



## Prez Sez

I hope everyone's season is off to a great start! The water is warming up fast and the fish seem to like it. I, as usual, have been struggling. I honestly don't think I have caught a musky in the month of May, ever! So if anyone has advice, I am all ears.

I was able to get on the Madison Chain with CCMi Legend Lee Bartolini this past Sunday and we had a great time casting for the state fish. It's great to get out with new people and get to hear some new stories and listen to their wisdom. Especially since I usually fish with my son whose favorite things to say are "I'm hungry" and "Why aren't we catching anything?" (Thank you Lee for not saying neither of those things)

We have a bunch of events happening this summer and I'm hoping to see all of you at one (or all) of them. Check out our website for all the details. Our On-The-Water Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of June and August at Goodland Park. We will once again be grilling burgers, telling fish stories, and will have a raffle

The Wisconsin Youth Muskie Championship is on June 24. It is always a great time and best of all it is 100% free. We are giving away a ton of gear and lures. It is limited to 50 participants so sign up soon!

Good Luck to everyone this summer and please keep an eye on the water temperatures as the weather gets warmer.

Brian Falleck

*-Do fish have fisherman finders?*

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## June on the Water Meeting

**June 12, 2023: 6:30PM**  
**Goodland Park, Lake Waubesa**



The June general member meeting will be an on-the-water meeting at Goodland Park off of Lake Waubesa. It will be held on June 12 @ 6:30 PM

Along with the meeting there will also be a cookout. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family and friends to talk about your big catches and muskie fishing endeavors.

## 2023 Event Calendar

June 12 .....	On the Water Meeting @ Goodland Park, 6:30 PM
June 24 .....	<a href="#">Wisconsin Youth Muskie Championship</a>
June 23-24 .....	Bill Wood Memorial Outing
August 14 .....	On the Water Meeting @ Goodland Park, 6:30 PM
August 19-26 .....	Lake of the Woods Outing
September 9 .....	Pit Tag Challenge
September 11 .....	General Member Meeting @ Bowl-A-Vard
Guest Speaker: Chris Taurisano of T-Bone Guide Service	
October 7 .....	Fall Muskie Tournament
October 9 .....	General Member Meeting @ Bowl-A-Vard
Guest Speaker: Darragh Cutter of Cutter Services	
October 13-14 .....	Vilas County Outing
November 13 .....	General Member Meeting @ Bowl-A-Vard
Guest Speaker: Shawn Josephson & Ryan Knapp	
December 11 .....	General Member Meeting @ Bowl-A-Vard
Guest Speaker: Michael Hanson - Namekagon Area Guide Service	

## CCMI Mentoring Program

*Lee Bartolini*

The Capital City Chapter of Muskies, Inc. conducts a mentoring program for its members. If requested, an experienced club member will help or assist (or mentor) another member in developing specific fishing skills or acquiring knowledge about a particular topic or body of water. 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 by email: [Lbartolini8475@charter.net](mailto:Lbartolini8475@charter.net), or by phone: (608) 293-4108, 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.)

CCMI members who are willing to be a mentor, who are willing to help or assist another club member in some aspect of muskie fishing, are invited to let Lee know of their interest. If you would like to be a mentor and help another CCMI member, contact Lee at the phone number or email address above.

# **CCMI Release Report**

*Chris Smith – Release Chairman*

## **Unleashing the Muskie Fishing Season 2023: What to Expect and Prepare for June**

As the whiff of summer hits the air, the muskie fishing season is in full swing, and there's no better time than now to look at what we can anticipate in the coming months. Last year served a slow start to the season that roared back in the summer and fall. As we dig into the trend data, good lessons are learned as we gear up for another thrilling chapter in the muskie fishing saga.

## **The Lay of Last Year's Land**

Let's revisit the hot spots of last year's season to taste what may come. In May 2022, multi-color crankbaits were all the rage, outperforming all other reported lure types. But come June, the favor shifted to bucktails in the weeds. The colors that particularly got the muskies hooked? The classic perch and black blades held the day.

## **Tuning into the Weather Patterns**

The whispers of a similar weather pattern to last year are buzzing. The cooler spring is reminiscent of the one we had last year, which set the stage for a more active summer season thanks to favorable water temperatures. If the trend holds, we'll likely see a similar dynamic play out this year, so buckle up for an exciting and active summer.

## **Gear Up For Success**

Every muskie angler knows that success doesn't just depend on the weather and your technique; your gear plays an equally significant role. It's time to do a thorough check of your equipment. Sharpen those hooks, replace the worn-out ones, and re-tie your lines. Keeping your gear in top-notch condition could be what stands between you and your next big catch, so increase your hookup percentages by ensuring your equipment is up to par.

## **The Madison Chain Low Water Alert**

The recent dry weather and low snowmelt have resulted in lower-than-normal water levels across the Madison Chain. As it stands, the current lake levels are close to the summer minimum but are within Wisconsin DNR water level orders. It's not ideal, but it's part of the challenge. I expect to see the weeds earlier and thicker than usual for this time of year.

## **The Current Standings**

The current standings are now updated as of May 26th. We will continue to provide trending insights into what's working and who's making the most of the season.

Good luck, everyone! Keep those hooks sharp, and we will see you on the water.

## Release Standings

<u>Men's Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Brian Skaife	3	28	35.33
Steve Reinstra	2	24	38.00
Scott Trimborn	2	19	35.25
Bob Harris	2	16	33.63
James Wagner	1	15	41.00
Greg Voss	2	15	33.25
Shane Nesheim	2	13	32.63
Jamie Wersland	1	10	36.00
Mike Milia	1	10	35.50
Kurt Brändli	2	8	30.00
Jeff Lehr	1	8	34.00
Geoffrey C Crandall	1	7	33.25
Lee Bartolini	1	6	32.25
Rowan Stamm	1	4	30.00



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<u>Master's Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Jeff M Hanson	5	48	35.50
Aaron Laking	2	24	38.00
Dustin Loveland	1	15	41.00
Troy Schoonover	1	8	33.50
Jeff Lyon	1	7	33.00

## CCMI Lunge Log Contest

*Jeff Lyon*

Cap Cities Muskies Inc. is very excited to announce a brand new contest this fishing season. We know we have a big chapter of fishy folks catching muskies all over musky country and we want to continue to grow the membership of our awesome club.

So, for the year of 2023, we are launching a brand new contest. The rules are really simple. All you have to do is be a Capital Cities Member, follow our Facebook or Instagram Account, AND log a fish in the Muskies Inc. Lunge Log. We have an incredible list of prizes that will be offered. Each lunge log entry counts for one entry into the contest. You can enter as many fish as you catch. You can only win once prize pack. Prizes will be drawn randomly at the annual awards banquet next year. You do not need to be present to win.

Here are some of the awesome prizes you can win!

- **Full Day Guide Trip with Noah Humfeld**, CCMi member and Owner of Madison Area Guide Service. Value of \$500.
- **Full Day Guide Trip with Robbie Jarnigo** - Today's Angler and Versatile Angling Guide Service. Value of \$425.
- **Lee's Lure Lure Pack** - 1 Flap Tail, 1 Boilermaker and 2 Ninjas! Estimated value of \$215
- **2 Hours of Humminbird On the Water Training with Adam Walton from Pike Pole** (in your boat) + **\$50 Musky Shop Gift Card**. Value of \$175.
- **Full Day Guide Trip with Dave Burgenske** of Madtown Musky Guide Service + \$50 D&S Bait & Tackle Gift Card + 3 \$20 reel repairs with Badfish Creek Reel Repair. Estimated Value of \$500.
- **Prize Pack from Dorn Outdoors** - Assorted Musky Baits - Spanky Baits Pugsly, Muskie Train Diesel Crank, \$20 live bait card, and Shimano Rod Straps. Estimated Value of \$115

## Learn 2 Fish With Us - Volunteers

Captain Greg Karch is looking for volunteers to help with an educational event geared towards kids in Sun Prairie. "Learn 2 Fish With Us" is the name of his organization, they travel the state with a few Professional Walleye Anglers teaching kids how to tie knots, identify fish, and even have a place to practice casting. He is always in need of local volunteers. The upcoming Learn 2 Fish With Us events are:



Date :June 27th

Time: 1 PM to 4 PM

Location: Patrick Middle School 1351 Columbus St Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Description: at this event Greg would need help at hands on education stations for casting and knot tying

Date :June 28th

Time: 1 PM to 4 PM

Location: Fishing location near by Patrick Middle School

Description: Help kids while they are fishing

Date :July 11th (new group of kids)

Time: 1 PM to 4 PM

Location: Patrick Middle School 1351 Columbus St Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Description: at this event Greg would need help at hands on education stations for casting and knot tying

Date :July 12th

Time: 1 PM to 4 PM

Location: Fishing location near by Patrick Middle School

Description: Help kids while they are fishing

There is also an all day event on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 AM to 1:45 PM

If you are interested in helping out at any of these events please email either Greg Karch [greg.karch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greg.karch@sbcglobal.net) or Brian Falleck [bdfalleck@gmail.com](mailto:bdfalleck@gmail.com)

## Youth Muskie Championship of Wisconsin

*June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Lake Waubesa  
7am – 12pm*

- 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.
- Prizes for all participants
- Tournament Headquarters will take place at Goodland Park boat launch
- Adults may accompany youth in the boat. We encourage participants (or their parents) to bring their boat. Otherwise, we will do our best to match you with a boat.
- Put on by Capital City Chapter of Muskies Inc. (CCMI)



**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](http://www.CapitalCityMuskiesInc.org) or contact Robbi Hron at 608-469-1518

# 39<sup>th</sup> Bill Wood Memorial / Lake Winter Outing

June 23-24, 2023

The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Bill Wood Memorial Lake Winter Outing will be held on Saturday June 23 & 24, 2023. This year we will start at 7:00 a.m. on Friday (6/23/2023) continuing until Saturday (6-24-2023) at 5:00pm. Even though Bill Wood is no longer with us, our memories of the good times we had at this outing with him, Swede, Bob Patterson, Don Borchert, George Radl, and others, still live on.

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

**Rules:** Muskies must be caught between 7:00 a.m. on Friday 6/23/23 and 5:00 p.m. Saturday 6/24/2023.

It's catch & release only (no transport).

**Muskies caught by use of power trolling or live bait are eligible for an award. Any lake, creek or river in Sawyer County is eligible.**

All WDNR and health regulations must be complied with.

A witness and a photograph are required for all eligible entries.

The (optional) outing contest fee is \$10 per person (To be eligible for the contest please pay John or Sue Eversoll or Geoff Crandall prior to the start of the outing).

All eligible muskies must be measured to the ¼ inch, Muskies 30" or longer are eligible for the longest or second longest award. In case of a tie the – first fish caught wins.

Participants must fill out the liability release form.

Winners may win only one category. Awards will be available for the following categories.

- Longest Muskie (Trophy Winner)
  - Second Longest Muskie



Awards Banquet – Dinner will be provided for \$20 per person. Please pay by Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>. That way the catering staff will have a correct headcount one week in advance to ensure our group gets plenty to eat. Saturday night we'll have dinner and the awards ceremony at Julies Trailside Tavern & Grill 5992 W. Old Highway 70, Winter, WI. Questions - please contact Geoff Crandall (608-219-0164 or [crandall@msbnrg.com](mailto:crandall@msbnrg.com)) or John or Sue Eversoll (815-858-3753 or [sjevers57@sandprairie.net](mailto:sjevers57@sandprairie.net)). Lodging information: Tuscobia @ 715-266-6401, Stroud's Motel @ 715-266-6621, or Rustic Inn @ 715-266-3060 or (Winter Nights) used to be - Farazwego cabins (by the Gas Station, 5220 N County Rd. W) Winter, WI 715-266-2002.

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**TOTAL - \$\_\_\_ Contest Eligibility: \$10 contest per person and dinner is \$20 per person. Total for the contest is \$10 and dinner is \$20 for a total of \$30 per person. Please register and provide the fees by June 16, 2023. No cash awards will be given.**

**Fill out form (make check payable to Geoff Crandall or John or Sue Eversoll). Please include phone/text number/email (in case of cancellation).**

### **Mail registration & check to:**

Geoff Crandall 5306 Jonquil Ct Middleton, WI 53562

or

Sue or John Eversoll 107 N Hickory St Elizabeth, IL 61028



**OCTOBER 7, 2023**

**4th Annual CCMi Fall Musky Tournament**  
**Madison Chain of Lakes**



- 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$5000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$1500
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$1000
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place \$500



Cash prizes 1st-4th Place, Big Fish Payout, Raffle, and a fun day of fishing!

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## Adopt-a-Muskie



Since 1986, your Capital City Chapter of Muskie Inc has stocked 22000 fingerlings in our Madison lakes. In 2005, we started stocking the Leech Lake strain exclusively. The cost for this project has been approximately \$120000 over the years. Having a world class Muskie fishery in our backyard has led to many memories for our musky fishing community. Lake Wingra, Monona and Waubesa each year continue to produce nice fish with reports of some real giants caught and released. Our club has had wonderful financial support from not only our members but also muskie enthusiasts across the country. Without this support, long term efforts to continue replenishing our resource would not be possible.

In 2021, CCMI initiated the Adopt-a-Muskie program to help these ongoing efforts.

## How You Can Help

- Adopt a Muskie for \$20 or adopt 6 for \$100.
- You will receive a bucktail blade keychain with our CCMI logo and pit tag number of your fish. (These will be distributed after the stocking in October.)
- Every year the DNR provides us (CCMI) a list of all the angler captured fish that had their pit tag scan.
- If the fish you adopted gets scanned... you win. (must be CCMI member to win, You can only win once in each category)
  - 30" - 34 7/8 = \$20 payout
  - 35" - 39 7/8 = \$30 payout
  - 40" - 44 7/8 = \$50 payout
  - 45" - 49 7/8 = \$100 payout
  - 50"+ = \$250 payout
- All proceeds are put directly towards Muskie stocking on the Madison Chain of Lakes.

Let's keep the future of Muskie fishing strong for years to come!





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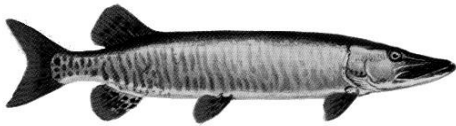
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