



THE MUSKY NEWS



Newsletter of the WinnebagoLand Musky Club *April 2019*

RECAP OF 2019 WINNEBAGOLAND MUSKY CLUB AWARDS BANQUET

85 guests and members had a great time at the 2019 WinnebagoLand Musky Club Banquet held Saturday evening March 23rd at the Fond du Lac American Legion Hall. Along with a great array of homemade desserts. Those attending enjoyed the evening winning many raffle prizes, guided musky trips, and talking about the 2018 musky season. Ron Lange was the winner of our big prize, a \$900 “fat tire” bike donated to our Club by member John Bartow, owner of Fond du Lac Cyclery. Thank you John for this generous donation.



There are a number of people that deserve our thanks for making this banquet possible. In addition to the Banquet Committee that worked very hard putting this event together, we thank the “Dessert Committee” for the outstanding desserts. The desserts were made by Judy Hopp, Tuesday Klapperich, Amy Langlitz, Mary LaPine, Beth Maeder, and Chris Stubbe. These desserts were a great addition to a nice meal served by Eden Meats.

The following folks also deserve our gratitude for their contributions to the banquet.

- **Richard Feustel** Guided trip with guide Jeff Van Remortel
- **Bob Kimball, Trucker Lures** Two guided trips and lures
- **Paul Klein** Guided musky or duck hunt
- **Eric Larsen** Guided musky trip
- **Dik Suzek** Prizes included on the raffle tables
- **Beck’s Meats** Butchered and processed hogs
- **Scheels Appleton** Discounts on purchased prizes and \$50 cash
- **J & K Summerfield Alignment** raffle table prizes
- **Randy Raith** Custom bucktails
- **Jordan Peebles** Custom bucktails
- **Joe Kosloske & Fond du Lac Tire and Auto** Deep cell battery
- **Scott Klapperich** Deep cell battery and custom bucktails,
- **Dave La Pine** Custom spinner baits
- **Eric Croat** Custom spinner baits
- **Casa del Tequila** Gift baskets
- **Mary LaPine** Hand made craft
- **Eden Meats** Sausages.

These wonderful donations make it economically possible to put on an awards banquet like this one. Thanks again to all including the Banquet committee.



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2018 AWARD WINNERS at the 2019 BANQUET

Presented at the 2019 Banquet.

Fish of the Month for May

Luke Mueller: 38", Caught May 13 on Little Green Lake on a Jerk Bait

Fish of the Month for June

Mike Mueller: 36-1/2", Caught June 3 Little Green Lake on a Jake Bait

Fish of the Month for July

Dakota Krupp: 45", Caught July 4 on Little Green Lake on a Polish Perch
Also winner of the **Youth Award**

Fish of the Month for July (Tied with Dakota Krupp)

Jordan Peebles: 45", Caught Eagle River Chain on a Poseidon
Also **Most Released Muskies** 45", 45-1/2", 39", 38-1/4", and 37" (five fish)

Fish of the Month for August

Eric Larson: 51", Caught August 25 on Bay of Green Bay on a bucktail
Also winner of **Largest Fish of the Year**, and **Largest Fish of Wisconsin Award**

Fish of the Month for September

Gregg Stubbe: 48", Caught September 1 on Bay of Green Bay on a #10 bucktail
Also **2nd Largest fish of Wisconsin Award**

Fish of the Month for October

Jordan Peebles: 45-1/2", Caught October 13 on High Falls on a Magnum Super Dee

Fish of the Month for November

Mike Mueller: 46-1/2", Caught November 3 on Bay of Green Bay on a Shad Rap

Largest Fish National Awards

Gregg Stubbe: 50-1/2", Caught July 25 on Lake of the Woods on a Nite Walker

2nd Largest Fish National Awards

Teri Klapperich: 48", Caught October 10 on Lake of the Woods on a Jake



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MARCH 2ND SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE CONCESSION STAND

A big thank you to all of you that joined in helping and donating to our Club's fund raising activity, providing the food concession stand for the Annual Sportsman's Rummage Sale. We had a turnout of over 20 members to cook and serve food at this annual event. Additionally, several members donated soda which we sold at the concession stand. There were members that also manned the rummage table. Additionally, there were members that donated gently used items to sell at our rummage table, allowing the proceeds to be donated to the Club. All in all this was an event that brought our club together and raised over \$800. THANKS AGAIN!

FEBRUARY 6th MEETING

Guide Doug Wegner spoke to our Club at this meeting. Doug guides on Green Bay for Alexander's Sport Fishing Guide Service. Doug also guides for himself on Lake of the Woods in Minnesota/Ontario. We had a technical snafu and we were not able to get Doug's projected displays up on our screen. Later thru persistent efforts we were able to find a fix. Despite that problem, Doug was able to share information with us on techniques he uses as a musky guide. One of the most important issues he covered was the importance of utilizing a very aggressive and persistent use of the "figure 8". He mentioned that the shortest rod he is now using for casting is 8 1/2 feet. The 9 foot rod allows one to get the figure 8 out and away from the boat. Doug also discussed some baits he prefers including the "Frenzy" bucktail and the "Fat Bastard" as a topwater choice. Check out Doug's many clips he has on YOU TUBE. Just search You Tube for "Doug Wegner Fishing". Doug's contact information is email- wegnerdoug94@gmail.com and his website www.dougwegnerfishing.com.



Please note the impressive lineup of speakers we have for you at the next 3 meetings.

APRIL 3rd MEETING 7:00 PM - American Legion Hall



Kevin Dempsey will lead us into the fishing season at our April Club meeting. Kevin is a Pro Staffer for a company named "Lure Lipstick". This is a company that manufactures and sells scents for fishing. Kevin is also a tournament angler and guide working Green Bay area, the Winnebago System and the Menominee River System.



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MAY 1st Meeting Speaker **Jim Salber**, new owner of Sportsman's Repair of Mosinee, WI. Many of us know the Sportsman's Repair Shop when it was owned by Chuck Brod. I have experienced the same excellent service since the ownership transfer and have noticed that Chuck is still around the office working with Jim. Jim has extensive knowledge about the Minn Kota line of equipment and will be talking to us about effectively using your electronics with bow-mount motors, care and maintenance and setup of the motors, and new Minn Kota products. I saw this presentation at the West Bend Musky Show and walked away with much more knowledge about my Minn Kota. The presentation should have relevance to all Wisconsin anglers. The Sportsman's Repair shop is an Authorized Service Center for Minn Kota and Abu Garcia warranty reel repair. Bring a fishing friend and any reels that need repairs or maintenance (Minn Kota's too). He will take them back to his shop for you and whip them in to shape.



JUNE 5th Meeting Speaker **Michael Olson** is a guide and bait manufacturer that we met and took in one of his seminars at the Musky Show in West Bend this spring. Mike will be talking to us about the combined usage of electronics and trolling and sharing other productive tactics. Mike is a professional tournament angler, a contributing writer to Musky Hunter Magazine, custom lure designer and manufacturer, and fishing guide. He guides for muskies as well as multi-species. Mike's guiding territories include Pewaukee Lake, and Vilas and Oneida County. You can look up Mike on Facebook : or email him at flyrodsmike@gmail.com . He offers both trolling trips and casting. His presentation will educate us on utilizing electronics for trolling. Mike enjoys giving clients an "educational angling experience".



We hope you will mark your calendars and attend these three meetings. The topics are relevant to all types of fishing. Bring a friend and show them our Club. We are extending an invitation to the "Foot of the Lake Fishing Club" members for the May and June Meetings.

RAFFLE BOAT TICKETS

This is the pep-talk.

Selling Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin boat raffle tickets is the main revenue source for our Club. Revenue from dues and profits from the Rummage Sale are not sufficient to run the Club and still provide meaningful contributions towards the musky resource and the community. It is as simple as that! We sold almost \$5,000 worth of tickets last



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year. However, of that almost a third of that amount was sold by one entity, Fish Tails Bait Shop of Fox Lake. Please make sure you remember to patronize a friend like this.

What is a ***fair share for a club member to sell ???*** Don't know what that is exactly, how about 5 books???

Why should you sell these raffle tickets?

1. There is a great prize possibility for purchasers of tickets (#1 prize \$45,000 boat)
2. 75% of the money goes to the Club to do the things we do like support the resource and support good community stuff like taking a vet fishing, getting kids hooked on fishing, helping to build and maintain public access, etc
3. None of the money goes to you, but to something worthwhile. (Doesn't that feel good?)
4. It is an easy sell if you JUST POLITELY ASK.
 - a. Briefly explain where the money goes.
 - b. Thank them if they buy or decline this opportunity. Don't be pushy or judgmental.

It's just like the clerk at McDonalds asking you if you want fries or a drink with your order. Sometimes your answer will be simple and surprisingly usually "ya sure".

Let's give it a try this year. Try and sell at least 5 books. They sell 1 ticket for \$5 or a book of 3 for \$10. Ask Scott (920-948-2283) or Dave (920-960-4179) for tickets and sales aides like posters. We will have some tickets at the meetings beginning with the upcoming April 3rd meeting. Start early and turn in your money and unsold tickets in early August.



**WIN THIS
BOAT-MOTOR-TRAILER**



Raffle Tickets Sold Here-\$5 each or 3 for \$10