



THE MUSKY NEWS



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SEPTEMBER 4th, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

At this meeting, a panel of WI DNR fish biologists discussed the practice of stocking muskies in Wisconsin waters. The panel was excellent with lots of issues covered. Our panel of experts included Jordan Weeks, DNR Region Team Supervisor of the West District Mississippi Field Unit and Jason Braggeman, Senior Fisheries Biologist - Waupaca and Shawano Counties. Addie Dutton, Senior Fisheries Biologist from the Plymouth Office also attended and introduced herself to the Club. All of



these people offered to assist us in whatever way they can in helping us with our musky projects. One of the main points of the discussion was that the local fish biologist of the area, Addie Dutton, should be the first point of contact for information and help with stocking. Another very interesting point, brought out by these biologists was that stocking definitely helps more bodies of water than relying on just natural reproduction.

Many other aspects about muskies were discussed, such as “trophy waters vs numbers waters”, and “strains of fish allowed”. There are many ways for us to contribute to the musky resource in addition to stocking. For example, habitat projects such as “fish sticks” (bait projects) and fishing access projects. “Musky Team” gift accounts along with hatchery gift accounts and individual DNR office gift accounts also can be utilized to improve the resource. These gifts can be specifically directed in their use.



Sadly there was a very low turnout for this meeting where a wealth of information was provided.

OCOTOBER 2ND, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Adam Nickel, Fisheries Biologist out of the Oshkosh Office will be at our meeting to bring us up to date on the musky research project we helped fund that tracks the movements of musky in the Winnebago System. As you may recall, we funded a project that tagged and released muskies in various locations within the Winnebago



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System. These fish then register their location by swimming by various tracking stations throughout the system. The biologists can then pinpoint their movements to learn more about their travels. Last year, Adam reported to us and the information we gleaned was amazing. Try to make this meeting. We're sure you'll find it interesting.

VETERAN MUSKY FISHING OUTING

The 2019 Veteran Musky Fishing Outing was held September 6th – 8th in Three Lakes, WI. This special musky hunt weekend was sponsored by the Salute the Troops veterans support group, the WinnebagoLand Musky Club, Dennis Buechel, President of Natural Stone Veneers, Inc., and Navy Club – Ship 75. Member fishermen from the WinnebagoLand Musky Club guided the veterans on the water. This event introduces veterans to musky fishing, providing a brat fry and social on Friday evening, breakfast and lunch Saturday, and a fish fry on Saturday evening. At this event, there is a tradition of sitting around the campfire exchanging "war stories". This is what makes it all worthwhile, seeing these veterans open up and be appreciated. The outing gives the veterans a chance to unwind, share their military experience, and bond with other veterans and guides who are often in tears from the stories.

Six legal muskies were caught by the vets with the largest one being a 45 incher boated by veteran Jim Erskine under the guidance of Mark Klapperich.

Many parties to this event deserve a big thank you for making this memorable weekend happen for 12 veterans. In addition to the above mentioned sponsors, we wish to thank Karen at the Sunset Grill in Three Lakes for a fantastic breakfast they provided on Saturday morning for our vets and guides. Thank you to Bob from Jokin' Joes Sport Shop in Three Lakes who donated prizes and gifts to the outing. Also, we thank Dave LaPine, Dik Suzek, Richard Feustel and their fishing buddies for providing the fish for the Saturday night fish Fry and Mary LaPine for frying them up. Tuesday Klapperich deserves our thank you for her excellent potato salad which made the fish fry complete. There were several boats and guides from the WinnebagoLand Musky Club who guided the veterans on the water. Thank you guides Dave LaPine, Jerry LaPine, Charley LaPine, Paul Klein, Steve Critchley, Mark Klapperich and Scott Klapperich. We also wish to thank Richard Feustel, Tracy Qualmann, Mary LaPine and





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Bailey LaPine for all their help behind the scenes in organizing and actively helping in numerous ways to make this weekend possible. We hope our deserving veterans enjoyed their weekend.



SAD NEWS – PASSING OF A FRIEND

One of our Club members, Pat Primising passed away Saturday September 14th. He was not only an active member of this club, but was active in many other worthwhile community projects. It was amazing to see the number of people that attended his funeral visitation. In reading his obituary with the long list of his community involvement, it was no wonder the lines were long. This man was generous to many including us. He was a model citizen. We all are lucky to have known him and we extend our heartfelt prayers and condolences to his family.





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FISHING REPORT BY HARLAN HOPP

9/2	Lonny Ziemer	40 3/4"	Green Bay	Super Shad Rap
9/2	Eric Larsen	34"	Leech Lake, MN	Bucktail
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9/14	Lance Ziemer	34"	Green Bay	Llungen 22 Short

Don't keep it a secret. It is easy to do. Pick up some pre-printed postcards available at every meeting or online, fill it in, and mail it to our fish record keeper Harlan Hopp. If you don't have a card just send Harlan a written note with the date of your catch and release, the length, the location, and the lure you used. Harlan's address is Rt 1 Box 144 W. Church St., Oakfield, WI 53065. The minimum size is 34" and the notice should be sent in a timely fashion.

WinnebagoLand Musky Club Registration

Name _____ Date _____

Time _____ Kept _____ Released _____ True _____ Hybrid _____

Length _____ Weight _____ Girth _____

Lake _____ County _____

Bait _____ Color _____ Size _____

Water Depth _____ Structure _____

Weather Condition _____

Weighed at _____

Signature _____

Witness Signature _____

(Must be postmarked no later than 14 days after catch)

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