



The Follow Up- **March 2018**

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:

March 2 – Wisconsin Musky Expo – wimuskyexpo.com

March 3 – State Muskie Inc. Chapter Annual Meeting – Wausau Expo

March 5 – General Meeting – 7:00 - Fill-in Station Guest Speaker - Pete Rich

March 9 – Minnesota Muskie Expo – mnmuskieexpo.com

March 12 – Tournament Meeting – 6:00 – 29 Pines

March 16 – Wisconsin Sports Show – wisportshow.com

March 17 – Intermediate and Advanced Muskie School

March 19 – Board Meeting – 6:30 – VFW 305

March 21 – Rice Lake Meeting – 7:00 Moose Lodge – Rice Lake
Aaron Cole of the DNR will be the guest speaker

April 1 – Muskie Clubs Alliance Meeting

April 2 – General Meeting – 7:00 - Fill-In Station Chippewa Falls – Jason Smith

April 9 – Wisconsin Conservation Congress Hearing – Each County

April 16 – Board Meeting – 6:30 – VFW 305

May 5 – South of HWY 10 OPENER!!!!

May 7 – Chippewa Rod-n-Gun – 5:30 – Annual Fish Fry – Bring a dish to pass

May 21 – Chippewa Rod-n-Gun – 6:30 – Board Meeting

May 26 – North of HWY 10 OPENER!!!!

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	Mike Keown	49.75
November	Josh Rabska	47.00
December	Nickolas Brenner	39.00

MOFC – SEASON RESULTS

Chapter Fish List for 2017

First Wisconsin Chapter

Member Name	Division	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
Fischer Smith	Juniors	24	282	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
Jordan Klingbeil	Mens	51	586	46.00
Shane Mc Laughlin	Mens	43	515	51.50
Nickolas Brenner	Mens	44	514	47.00
Matthew Ross	Mens	37	432	51.00
Cortland Spletter	Mens	21	283	48.00
Tyler Scott	Mens	20	280	50.50
Jason Roytek	Mens	22	250	48.50
Tom Riedel	Mens	15	210	49.00
Corey Demulling	Mens	15	169	43.25
Josh Rabska	Mens	11	162	47.00
Todd Carlson	Mens	11	161	47.00
Mike Keown	Mens	14	161	49.75
John K Imm	Mens	8	125	47.75
Dan C. Hanson	Mens	7	103	44.00
Don Maves	Mens	9	102	43.00
Chris Liske	Mens	7	101	48.50

Matthew M Eiden	Mens	8	99	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
Alex Swanson	Mens	4	49	40.00
Jason P Emerson	Mens	4	46	40.00
Jim E Everett	Mens	4	43	40.00
Keith Hammerbeck	Mens	2	42	49.00
Dan Husby	Mens	4	42	44.00
Jack Gerlach	Mens	4	40	42.25
Vern W Weeks	Mens	4	39	43.00
Nathan Mc Keeth	Mens	3	38	38.50
Dan Prestebak	Mens	3	36	40.00
Scott Jerrie	Mens	3	34	42.50
Norm Green	Mens	2	31	43.50
Dave Jann	Mens	2	29	40.75
Mark Tlusty	Mens	2	29	41.50
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
Bob Neidhold	Mens	1	12	38.00
Mickey Allen	Mens	1	8	34.00
Bill Schmidtke	Mens	1	8	34.00
Brian H. Wright	MensMasters	80	890	48.00
Brett Olson	MensMasters	62	593	44.00
Matt Rokus	MensMasters	38	544	51.50
Ace Sommerfeld	MensMasters	42	438	44.00
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

MOFC “Wrap-Up” 2017 Season

- 769 Muskies Released
- 9194 Total Points
- 6 Over 50”
- 2 longest at 51.50”

- Century Club reached during the 2017 season (multiples of 100 releases)

Jordan Klingbeil -122

Jason Roytek-114

Brett Olson-306

- International Men’s Masters (250+ releases)

Tom Riedel-261

3rd Place!

Big Congratulations to our National Award Members!

Brian Wright and Fischer Smith both ranked 3rd on the MOFC on the National Level in their respective divisions!!!



Please register your catches of legally caught muskies, 30” and above, in the “Lunge Log” online at muskiesinc.org as soon as you can so we can keep the MOFC current as possible. If you don’t have access on line “Entry forms” can be requested at the address below.

All muskies under 30” caught by Junior Division fisher people count for the chapters contest. Please send an entry form to 1st WI Chapter of Muskies Inc.

P.O. Box 112
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Send photos of registered fish and we’ll try to post them on our website.

Have a great 2018 season and practice “Catch & Release”! Paul Gottwald
pjgecwi@gmail.com 715-271-6652

February General Meeting Notes

- Dannyboy’s Musky Crazy Guide Service

Dan has been fishing since he was a young man. He has been guiding around the Laona, WI area for the last 12 years. Prior to that, he caught his first musky at the age of 10, and has had musky fever ever since then.

Dan’s seminar was based on using live bait and trolling.

- Rice Lake Schools Fishing Club. We received a \$5,000 donation from a Rice Lake member. The Rice Lake Schools Fishing Club was looking for assistance supporting their club with some new ice fishing gear. We donated \$3,900 worth of ice fishing gear to help support youth in the Chippewa Valley build appreciation for the sport of fishing.

National is looking for 3 people to join the National Muskie Hunt Aug. 23rd, 24th, 25th. Contact Joe for more information.

Annual Award meeting coming up in April, there are a few key discussions that are going to happen about the future of our fisheries. Stay tuned for more information on regional and national changes.

42nd Annual Muskie Tournament

Planning is underway for the 42nd Annual Tournament. If interested in helping plan, support, or help out at the event, please contact Travis or Don. Meetings are held at 29 Pines, the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00.

Gil Hamm Tournament

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

Pit Tagging information

Pit Tagging – We are looking into getting more tags ordered for the upcoming season. We are also looking into expanding the waters on which we can tag. If anyone is interested in obtaining a Reader, contact Scott S.

Trolling Motor for Sale

MinnKota Powerdrive V2 – 55lb, 54” shaft, also has US2. Comes with 2 foot pedals. \$300 Contact Dave Jann at 715-577-3395

March Speakers

Pete Rich – General Meeting – guides for muskies on the Chippewa Flowage and many other lakes in the Hayward area. He will be presenting on Trolling Wisconsin’s Final Frontier, on how to take advantage of the new trolling waters and to effectively troll with limited lines.

Aaron Cole – Rice Lake Meeting – Barron and Polk counties DNR fisheries biologist. He is passionate about Muskie fishing and has experience in the area fisheries including the Red Cedar river. He is excited to have the opportunity to come out and share information.

Muskies Inc. Special!

Hillcrest Cottages is a family owned resort on Big St. Germain Lake in Vilas County. We are a family with several Musky fishermen and regular participants in the Musky National Championship. As fellow Musky enthusiasts, we would like to extend a special offer to members of Wisconsin Musky Clubs.

If a member of one of the Musky Club's Alliance contacts us to stay at Hillcrest Cottages, we will provide them a 15%-20% discount on their reservation. If a club would like to have a club outing (we can accommodate groups up to 42 persons) we offer group rates and additional discount based on the size of the group.

Hillcrest Cottages located on the north side of Big St. Germain Lake and offers nearby access to numerous high quality Musky Lakes within a 30 minute drive. We offer the perfect combination of convenience, privacy and amenities, with nearby access to St. Germain, Eagle River, Minocqua, Sayner, Mercer, Conover and Boulder Junction.

Hillcrest Cottages – 2018 Rate Sheet

Unit	Guests	Peak Season June – August	Off-Season All Other Times	Availability	Per Night (2 Night Min)	Pet Friendly
Cedar Lodge	2 – 12	\$2,000	\$1,700	Year Round	\$300	NO
Maple	2 – 8	\$990	\$895	May - October	\$175	NO
Pine	2 – 6	\$850	\$775	May - October	\$150	NO
Spruce	2 – 6	\$805	\$750	May - October	\$135	\$125 Per Pet
Oak	2 – 6	\$805	\$750	May - October	\$135	\$125 Per Pet
Birch	2 - 4	\$675	\$625	May - October	\$115	\$125 Per Pet

Large Group and Family Reunion Rental Discounts Available – Inquire

14' Aluminum Fishing Boats \$75 per week and outboard motors \$125 per week includes 1 tank of fuel

Paper products (paper towels & toilet paper) and personal towels are not included

Deposits: Cedar Lodge \$500 per week – All other units \$350 per week (balance due on arrival)

All Rentals Subject to 10% Sales and Room Tax

Check In Time 3pm

Check Out Time 9am

Additional questions and inquiries about special circumstances can be directed to Blair & Laura Rogacki at (262) 623-6225 or (715) 892-7277 or via email at hillcrest54558@gmail.com

<http://www.hillcrest-cottages.com/>

Board Meeting Minutes

Secretary's report:

- The board member list has been updated and inserted again. If you notice any discrepancies, please contact Travis.

Treasurer's report:

-The report was given, all is well financially, and the report was approved by the board. Treasurers report was approved.

Chapter Rep Report:

- Regional meeting to happen in Wausau at the Muskie Expo – Dues increase and added benefits to be discussed, along with the 503c status and national membership discussion.
- Voting on issues will occur in Wausau and the state's interests will be brought to the national level.
- Our region wants to know what the thoughts are for a second Gil Hamm tournament to invite all other clubs from around the nation to join and fish. Details are still being discussed, but National wants regional input on thoughts about adding a second tournament. Contact Tom for more information and discussion
- VP of Conservation position is being discussed. There has been a candidate that has applied and matches the description very closely.

Membership: 221 Members

Fisheries Report:

- Any ideas for projects for area fisheries would like to be brought up to the regional level. Focus, funding, and projects have drifted towards the Eastern region over the last several years. We are looking to bring some of that focus back to the western side of the state. If you have any ideas on projects to be done throughout the Chippewa valley, please contact Tom for discussion.

Tagging:

- We are looking into ordering more PIT tags. Tagging reports have been sent to the local biologist. We are looking to increase the number of lakes.

Outings / League:

- No update

Fundraising:

- Tickets for the boat raffle will be picked up at the Wausau show
- Tamarack Island raffle tickets are here and for sale

Youth:

- Rice Lake Area Fishing Club donation of \$3,900 was delivered.

Programs:

- March 5– Pete Rich – Trolling on the Flowage
- March 21 – Wednesday – 7:00 at Moose Lodge – Aaron Cole – WI DNR
- April – Jason Smith

Merchandise:

- New Muskies Inc. Duluth Trading Company Jackets are in the works. Contact Don if interested in them.

Newsletter:

- If there is anything you would like added to the newsletter, please send to Travis. Items for sale, birthdays, muskie pictures, events, send away!

New Business:

- Advertising – if you know of a business that is interested in advertising, please contact John Imm.
- Between the Lakes Chapter – June 16th – Kleebah Challenge
- If there are any events that you would like to see added to our website, please contact Joe Heil.
- Hike and Climb camp donation being requested and being discussed.

Old Business:

- We are still seeking a new home for our Muskie Aquarium. If you know anyone interested in displaying it in a high traffic area of fishermen and women, please let us know.

Banquet Info:

Saturday the 19th of January 2019 at the Fill Inn Station
Banquet report coming next board meeting

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.

The Wisconsin Sports Show is Eau Claire is coming up on the weekend of the 17th. We need help with people available to man the booth Saturday the 17th from 9:00am to 12:00pm. We also need help on Sunday the 18th from 9:00 to 12:00, 12:00 to 3:00, and 3:00 to close. Contact John Imm if available.

Tamarack Island

We will have a Tamarack Island raffle again this year as before. 200 tickets at \$10 a piece. Ticket sales will begin at the banquet.

Board Members

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