



# The Follow Up - December '19

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:

December 2 – General Membership Meeting – Fill Inn Station – 7:00PM

Election of Board Members

Presenter - Todd Schulz – Musky Moon Guide Service

December 16 – Board Meeting – VFW 305 on Starr Ave – 6:30

January 7 – Early Bird Deadline for Banquet Registration – prize to be announced

January 13 – Board Meeting – VFW 305 on Starr Ave – 6:30

January 14 – Rice Lake General Membership - Moose Lodge – 7PM

January 18 – Annual Banquet & Awards – Fill Inn Station – **Details below**

February 3 – 7 PM Skeeter Boat Center – Chippewa Falls

February 17 – Board Meeting – VFW 305 on Starr Ave – 6:30

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)

Meeting Locations:

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

Chippewa Rod and Gun Club – 16160 74<sup>th</sup> Ave., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

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

## **UPCOMING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS VACANCIES:**

**TREASURER, SECRETARY, FUNDRAISER, NEWSLETTER EDITOR,  
TOURNAMENT CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OUTINGS**

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

# Members Only Fishing Contest

## Personal Best Registered

John Imm, Nicole Hays, Cortland Spletter, Bill Brunstad, Brandon Wilcox, Eric Palecek, Fischer Smith, Joel Weeks, Brad Marg, Jacob Weeks, Tony Eckert, Kyle Darley, Larry Wilcox, Stephanie Begley, Isaiah Anderson, Dave Vollmer, Eric Weeks, Marissa Liske, James Harrison, Kim Weeks, Katrina Farnsworth

## 1st Registered on My Fish List

Nicole Hays, Eric Palecek, Kyle Darley, Isaiah Anderson, Stephanie Begley, Eric Weeks, Larry Wilcox, James Harrison, Kim Weeks, Katrina Farnsworth

## Century Club

Jason Smith 800, Dan Klein 300, Tom Riedel 300, Nicholas Brenner 200, Shane McLaughlin 100, Vern Weeks 100, Fischer Smith 100

## 50"ers

John Imm, Nicole Hays, Bill Brunstad, Cortland Spletter (2), Brandon Wilcox (2), Jordon Klingbeil, Eric Palecek, Matt Rokus

Chapter Fish List for 2019 as of 11/13/19

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Member Name	Division	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
Fischer Smith	Juniors FRY	22	260	49.25
Marissa Liske	Juniors FRY	8	83	40.75
Joel Leif Weeks	Juniors FRY	3	42	46.50
Jacob William Weeks	Juniors FRY	3	33	45.00
James Harrison	Juniors FRY	1	12	37.75
Matthew Emerson	Juniors FINGERLING	1	6	32.00
Stephanie Begley	Womens	4	60	43.50
Nicole Hays	Womens	1	27	52.50
Kirsten Spletter	Womens	2	18	39.00
Elizabeth Bunch	Womens	1	12	37.50
Kim Weeks	Womens	1	10	35.50
Katrina Farnsworth	Womens	1	6	32.00

Nickolas Brenner	Mens	50	651	48.00
Cortland Spletter	Mens	37	527	51.50
Nathan Mc Keeth	Mens	33	433	47.50
Shane Mc Laughlin	Mens	29	346	49.00
Vern W Weeks	Mens	17	234	47.50
Josh Rabska	Mens	15	231	47.50
Matthew Ross	Mens	18	216	45.50
Chris Hostak	Mens	12	186	45.25
Brandon Wilcox	Mens	10	177	50.50
Todd Carlson	Mens	13	175	49.00
Brian D Phillips	Mens	14	168	45.25
Larry Wilcox	Mens	11	120	43.50
Keith Hammerbeck	Mens	7	117	49.00
Tony Eckert	Mens	10	113	45.00
Corey Demulling	Mens	10	104	41.75
Chad Harris	Mens	8	96	43.50
John K Imm	Mens	7	91	55.00
Kris Brenner	Mens	6	75	46.50
John Goodbrake	Mens	7	74	39.50
Kyle Darley	Mens	7	72	45.00
Matthew M Eiden	Mens	4	61	48.00
Eric Palecek	Mens	3	60	50.25
Isaiah Anderson	Mens	6	59	43.25
Bruce Scott	Mens	5	58	42.50
Eric Weeks	Mens	6	58	41.50
Martin Ursin	Mens	6	53	40.00
Dan C. Hanson	Mens	4	48	41.00
Don Maves	Mens	6	48	38.50
Bill Brunstad	Mens	2	47	50.75
Michael Milz	Mens	2	37	46.50
David A Vollmer	Mens	2	28	41.75
Joseph Heil	Mens	2	24	39.25
Bradley Marg	Mens	1	20	46.00
Robert Longwitz	Mens	1	19	45.00
Dan Prestebak	Mens	2	18	36.00
Jason P Emerson	Mens	2	14	33.00
Dave Jann	Mens	1	11	37.00
Scott Jerrie	Mens	1	11	37.00
Scott T Smith	Mens	1	10	35.50
Travis Sharer	Mens	1	6	32.00

Ace Sommerfeld	MensMasters	53	631	48.00
Tom Riedel	MensMasters	32	380	48.50
Jordan Klingbeil	MensMasters	29	347	50.50
Jason D Smith	MensMasters	19	257	49.00
Chuck Spletter	MensMasters	16	248	49.50
Brian H. Wright	MensMasters	18	222	49.00
Brett Olson	MensMasters	16	168	44.00
Jeffrey Bunch	MensMasters	10	144	47.00
Leonard J Rubesch Jr	MensMasters	13	131	46.00
Dan Klein	MensMasters	7	108	46.50
Rick Hall	MensMasters	8	95	46.00
Rick Mechelke	MensMasters	2	28	41.00
Matt Rokus	MensMasters	1	24	50.25
Jeremiah Wolf	MensMasters	1	24	49.50
Total Anglers		Total Muskies	Total Points	Avg. Largest
66		652	8272	44.18

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2019

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Month	Member Name	Length
May	Jeremiah Wolf	49.50
June	Nicole Hays	52.50
July	John K Imm	55.00
August	Jordan Klingbeil	50.50
September	Bill Brunstad	50.75
October	Cortland Spletter	51.50
November	Fischer Smith	47.50

# 1st Wisconsin Annual Banquet Reservation

Place: Fill Inn Station,  
104 W Columbia St, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Date: January 18, 2020

Time: Cash Bar 5-6 PM Meal at 6 PM followed by Awards at 7 PM

Cost: Adults \$20/person - 12yrs and under free with a parent

For Early Bird Drawing Reservation, must be in by January 7th, 2020

Menu: Shrimp, Chicken, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, 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

## Musky Insider Article

I saw a familiar face as I was reading through a recent Musky Insider. Fischer Smith had a short article about 100 Muskies at 10 years old. The link is below if you would like to read it.

<https://muskyinsider.com/blogs/past-newsletters/ice-fishing-for-musky-10yo-w-100-muskies-3d-printed-boat>



## 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tournament

Planning is underway and we will be needing help to hold a great tournament next year. If you can help out in any way, we would appreciate all the assistance we can get. Talk to a board member if you have any interest.

### General Meeting Notes

- Treasurers report was read, no questions were asked, all is well financially.

- We received an email from the Bemidji Chapter:

They are playing with the idea of holding the Gill Ham on the 8, 9, 10<sup>th</sup> of September in the Bemidji area.

As of now, our Chapter does not have anyone fishing the Gill Ham, if interested, please let someone on the board know and we would be happy to sponsor the team entrant.

- 390 or so Musky Plates have been sold this year. The goal was 500, so if you are thinking of getting plates, please do so this program can continue. The funds go to the Musky Alliance Club.



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

- Couderay fish are being studied again to see again if the brood stocking is working, and if there are enough pairs to continue a sustainable population in that lake.

We have people, donations, and the want to help our youth fishing clubs or hold an outing. If anyone knows of a group that would like to get out fishing for any species, please contact a board meeting.

If anyone is interested a new rod, we have a special offer from one of our sponsors. If you would like more details, please contact Joe Heil for information or ordering.

We had 3 members of our chapter come in for Q&A in a panel style discussion  
A big thanks to our panel members for sharing their knowledge!  
Panel Members – Ace Sommerfeld, Jason Smith, Matt Ross

Questions were asked of all sorts and our local experts shared to every question – what was your longest fish fight to thoughts on barbless hooks.

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### Secretary's report:

- Open Positions: **Treasurer, Fundraiser, Newsletter Editor, Tournament Committee, Outings**

Please contact any member of the board if interested

Elections will be held in December!!

### Treasurer's report:

- All is well financially.

### Chapter Rep Report:

- Jeff Miller reports that the membership drive and financials are going very well. National is thinking of continuing the drive through show season. Prizes are available for the most new members signed up.

Kleebah will be held on the 20-23<sup>rd</sup> of June. God's Country chapter will be hosting it, with the headquarters at Big Swede's.

### Membership: 225

- The board decided to give away a hat and bait for new memberships, a chance to win a reimbursement of annual dues, or reimburse the difference between a regular and family membership, valid through December 2019.

Fisheries Report: Nothing new to report, more information to come this month!!

### Tagging:

Please turn in any and all tag information to Joe to turn in for member processing.

### Outings / League:

Nothing new to report

### Fundraising:

- **We need a fundraising chairperson as the position is vacant.** We have received the check from Musky Alliance for the boat raffle sales. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and to those that sold them as well.

### Youth:

- Elk Mound Youth Fishing Club was spoken to about potential sponsorship of events. We will continue to discuss with the Club how we can support

### Programs:

Joe Gerbyshak and Swap Meet – October Meeting

November – Panel Discussion / Q & A

December – Todd Schulz – Musky Moon Guide Service

January – Rice Lake – 14<sup>th</sup> at the Moose – Jim Stroede

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mike Keyes at the Boat Center

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Matt Ross

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Noah Binsfield – Get the Net Guide Service

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Rice Lake - Steve Genson at the Moose

### Merchandise:

- We have new hooded sweatshirts and more hats.

### Newsletter:

- If there is anything you would like added to the newsletter, please send to Travis. Newsletter on the 26th

### Old Business:

- The Musky Aquarium needs a new home, if you have questions, please contact Joe.

### New Business:

- Multiple positions are still vacant going into the new year

### Banquet Info:

Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 at the Fill Inn Station.

### Tournament Info:

18, 19, 20 September of 2020



