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The calendar says fall, but it is feeling very much like summer right now. Hopefully this means we will be able to fish open water a little later this year, but I know how quickly the weather can change in Wisconsin. No matter the weather, fall is my favorite time to chase muskies and I am looking forward to getting out in the boat as often as I can.

I just returned from my annual trip to Eagle Lake in Ontario. It was great to see a lot of old friends and of course the fishing was excellent. I was able to take up a very good friend of mine and put him on some new species of fish. Sometimes I have to remind myself that these trips are not only about catching fish. There were some great memories made and we will be talking about them for a long time. One of which was that he caught a 32 inch walleye. It was the second walleye he ever caught...sometimes it IS about the fishing!
CCMI still has a couple events this month. Including the Fall Muskie Tournament on the 7th and the very next weekend is the Vilas County Outing. Hope to see you at one of them!
Good Luck to everything this fall. I hope you catch some awesome fish and make some great memories!

Brian Falleck

-I gave up fishing for a while, it was the worst weekend of my life

October General Meeting

October 9, 2023 – 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30)

Bowl-A-Vard lanes
2121 E Springs Dr
Madison, WI 53704

CCMI Monthly meetings are open to everyone. Members, Non-Members, Friends and Family. Join us for an exciting and educational night of talking muskie fishing.

Guest Speaker - Darragh Cutter

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4th Annual CCMi Fall Musky Tournament

Time is running out to sign up for the CCMi Fall Muskie Tournament on October 7th. Please join us for some great fun and great prizes. First place could walk away with \$5000! Go to capitalcitymuskiesinc.org to sign up!



Madison Chain of Lakes October 7, 2023

- 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 capitalcitymuskiesinc.org

2023 Event Calendar

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

Upcoming Executive Board Elections

At the November General Meeting, elections will be held for the executive board positions. This includes: President, Vice President, Chapter Representative to Muskies Inc, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact current CCMi President, Brian Falleck.

CCMI Release Report

Chris Smith – Release Chairman

Hello CCMI members,

A quick update this month - Cap City is at 667 releases YTD. There was a bounce back in releases this month! And a few changes in the leaderboards for points. Fall is still warm, with some expected seasonal cool-downs coming in the next few weeks. Water levels on the chain appear to be returning to normal with all the recent rain.

Bait selections for October start to favor rubber, bucktails, and sucker trolling - there are suckers available at Dorn. The most popular times in October are between 10 am - 1 pm with south-facing sun. We look forward to seeing everyone at the fall tournament! The weather should be favorable, although we will be at the very tail of the moon phase if you believe that sort of thing.

Keep your hooks sharp, and we will see you on the water.

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 one 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



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

Other CCMI Member Contests

Make sure to register your fish on the Muskie's Inc Lunge Log

Release Contests: All members who register their catches are automatically entered in our CCMI chapter release contests. Prizes are awarded to the champion who earned the most points in the categories of Juniors, Womens, Mens, and Masters. There is also a special award category of Distinguished Master for any member who wins the Masters Division 3 times.

Reproduction Contest: Any muskie 45" or longer is eligible to be entered in the reproduction contest. Along with being entered in the Lunge Log within 30 days of the catch, a picture of the fish (or a witness statement) must be submitted to the Release Coordinator. The chapter awards payment for an artistic reproduction (graphite replicas, custom paintings, etc.) for one fish caught in Wisconsin and one fish caught outside of Wisconsin.

Hat Trick: Members are recognized each year for catching muskies from 3 different Dane County waters. There are additional prizes for a Silver Hat Trick (all 3 fish 40" or larger), Gold Hat Trick (all 3 fish 45" or larger, this level requires photos or witness statements) and for the Hat Trick Champion (hat trick with highest average length). Please note that the lake must be specified for each entry – "Madison Chain" is not an eligible lake name entry.

Lunker of the Month: The largest muskie released each month (minimum 45" long) is recognized as the "Lunker" for that month. Any ties result in multiple awards being presented.

All Contest Rules and Information available online: [CCMI Member Contests – Capital City Muskies Inc](#)

RESORT STAY GIVEAWAY

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN A FREE WEEK-LONG RESORT STAY FOR YOU AND A GUEST AT EITHER TREELAND RESORT IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN OR ACORN HILL RESORT IN MINNESOTA?

SIMPLY JOIN MUSKIES, INC. OR RENEW YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING TO WIN!

YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE ENTRY FOR EACH YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP!

- 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP = 1 ENTRY
- 2 YEAR MEMBERSHIP = 2 ENTRIES
- 3 YEAR MEMBERSHIP = 3 ENTRIES

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE WILL RANDOMLY SELECT TWO WINNERS ON NOVEMBER 15, 2023.

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

* EACH WINNER WILL HAVE 24 HOURS TO ACCEPT OR DECLINE THE NON-TRANSFERABLE RESORT STAY. WINNER WILL RECEIVE A 1099 FOR PRIZE VALUE.

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Release Standings

<u>Men's Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Thomas Lyon	38	564	40.6
Brian Skaife	26	445	43.0
Dan Moats	19	423	48.1
Wilhelm Zeichert	20	346	43.3
Adam Bergendahl	20	311	41.5
Jamie Wersland	17	254	40.8
Rob Mackesey	22	238	36.8
Shawn Honeyager	16	233	40.4
Kyle Kramer	16	232	40.4
M. J. Johnson	16	217	39.4
Jeff Lehr	17	203	37.9
William Suick	10	159	41.8
Tom Penniston	8	156	45.3
Todd Berge	10	144	40.3
Eric R Olson	10	136	39.6
Bob Harris	11	135	38.0
Luke Will	8	102	38.6
Garrett Lederman	7	99	40.1
Craig Eversoll	5	97	45.3
Jeff Walker	6	91	41.2
Steve Soma	5	85	43.0
James Wagner	4	78	45.5
Mitchell Genz	5	78	41.6
Mark D McCumber	4	69	42.9
Rowan Stamm	5	63	38.6
Paul Kirkegaard	4	61	41.1
Marshall Mueller	5	59	37.7
Fred J Schulze	5	59	37.4
Jerry Georgeson	3	55	44.2
Kevin L Wegner	5	52	36.4
Pat Ewanowski	3	50	42.5
Mike Beam	3	49	42.2
Brett Cook	3	48	41.5
Matt Firestein	2	48	50.0
Winston J Hopkins	4	45	36.9
Luke Lagomasino	4	45	37.3
James Lawler	3	42	40.0
Michael Roehl	3	40	39.4
Michael Losenegger	2	39	45.6
Geoffrey C Crandall	3	38	38.6
Ryan Roeming	3	38	38.3
Bryan Calcaterra	3	38	38.7
Bob Baumgartner	2	28	39.9
Craig Wood	2	27	39.0
Greg Voss	3	25	34.2
Kurt Brändli	3	25	34.3
Jake Schinderle	1	24	49.5
Jim A Olson	1	23	49.0

Eli Landas	1	22	47.5
Kurt Southworth	1	22	48.0
Scott Trimborn	2	19	35.3
Jeff Pomplun	2	19	35.5
Nick Pierick	1	19	45.0
Matt Vike	1	18	43.5
Fred Hodd	2	18	35.1
John Cuta	1	16	42.0
Josh Bruckert	1	15	41.0
Justin Regan	1	14	40.0
Jeff Hellenbrand	1	14	40.0
Shane Nesheim	2	13	32.6
Joseph Hansen	1	12	37.5
Justin Drinkwater	1	12	37.8
Steve Krause	1	11	36.5
Mike Milia	1	10	35.5
Daniel Donovan	1	10	36.0
Brian Falleck	1	8	33.8
Jeremiah Oakley	1	6	31.5
William N. Liegel	1	6	32.0

<u>Master's Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Jeff M Hanson	81	1061	38.9
Brad P Nelson	32	461	40.3
Jeff Lyon	20	310	41.4
Aaron Laking	17	300	43.6
Matt Mc Cumber	14	182	38.8
Matthew DeVos	12	164	39.4
Dustin Loveland	8	108	39.5
Matthew Hill	1	18	44.0
Troy Schoonover	1	8	33.5

<u>Junior's Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Devyn Hanson	15	190	38.4
Alek Southworth	5	95	44.8
Jackson Harris	9	80	34.89
Jeffrey Falleck	3	49	42

<u>Women's Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Angela Thoreson	2	43	47.3
Pam McCumber	1	14	39.5

Pit Tag Challenge – Results

Steve Reinstra

The 10th Annual Pit Tag Challenge was held September 9, 2023 at Lake Monona with 15 anglers participating. Two Muskies were caught, the Winning Muskie was a 43.5" caught by Vito Derango with a black Medusa. Second Place was a 30" muskie caught by Mike Roosa trolling a chartreuse Spoonplug. Both Muskies were scanned, but did not have a Pit Tag implanted.

Congratulations to the winners!



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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.

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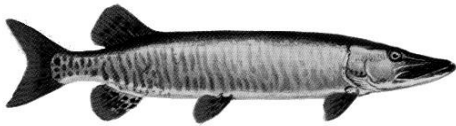
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