



Prez Sez

It is hard to believe that the season is almost over. Seemed like yesterday when we were contemplating opening day and planning summer trips to Canada. Hopefully, you had a great year on the water, caught a few fish and made some memories. The highlight of my season was getting a friend his first fish. The bonus was the fish ate a homemade bucktail called the "Freddy Tail." In my boat we have different names for various baits such as, "Red Dragon, The Six Million Dollar Ten, Kinko the Musky Bait" to name a few. Having different names for baits always seems to generate a few enjoyable stories and a few laughs.

Recently, I was reminiscing with some friends about another story, the dinosaur fish we named "Esox A Saurus." We spent time arguing about where the angler caught the fish i.e. the front or back of the boat and the fact that I originally thought my friend's bait was hung up on a crib. We all laughed and ribbed each other for the different versions of what happened. As the season comes to an end, I enjoy spending time reflecting on the season and recalling a few of the great stories that have been generated over the years. What always stands out to me is how musky fishing has fostered a sense of connectedness with others. As we approach the holiday season, maybe this is a good time to reflect on our relationships with family and friends and cherish the opportunities to be together and create meaningful memories.

I would like to thank all those who ran for office during the elections last month. This club could not exist without the leadership and dedication to quality service that our officers and board members provide. I would like to challenge all of our membership to consider helping out the club this coming season.

Our next meeting will be at 7 p.m. December 11th at the 5100 club. Our featured speaker will be Mike Anderson – Castle Rock Flowage and Wisconsin River Muskies. In addition, we are looking for club members to volunteer to man booths at various musky shows this winter. If you can help out for an hour or two at one of the shows it would be greatly appreciated. Let me know.

Please see our website for other upcoming events, meetings and sign up forms. As always, stay safe and "GO" make some memories.

Winston Hopkins - President CCMi

Upcoming General Meeting

The next meeting will be December 11, 7:00 PM at the 5100 Bar in McFarland.

Our speaker will be Mike Anderson. He will be talking about fishing for muskies on the Wisconsin River and Castle Rock Flowage.



Our meeting is open to members and non-members. Bring friends and family to have a great meal and learn more about musky fishing.

CCMI 2017 Schedule of Events

Mark your calendars for the upcoming meetings, fishing expos, and club outings!

December 11General Member Meeting, 7:00 PM @ 5100 Bar
Mike Anderson – Castle Rock Flowage and Wisconsin River Muskies

2018 Events

January 5-7.....Chicago Muskie Expo - <http://muskieexpo.com/chicago/>
January 26-28.....Southern Wisconsin Musky Expo - <http://www.southernwisconsinmuskyexpo.com/>
January 8General Member Meeting, 7:00 PM @ 5100 Bar
February 12Awards Ceremony Meeting, 7:00 PM @ 5100 bar
February 9-11Milwaukee Musky Expo - <http://muskieexpo.com/milwaukee/>
February 23-25.....Wisconsin Fishing Expo - <http://wifishingexpo.com/>
March 12General Member Meeting, 7:00 PM @ 5100 Bar

Click here for [Release of Liability Form for Outings](#)

Pit Tagged Muskie Info

Madison guide Jeff Hanson reported that one of his clients caught a Pit Tagged Muskie. It was caught 07/01/17 on Lake Monona and was 48” long. He reported the catch to Kim Kuber at the DNR.

The muskie was a Leech Lake strain that was stocked on 11/13/2008 at 9.7” long. This fish was previously caught on 09/26/15 by John Franklin in Monona. At that time it was 44.5” long!

Jeff also reported 19 other Pit Tagged fish caught in his boat this year.

3,000th Registered Muskie!



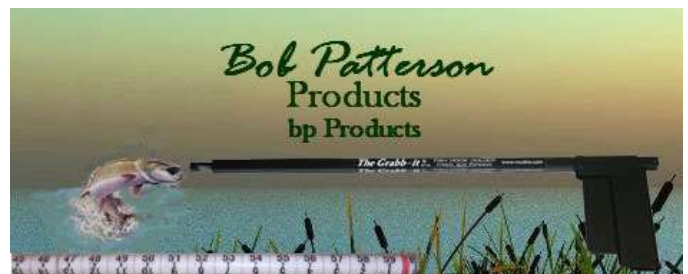
Jeff Hanson with a 50.5” muskie caught on eagle Lake on July 16. This was Jeff’s 3,000 muskie he has registered.



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Release Report

Todd Berge- Release Chairman / ccmireleasechair@gmail.com

Hopefully everyone had a great Thanksgiving and a successful deer hunt. Well, at least I hope it was more successful than November musky fishing has been! Only two fish over 45 inches registered for this month. If you haven't registered your fish, there is still time to do so. As always, send those pictures to: ccmireleasechair@gmail.com to be eligible to win a free replica. The warmer November/December weather has seemed to become more the norm the past few years. So if you don't have your boat put away, or can jump in someone else's, get out there. There are still big fish to be had. The day I put my boat away, I actually did a little casting from the shore. Kind of interesting, until I lost my medusa in the rocks. Be safe, and get those musky Christmas lists ready!

October Lunkers

| Member Name | Length | Date Caught | Lake Name | Bait Type |
|-------------|--------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Sang Vang | 47.00 | 11/13/2017 | Monona | Plastic / Miscellaneous |
| Tom Syring | 47.00 | 11/03/2017 | Vilas County | Live Bait |



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| Mens | | | |
|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Muskies | Points | Avg Len |
| Sang Vang | 35 | 562 | 42 |
| Dan Moats | 21 | 404 | 45 |
| Aaron Laking | 20 | 306 | 41 |
| Lee Bartolini | 26 | 234 | 35 |
| Brian Eith | 16 | 229 | 40 |
| Jeff Lehr | 21 | 212 | 36 |
| Brian Wienski | 16 | 207 | 39 |
| Winston J Hopkins | 15 | 203 | 39 |
| Shawn Honeyager | 19 | 200 | 36 |
| Brian Skaife | 13 | 186 | 40 |
| Gerry Frantz | 12 | 183 | 41 |
| Todd Berge | 11 | 163 | 41 |
| Aaron Johnson | 10 | 151 | 41 |
| Jeff Walker | 10 | 145 | 40 |
| Mark McCumber | 7 | 138 | 45 |
| Jeff Pomplun | 11 | 137 | 38 |
| Derek Dittberner | 11 | 124 | 37 |
| Noah Humfeld | 8 | 123 | 41 |
| Tony Enger | 7 | 123 | 43 |
| Chris Eith | 8 | 108 | 39 |
| Craig Wood | 7 | 103 | 41 |
| Shane Nesheim | 6 | 100 | 42 |
| Jeff Lyon | 4 | 91 | 48 |
| Joe Aldworth | 6 | 90 | 41 |
| Julian Song | 9 | 89 | 36 |
| Michael C Winther | 6 | 89 | 40 |
| Chad Gall | 7 | 88 | 38 |
| Tony Alexander | 7 | 88 | 39 |
| Adam Bergendahl | 6 | 87 | 40 |
| Fred J Schulze | 6 | 81 | 39 |
| Carson Axness | 5 | 80 | 42 |
| Nick Pierick | 6 | 79 | 39 |
| Steve Reinstra | 7 | 72 | 36 |
| Timothy Voeck | 6 | 72 | 38 |
| Travis Storch | 4 | 66 | 42 |
| Richard Storch | 8 | 65 | 34 |
| Luke Vike | 6 | 64 | 37 |
| Joe Uselman | 3 | 61 | 46 |
| Jerry Georgeson | 4 | 60 | 41 |
| John Cuta | 5 | 59 | 38 |
| John Franklin Jr | 4 | 58 | 40 |
| Jim Eller | 5 | 58 | 38 |

| Mens Masters | | | |
|---------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Muskies | Points | Avg Len |
| Jeff M Hanson | 184 | 2,407 | 39 |
| Matt Mc Cumber | 45 | 606 | 39 |
| Michael Hanson | 28 | 486 | 43 |
| Troy Schoonover | 29 | 398 | 40 |
| Matthew Hill | 24 | 364 | 41 |
| Andy P Schutz | 18 | 285 | 42 |
| Matthew DeVos | 14 | 164 | 38 |
| Brad P Nelson | 6 | 139 | 49 |
| Leif Spilde | 10 | 138 | 40 |
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| Womens | | | |
| | Muskies | Points | Avg Len |
| Melissa Gall | 14 | 143 | 36 |
| Beth Hulen McCumber | 5 | 100 | 46 |
| Doris Dahlk | 6 | 52 | 35 |
| Kristen Phillips | 3 | 39 | 39 |
| Karen Phillips | 3 | 30 | 36 |
| Heidi Hanson | 1 | 23 | 49 |
| Angela Nickerson | 1 | 15 | 41 |
| Alyson Eith | 1 | 8 | 34 |
| | | | |
| Juniors | | | |
| | Muskies | Points | Avg Len |
| Seth Niday | 8 | 135 | 43 |
| Cash Soma | 3 | 51 | 43 |
| Alexander Storch | 2 | 25 | 39 |
| Carter Soma | 1 | 14 | 40 |

Standings as of November 31

CCMI Executive Board Election Results

At the November general member meeting, elections were held for our executive board members. Your 2018 executive board will be:

President: Winston Hopkins

Secretary: Gary Hoffman

Regional Vice-President: Lee Bartolini

Vice-President: Tony Alexander

Treasurer: April Cook



Matthew Hill, 47" muskie caught in July



Sang Vang, muskie caught November 13



Michael Mullane

D&S Bait Winter Fishing Seminar Series

December 7 Jigging Tactics for Pan fish on Beaver Dam and Fox Lakes
December 14 Bluegills and Crappies on the Madison Chain
December 21 Perch and Minnow Connection On Lake Mendota

Pete Huph
Brian Zubke and Austin Ragotzkie
Jimmy Kusuda



Alex Storch with his first musky caught trolling, 37"



Travis Storch with a 48 ¾" musky caught this past August



Richard Storch with a 45 ½" musky caught at Lake Plantagenet, MN in July



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To sign up or simply get some more info please contact me with your questions and area of interest. We will take it from there and line you up with one of our many skilled club members that will mentor you.

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Garage Sale Items Needed

CCMI will again have a presence at the Wisconsin Fishing Expo in February 2018. We have information on the club, the musky school, and the annual seminar. We also use this as a fundraising opportunity by having a garage sale of lures and tackle donated by our members.

If you have any lures you would like to donate to our club for this garage sale, you can bring them to a general meeting and deliver them to Tony Enger.



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