



### Prez Sez

The fishing season is finally here, alleluia! It seemed like a long winter especially the month of February which was a real grind. I am always enamored by the notion of the “first bait out of the box” concept. Usually, I ponder this question during the winter months prior to getting out on the water opening weekend. I have heard the phrase musky baits are like “tools” and what matters is learning to use the right tool for the conditions and structure you are fishing. I like to fish out of the back of my boat and usually let my partner decide what they want to throw and I throw something different. I also like to cast the deep side if they are throwing toward shore. A couple of years ago, I was throwing one of my favorite double tens (red dragon) of the deep side. Red dragon runs extremely high for a double ten and can be reeled over weeds effectively. Knowing the tool became important after my partner who was throwing a double ten, decided to make a bait change after clearing weeds on several consecutive casts. I turned and made a cast toward shore and a 47 incher ate the bait in the heart of a weed bed. I am amazed sometimes at where these stupid fish can hold and this was a prime illustration. My partner poked fun at me afterwards, for catching a fish basically to where he had been casting. I responded by asking him how his blades ran with weeds on them! One of the reasons, I like opening day is that I can get out and try out all the new baits that I purchased during the winter months and get a feel for how they run. I also like to check out the weed growth and some of the shoreline structure like rocks that you may not notice when the weed growth develops and the water clarity changes. Finally, I can’t wait to try some of the techniques that Robbie and Lee talked about at the fundraiser especially going slow. How many of us now own a flap tail or are reeling a single bladed buck tail slow? I may need more tools in my Lakewood.

Speaking of the fundraiser, I want to extend a BIG thank you to Tony Alexander and the other committee members for their efforts in making this another successful club event. I was wandering around a bit during the afternoon and thought the planning and execution was flawless. I want to thank all of our members and guests who attended and let you know that the proceeds from this event will be used for stocking purposes. In a sense, you are all investing in the long-term future of the local fishery. Thank You!

Our last regular membership meeting before the summer break is on Monday, May 13th. Kevin Pischke a Green Bay and Fox River guide will be our featured speaker. The Madison outing will be May 18th and our On-the-Water Meetings are scheduled for June 10th and August 12th. As in the past, we will have a cookout at Goodland Park at these for these meetings.

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### May General Meeting

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM  
Coliseum Bar and Grill

Kevin Pischke will be our speaker, he is a muskie fishing guide for Green Bay and the Fox River.

Our meetings are open to members and non-members, so invite your friends and family to join us. Enjoy some food and drink and get excited for the upcoming fishing season.

Our next meetings are on-the-water meetings at Goodland Park on Lake Waubesa; June 10<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>.

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In June, we have two additional opportunities for you to get involved. The annual Wisconsin Youth Muskie Championship is Saturday, June 8th. We are looking forward to another successful event and encourage you to register young anglers in one of the largest youth only musky fishing tournaments. The Bill Wood Memorial Outing at Lake Winter is scheduled for June 22. This annual northern Wisconsin outing is always a lot of fun, and it is a great way to get to know other club members.

As always, see our website or the newsletter for upcoming events and to sign up for the upcoming fishing outings. Finally, "GO" make some memories.

Winston Hopkins, President CCMi



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## CCMI Schedule of Events

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

May 13 ..... General meeting @ Coliseum Bar 7:00 PM – Kevin Pischke, Green Bay Muskie Guide  
May 18 ..... Madison Chain Outing  
June 8 ..... Wisconsin Youth Musky Championship  
June 10 ..... On the Water Meeting @ Goodland Park  
June 22 ..... 36th Annual Bill Wood Memorial Lake Winter  
August 12 ..... On the Water Meeting @ Goodland Park  
August 17-25 ..... Lake of the Woods Outing  
September 9 ..... General meeting @ Coliseum Bar 7:00 PM  
September 28 ..... Pit Tag Challenge  
October 12-13 ..... Vilas County Outing  
October 14..... General meeting @ Coliseum Bar 7:00 PM  
November 11..... General meeting @ Coliseum Bar 7:00 PM – Executive Board Election  
December 9 ..... General meeting @ Coliseum Bar 7:00 PM – Election for at-large board members

## CCMI Release Report

Todd Berge- Release Chairman / [ccmireleasechair@gmail.com](mailto:ccmireleasechair@gmail.com)

"Twas the night before Christmas..." Does anyone else feel like this before the opener? Not much to say at this point. So good luck to everyone out there for the 2019 fishing season. Please be a good sportsman and lead by example to your kids and friends that you fish with!

A few more fish caught this month, including a 45 incher that Shane Nesheim caught right after the Iowa Hog Hunt. I expect both lists to be much longer next month.

### April Lunkers

Member Name	Length	Date Caught	Lake Name	Lure Description
Shane Nesheim	45.00	04/28/2019	Pleasant Creek Lake, IA	Phantom



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	Muskies	Points	Avg Len
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Craig Reukauf	3	34	37
Shane Nesheim	1	19	45
Lee Bartolini	2	12	32
Brian Falleck	1	6	32

Mens Masters Division			
	Muskies	Points	Avg Len

Womens Division			
	Muskies	Points	Avg Len

Juniors Division			
	Muskies	Points	Avg Len



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## CCMI Mentoring Program

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The Capital City Chapter of Muskies, Inc. conducts a mentoring program for its members. This means that, if requested, a more experienced club member (the mentor) will help or assist another member (the mentoree) in developing specific skills and knowledge to help the mentoree become a better muskie angler. These informal associations have been very successful in the past in helping members learn more about muskie angling, as well as helping newer members meet some of the more knowledgeable muskie anglers in the club.

If you need or want assistance in some aspect of muskie angling, contact Lee Bartolini – Phone: (608) 437-6177) or email: [Lbartolini8475@charter.net](mailto:Lbartolini8475@charter.net), and he will try to match you up with a mentor to assist you. Assistance may be requested in a general area (I would like to know more about Lake Monona.) or a specific area (I would like to learn how to make my own leaders.)



Shane Nesheim with his 45” muskie caught right after the Iowa Hog Hunt

## 2019 18th Intermediate and Advanced Muskie School

Capital City Chapter of Muskies (CCMI), Inc., held its 18th consecutive Muskie School at the Waunakee High School (WHS) on Saturday March 23, 2019.

In the 2019 plenary session featured CCMI Past President Jim Olson providing a description and an update on the Leech Lake vs. Wisconsin strain research project being conducted in the Madison area. The school included over three dozen classes e.g., Introduction and Basics of Musky fishing, row trolling, motor trolling, basic and advanced marine electronics, Mercer area muskies, Working and building spinner baits and bucktails, sucker fishing, Fall Muskie fishing, fishing on Lake Monona and Waubesa, Northwest and Southeastern Wisconsin fishing tips and suggestions. Reel repair, lure building, leader making, Oneida and Vilas Muskies and a number of other topics were covered. We had the third best turnout in the school's history with over 300 participants being served an excellent catered lunch. In addition custom made, beautiful Muskie cookies were made by CCMI member Greg Voss' wife. We also had two nicely decorated Muskie cakes and cupcakes made by Marty Berman. The 2019 students made numerous interesting recommendations for new classes for the 2020 school and new classes will be added pursuant to those requests. The evaluation results indicated that 99% of the students rated the 18th Anniversary Muskie school as being either "Very Good" or "Good" (the best grades available) overall.

The 2019 faculty included many highly skilled instructors e.g., Tony Enger, Greg Fitch, Leif Spilde, Duffy Kopf, Captain Kevin Pischke, Dan Small, Captain Lee Tauchen, Jim Olson, Debbie and Kathy Bernaden, Dewey Stewart, Al Hutchison, Jeff Hanson, Steve Worrall, Steve Reinstra, Bobby Orr, Matt McCumber, Mike Koepp, Jerry Georgeson, Geoff Crandall, Dan Reim, Gary Liegel, Cory Steil, Jim Stroede, Scot Stewart, Brian Skaife, Tim Patterman, Steve Herbeck, Noah Humfeld, and numerous others. We had tremendous raffle prizes including a custom made tackle box by John Eversoll, baits and equipment donated by several lure makers, Westin, Pure Fishing, Dorn Hardware, Lakewood Products, and many others. Guided trips were donated by Dale Anderson, Winston Hopkins, Noah Humfeld and Kevin Pischke. A Canadian adventure was donated by the Eagle Lake Island Lodge and cabin rental for one week on Lac Vieux Desert was donated by Shane West. Al Hutchison and Ken Elder both donated gorgeous custom muskie rods (which were paired with Abu Garcia Beast reels). Numerous other donations were made as well.





As a result of the raffle tickets at the school CCMI will be able to fund the 2019 " Muskie Angler Scholarship". The scholarships are made available as a thank-you to the Waunakee High School for their support and the use of their beautiful facility.

If all goes well and the "creek don't rise" the 19th Intermediate and Advanced Muskie School will be held at WHS on either March 14 or 21st, 2020, subject to availability and permission to use the facility.

If anyone who attended has suggestions or feedback on how to improve the school please feel free inform a CCMI Board member, Steve Reinstra at (mpd339r@charter.net) or Geoff Crandall at (Crandall@msbnrg.com). Many thanks to the superb volunteers and assistants who supported the school and donated untold hours of hard work to make it a success.

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## Madison Chain Outing Saturday May 18, 2019

Come join us for our Madison Chain outing on May 18, 2019. The outing will begin at 7 am and ends at 2 pm. Registration fee includes lunch served at the Green Lantern on Lake Waubesa at 3pm and entry into our outing raffle. There is lots of on the water parking at the Green Lantern so there is no need to trailer your boat to attend the luncheon. This outing is open to the public and you need not be a CCMI member to attend.

### **Outing Rules**

Must comply with all WDNR regulations

Catch and release only and no transporting of fish

No live bait is allowed

Only fish caught between 7am and 2pm on 05/18/19 will be eligible. A witness or a photograph of the fish is required for all entries.

Eligible lakes are Monona, Waubesa and Upper Mud Lake.

Only muskies 30" or longer will eligible for an award.

In case of a tie, the earliest muskie caught will be the tie breaker **Participants must complete and submit a "release of liability" form if one hasn't been completed in 2018. The form is available on the CCMI website. The outing is by definition a WDNR tournament, therefore each boat in the outing must be marked by wrapping a single layer of blue "painters Tape" around the cowling of their motors.**

### **Lunch & Awards**

Lunch will be provided at 3pm sharp at the Green Lantern on Lake Waubesa. Relax, compare notes and enjoy a nice meal with friends. Fishing stories, awards ceremony and door prize drawings will be held right after lunch. Awards will be presented for the most combined inches of fish caught to the ¼ inch, first largest and second largest muskie. Winners may only win one award.

### **CCMI Madison Chain Outing Registration Form**

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Member \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail or Email Registration and Release Form To:**

**Tony Alexander**

**CCMI Madison Chain Outing**

**N5421 State Rd 22**

**Montello, WI 53949**

For more information contact Tony Alexander [tony53949@yahoo.com](mailto:tony53949@yahoo.com) or (608) 697-0204

**36<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**BILL WOOD MEMORIAL LAKE WINTER OUTING**  
**JUNE 22, 2019**

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual Bill Wood Memorial Lake Winter Outing will be held on Saturday June 22nd. Even though Bill Wood is no longer with us, our memories of those many good times we had with him, Bob Patterson, Don Borchert, Swede and many others at this outing live on.

**Come on up for a good time!**

**Rules:** Muskie (s) must be caught on Saturday 6/22/2019 between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. It's catch & release only (no transport). Out of respect for the long-standing tradition at this outing muskies caught by use of power trolling or live bait are ineligible for any award. All WDNR and local regulations must be complied with. A witness and a photograph are required for all eligible entries. The (optional) outing contest fee is only \$10 per person (To be eligible please pay John or Sue Eversoll or Geoff Crandall prior to the start of the outing). Eligible waters include Lake Winter and all publicly accessible lakes in Sawyer County. All eligible muskies must be measured to the ¼ inch, Muskies 30" or longer are eligible for the longest or second longest award. Muskies below or above 30" are eligible to win the smallest muskie award. Awards available for the following categories (winners may win only one category)

- Longest Muskie (Trophy Winner)
  - Second Longest Muskie
  - Smallest Muskie

Dinner and Awards Banquet - Saturday night the awards ceremony to be held at the Trailside Tavern & Grill (W5992 State HWY 70 - Phone 715-266-6208). Social hour at 6:00 (cash bar), dinner @ 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$18.00 per person (includes dinner, tax, tip & facility cost). **Please let us know if you will attend and pay no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> so food arrangements can be made.**

Please contact Geoff Crandall (608-219-0164 or [crandall@msbnrg.com](mailto:crandall@msbnrg.com))  
John or Sue Eversoll (815-238-5542 or [sjevers57@sandprairie.net](mailto:sjevers57@sandprairie.net)).

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Bill Wood Outing Registration Form:

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TOTAL - \$\_\_\_\_ **Contest Eligibility: Fee must be received prior to the event to be eligible. Awards will be Non-Cash only. Fill out form (make check payable to Geoff Crandall) and mail to:**  
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