



The Follow Up- **May 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 28 – 2:00-5:00 – Family Fishing Day & Mike Keyes – Northwoods Brewing

May 4 – **Southern Zone Opener** – inland waters South of U.S. Hwy 10

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

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

May 25 – **Northern Zone Opener** – inland waters North of U.S. Hwy 10

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

All Members tied at this point. Congrats on 1st place!!

How to Register On-Line on the Lunge Log

Go to muskiesinc.org Login with membership number and password. Upper right of screen.

First time login- enter your membership number;

Then click on Forgot Password

Fill out form and a password will be sent to you. Login should be possible then. If you want a different password, change your "Profile Update"

After Login go to Lunge Log left center of screen.

Go to green heading My Lunge Log and in the fields that show underneath click on My Lunge Log Entry. This should bring you to the Lunge Log Entry form.

Fill out form completely and your fish will be added to the base, assigned a number, be added to your Fish List, and be eligible for the chapters Members Only Fishing Contest (MOFC). Fish must be registered within 30 days of catch to be eligible for the chapter's MOFC and Lunker of the Month.

Contact Paul Gottwald pjgecwi@gmail.com
or text to 715-271-6652 if you have questions or problems.
Please register your fish. Use and research on the
Lunge Log! It can be a vast store of information.

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. - \$80 per boat advance entry – 50% payout

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

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

April Seminar:

Lee Tauchen presented from Lee Tauchen Guide Service and Lee Baits.

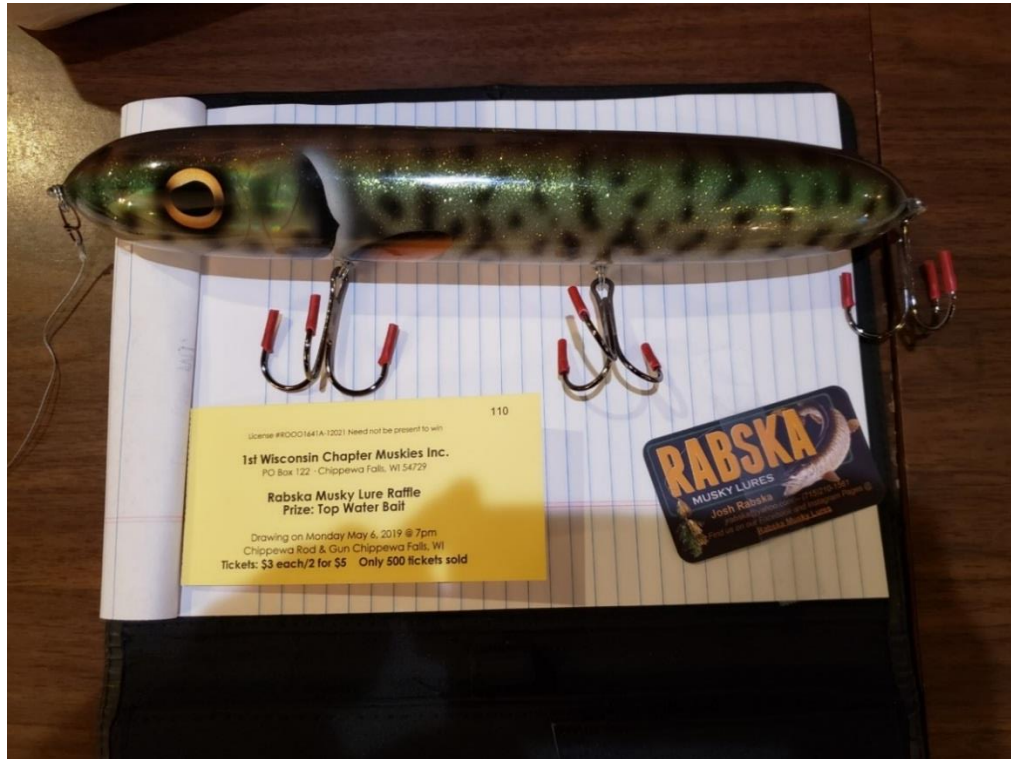
Lee spoke about choosing baits, speed, and depths. The seminar was focused on tips on working baits, presentation methods, and speed.

Rice Lake Seminar:

Shane McLaughlin of Sudden Impact Guide Service presented on River Tactics. He shared his knowledge of local rivers, what to look for, times to fish, and to make sure to take advantage of weather changes.

Lure Raffle:

Last week for your chance at the Rabska Lure Raffle!



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.

We will also be having the bait and gear swap.

League sign up will also be at the meeting!!

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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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.

Rice Lake Area Musky League

Rice Lake area Musky League is held Thursday evenings at lakes in the Rice Lake area. The 2019 schedule is mostly set with a few dates tentative.

Contact Brien Gin at 715-790-5268 bgindt@ricelake.com

Tony Rust at 715-933-1333 rustajlr@gmail.com

Chippewa Valley Musky League

League will be starting before we know it. Contact Alex for questions or further details.

Teams of two fish on whatever day of the week works for you.

Follows tournament bodies of water from 5 P.M. until dusk.

\$30 per team with many great prizes given at the annual banquet.

Search for Chippewa Valley Muskie League on Facebook for details or contact Jason Smith or Alex Swanson.

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/>

Erickson Park Update

The Fish Chippewa Access for All Committee extends its gratitude to First Wisconsin Chapter of Muskies Inc for its generous donation to support the Erickson Park Project. The money donated by the chapter will be instrumental in providing fishing access in the Chippewa Valley. Construction on the Erickson Park project is well underway. Ron Bakken, Fish Chippewa Access for All President and Chief Operating Officer, said the bridge connecting Erickson Park and Irvine Park has been installed (See image below). The board walk and fishing piers have also been installed said Bakken. Bakken anticipates a Grand opening in the last week of May or first week in June of 2019. In addition to the grand opening, Bakken who is also the President of the Chippewa Rod and Gun Club, will be working with the YMCA to host a take a kid fishing event on June 1st at Erickson Park.

The Fish Chippewa Access for All Committee wants the First Wisconsin Chapter of Muskies Inc. to know that its success is largely attributed to community support. On behalf of Fish Chippewa Access for All, thank you for your generous donation! We hope to see all chapter members at the park in the years to come



Board Meeting Minutes

Secretary's report:

- We had a volunteer ask to be a member of the board. The general meeting moved to approve Kyle Darling to the Board of Directors.

Welcome A-Board!

A 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.

Chapter Rep Report:

- Musky Alliance Club meeting was held on the 6th of April

General Meeting Notes

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

Membership: 233

Welcome to David and Georgia Curfman!

Other 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:

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:

- June 1st – Paddle for Pike on the Chippewa Flowage. WIFA is hosting the event. If there are any interested parties, or parent bringing children, we could potentially support the trip. Please contact a board member.

Programs:

April - Rice Lake – Shane McLaughlin

Merchandise:

- Nothing new.

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:

- There has been a petition written at the national level for an Executive Director Position as well as for hiring a CPA firm. There is also discussion of Changing operations of Muskie Magazine. Please let us know your thoughts / discussion.

Banquet Info:

Saturday the 19th of January 2020 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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