



THE MUSKY NEWS



Newsletter of the Winnebago and Musky Club ***March 2020***

NOTICE! There is no March Meeting as per normal scheduling.

FEBRUARY 5TH MEETING RECAP

Our guest speaker was Bill Schwartz from Slammer Tackle. Bill talked about early season tactics and he opened with the 3 most universal requirements:

1. Moon phase check
2. Water temp check
3. Get wife's approval!

Bill also mentioned that following the bait fish will lead to action. Locating warmer water is where the muskies hang to warm their body. In early spring warmer water will be found in the darker water lakes. Rocks tend to draw in heat along with softer bottoms and weeds. Regarding lure presentation, Bill felt that in the warmer water use brighter colors and a faster retrieve. In the cooler water, use a slower retrieve using more natural colors. Use smaller bucktails and leave the big 10s for later in the season. Bill had a myriad of other suggestions too numerous to mention here. His presentation was an excellent one for both experienced and new musky hunters.



SPORTSMAN'S RUMMAGE SALE

This club event held at the Fond du Lac Fairgrounds is an event that is sponsored by the Sportsman's Alliance. People rent tables and try to sell their outdoor gear (some new some used). Our Club provides 3 table for our members' use in selling their gently used stuff so you can get new stuff. Obviously, there is only so much room so first come-first served. If you are not going to be at the table watching the process throughout the day let whoever is manning the table know if you will take less money if the buyer wants to chisel on the price. If the person manning the table doesn't know if you have any wiggle room, then all they will do is process the transaction at your labeled price.

We would appreciate some help at the food concession stand which our club runs. The day runs from 7 am to 2 pm. Call Dave Mace or text at 920-960-4179 if you will be there to help and what times you will be available. We have always had great Club participation and even if there is some work involved it seems to be a fun day. 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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ANNUAL WMC AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY **MARCH 21st** AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL, 500 FOND DU LAC AVE, FOND DU LAC, WI
ARRIVAL, COCKTAILS AND CHECK IN STARTS AT 5 PM, WITH DINNER AT 6:45
COST - \$35/ADULT and \$12.50 FOR THOSE 12 and UNDER

We hope all of you can make this year's gala event. As usual, we have many door prizes and raffle tables with great prizes for you to enjoy. We look forward to presenting our Custom Lure Board and special Fisherman's Raffle. Our dinner is catered by Eden Meats with baked chicken, sirloin tips with noodles, accompanied by cheesy potatoes, buttered corn, 7-layer salad, rolls, coffee, milk and Unique and Outstanding desserts prepared by our own members or significant other.

Our successful musky hunters will also be honored at this event for their championship catches and releases of muskies over the 2019 season.



Again this year, we will be having a food drive for a local food pantry. Bring a non-perishable food item and receive a raffle ticket for each item donated. You may also donate money and receive a raffle ticket for each \$1. For the past several years, we have made some significant donations to these worthy causes.

SEE YA THERE! A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL!

WMC MUSKY STOCKING PROJECT UPDATE

The Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin, an Alliance musky club from Waukesha, is sharing fish from their allotment with our Club and Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc. We are grateful to the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin for giving us this opportunity to procure larger stockable-fish. We do not know exactly how many fish we will receive until the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin is informed later this spring by the hatchery. These fish will be larger than fish normally procured and stocked in the fall. The hatchery feeds these fish through the winter and their increased size will greatly boost their survivability. We have budgeted and approved funds from 2019 and 2020, along with a \$1,600 bequeathment from the Pat Primising estate to provide a total of \$6,600 for this Big Green Lake Stocking Project. The Club extends another Thank-You to the Pat Primising family and Patrick for remembering the Club. Patrick would be pleased to see



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this project go forward. We will be working with the DNR in the next few weeks to procure the proper permits and organizing the logistics. We will need manpower and boats to stand by to help with the stocking project. There will be little notice when the fish are coming but they probably will arrive at Big Green Lake within the first 3 weeks of April. Please let Scott Klapperich (920-948-2283) or Dave Mace (920-960-4179) know if you would like to be on the call list to provide manpower and your boat if available to make this happen. It will be fun, interesting, and a long time coming. We are hoping that the Club can continue with projects like this which are made possible only by our fundraising efforts like the selling of licensed Boat Raffle tickets. This is another impressive Ranger Boat and the tickets are an easy sale. Pick up your tickets at our regular April meeting on Wednesday, April 1st or at the Sportsman's Rummage Sale on Saturday March 7th. If you contact Scott or Dave by phone or text we will make arrangements to get you raffle tickets.



**WIN THIS
BOAT-MOTOR-TRAILER**



Grand Prize

**2020 Ranger Boat Model 1880MS Angler & Trailer
Powered by Mercury Outboard 150 XL Pro XS**

2nd-10th Prize

Musky Fishing Reels

**Profits Used For Stocking, Research,
& Improving Musky Fishing in Wisconsin**

Drawing to be held Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 1:00PM

Vilas County Fairgrounds, Eagle River WI

164 W. Forest St. Eagle River Wisconsin

(Need not be present to win)

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

YOUR ORDER IS IN

Scott has received the order for WMC shirts and hoodies. People should text or phone Scott and he will make arrangements to get them to you before the banquet on the 21st (920-948-2283).

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.