



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

## Dates to Remember:

Dec 3 – General Meeting – 7:00 – Fill-In Station – Jason Helfin

**Board Member voting – we need to have a few that are willing to help step up and fill in roles that will be vacant.**

Dec 17 – Board Meeting – 6:30 – VFW 305

Jan – No General Meeting in lieu of Annual Banquet

Jan 8 – Rice Lake Meeting – Moose Lodge 7 PM

Jan 14 – Board Meeting – 6:30 – VFW 305

Jan 19 – Annual Banquet 5 PM – Fill In Station – Details below

Feb 4 – General Meeting – 7:00 – Fill-In Station – Josh Borovsky

Feb 18 – Board Meeting – 6:30 – VFW 305

If you have any articles, pictures, stories, or anything they would like added to the newsletter please send to [travis.sharer@hotmail.com](mailto:travis.sharer@hotmail.com)

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

## Members Only Fishing Contest

**\*\*Please register your fish by Jan. 4 so we can get an accurate tally for the banquet.\*\***

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 online access, "Entry forms" can be requested at the address below. Entries must be made or post marked within 30 days of release.

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 122

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  
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50" Fish:

Shane McLaughlin-50.25" and 50"; Dave Jann-54.25";

Andrew Adams-52.25"; Jordan Klingbeil-52"; Josh Rabska-52";

Chuck Spletter-52"; Kris Brenner-50.5"; Clint Keuler-50.25"; Nathan McKeeth-50"

Century Mark:

Ace Sommerfeld-300; Dan C. Hanson-200; Matt Rokus-200; Mike Milz-100;  
Cortland Spletter-100; Chris Hostak-100

Personal Best:

Dave Jann-54.25"; Andrew Adams-52.25"; Jodan Klingbeil, Josh Rabska-52";  
Kris Brenner-50.5"; Clint Keuler-50.25"; Nathan McKeeth-50"; Chris Liske-  
49.75"; Max Gibson, Trevor Nelson-49"; Jeremiah Wolf-48"; Fischer Smith-

47.50"; Brandon Wilcox-47"; Darcy Carlson, Jack Gerlach-46.50"; John Goodbrake-46"; Tony Eckert-44"; Sam Hall-42.25"; Rayce Palecek-40"; Travis Sharer-37"; Jacob Weeks-30.5"

Lunge Log (Nov/Dec issue of magazine)

In the national rankings in the Juniors Division Total Points we have Fischer Smith with his 47.5" release being in the Top 25.

In the Mens Division, Dave Jann's 54.25" will be in the Top 25 in the next issue.

Mens Division Total Points our chapter has Jeremiah Wolf and Rick Hall.

(Rick Hall will be in national's Mens Masters Division next season by registering a total of 250 plus fish. Our chapter's MOFC puts you in the chapter's Mens Masters by winning the Mens Division for a season.)

**Chapter Fish List for 2018 as of 11/18**

**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	30	339	47.50
Rayce Palecek	Juniors	3	22	40.00
Sam Hall	Juniors	1	16	42.25
Jacob William Weeks	Juniors	3	13	30.50
Arianna Smith	Juniors	1	8	34.00
Joel Leif Weeks	Juniors	1	7	32.50
Darcy Carlson	Womens	2	34	46.50
Loretta Carter	Womens	2	24	46.00
Jeremiah Wolf	Mens	98	1226	49.75
Nickolas Brenner	Mens	41	541	48.50
Shane Mc Laughlin	Mens	40	537	50.25
Matthew Ross	Mens	33	393	44.00
Cortland Spletter	Mens	17	239	46.00
Todd Carlson	Mens	13	201	49.25
Josh Rabska	Mens	13	187	52.00
Nathan Mc Keeth	Mens	13	176	50.00
Max Gibson	Mens	10	163	49.00
Tony Eckert	Mens	15	145	44.00
Chris Hostak	Mens	9	137	45.75
Kris Brenner	Mens	8	125	50.50
Keith Hammerbeck	Mens	7	112	47.00
Brandon Wilcox	Mens	8	104	47.00
Mitchell J Gibson	Mens	7	101	47.50

Chris Liske	Mens	5	89	49.75
Chad Harris	Mens	7	84	43.00
Brian D Phillips	Mens	7	84	42.00
Bill Brunstad	Mens	5	79	46.00
John K Imm	Mens	6	72	44.75
Michael Milz	Mens	5	72	47.50
Scott D Schreiber	Mens	7	72	41.50
Vern W Weeks	Mens	6	66	43.00
John Goodbrake	Mens	5	64	46.00
Joseph Heil	Mens	5	62	46.00
Dan C. Hanson	Mens	4	48	39.00
Tim Hillery	Mens	4	48	41.20
Corey Demulling	Mens	5	45	37.00
Martin Ursin	Mens	5	43	40.00
Dave Jann	Mens	2	42	54.25
Arlan D Carter	Mens	2	39	49.00
Jack Gerlach	Mens	2	30	46.50
Andrew Adams	Mens	1	26	52.25
Clint Keuler	Mens	1	24	50.25
Scott T Smith	Mens	3	24	36.00
Trevor Nelson	Mens	1	23	49.00
Bruce Scott	Mens	2	21	37.00
Don Maves	Mens	1	16	41.50
Jason P Emerson	Mens	2	15	35.00
Bill Schmidtke	Mens	2	12	32.00
Travis Sharer	Mens	1	11	37.00
Matthew M Eiden	Mens	2	10	32.25
Rick Hall	MensMasters	61	741	48.50
Matt Rokus	MensMasters	34	492	49.00
Ace Sommerfeld	MensMasters	43	483	47.00
Brian H. Wright	MensMasters	34	426	48.00
Brett Olson	MensMasters	42	419	43.25
Jordan Klingbeil	MensMasters	32	401	52.00
Jason D Smith	MensMasters	27	360	46.50
Tom Riedel	MensMasters	22	294	49.50
Jeffrey Bunch	MensMasters	14	184	44.75
Dan Klein	MensMasters	12	173	43.50
Chuck Spletter	MensMasters	7	107	52.00
Leonard J Rubesch Jr	MensMasters	8	73	40.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>Avg</b>
<b>Total Anglers</b>		<b>Total Fish</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Largest</b>
<b>62</b>		<b>809</b>	<b>10224</b>	<b>44.56</b>

**Lunker of the Month for 2018**  
**First Wisconsin Chapter**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Length</b>
May	Trevor Nelson	49.00
June	Arlan D Carter	49.00
July	Andrew Adams	52.25
August	Jordan Klingbeil	52.00
August	Chuck Spletter	52.00
August	Josh Rabska	52.00
September	Dave Jann	54.25
October	Jeremiah Wolf	49.75
November	Brian H. Wright	47.00



Fischer Smith (age 9) stuck his 30th muskie of the season over 30" in mid-November. Measured at 46.75".

He is currently 4th in releases the (17 and under) national muskies inc. youth division.

He has 79 muskies registered lifetime and has a goal to make the muskies inc. century club next season at age 10.

## **General Information**

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

## November General Meeting Notes:

Chapter elections for board of directors are coming up in the December board meeting.

Programs to come: December – Jason Halfen of Humminbird

February – Josh Borovsky

March – Brad Wert

April – Lee Tauchen

January 8<sup>th</sup> at Rice Lake Moose Lodge – Dustin Carlson

April 9<sup>th</sup> at Rice Lake Moose Lodge - TBD

**Banquet Information:** The banquet will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019.  
The banquet will be held at the Fill In Station - 104 W. Columbia St, Chippewa Falls, WI

1st Wisconsin Annual Banquet Reservation

Place: Fill Inn Station,

104 W Columbia St, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729i

Date: January 19, 2019

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 8th, 2019

Menu: Shrimp, Chicken, Ham, Mashed, Dressing, Gravy, Corn & Salad

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

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

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

Make checks payable to: 1st Wisc Muskies Inc.

Send: Joseph L Heil 1231 Rowe St Eau Claire, WI 54703

Gil Ham Tournament – Aug 17-24, 2019 – If interested, please contact Joe Heil.

### **November Seminar:**

Mark Saemisch of Muskie Marks Fishing Guide Service presented on Fish Mood and Water Quality.

The presentation focused on the effects of water clarity, the effects it has on fish, and bait. He also covered on the effects light has through water.

He also discussed the ergonomics of fishing, casting and pulling through into the figure 8's.

Muskie Marks Fishing Guide Service – [www.muskiemarks.com](http://www.muskiemarks.com)

### **December Seminar: Jason Helfin of Humminbird**

**Bait and Gear Swap after the Seminar – Bring any bait and/or gear you would like to sell or swap with another member.**

### **October Seminar:**

Joe Gerbyshak from the WI DNR came and presented on the areas fisheries. The information that we are sending to the DNR from the tagging efforts is starting to show some nice result and combines with the data taken from netting.

The Chippewa River is going to continue to have focus on stocking as it is proving to be a wonderful habitat for the fish population. There is more forage in the river than the fish can eat.

This year is on pace for full stocking efforts and there aren't any foreseeable issues with the normal stocking numbers we are used to seeing.

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

We need ideas, thoughts, comments, and ways to improve next years (43<sup>rd</sup> Annual) Tournament.

We also need a few members to help out to organize, collect, and plan the tournament. Many of the current tournament committee would like to step down form their duties, and we won't be able to continue without help.

Please contact Travis Sharer if you would consider assisting.

### **Pit Tagging information**

The club is considering purchasing more readers for anyone that might be interested in reading and recording fish data over next season.

If you are interested, please contact Scott or Joe.



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## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### Secretary's report:

- Nothing new to report. New calendar of events will be posted online on the website after board confirmation.

### Treasurer's report:

- The report was given, all is well financially.
- Any budget items, please send to Jack as soon as possible.

### Chapter Rep Report:

- Regional meeting was held. Election of regional reps.
- Discussion on Muskie spring hearing questions and revisions happened to protect Muskies. Stocking was discussed and future projects for further stocking.

Any patches, stars, etc. orders should be sent to Jeff Maholic. We will have them available at the Annual Banquet in January if interested.

### Membership: 233 Members

- School renewals coming up soon in December

### Fisheries Report:

- Nothing new to report.

### Tagging:

- Nothing new to report. If you have tag data, make sure it is sent to Joe before the end of November.

**Outings / League: We are in need of someone that is willing to take over the outings for the chapter. We have some ideas on some things to try to bring the chapter together for fun outings.**

### Fundraising:

- Nothing New

### Youth:

- If anyone has any ideas for promoting youth fishing, please let us know.
- Money is available for youth projects or ideas.
- High School Fishing clubs interested in muskies, or any other ideas are welcomed.

### Programs:

- Nothing new to report.

October – Joe Gerbyshak of WI DNR

November – Mark Saemisch of Muskie Marks Fishing Guide Service

December - Jason Halfen – Fishing Electronics

February – Josh Brovofski

March – Brad Wert

April – Lee Tauchen

January – Rice Lake 8<sup>th</sup> – Dustin Carlson

April 9<sup>th</sup> Rice Lake - TBD

### 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:

- We will be doing individual election for board members.

- The idea is to get more board members to join.

- We will need new people to fill in roles. We need officers and Board Members.

- Patches are available if desired.

### Banquet Info:

Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 at the Fill Inn Station. Information is coming out soon on details of that.

Advertising: Will be ending in December.

## 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.

**There are multiple board members that are looking to pass the torch. If you are interested in being a board member, or have questions on it, please speak with anyone on the board.**

## Board Members

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