



The Follow Up- **April 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:

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

May 26 – North of HWY 10 OPENER!!!!

Jun 4 – General Meeting – 5:30 – Chippewa Rod-n-Gun

Jun 18 – Board Meeting – 6:30 – Chippewa Rod-n-Gun

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

Members Only Fishing Club

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

March General Meeting Notes

Pete Rich – Chippewa Flowage Guide

Trolling – Northern Wisconsin’s Final Frontier

Pete gave a good presentation about how to better target structure, what sort of structure to look for, and where to run baits over structure while trolling. He shared some great stories, some seasonal strategy, and baits he prefers with tactics with each.

Thanks Pete for the great presentation!

Around the Muskie World

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

We are underway on planning for our 42nd Annual Tournament. There have been a few ideas for changes, some things in continued discussion, and a long list of donors and sponsors that need to be contacted.

We are looking for people around our club to help out contact current sponsors, secure new sponsors, and help in general support of the tournament activities.

Many of the tournament committee members have been doing it for many years and would like to bring in some new blood with new ideas.

If you are interested in helping, or would be willing to contact your current employer, local businesses, or some of our current sponsors, please contact Travis.

The next meeting is scheduled for the 23rd of April at 6:00 at 29 Pines. We'd love to see you and get some additional input.

Other Tournaments

Gil Hamm:

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

2018 Kleeba Challenge

Between the Lakes Muskies Inc. will be hosting the tournament this year. Pelican Lake, WI – June 15th, 16th, and 17th.

We are hoping to send a team to represent our chapter for the tournament.

Gerrits Lakeview is hosting the event.

If interested in putting together a team for us, please contact any board member.

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.

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:

- There are still vacancies at the National Level that are seeking to be filled.
- Regional meeting is coming up and a few key discussions will be had.

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:

- Travis will be heading south of 10 with a couple of the St. Cloud Chapter members on the weekend of May 18th. If interested in joining, please contact Travis.

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.
- June 2nd – The youth outing will be

Programs:

- March 5– Pete Rich – Trolling on the Flowage

- March 21 – Wednesday – 7:00 at Moose Lodge – Aaron Cole – WI DNR – Practiced Muskie Fisherman
- April – Jason Smith for the General Membership

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. March 23rd. Items for sale, birthdays, muskie pictures, events, send away!
- \$3,945 was donated to the Rice Lake High School Fishing Team
Ice Shacks, Augers, Heaters, Tip Ups, Fishing Locators

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.

New Business:

There is a Holcombe Area Business and Residents Chamber Fishing Tournament up by the Lake Holcombe area. Part of their tournament is the largest harvest of legal fish, including Muskies. Discussion is underway on how to approach the tournament personell to have Muskies removed from the tournament list.

Big Minnow – Along with the Fishing tournament, the Big Minnow also has a fishing contest with Muskies being a part of that list.

-Lake Holcombe Business and Home Owners Association.

We would like to get the Muskie portion removed from the list.

July 24th – 27th, Youth Fishing Tournament - Durand Youth Fishing Program – Discussion to donate \$100 to program.

Rusk County Wildlife Restoration Association – Banquet April 7th.

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.

Boat Raffle

We will have the Muskies Alliance boat for display in July. We have raffle tickets now if anyone is interested in entering the raffle for a brand new Ranger!

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