

THE FOLLOW UP

Newsletter for First
Wisconsin Chapter
Muskie, Inc.
March 2020

Contact the editor at acesommerfeld@hotmail.com with comments and information.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

March 2nd - Back to Filling Station in downtown Chippewa Falls. Speaker-Matt Ross of Chapter 6. 7:00 PM start time, will accept a few stragglers.

April 6th - At Filling Station. Speaker-Noah Binsfeld owner of "Get the Net Guide Service". Noah's specialty is muskies in the Mississippi River system. 7:00 PM

April 16th - **Rice Lake Moose Lodge-40 E. Newton St. in Rice Lake.** Speaker-Jim Stroede owner of Jim Stroede Guide Service. Jim concentrates on the Hayward Area and northwest Wisconsin. 7:00 PM.

May 4th - Fish Fry and Swap Meet. Chippewa Rod & Gun on Lake Wissota. Please bring a dish to pass.

More Dates to Remember

Feb. 28-March 1 Wisconsin Fishing Expo Madison, WI

March 6-8 Wisconsin Musky Expo Wausau, WI

March 20-22 WI Sports Show Eau Claire, WI

March 27-29 George's MN Muskie Expo Concordia College St. Paul

April 26 Ed-Venture. Under the stacker in Cornell. Details in Board Report further down.

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September 18th-20th. 45th Annual First Wisconsin Muskie Tournament. Details to follow.

Boat Raffle: March 19th-24th, July 9th-14th, July 16th-21st, more details to follow

Tournament planning & campaign, Jan 1st-Aug 30th - Please reach out to KyleDarley@darley.com if you would like to participate.



Chapter Raffle

Cabin for two at Tamarack Island Lodge on Lake of the Woods valid September 2020 - October 2020. There will be 200 tickets sold at \$10 each. Get your tickets before they are sold out.

Hail to the Chief

First Wisconsin Chapter member Matt Rokus was appointed as Chief of Police for the City of Eau Claire, effective December 31, 2019. Rokus moved to Eau Claire in 1993 in order to attend the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. Upon graduation, Rokus was hired as a Police Officer with the Eau Claire Police Department. Rokus has been promoted through the department's ranks serving as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Deputy Police Chief. When asked about his career, Rokus states it is an honor to serve his community and he is proud to serve with the dedicated men and women of the Eau Claire Police Department. Matt joined the First Wisconsin Chapter of Muskies Incorporated in 2013. Each year he looks forward to the tradition of a musky trip to LOTW with his dad and now fishing with his two sons.

Winter Expo's

Chapter 6 is sitting in a good spot for hitting the Expo's. We can take in several spots without driving off the map. They are great for seeing what's coming out this year, talking to product reps, inventors, and old friends. Our chapter has a booth in Wausau and Eau Claire. The BOD shoulders most of the load when it comes to manning the booths; new blood will give these guys a break and get fresh ideas out there. Please volunteer when the chance comes along.

Aha Moment of the Month

Line is a really big deal to a muskie stick. At a glance it seems expensive, but all things considered, it's too important to take for granted. Most of us are using #80 and #100 braided line. It infuriates me when I am forced to buy a spool and throw away one third of it. Luckily, there are ways to cut down on the cost of good line. You can buy bulk from a few outlets online. One of the favorite tricks is to reverse the line on a reel. I wrap the line around an empty can, and reel it back up to expose the fresh line that was buried in the reel. Wise anglers constantly monitor the line's condition for fraying and kinks. Another good practice is cutting the last 3 to 4 feet every so often.

Buy and Sell

There will be a section in each newsletter for buying and selling fishing related items. Send your information to the editor.

