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I recently got an email from Mike Purcell (he makes some of our trophies) noting how “we live in some very troubling times.” I cannot agree more. One month ago, I was writing about the upcoming musky school and fundraiser and today I have to write about the Corona Virus. There were some difficult decisions made about cancelling these events and similar to our lives, future club events remain highly uncertain. Musky fishing much like the NCAA basketball tournament seems like a big distraction in our lives, when faced with sickness and possible death related to contracting this virus. I do not want to overstate things or generate excessive fears, but taking precautions and “social distancing” is the right thing to do. Ironically, I find myself spending more time outdoors, priming musky gear, playing games with family, and walking the dog than watching basketball on television, although I still have a case of March Sadness (wonder how far U-DUB could have went). Nonetheless, I am confident that all of us including CCMI members will demonstrate unprecedented resiliency. We will get through this crisis, move forward, and get back to some sense of normalcy soon. In the interim, stay healthy!

As a board, we will continue to keep you informed of decisions around fishing outings and events. This will likely come in the form of email or Facebook/website notifications. Finally, I suggest we use this time to “make some memories.”

Sincerely,

Winston Hopkins - President CCMI



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2020 Schedule of Events

May 11General meeting @ Coliseum Bar 7:00 PM
 May 16Madison Chain Outing
 June 8On the Water Meeting @ Goodland Park
 June 13Wisconsin Youth Musky Championship
 June 26-2737th Annual Bill Wood Memorial Lake Winter Outing
 August 10On the Water Meeting @ Goodland Park
 August 15-22Lake of the Woods Outing
 September 14General meeting @ Coliseum Bar 7:00 PM
 September 26Pit Tag Challenge
 October 9-10Vilas County Outing
 October 12General meeting @ Coliseum Bar 7:00 PM
 October 17CCMI Fall Musky Tournament sponsored by Chaos Tackle
 November 9General meeting @ Coliseum Bar 7:00 PM
 December 14General meeting @ Coliseum Bar 7:00 PM



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CCMI Release Report

Brian Falleck- Release Chairman / ccmireleasechair@gmail.com

Spring has sprung!! I hear the birds singing in the morning, and more importantly, most of the lakes in southern Wisconsin are wide open. It's about one month until opening day, which is good news in a time when that is hard to come by. As events, work schedules, and other plans are altered and cancelled, I always look to fishing as an escape from "the real world". For me, April is spent preparing, setting goals, planning and generally getting excited for the upcoming season. As of today, the boat is ready, lures organized, and I dare anyone to find a dull hook anywhere in my house! Seriously, anywhere, I've had a lot of extra free time lately.

There are no fish registered this year, but I'm sure CCMIreleasechair@gmail.com will be flooded with 45"+ fish soon!



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CCMI Mentoring Program

Lee Bartolini

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 mentee) in developing specific skills and knowledge to help the mentee 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, 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.)

So far this year, we have had requests from members who want general information about muskie fishing, who want to learn more about fishing Lakes Waubesa and Monona, who want to know more about trolling Lake St. Clair, and who want to learn more about fishing with suckers. If you would like to be a mentor and help a new member with one or more of these requests, contact Lee at the phone number or email address above.

CCMI Fall Muskie Tournament

Brian Falleck

We are very excited to announce that Capital City Muskies Inc is holding a cash prize muskie tournament on Saturday, October 17th, 2020. It will be held on the Madison Chain from 7am-4pm, the rest of the details are being finalized and will be posted to the CCMI website shortly. 1st place pays \$5000!! Entry fees are \$75 per Muskies Inc member or \$100 per non-member. This includes a raffle ticket. It is open to anyone, but is limited to 100 boats(two anglers per boat). We hope to see everyone there for a fun day on the water Keep an eye on capitalsitymuskiesinc.org for rules and registration. All proceeds will go to CCMI to promote and support muskie fishing in the Madison area.

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Lee Bartolini

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress hold annual hearings every April to allow sportsmen and sportswomen to respond to a questionnaire which proposes a number of changes to rules and regulations regarding hunting and fishing. Anglers and hunters are allowed to vote on specific recommendations. Normally, votes are cast in person at the hearing, or votes can be cast online. This year's in-person hearing, which was originally scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Waunakee High School Performing Arts Center in Waunakee, WI has been canceled because of the Covid 19 Pandemic. At the time this document was written, however, individuals may still provide input on the various issues identified in this year's questionnaire by voting online.

Online Input Option: • The link for providing online input will be posted on the Spring Hearing webpage at <https://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/springhearing.html> or go to DNR.WI.GOV and search keywords "Spring Hearings." The online input option will go live at 7:00 pm on April 13, the same time the Spring Hearings were supposed to begin, and will remain open for three days (72 hours).

There are four proposed rule changes on this year's questionnaire related to muskie fishing directly. Two additional questions are identified here, because it was thought they might be of interest to muskie anglers in general.

Regarding muskies: Two questions involve changing the size limit to 50" on specific bodies of water, the Namekagon and St. Croix rivers (Question #32), and the Presque Isle/Van Vliet chain in Vilas County (Question #42). One question is about adding Forest County to the list of counties that only allow one rod per angler for trolling and only a total of three rods per boat (Question #45). The final question about muskies asks if a catch and release muskie season should be created north of Highway 10 (the "northern" section of the state) from the first Saturday in May to the end of May, which would provide an open muskie fishing season consistent with the rest of the state (Question #47.) An additional question asks if the DNR should work with the legislature to change current law to only allow boating in excess of slow-no-wake speeds on lakes with 50 or more acres of surface water that are not already restricted to slow no wake zones (Question #50). A final question asks if the DNR should work with the legislature to create an alternative funding source to offset declining revenue from fishing and hunting licenses (Question #55.)

The rationale for each proposed change and more detailed information on how to vote online are provided at the above referenced websites.



YOUTH MUSKIE CHAMPIONSHIP of WISCONSIN

June 13th, 2020 – Lake Waubesa, The Green Lantern in McFarland, WI

- Put on by Capital City Chapter of Muskies Inc. (CCMI)
- Friendly tournament. We do give out prizes and trophies but the idea is to simply have a good time fishing.
- FREE to all youth age 18 and under.
- Adults may accompany youth in the boat. We encourage participants (or their parents) to bring their boat. Otherwise we will match you with a boat.
- State Champion awards plus prizes for all participants!
- Free meal included
- Tournament Headquarters – The Green Lantern Restaurant – McFarland
- Come out for a day of fun, and to support youth fishing, and the great sport of chasing those big Muskies!

To register and for more details: www.CapitalCityMuskiesInc.org
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