



The Follow Up- April 2019

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:

Apr 1 – 7:00 – General Meeting – Fill Inn Station – Chippewa Falls
Lee Tauchen will be presenting from Lee Tauchen Guide Service.

Apr 9 – 7:00 – General Meeting – Moose Lodge – Rice Lake – TBD

Apr 15 – 6:30 – Board Meeting – VFW 305 – Eau Claire

Apr 28 – 2:00-5:00 – Family Fishing Day & Meet Mike Keyes – Northwoods
Brewing

May 6 – 5:30 - Fish Fry and Bait Swap – Chippewa Rod N Gun

May 20 – 6:30 – Board Meeting - Chippewa Rod N Gun

May 31 – June 1 – Central Wisconsin Open Musky Tournament – details below

June 3 – 5:30 – General Meeting – Chippewa Rod N Gun

June 7 – 9 – 2019 Spring Classic of Champions – 39th year

June 14 – 16 – Kleeba Chapter Challenge – Vilas County Lakes

June 17 – 6:30 – Board Meeting – Chippewa Rod N Gun

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

Meeting Locations:

VFW Post 305 – 1300 Star Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701 – Back meeting room

Chippewa Rod and Gun Club – 16160 74th Ave., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Fill Inn Station – 104 W. Colombia St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

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

Members Only Fishing Contest

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

MOFC chairman- Paul Gottwald pjgecwi@gmail.com 715-271-6652

The Chapter, for the milestone, gives a patch for the First 50” Fish with a star, and the First Century Club.

Additional Release, 50” Fish Stars and Century Club Bars patches are available for purchase at Merchandise table.

Certificates for Individual Fish are available from Paul Gottwald pjgecwi@gmail.com 715-271-6652 the MOFC chairman.

The history categories on the chapter website’s Release Standings page should be updated shortly.

Good Luck in the coming season!

Practice catch & release.

New rules for this year – chapter rules

1- The contest is “Honor” reporting. It is intended for a fun competition for “Bragging Rights” among our Chapter. Please be truth full in your reporting. Any claims of angler dishonesty should go thru the National Lunge Log chairman.

2- Released or kept fish are eligible. Season is determined by location of catch. Fish under the location size limit MUST be released. Fish 30” or longer are eligible.

Junior division chapter members are encouraged to report shorter fish to chapter MOFC chairman to be eligible for the chapter contest. 4 points will be recorded for each fish 30” or shorter. Fish under 30” will be recorded by the chapter for the current season caught and will not accumulate on Junior members All Fish List on the Lunge Log.

3- Fish CANNOT be “guesstimated” for length measurements. Use of measuring device is mandatory.

4- In order to be eligible in our chapter MOFC and Lunker of the Month, fish must be COMPLETELY and officially registered on-line in the Lunge Log within 30 days of catch (Mailed-in COMPLETE and officially registered entries must be post-marked within 30 days of catch to our chapter MOFC chairman.) to be eligible for our chapter MOFC and Lunker of the Month award.

5- At the end of the year the winner of the Mens and Womens Division (min. of 15 registrations) will be put in the Mens Masters and Womens Masters Division subsequent years in our chapter MOFC.

At 250 registered fish the angler is promoted to the Mens Masters and Womens Masters Divisions of the Lunge Log the following season.

6- Juniors Division will be split into 2 subdivisions being:
Fry- 12 years old and under (age as of January 1 of year).
Fingerling- 13-17 years old (age as of January 1 of year).

7- Total Points only will determine ranking.

The chapter will issue a certificate to the angler recognizing the total number of muskies registered that year. The angler may obtain a certificate recognizing an individual fish registered by contacting the chapter MOFC chairman. The Chapter will give Patches for the milestones of the First 50” fish and joining the Century Club.

Central Wisconsin Open Musky Tournament

Wausau Area Muskies Inc., Wausau Musky League and WILMA are holding a tournament in the Wausau area.

Rules Meeting May 31 at 7 P.M, Fishing on June 1 from 6am to 4pm.

\$80 per boat advance entry – 50% payout

Optional \$10 Big Musky and \$5 Big Pike pool – 100% payout

Lake Wausau, Mosinee Flowage, Lake DuBay, Stevens Point Flowage

Proceeds benefit Wausau Area Muskies Inc Fisheries Fund.

Contact Tyler @ 715-498-2016 or wausaumuskies@gmail.com

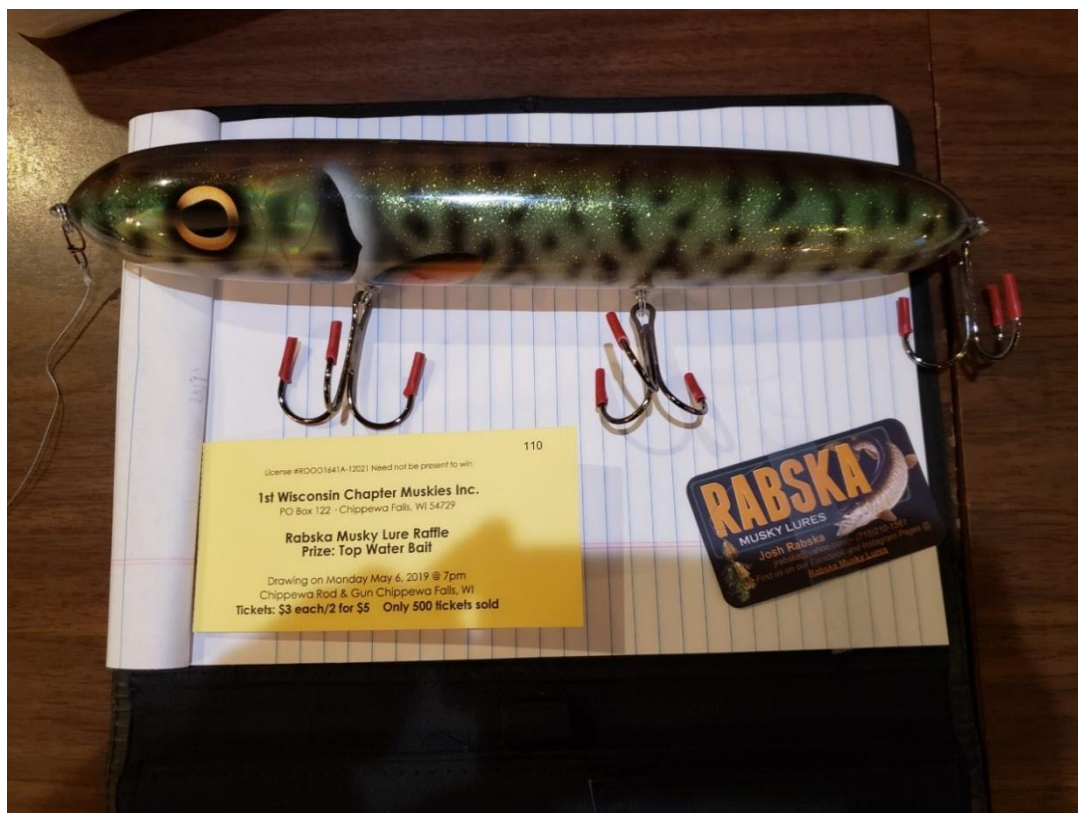
Wausau Musky Show:

A big thanks to Josh Rabska for making a custom lure for us to raffle.

Thank you to everyone that came by our booth and a special thanks to those who staffed it. It always is a good time and was certainly needed after this winter.

Lure Raffle:

Rabska Musky Lures donated a custom lure for our club to raffle. If you would like a chance at this beautiful bait, contact a board member. Drawing is at the May Fish Fry.



May Fish Fry:

Our May meeting will be held at the Chippewa Rod and Gun Club. Address is on the first page.

We will be having our Annual Fish Fry to kick off the season on the 6th. Bring a dish to pass, and bring any gear you would like to sell / trade.

League sign up will also be at the meeting!!

March Seminar:

Brad Wirt was our speaker in March. Brad from Brad's Guide Service specializes in guiding from Brokaw to Merrill on the Wisconsin River.

His seminar was about River Muskies – from spring to fall. He shared what to look for on waters, where to fish, and how to fish along with special things to pay attention to and ways to get fish to move.

Boat Raffle:



Raffle Tickets Sold Here-\$5 each or 3 for \$10

Grand Prize

**2019 Ranger Boat Model 1880 Angler & Trailer
Powered by Mercury Outboard 150 XL Pro XS**

2nd-10th Prize

Musky Fishing Reels

**Profits Used For Stocking, Research,
& Improving Musky Fishing in Wisconsin
Drawing to be held Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 1:00PM
Vilas County Fairgrounds, Eagle River WI**

**164 W. Forest St. Eagle River Wisconsin
(Need not be present to win)**

**Sponsored by: *Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin*
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www.muskyclubsalliance.org**

2019 Boat Raffle Tickets are in hand. Contact a board member or come to one of the meetings for your chance at the boat or other prizes.

42nd Annual Muskie Tournament

The Tournament Committee needs assistance in planning for the tournament. If you have an hour or two to help out, it would be much appreciated. Contact Travis or Don if you have ideas or are interested in helping out.



<http://www.muskyhunter.com/musky-matters/musky-clubs-alliance-benefit-special-license-plate/>

Banquet Information

105 members showed up! Thanks to everyone who joined and participated!!!!

The Early bird winner was Paula Marg!

The Banquet Rod and Reel combo winner was Charlie Elmberg.

Kyle Darley won the Whispering Winds Resort package.

Josh Rabska won the Bob Benson trip

Dave Vollmer won the Pete Rich Guide trip, John Carlson Guide Trip and the Green Bay trip!

Joe Heil won the Dan Altman Guide Trip.

Donner Bay Resort won by Riley Peterson

Musky Marks Guide Trip was won by Gary Hughes

Jim Bunch Memorial Chapter award went to Travis Sharer.

Board Meeting Minutes

Secretary's report:

- Nothing new to report. New calendar of events will be posted online on the website soon. We are also going to be refreshing the website and refreshing links.

Treasurer's report:

- All is well financially, the board was read and approved the report.
- We are applying for grants and could use some ideas for youth projects.

Chapter Rep Report:

- Regional meeting was held in Wausau at the Expo
- Discussion was had about holding a regional tournament, no changes as of now.
- Joe Heil re-elected for VP of WI state chapter
- Youth funds are still available from National. If you have any ideas or thoughts on how to bring more youth into Muskie fishing, feel free to suggest to any board member.
 - We have had one potential idea of joining the Hayward area in a youth outing and donating some gear. If you have youth members that are wanting to go to any certain events, or have ideas of how to use some of the funds, please let any of the board members know.
- Positions are open at the National level.
- Musky Hunter magazine discount details are being discussed and more details will come
- Musky Alliance meeting is on April 6th – Stevens Point
- August 23rd, 24th – World Musky Hunt – Looking for teams of 3
- Chapters are discussing the potential ideas of hiring an executive director as well as an outside accounting firm. Nothing has been decided as of yet.

General Meeting Notes

- April 28th – Family Fishing Day & Meet Mike Keyes at Northwoods Brewing

Membership: 233

New members, welcome and thanks!!!!

Fisheries Report:

- We will be sending funds to the DNR to conduct genetics tests on Lake Wissota to learn more about growth, genetics, and how different strains are adapting to the lake.

Tagging:

- We PIT tagged 62 fish. Of those 62, 5 were recaptures.

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:

- We have been raising funds from the Annual Boat Raffle as well as Josh Rabska made a custom lure for raffle.
- We have raffle tickets available for both through our May fish Fry.
- **We need a fundraising chairperson as John will be stepping down**

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:

April – Lee Tauchen
April - Rice Lake - TBD

Merchandise:

- Nothing new. Hooded sweatshirts are being ordered.

Newsletter:

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

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 need new people to fill in roles. We need officers and Board Members.
- **We need to fill board roles to fill all positions**

Banquet Info:

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

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.

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