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As I am writing this it is right around 90 degrees and hopefully everyone reading this is taking a break from musky fishing. In the limited time I have had to fish before this little hot weather hiatus I was seeing a lot of fish and hearing about many quality fish caught on the Madison Chain. Keep up the good work, not only catching muskies, but handling and releasing them safely so they can grow even bigger and be enjoyed by future anglers. I am really looking forward to this fall. It is my favorite time to chase muskies. It helps that I have a couple trips planned to fish in Ontario and usually have success up there.

Another thing to look forward to are our monthly meetings beginning in September. We have a great lineup of speakers through the rest of the year. Of course, don't forget about our final On-The-Water Meeting coming up on August 14th at Goodland Park. Food is provided, you just need to bring your own fish stories!

There is still time to sign up for our events coming up. The PIT Tag Challenge, Fall Muskie Tournament, and Vilas County Outing. Check out our website for dates and times. These are all great opportunities to get out and fish with other CCMI members, share techniques and stories, and maybe learn a couple things. By joining us at one of our events or monthly meetings you help raise money for our chapter to continue to stock muskies in the Madison Chain and keep this a great fishery!

Good Luck to everyone, especially to those participating in the Lake Of The Woods Outing this month!

Brian Falleck

-I only work to afford the amount of fishing required to forget about work

2023 Event Calendar

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| 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, 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 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

CCMI Release Report

Chris Smith – Release Chairman

Hello Capital City! We're in the thick of the Muskie season, and it's shaping up to be an exciting year; I've been getting your photos, and there are some fantastic-looking releases. Here's what's happening on the water:

Muskie Releases: Right on Target

As of now, we've logged 279 Muskie releases this season. This number aligns with historical numbers for this time of year.

Preferred Bait and Fishing Times

Our chapter has found great success using bucktails as their preferred bait this summer. The mid-day and afternoon times are optimal for catching Muskies, as reported in the lunge log.

August Weather Forecast

The long-range weather forecast for August is shaping up to be seasonal (mid 80's), with no extreme long-term heat projected. This moderate weather pattern should make for some good windows out on the water.

Water Conditions in Madison Chain Lakes

Madison chain lakes are still showing lower-than-normal water levels. Additionally, some recent data on oxygenation suggests that it's also lower than expected. These conditions could have an impact on both Muskies and baitfish.

Your Observations Matter

We're seeking input regarding any unexpected impact on the health of Muskies and baitfish due to these lower water levels and less saturated oxygen conditions. If you have observed anything unusual or concerning, please drop me a line. These levels have been tracked in recent memory, and any insight is valuable. With a strong number of logged releases, preferred baits, and fishing times identified and close attention to weather and water conditions, we're on track for another top-performing chapter season. Your observations and participation in logging releases help our chapter grow through membership and stocking efforts. Please make every effort to log fish before the month closes.

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 |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|------------|
| Brian Skaife | 15 | 248 | 42.45 |
| Adam Bergendahl | 12 | 171 | 40.23 |
| Thomas Lyon | 12 | 166 | 39.60 |
| Lee Bartolini | 9 | 146 | 42.06 |
| Jeff Lehr | 11 | 132 | 37.91 |
| Bob Harris | 8 | 100 | 38.28 |
| Kyle Kramer | 7 | 90 | 38.71 |
| Jamie Wersland | 7 | 80 | 37.43 |
| Wilhelm Zeichert | 5 | 67 | 39.40 |
| Rowan Stamm | 5 | 63 | 38.60 |
| Marshall Mueller | 4 | 53 | 39.13 |
| M. J. Johnson | 3 | 46 | 40.83 |
| Winston J Hopkins | 4 | 45 | 36.94 |
| James Lawler | 3 | 42 | 40.00 |
| Michael Roehl | 3 | 40 | 39.42 |
| Geoffrey C Crandall | 3 | 38 | 38.58 |
| Todd Berge | 4 | 38 | 35.50 |
| Craig Wood | 2 | 27 | 39.00 |
| Ryan Roeming | 2 | 26 | 38.75 |
| Steve Reinstra | 2 | 24 | 38.00 |
| Eli Landas | 1 | 22 | 47.50 |
| Scott Trimborn | 2 | 19 | 35.25 |
| James Wagner | 1 | 15 | 41.00 |
| Greg Voss | 2 | 15 | 33.25 |
| Mitchell Genz | 1 | 15 | 41.00 |
| Josh Bruckert | 1 | 15 | 41.00 |
| Justin Regan | 1 | 14 | 40.00 |
| Shane Nesheim | 2 | 13 | 32.63 |
| Joseph Hansen | 1 | 12 | 37.50 |
| William Suick | 1 | 11 | 36.50 |
| Mike Milia | 1 | 10 | 35.50 |
| Kurt Brändli | 2 | 8 | 30.00 |
| Kevin L Wegner | 1 | 8 | 34.00 |
| Jeremiah Oakley | 1 | 6 | 31.50 |
| William N. Liegel | 1 | 6 | 32.00 |
| Rowan Stamm | 1 | 4 | 30.00 |

| <u>Master's Division</u> | Muskies | Points | Avg Length |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|------------|
| Jeff M Hanson | 55 | 721 | 38.92 |
| Brad P Nelson | 15 | 197 | 39.07 |
| Matthew DeVos | 5 | 59 | 37.60 |
| Jeff Lyon | 4 | 50 | 38.56 |
| Aaron Laking | 3 | 46 | 41.33 |
| Dustin Loveland | 3 | 40 | 39.33 |
| Troy Schoonover | 1 | 8 | 33.50 |

| <u>Junior's Division</u> | Muskies | Points | Avg Length |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|------------|
| Devyn Hanson | 7 | 69 | 35.71 |

| <u>Women's Division</u> | Muskies | Points | Avg Length |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|------------|
| Angela Thoreson | 2 | 43 | 47.25 |



If you want your catch posted on CCMi social media, send your photos to socialmedia@capitalcitymuckiesinc.org

10th Annual CCMI Pit-Tag Challenge Outing

The Capital City Muskies Inc Chapter is again hosting a "CCMI Pit-Tag Challenge" outing on Saturday **September 9, 2023**. This **ONE**-day events purpose is to catch pit-tagged muskies in Lake Monona. The catch information will be used to further enhance the Leech Lake vs Wisconsin strain muskie size study that has been ongoing since 2005. This outing is open to all including anglers from other muskie/fishing clubs. Membership in CCMI is NOT required. Come and join us for this important and fun activity.

Date: Saturday September 9th, 2023

**Place: Olbrich Park at the Starweather Creek launch
(Near the softball diamond)**

Time: 7:00am - 3:00pm

Outing Rules

- Must comply with all WDNR regulations
- Catch and release only and no transporting of fish
- Participants will receive outing and fish reporting information starting at
- 6:30 am in the Olbrich Park Softball Diamond lot.
- Casting, trolling, and live bait are acceptable forms of fishing
- Lake Monona is the only eligible lake
- All muskies caught must be scanned for pit-tags to be prize eligible (boats with scanners will be on the water).
- A witness or a photograph of the fish is required for all entries
- In case of a tie, the earliest muskie caught will be the tie breaker
- Winners may only win in one "length of fish" category

Participants must complete and submit a "release of liability" form if one has not been completed in 2023. The form is available on the CCMI website. Each boat in the outing will need to have a strip of a blue "Painters Tape" on the cowling of the motor (provided if needed).

Lunch & Awards

A lunch including sub sandwiches and pizza will be provided around 4pm at Olbrich park softball diamond area with awards and door prizes afterwards. Awards will be presented for Largest, Second largest, and Third largest muskie caught by length in inches. Special prizes will be awarded to pit-tagged fish caught regardless of length.

Registration and Cost

On-line Registration at <https://www.capitalcitymuskiesinc.org/pit-tag-challenge/>

Alternatively, a paper registration form and fee can be sent to **Steve Reinstra, 11509 N. Elm Rd, Edgerton, WI 53534**.

The outing cost is \$25.00 per person (\$30.00 for non-CCMI members).

Make checks payable to CCMI

For more information contact Steve Reinstra(mpd339r@charter.net) or 608-770-7131.

CCMI Pit-Tag Challenge Outing Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

CCMI Member (Circle): Yes No

Make Checks Payable to CCMI

Mail To:
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11509 N. Elm Rd.
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CCMI Member - Boat for Sale

50 HP Honda 4 Stroke & Alumacraft Dominator

- Honda Four stroke 50hp w/tiller, in great shape/2003 well maintained
- 1995 Alumacraft Dominator (1995)
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- Minn Kota two-bank battery charger
- Stored inside
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- Newly fuel filter, spark plugs
- Professionally painted w/premium epoxy marine paint
- Trailer upgraded to handle 3500 lbs. capacity
- LED trailer lights included
- Rear casting platform
- Lowrance LCX 27color fish finder
- New wheel bearings and grease seals
- Trailer tires 1-2 years, spare included
- Minn Kota Autopilot 42 lb., 12-volt (rarely used)
- Cover included
- \$11,000
- Call Geoff at: 608-219-0164



Vilas County Outing: October 13th and 14th, 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 13th, to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14th, will be eligible for awards! There is no sign in. Report all muskies caught by 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 14th, 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 13th).** 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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**

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.



OCTOBER 7, 2023

4th Annual CCMI Fall Musky Tournament
Madison Chain of Lakes



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



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

Rules and Registration at
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