



Chapter Updates

Wisconsin Muskies Expo: This year's expo had great vendor presence which was well received by the many attendees. Our club's booth was well attended and staffed by great volunteers. The show afforded the club an opportunity to touch base with existing and potential donors, members, and friends. We are hoping the relationships fostered will enhance our club outings going forward. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the Wisconsin Muskie Expo a success!

Big Girls Like it on Top...

Although the Corona virus may have you wondering if we will ever get back outside, Board Members Dave Jann and Matt Ross are hoping to give you a good excuse to enjoy the outdoors. On June 13th, the club will be bringing back the **1st WISCONSIN'S - TOP WATER CHALLENGE**. The event will be held on Lake Holcombe. Additional details will be provided in the May and June Issues of the Newsletter.

New Horizons

With a current membership base of 217, the board of directors is thinking outside the box on how we can attract more members. We are looking for volunteers to help improve our reach in the Youth and Female fishing categories. If you are a Female or Youth musky angler and would like to volunteer, or have ideas on how we can improve our followership, please reach out to us.

Current Fundraisers

The Club is currently selling raffle tickets for a plethora of custom musky lures. Pictures of the lures can be found on the 1st Wisconsin's Muskies Inc Facebook Page. Thank you to all the vendors who supported the Lure Raffle. Tickets (for the lure raffle) will be drawn on May 4th. The Tamarack Island Lodge Raffle is also underway. The winner will receive one week of house keeping for two people (Valid September 1st 2020 – ice up 2020). Only 200 tickets will be sold and the drawing will take place on June 4th. We are also selling raffle tickets for the Muskie Alliance Ranger Boat. The boat drawing will be held on August 23.

If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets, please reach out to our board or email KyleDarley@Darley.com to arrange pickup. Thank you to all of you that have purchased tickets to date. The money raised is paramount in keeping our chapter funded.

One Fish, Two Fish

The Board has been diligently exploring the potential of re-introducing a stocking program. Tom Riedel (Musky Madness), Nick Brenner, Paul Gottwald, and Josh Rabska (Rabska Musky Lures) have been working with local fisheries biologists, rearing ponds, and 1st WI Muskies Inc. members to learn how the chapter can revitalize the stocking program. Although we had a slight window to stock last fall, we weren't able to procure the needed fish in time to make it happen. Recent information leads us to believe we will be able to begin



stocking muskies in the next 5 years. Meanwhile, we are exploring the feasibility of partnering with local clubs and agencies to build habitat and stock varying (non-musky) species in our musky fisheries.

Interested In Volunteering?

We are actively seeking volunteers to fulfill assistant roles on the board. Any interested members can reach out to a board member to learn more. Further, we are looking for volunteers to help make the 44th annual 1st Wisconsin Muskies Inc Tournament and other chapter events a Success. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to one of the board members.

Digital Transformation

The club has made a proactive decision to shift a considerable amount of our communication to the chapter Facebook page. Timing couldn't have been better considering the recent shelter in place order enacted at the state level. Please take a moment to log on to facebook and like our page to ensure you are receiving the most up to date information on club happenings.

The club is also working on giving our website a facelift. Members who frequent our website will soon be pleasantly surprised by the enhanced online experience provided by Capture Life (Web Development & Design company).

Regional Meeting Summary

The Regional meeting was held in Wausau in March. Tom Reidle provided the summary to follow. the biggest thing that was done were motions were presented to

disband the state chapters organization, as it largely duplicates the region in function and for duties related to the Kleeba Challenge be shifted to the region (passed). It was further motioned that the remaining roughly \$1250 in the state chapters account be given to the DNR shocking boat project in central WI as this in a project very near completion, most clubs have invested in it already, and it will affect a significant portion of musky water (passed). Our chapter supported the electroshock boat by providing a \$2000.00 donation.

Lunge Log

Congratulations John for the first fish of the season registered!

Chapter Fish List for 2020 First Wisconsin Chapter

Member Name	Division	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
John Goodbrake	Mens	1	6	32.25

Lunker of the Month for 2020 First Wisconsin Chapter

Month	Member Name	Length
March	John Goodbrake	32.25

Note: See the attached documents at the close of the newsletter for updates on Lunge Log Entry & Rules



Chapter Events

Note: Due to SARS-coV-2, All Chapter Events are canceled Until Further Notice

Date	When & Where	Event
04/06/2020	7:00 PM General Membership Meeting Fill Inn Station- Chippewa Falls	Guest Speaker- Noah Binsfeld:
04/13/2020	Wisconsin Conservation Congress Hearing Held in each County	Usually help at 7 PM Consider attending
04/14/2020	7 PM Membership meeting North Rice Lake Moose Club	Guest Speaker- Steve Genson
04/20/2020	6:30 PM Board Meeting VFW 305 on Starr Ave Eau Claire	*
05/04/2020	5:30 PM Annual Fish Fry Chippewa Rod-n-Gun	Members Bring a dish to pass
05/18/2020	6:30 PM Board Meeting Chippewa Rod-n-Gun	*
05/30/2020	Musky Opener North Hwy 10	*
06/01/2020	5:30 PM General Membership Meeting Chippewa -Rod-n-Gun	Summer Meeting

06/15/2020	6:30 PM Board Meeting Chippewa Rod-n-Gun	*
07/06/2020	5:30 PM General Membership Meeting Chippewa-Rod-n-Gun	Summer Meeting
07/20/2020	6:30 PM Board Meeting Chippewa Rod-n-Gun	*
08/03/2020	5:30 PM General Meeting Chippewa Rod-n-Gun	Summer Meeting
08/17/2020	6:30 PM Board Meeting Chippewa Rod-n-Gun	*
09/07/2020	No General Meeting Tournament Month	*
09/18/2020	44th 1st Wisc Annual Musky Tournament	September 18-20th, 2020
1/23/2021	Annual Banquet	Fill Inn Station

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Editors Corner:

Thank you to all of our members for making our events a success. We are looking forward to getting back to business as usual following the passing of SARS-coV-2. A special thank you to all of our volunteers & Donors for keeping the wheels turning. If you have anything exciting you would like to share in an upcoming newsletter, please reach out to Kyle M. Darley by email: KyleDarley@Darley.com

New Light Weight MI System

There is now a new 'Light Weight' Lunge Log entry/reporting system. It may be used on the desktop, but has been built to be mobile friendly (tested under iPhone and Android).

The main website will have the same functionality and reporting, but the 'Light Weight' system will be an option for individuals to use.

The following are the features when using the new system:

Upon logging into the system, an alert will occur if your membership is going to expire within the next 30 days. You will have the option to select a 'renew now' link which will take the member immediately to the member's renewal page without having to log into the system.

Also upon logging in, a new push message (small box at the top of the page) is available for viewing if a message is available. The push message is a limited text area for small messages. I have set it up so that a message may be entered (or set up by) a designated officer(s). I can have it set up for multiple messages, but for now it currently only handles one message. The message will be set up so that a start and end date is entered, therefore an automatic expiration is set so no one has to monitor the text.

There is now a collapsible menu in the upper right hand corner. There is also a quick link to the LL entry page.

The menu has the following options available:

1. Membership Information – View:
 - a. Member name, number, chapter, membership type, email and expiration date
2. Chapter Information – View at a glance:
 - a. All chapter schedules and events can be viewed that have been documented by the chapter (entered in the 'chapter maintenance' page).
3. Lunge Log Entry System
4. Lunge Reporting
5. Current 'Muskie' magazine
6. The policies for the MOFC

New functions/features include the following for the Lunge Log Entry:

- 1) The entry system is set up as tabs (this is similar to a different page). An individual cannot proceed to the next tab unless all required fields are complete or have met the minimum requirement for entry. A green button at the bottom shows your progress on the tab.
- 2) A help screen is available for each tab (a '?' is located at the top of every tab for the specific page). This will explain the requirements for each tab.



New Light Weight MI System

- 3) Entering the state/county/lake field is now using a 'type-ahead' format versus the current 3 drop-downs that have to be used. A 3 character entry minimum is required.
- 4) Entering the bait name field is now using a 'type-ahead' format. A 2 character entry minimum is required.
- 5) Date Caught now has a default of today's date. A slide is used instead of entering a date. Again, hopefully easier on a mobile device.
- 6) You do not have to select 'true' or 'hybrid' any longer. 'True' will be a default and if it is a 'Hybrid', you will just select the box.
- 7) A new check box has been added if the fish was caught on a 'Figure 8'. This has been requested in the past for tracking purposes.
- 8) You may now upload a photo (2mb maximum requirement) to attach to the entry.
- 9) A witness field is now available and will pop-up if a fish is over 40".

New functions/features include the following for the Lunge Log Reporting:

- 1) The a report page now displays a member's quick view of the largest fish in their list, the total fish in their list and when the last log entry was made.
- 2) You may view your own fish list as done on the primary web site.
- 3) There are several new views/reports available:
 - a. The 'last 10 entries by lake'. This gives a quick detail review of the last entries for the selected lake.
 - b. The 'top 3 lures/baits' used on a particular lake.
 - c. The 'Top 5 Chapters' by number of entries for the current year.
 - d. Graph shows the Catch Times for the lake selected
 - e. New for members viewing, an abbreviated 'Chapter MOFC' report will now be available for viewing. Each chapter member will have the opportunity to see where they stand within their respective chapter.
 - f. Also, an abbreviated 'National MOFC' report that is specific to their own division class will be available
- 4) View current year photos by date caught. A list is produced showing an entry that has a photo attached to it. You may select the fish-id to then view the photo.
- 5) An MI Member 'Blog' will also be available. The Blog will contain many good articles for viewing and the member will have the opportunity to reply and/or post a reply regarding the article.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Randy



Members Only Fishing Contest 2020 03/28/2020

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. **Paper entries must be post marked within 20 days of release and sent to Chapters PO Box or within 30 days to**

Lunge Log Administer

PO Box 1509

Waukesha, WI

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January 4, 2021 deadline for registering fish for 2020 MOFC and Lunker of the Month to get awards ready for Chapter’s Banquet.

All muskies under 30” caught by Junior Division fisher people count for the chapters contest. Email the chairman the size and date of the catch and release with in 30 days, or 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

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

Good Luck in the coming season!

Practice catch & release.

Rules for the Chapter MOFC and Lunker of the Month (LotM)

In conjunction with National rules that are used for the National MOFC and LotM and describe membership qualifications.

1- The contest is “Honor” reporting. It is intended for a fun competition for “Bragging Rights” among our Chapter members.

Please be truth full in your reporting. Any claims of angler dishonesty should go thru the National Lunge Log chairman.

2- Released muskies are eligible. **Kept fish will go on the Lunge Log and your fish list but are NOT eligible for the MOFC and LotM.** Season is determined by location of catch. Muskies under the location size limit MUST be released. Muskies 30” or longer are eligible.

Junior division chapter members are encouraged to report shorter muskie to chapter MOFC chairman to be eligible for the chapter contest. 4 points will be recorded for each muskie 30" or shorter. Muskies 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- Muskies CANNOT be "guesstimated" for length measurements. Use of measuring device is mandatory. Please measure to ¼ inch increments. National "Lunker of the Month" and replica mounts, Biggest Fish awards require a witnessed measurement. **If you think your fish is in the running for a National award or prize, PLEASE HAVE A WITNESS.**

*****To enter a witnessed fish please download and print an entry form from the Muskie Inc. website on the Lunge Log Entry page. Have witness sign it and either mail to the mailing address in the upper left hand corner or scan and email to the email address in the upper left hand corner.*****

4- In order to be eligible in our chapter MOFC and Lunker of the Month, muskie must be COMPLETELY and officially registered on-line in the Lunge Log within 30 days of catch. Mailed-in COMPLETE paper entries must be post marked within 20 days of release and sent to Chapters PO Box or within 30 days to

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5- At the end of the year the winner of the Mens and Womens Division (min. of 15 registrations for the season) 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 100 registered fish for 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 muskie registered by contacting the chapter MOFC chairman. The Chapter will give Patches for the milestones of the angler's first 50" Muskie and joining the Century Club.

Patches to recognize individual released muskie, additional 50" Muskie and stars, and Century Club and bars can be purchased at the merchandise table.

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