



# THE MUSKY NEWS



## *Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club February 2019*

### **JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING**

Our first meeting of the year hosted Bob Kimball owner of Trucker Lures and Guide Service. Bob gave an excellent, to the point discussion on presentation basics and finding muskies, including some tackle and lure choices. Bob lives near the Princeton area where he manufactures his line of baits. He offers guiding services on nearby lakes, Green Bay, and northern areas such as Oneida, Vilas, and Forest Counties. Bob also brought a massive selection of his lures for us to examine and/or purchase. The baits are carefully crafted to give long service and tough rock banging durability. He has a very large selection of patterns as well. Bob also donated a guide trip to our club for us to raffle at our upcoming Awards



Banquet. You can find out more about Bob and his lures and guiding service by searching him out on Facebook ("TRUCKER LURES") or calling him at 920-229-3759. Bob will be at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to listen to his friend Doug Wegner's presentation.



As a point of business, the members voted to make a donation to a community project at this meeting. We agreed to donate \$250 to the "Birky Challenge" Bike Ride in Fond du Lac on June 1. This Bike ride is named in honor of Officer and U.S. Veteran Craig Birkholz a Fond du Lac Police Officer who was killed in action on March 20th 2011. One member of our club, who wishes to remain anonymous, graciously matched that amount to this worthwhile project. Thanks! Pat Primising, a member of our club is one of original organizers of this annual Memorial Bike Ride. This organization has already funded, with the help of the Fond du Lac Foundation, a self sufficient scholarship that helps 2 students a year enter the law enforcement profession. 200-300 riders usually participate in this annual ride on 20, 40 and 67 mile courses starting at the Grace Christian Church. Other things that this community charity organization supports ; Training for Police Honor Guards, Police Chaplain Training, and help for officers experiencing mental health issues. All said, we agreed that this is an important community project worthy of our support. To learn more about this event checkout their website at [www.birkychallenge.com](http://www.birkychallenge.com)

### **Our Next Meeting Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at American Legion**

Don't miss this meeting! We have guide Doug Wegner from the Brett Alexander Sport Fishing Group. Doug has a vast amount of knowledge and experience on Green Bay and loves to educate musky hunters. Doug also separately spends a lot of time on the waters of Lake of the Woods in the Northwest Angle of Ontario and Minnesota. He will be talking to us about the "How and when" to hunt muskies with an emphasis on the technologies he employs. Check him out on *YouTube* by searching for Doug Wegner Fishing. He has a number of entertaining clips on Muskie fishing. We are very lucky to



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have been able to engage this young man speak to our members. Try not to miss this meeting and bring a friend.

### **IMPORTANT BANQUET NEWS**

The Annual 2019 Awards Banquet Date is now **March 23, 2019**; 5:00 pm cocktails, 6:30 dinner with raffles and awards to follow. Shortly, you will receive your personal invitation package to this annual Banquet along with a sign-up sheet for the banquet and membership form for your completion. Mark your calendars and invite a friend and future member to join in on this fun evening. As in the past, we will have a dinner, lots of chances to win prizes, and a great opportunity to socialize and trade musky stories. Eden Meats will cater the dinner of chicken and ribs. The cost is \$25/adult and \$12.50/children 12 and under. We have kept the price the same for many years. One important change; there will be an "Early Bird Special" for all those that have the Banquet Fee and Membership Dues Paid and Received on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>. There are two prizes, an 8' musky rod and a Knipex hook cutter. Those of you that have already paid need not worry, you will receive your ticket at the banquet. Remember, both dues and the banquet fee must be paid and received on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>. Use the self-addressed envelope for your RSVP and payment. We also ask that those not paid by March 1<sup>st</sup> have until March 18<sup>th</sup> to RSVP by phone or text to Scott Klapperich at 920-948-2283 to support meal planning. There is limited seating.

We will be making a donation to a local food pantry. To participate in this donation, bring a donation of non-perishable food items to the banquet. A special raffle ticket will be given to you for each item you donate.

**WE HOPE TO HAVE A FULL HOUSE AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU**

### **SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE**

The sportsman's rummage sale fundraising event will be held Saturday, **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds. This event is an annual rummage sale where outdoorsmen and women bring their used items for sale to the public. Our Club runs the food concession stand at this event. It is very popular and brings in good crowds. Separately, our Club pays for and reserves two sales tables that members are welcome to use and bring their items to sell. We will need volunteers to help on this day and you can sign up for a time to help at the upcoming February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting or by calling or texting Dave Mace @ 920-960-4179. We have always had good member participation in the past and it seems to be a fun combined event for members. Also, please consider donating a 12-pack of Pepsi or Coke products for us to sell further boosting our sales. If we end up with an oversupply, we donate it to the Legion.



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### **NEWS OF A LOSS OF ONE OUR MEMBERS**

We have just learned that a long time member of our club, Carol Seibel, wife of Neal Seibel passed away on Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Agnes Hospital. Carol was always very friendly with a bubbly personality and she will be missed. Please remember Neal and Carol's family in your thoughts and prayers. Uecker-Witt Funeral Home is handling the funeral arrangements. Visitation is Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 3:00 PM - 7:00PM with the Funeral at 7:00 PM.

### **FISHING SHOWS COMING UP AROUND STATE**

#### **MUSKIE EXPO MILWAUKEE**

- FEB 15-17, Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center, West Bend, (muskieexpo.com)

#### **THE WISCONSIN MUSKY EXPO**

- March 1-3, Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center, Rothschild, WI (wimuskyexpo.com)

#### **WISCONSIN FISHING EXPO**

- FEB 22-24, Alliant Energy Center Expo Hall, Madison, WI (wifishingexpo.com)

### **REMINDER**

Dues for 2019 are due. The price is the same as before: \$20 single and \$25 for family. Bring a friend and ask them to become a member. Pay with your Banquet fee to make it easy.