



Chapter Updates

Loopy's Grill, Saloon, and River rentals will be selling raffle tickets for a ranger boat that support muskie fishing in Wisconsin. Please be sure to grab a bight to eat and some refreshments while you are there. Thank you Loopy's for helping support the Wisconsin Musky fishermen.

The July tournament Committee meeting was held on Tuesday the 7th. The committee discussed the feasibility of hosting the 44th annual tournament committee meeting. Many ideas were proposed and evaluated amongst the group. Ultimately the committee members were asked to vote for our against hosting a tournament with a virtual registration and awards banquet with prizes awarded through 10th place. The 7 committee members voted 5 to 2 in favor of postponing the 44th annual tournament until September of 2021. The committee felt strongly that the effort required to keep up with the changing local guidelines, host a safe tournament, and provide a format that properly served participants was to tall a task for the existing volunteers. We apologize for any inconveniences and hope to see all of you at the 44th annual tournament in 2021.

1st Wisconsin's June Board Meeting: Another virtual meeting was held this month (June). A web & tournament committee meeting were held in conjunction with the board meeting.

The July board meeting will be held virtually on its regularly scheduled date. Board members will be sent an invitation via email. Please reach out to a chapter director if interested in attending.

August's general meeting has been canceled. We hope all of you will opt to go fishing in place of the meeting.

1st Wi's Top Water Chal-Lunge

1st Wi's Muskies Inc directors Mathew Ross (Musky Operations) and Dave Jann resurrected the top water challenge. The event was held on the infamous Dairyland Flowage. 12 boats and 24 contestants beat the water for a combined 168 hours. No legal fish were boated during the event. The Smith Family put a shorty in the boat and two other contestants broke the surface to catch a few fish. The standing champion is Travis Henry who took the trophy home in 2018.

Members Only Lunge Log

First Wisconsin Chapter

MOFC as of 06/23/20

Junior Fry

Member Name	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
Smith, Fischer	5	56	47.50
Liske, Marissa	6	32	34.25
Weeks, Jacob William	2	20	40.50
Liske, Mason	2	14	33.50
Weeks, Joel Leif	1	5	31.00

Junior Fingerling

Member Name	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
Emerson, Matthew	1	5	31.00

Mens

Member Name	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
Martin, Tony	19	240	46.00



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Mc Laughlin, Shane	12	125	41.50
Ross, Matthew	12	115	47.00
Rabska, Josh	7	103	51.25
Spletter, Cortland	5	63	43.00
Carlson, Todd	5	60	46.00
Eckert, Tony	6	54	39.00
Keown, Mike	3	51	45.25
Mc Keeth, Nathan	6	49	44.25
Wilcox, Brandon	4	44	45.50
Ursin, Martin	3	38	45.00
Hanson, Dan C.	3	32	38.50
Darley, Kyle	2	23	45.25
Gibson, Mitchell J	1	23	49.00
Demulling, Corey	2	20	40.00
Wilcox, Larry	2	18	37.50
Brenner, Kris	3	17	33.00
Ballweg, Mason	2	16	35.00
Phillips, Brian D	1	15	40.50
Sharer, Travis	1	14	40.25
Weeks, Vern W	1	14	40.25
Imm, John K	2	8	30.00
Scott, Bruce	1	8	34.00
Goodbrake, John	1	6	32.25
Longacre, Adrian Wayne	1	5	31.00

Mens Masters

Member Name	Muskies Caught	Total Points	Largest Fish
Sommerfeld, Ace	11	124	45.00
Brenner, Nickolas	8	95	46.50
Riedel, Tom	6	57	39.00
Klingbeil, Jordan	6	54	42.50
Rubesch Jr, Leonard J	4	39	42.50
Klein, Dan	3	36	45.00
Wright, Brian H.	3	35	48.50
Bunch, Jeffrey	1	17	43.25
Smith, Jason D	1	14	39.75
Total Anglers	Total Muskies	Total Points	Avg. Largest
40	165	1764	40.75

Lunker of the Month

Month	Member Name	Length
March	John Goodbrake	32.25"
May	Brian H. Wright	48.50"
June	Josh Rabska	51.25"
July	Mike Keown	45.25"

Milestones This Season

First Muskie Registered-	Mason Ballweg; Adrian Wayne Longacre; Tony Martin
Personal Best Registered-	Tony Martin- 46"; Kyle Darley- 45.25"; Mason Ballweg- 35"
Century Club-	Ace Sommerfeld- 400 Josh Rabska- 51.25"

RULES for Chapters MOFC/Lunker of the Month

Link to Chapter rules are on the last couple pages of April 2020 newsletter.

Muskie Inc. "Lite" Entry system explained also.

http://firstwimuskiesinc.org/documents/newletters/2020_04.PDF

Link to Muskie Inc. Fishing Policies

https://muskiesinc.org/indy_files/zz_lentry.php upper right of page



New Horizons

With a current membership base of 225 (1 New Member this month), the board of directors is thinking outside the boat 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 Tamarack Island Lodge Raffle took place on Thursday June 6th. Chapter Member Tyler Scott is the winner of one week of housekeeping for two people (Valid September 1st 2020 – ice up 2020). Thank you to all who participated in the raffle.

We are also selling raffle tickets for the Muskie Alliance Ranger Boat. The boat drawing will be held on August 23. Thank you to Tamarack Island Wilderness Lodge and Muskies Alliance for supporting the First Wisconsin Chapter.

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 on our tournament waters.

Interested In Volunteering?

We are actively seeking volunteers to fulfill director and assistant roles on the board. Any interested members can reach out to a board member to learn more. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out.

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 is 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.

Board Meeting Attendance

Attendees:

1. Josh Rabska
2. Nate McKeeth
3. Tom Riedel
4. Kevin Rabska
5. Jack "Bud" Gerlach
6. Paul Gottwald
7. Kyle Darley

Absentees:

1. Matt Ross – Provided notice
2. John Goodbrake – Provided Notice
3. Nick Brenner (Attended Tournament Committee Meeting)
4. Dave Jann
5. Don Maves
6. Scott Schreiber
7. Rob Given

Board Moves

A motion was made by Kevin Rabska to hold our July meeting virtually. The motion was seconded by Paul Gottwald and passed Unanimously.

Kevin Rabska made a motion to approve the treasurers report – Kyle Darley 2nd the motion which passed unanimously.

Chapter Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>When & Where</i>	<i>Event</i>
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/xx/2021	44th 1st Wisc Annual Musky Tournament	September 2021
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