



The Follow Up- **June 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:

Jun 3 – Youth Outing – Round Lake – Details Below

Jun 4 – General Meeting – 5:30 – Chippewa Rod-n-Gun
Tamarack Island Raffle Drawing

Jun 9, 10 – Wisconsin Catfish Tournament – Registration at Chippewa Rod & Gun

Jun 15-17 – June Jam – <http://www.nmmuskies.com/tournaments/>

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

Jul 9 – General Meeting – 5:30 – Chippewa Rod-n-Gun

Jul 11-18 – Boat for raffle will be at Carquest in Cornell

Jul 16 – Board Meeting – 6:30 – Chippewa Rod-n-Gun

Jul 19-22 – Boat for raffle at Gander Outdoors (TBD)

Aug 6 – General Meeting – 5:30 – Chippewa Rod-n-Gun

Aug 20 – Board Meeting – 6:30 – Chippewa Rod-n-Gun

Aug 25 – Gil Hamm Challenge – Lake of the Woods

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

As always, if anyone has anything to share, feel free to send to
travis.sharer@hotmail.com

Members Only Fishing Club

First Wisconsin Chapter as of **5/23/18**
Chapter Fish List for 2018

Member Name	Division	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
Ace Sommerfeld	MensMasters	1	15	41.00

Lunker of the Month for 2018

Month	Member Name	Length
May	Ace Sommerfeld	41.00

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

General Information

Over 50 members showed up at last month’s Fish Fry / May General Meeting! All had a great time, plenty of food, and swapped some baits and gear. We signed up 3 new members at the fish fry. WELCOME!!

If you see the new members, be sure to say hi and welcome to:
Steve Wilson, Garret Larson Family, Trey Boettcher, Josh Rabska

The Annual Parking pass at Chippewa Rod N Gun will be going up in cost on April 1st, 2019. It is \$25 before then, or \$35 after. We will send out another reminder closer to that time.

An outing occurred on the weekend of the 19th of May to take advantage of the early season opener, Travis, Steve, and two new board members of the St. Cloud Chapter of Muskies Inc. traveled south of HWY 10 to get the lines wet. We had a great time and are hoping to expand this to more members and potentially welcome other chapters as well.

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. The final brochures and rules will be coming out shortly.

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. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Travis.

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.

The next meeting is scheduled for the 25th of June at 6:00 at 29 Pines. We'd love to see you and get some additional input. If you've collected donations, make sure to get the receipts and information over to either Travis or Jack.

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.

June Jam

North Metro Chapter is hosting their annual tournament on Bone Lake on the 15th through the 17th of June. More information at:
<http://www.nmmuskies.com/tournaments>

Pit Tagging information

Pit Tagging – We have 2 Pit Tag readers available for the season. You will not be able to tag fish, but could help out by reading and recording any fish caught. The more data we can gather, the better case we have for future stocking etc.

Pit Tagging can be done from Lake Holcombe and the Chippewa River system.

Raffles

We will be drawing the raffle winner for the Tamarack Island trip. There are still tickets available if anyone is interested.

We will have the Musky Alliance Boat for raffle from the 11th of July to the 18th of July at Carquest in Cornell. The following week we will have the boat at Gander Outdoors (TBD) in Eau Claire.

We will also need volunteers to be present when we have the boat to sell raffle tickets. Contact John Imm if available.

Board Meeting Minutes

Secretary's report:

- We updated some information on new members. Nothing else to report.

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:

- Annual Board Meeting – 8 motions approved. 6 of them to change language of existing bylaws.

- Minimum membership terms decreased for board member positions.

- Fisheries and Research – Lyla Warren – New conservation committee holder
- A new national award was passed to be in honor of Jim Bunch.
- All insurance money has been collected by all chapters now.
- The lunge log will now be called Jim Bunch Lunge Log

Officers elected – VP of Youth Activities, Fisheries and Research, VP of Communication and Marketing, Corporate Secretary, VP of International Affairs. Swearing Ins occurred.

Active Duty Military Discounts discussed as an option.

Membership: 224 Members

Fisheries Report:

- Minnesota stocking bills have been pushing to stop all stocking. The governor has notified legislators to not bring forth any bills with any language of eliminating muskie stocking.
- After an annual study of Muskie forage, Yellow Perch and Sucker Minnows still hold the top of the list for food for Muskies. Other large fish still hold very low spots on the lists for food found in the bellies of muskies.

Tagging:

- Floy tags are all out. All pit tags are in members hands. If you have a permit, please make sure you keep all information and report it.
- If you would like to use a Pit tag reader, contact Joe Heil. There are still 2 available for chapter use.

Outings / League:

- A youth outing will be held on the 3rd of June. We still need members to help facilitate the event with boats, gear, and bodies.

Fundraising:

- July 11th through 18th – raffle boat will be at Carquest in Cornell
- July 19th through 22nd – raffle boat will be tentatively at Gander Outdoors
- Tamarack Island tickets will be drawn at the June membership meeting.

Youth:

- Sunday, June 3rd – Youth outing – on Round Lake – 11am to 4pm. If you are available to volunteer, we need bodies, boats, jackets. Estimated 10 youth.

Programs:

- Nothing new to report.

Merchandise:

- Nothing new to report.

Newsletter:

- If there is anything you would like added to the newsletter, please send to Travis.

New Business:

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

- If there are any events that you would like to see added to our website, please contact Joe Heil.

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:

Thanks to Don for addressing the issue of the Kill Division on Lake Holcombe. He spoke with Corrine, the owner of the Big Minnow, about the weekly tournament about moving Muskies from “bring in your catch” to longest release.

Corrine also brought this up to the Holcombe Area Business and Residents Association of Lake Holcombe who made the same change to their tournament.

If you see Don, please send thanks, and also if you stop at the Big Minnow, send a thanks over to Corrine as well.

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

Banquet Info:

Saturday the 19th of January 2019 at the Fill Inn Station



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