



THE MUSKY NEWS



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JANUARY 8th MEETING RECAP

At this meeting, Dave Bartz, Senior Fish Biologist for the Wisconsin DNR was our guest speaker. He discussed fishing and stocking Big Green Lake. He has many years of experience, and insight on this body of water and its fish populations. Dave answered questions concerning our plan to stock larger muskies and the protocol we need to follow to obtain the proper permits. Our Club has a line on some larger fish than the normal stocking size through the Musky Club of Wisconsin, one of our Alliance members, with a history of stocking "holdover" fish. They have indicated that they



would be willing to share their holdover fish with us. We discussed this and voted to allocate \$2,500 from the 2020 budget plus \$1,600 which was recently received from our deceased member, Pat Primising's family. These amounts will be added to the \$2,500 we had previously approved for 2019 stocking for a total \$6,600 for the Green Lake project. This budget will allow us to make a meaningful stocking effort in that the fish have a better chance of survival because of their increased size.

As mentioned above, our Club received a generous donation of \$1,600 from the Patrick Primising family in memory of Patrick. Patrick was a long time, active member of the Winnebago and Musky Club. Patrick and his family have made numerous contributions to the Club including a sizable donation when Patrick's father, a DNR fisheries biologist, passed away. Patrick's wife Chris, told us that "Pat loved musky fishing and this Club. He enjoyed being an active member." Patrick participated in many of our outings and fund raising events. He shared information with others, brought in new members, and always had a friendly presence. This man was an all-around great citizen. He held an honorable position as a Fond du Lac Police Officer and spearheaded other charitable activities in the community. We thank Patrick and his family for remembering us. We will miss Patrick and all of us are proud to have known him.

FEBRUARY 5th MEETING

At this meeting we will have Bill Schwartz, owner of the famous Slammer Tackle Company will speak on the topic of "Early Season Muskies, starting the season out right."





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Hear Ye, Hear Ye

ANNUAL WMC AWARDS BANQUET

The ANNUAL WMC AWARDS BANQUET is coming up on Saturday, **MARCH 21st**. This year's gala will begin at 5:00 pm and the dinner and program will start at 6:45 pm. There will be raffle tables with many fine prizes, a great dinner with special member made desserts, and an official award presentation that honors our successful musky hunters. The price this year is \$35/adult and \$12.50 for children 12 and under. A formal invitation and RSVP package will be in the mail to you shortly. Register early and be eligible to win early bird prizes. Seating is limited so respond as soon as possible. This year's event will have some great prizes and we hope to see you there bringing a new member. Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food items or money at the banquet registration table will receive 1 raffle ticket for a chance to win a ticket package to be used on several of the tables. Besides having a chance to win, a meaningful donation to a charity is made. If you have a nice, new or unused bait that you would like to donate to the bait raffle board, please contact Scott (920-948-2283).



SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE

The sportsman's rummage sale fundraising event will be held Saturday March 7th at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds. This event is an annual rummage sale where outdoors men 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 three sales tables that members are welcome to use and bring their items to sell. We do need help this day and ask that you let Dave Mace (920-960-4179) or Scott Klapperich (920-948-2283) know if you can help. 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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Shane and Sue Luft, our newly elected Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin representatives have informed us that the Alliance Raffle Boat tickets will be available soon. We will inform you when we have the tickets in our hands. This is our main fundraiser and we hope that you will all help in selling tickets. We had great success last year and we hope to repeat. This allows the funds to continue with stocking projects and support other WMC projects. The Lufts also mentioned that the special Wisconsin Musky Alliance license plates program is in place with the DOT and Alliance. In order to keep the program in play, they do need to sell more plates. Contact Shane or Sue for more details if you wish to obtain those plates.



Scott Klapperich wishes to inform you that he has uncovered a line of T-shirts, hoodies and sweatshirts that are nice looking and fairly priced that are available to us if we have enough orders. The clothes have either dark blue ink or silver ink only with our Club logo. T shirts-\$10, Long Sleeve T shirts-\$15, Sweat shirts-\$20, and Hoodies-\$25. Add \$2.00 for 2XL or larger. If interested, contact Scott at 920-948-2283 and he can send you a color palette for the main color of the clothes. The color palette will also be available at the Feb 5th meeting.





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REMINDER – Dues are Due

Dues for 2020 are due. The price is the same as before: \$20 single membership and \$25 for family membership. Bring a friend and ask them to become a member.