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We are now officially halfway through 2023 and it so far, for me at least, it has been a repeat of last year. Uncooperative weather and not much free time to get out fishing which leads to no muskies caught yet. I did get to take my son to the youth tournament last Saturday. We had a great time even though we didn't catch any muskies. He did win a rod and reel combo and we had line on it and he was testing it out in the yard within an hour of getting home. It was great to see so many young anglers chasing muskies. Thank you to everyone who made this tournament a great, free event for kids.

The PMTT was held on the Madison Chain this year. If you haven't seen the results, it would be well worth your time. There were some huge fish caught! All our hard work at improving this fishery is paying off. These big fish are swimming in the chain because of you. Whether you volunteer, adopt muskies, attend meetings and events, donate money or gear you help CCMI stock muskies into our local lakes. We have a very healthy population of muskies here, we just need to work on catching them...no local anglers made the top ten. It was a fun time and hopefully they will return to Madison soon.

Just a reminder that we have no events in July. I hope to see you at our next On The Water Meeting August 14th. Good Luck out there!

*-My new exercise plan is to do one push up every time I get skunked...I'll be ripped in about month*

Brian Falleck

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## 2023 Event Calendar

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	

## Learn 2 Fish With Us – Volunteers Needed

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)

## 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

## Muskies in July: A Fishing Forecast and New Insights

Hello, CCMI members! As we step into July, it's time for an update on the weather outlook, top bait choices, and some fascinating research insights on our favorite fish - the Muskie.

### July Weather Outlook

July promises an exciting mix of weather conditions. Here's what you can expect:

- Jul 1-7: A few thunderstorms with cooler temperatures up north and hot down south.
- Jul 8-15: Scattered thunderstorms and hot temperatures.
- Jul 16-26: Isolated thunderstorms with warm weather.
- Jul 27-31: Sunny up north, a few thunderstorms down south, and cooler overall.

The average temperature for July will be around 77°F, which is 1° below average, and we can expect precipitation of 5" (1" above average).

### Preferred Bait and Conditions

Summer brings on my favorite bite, and when it comes to bait, bucktails and blades, particularly black ones, are highly recommended. Tubes are also a popular choice for summer fishing. Stagger blades are gaining popularity, too, due to their effectiveness.

### Muskie Diets: Unveiling the Mystery

Very cool research is being conducted on Muskie diets. I have been following Kamden Glade from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and he and his team have been investigating what Muskies really eat and how their introduction to new lakes could affect the ecosystem of other trophy fish.

Key findings of Kamden's research are:

- Muskies primarily prefer Yellow Perch, especially in deeper, clear lakes.
- Crappies and Sunfish are more prevalent in their diet in shallower, densely vegetated lakes.
- Despite their spines, Bullheads were also found in Muskie diets.
- Cisco, though rarer in the diet in some lakes, played a significant role in others.
- Muskies have a special love for suckers, thanks to their lack of spines.
- Vertebrates such as frogs, muskrats, and even occasional birds were found in the Muskie diet.

The study further showed that Northern Pike and Walleye diets were similar, irrespective of the season or Muskellunge presence. Also, Yellow Perch numbers were linked with Walleye diets, indicating overlapping prey preferences. The key takeaway is that while Muskellunge, Northern Pike, Walleye, and Largemouth Bass can coexist in different lakes, it's crucial to assess the availability of key prey and habitat features before implementing management decisions like fish stocking. Such proactive steps can help ensure sufficient prey availability and avoid escalating competition among these predators, thereby protecting existing fish populations. I'll keep sharing more insights from this research throughout the year. Let me know if you want a link to the complete study. Kamden also has a great webinar I can send a link to.

Here is to a successful July. Keep your hooks sharp, and we will see you on the water.



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## Release Standings

<u>Men's Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
<b>Brian Skaife</b>	13	209	41.96
<b>Thomas Lyon</b>	12	166	39.60
<b>Wilhelm Zeichert</b>	5	67	39.40
<b>Adam Bergendahl</b>	5	66	39.20
<b>Marshall Mueller</b>	4	53	39.13
<b>James Lawler</b>	3	42	40.00
<b>Michael Roehl</b>	3	40	39.42
<b>Geoffrey C Crandall</b>	3	38	38.58
<b>Bob Harris</b>	3	35	37.25
<b>Jamie Wersland</b>	3	34	37.33
<b>Jeff Lehr</b>	3	34	37.33
<b>Kyle Kramer</b>	2	32	42.00
<b>Lee Bartolini</b>	3	29	35.42
<b>Ryan Roeming</b>	2	26	38.75
<b>Steve Reinstra</b>	2	24	38.00
<b>Eli Landas</b>	1	22	47.50
<b>Todd Berge</b>	3	21	33.00
<b>Scott Trimborn</b>	2	19	35.25
<b>James Wagner</b>	1	15	41.00
<b>Greg Voss</b>	2	15	33.25
<b>Craig Wood</b>	1	15	40.50
<b>Mitchell Genz</b>	1	15	41.00
<b>Josh Bruckert</b>	1	15	41.00
<b>Jeff Lyon</b>	2	14	33.00
<b>Justin Regan</b>	1	14	40.00
<b>Shane Nesheim</b>	2	13	32.63
<b>Joseph Hansen</b>	1	12	37.50
<b>William Suick</b>	1	11	36.50
<b>Mike Milia</b>	1	10	35.50
<b>M. J. Johnson</b>	1	9	34.50
<b>Kurt Brändli</b>	2	8	30.00
<b>Kevin L Wegner</b>	1	8	34.00
<b>Winston J Hopkins</b>	1	8	34.00
<b>Jeremiah Oakley</b>	1	6	31.50
<b>William N. Liegel</b>	1	6	32.00
<b>Rowan Stamm</b>	1	4	30.00

<u>Master's Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
<b>Jeff M Hanson</b>	25	286	37.27
<b>Brad P Nelson</b>	7	65	35.21
<b>Dustin Loveland</b>	3	40	39.33
<b>Aaron Laking</b>	2	24	38.00
<b>Matthew DeVos</b>	3	19	32.25
<b>Troy Schoonover</b>	1	8	33.50
<b>Jeff M Hanson</b>	25	286	37.27

<u>Junior's Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
<b>Devyn Hanson</b>	1	6	32



If you want your catch posted on CCMI social media, send your photos to [socialmedia@capitalcitymuskiesinc.org](mailto:socialmedia@capitalcitymuskiesinc.org)

# Wisconsin Youth Muskie Championship Results

Brian Falleck

The Youth Muskie Championship of Wisconsin was held on Lake Waubesa June 24th. This FREE event had 37 anglers including 7 young ladies. Ages ranged from 4 to 18 years old. There were 23 northerns caught from 22-30 inches and one 44 inch musky! The weather did not help, it was very hot with very little wind. We had to end the tournament an hour early because water temps were getting very close to the 80 degree mark. Everyone made their way back to tournament headquarters at Goodland Park where they enjoyed some pizza and some great raffle prizes.

A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers, those who planned and set up the event and those that donated their time to take some kids out and use their gear. We could not have done it without you. Our sponsors include: Noah Humfeld and Madison Angling Guide Service, Dorn Outdoor Pro Shop, Suick, Spanky Baits, Lakewood, Just Encase, Team Rhino Outdoors, Pike Lake Tackle Co., Fleet Farm, Take A Vet Fishing, Spartan Bowl for the pizzas, Justagame Impressions for the shirts. Thanks to them we had some great prizes to give away!



- 1st Place - Ephraim McMullin 44" Musky
- 2nd Place - Quinn OGrady 30" Pike
- 3rd Place - Carson Disch 27.75" Pike

Congrats to the winners. Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's tournament. We hope to see you next year!





**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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## Vilas County Outing: October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The annual Vilas County Muskie 2-day Outing will be held Friday, October 13th and Saturday, October 14th, 2023. This is a friendly outing for CCMI members, family and friends. You do not have to be a CCMI member to participate.

**All participants must submit a waiver of liability form in order to participate in the outing. Please print out the waiver of liability form at the CCMI website and submit it to Dale Anderson with your outing and/or banquet fee payment. Following is a link to the form. – [Download MI Release of Liability Form](#)**

The outing banquet will be held at the Rustic Roadhaus, located at 5194 S, US Hwy 51, Manitowish Waters. The Rustic Roadhaus will be closed to the public and our banquet will be a PRIVATE event this year. There will be “**fish stories**” at the bar (**cash bar**) at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served around 7:00 p.m. Awards, Door Prizes and Raffles after the dinner. **Folks may attend the dinner and not participate in the outing.** For additional information on the Rustic Roadhaus, including directions/location, visit their website at [Rustic Roadhaus – Bar & Restaurant](#)

The dinner will be a choice of 3 entrees:

- Prime Rib (Queen Cut) with Baked Potato
- Grilled Shrimp Alfredo over Pasta
- BBQ Ribs with Baked Potato

All entrees include a side salad, bread, and dessert! **The cost of the banquet is \$33 per person inclusive of gratuity.**

### **TOTAL COST:**

- **If only participating in the Outing: \$7.00 per person**
- **If only attending the Banquet: \$33.00 per person**
- **If participating in both the Outing and Banquet: \$40.00 per person**

### **CONTEST RULES:**

Muskies caught from 7:00 a.m. Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, will be eligible for awards! There is no sign in. Report all muskies caught by 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, to **Dale Anderson** at the Rustic Roadhaus. To be eligible for an award, a witness is required (an outing participant for all entries) **AND your outing fee must be received prior to the start of the outing (prior to October 13<sup>th</sup>).** Photographs of fish caught are requested (Digital or Polaroid). This is a Catch and Release contest only! Artificial baits and Quick Set sucker rigs are allowed – no swallow hooks for suckers!

Participants must comply with all WDNR regulations. **Gas motor trolling is allowed during this outing.** Only muskies that are 30 inches or longer are eligible for an award, except for the “smallest” muskie category! Measure fish to the quarter-inch to help in a tie-breaker situation. In the case of a tie the first fish caught will be the winner. Eligible waters are any body of water located within Vilas County, Wisconsin.

Winners may only win in one category! Walnut Plaques will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place:

- 1) Largest muskie by length in inches
- 2) Second largest muskie by length in inches
- 3) Third largest muskie by length in inches
- 4) Smallest muskie by length in inches-gets a Muskie Base trophy

**If you have any questions concerning the outing, contact Dale Anderson at (608) 852-0245 (text or call).**

Drawings will be held for door prizes for outing participants. Folks who attend the banquet but do not participate in the outing are not eligible for door prizes. We are also planning on doing a separate “Muskie Gear” Raffle again this year, with some great prizes! We hope you can join us for this FUN-tastic outing!

**We would appreciate all sign-up sheets and money no later than October 7th, 2023.**

**Please mail your outing/banquet fee, meal choice form, and waiver of liability form to:**

**Dale Anderson  
PO Box 384  
Mercer WI 54547**

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### **Vilas County Sign Up Form**

Please return this portion of the form to Dale Anderson with your payment no later than October 7th, 2023.

Please make your check payable to Dale Anderson and mail to:

**Dale Anderson, PO Box 384, Mercer, WI 54547.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée Choice:  Prime Rib

Grilled Shrimp Alfredo

Full Rack of BBQ Ribs

If more than one name is included on this banquet form, please write a number in the checkbox next to the entrée. For example, if there are two names on the form and one person wants prime rib and one person wants Shrimp Alfredo, you would write a “1” in each of those entrée boxes. If both persons would like prime rib, you would write a “2” in that entrée box. Thanks.



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