benson

-January – Rice Lake – Adam Glickman

- February – Dan Lazzeroni

- March – Pete Rich

### Newsletter:

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

### 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> of August. Teams have been filled as of now.

- 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.

- 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.

- The 2018 is being finalized and will be posted soon.

### Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with various events, youth outings, board members, and chair persons. If interested, contact anyone on the board for more information.

### 2017 1<sup>st</sup> WI Muskies Inc. Board Members and Chair

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