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Here we are, the final month of the season. Even though I am starting to get the boat ready for its long winter nap, I hope to get out a couple more times before the lakes freeze.

I always use this time to reflect on the last year, and I can honestly say, it has been a fantast..., grea..., producti..., it's been a year! I did not have the season I was hoping for, but sometimes life gets in the way of our passions. That was very true for me, from my transmission going out on my truck to having to work most Saturdays, I did not get out as often as I would have liked. I made the most of the times that I did get out, well, at least my son did. He caught his PB musky, in fact he caught his biggest hybrid and natural musky this year. A lot of the time fishing is not just about catching, it's about the memories made, and my son and I made a ton of them this year. As for me, well, I guess there's always next year!

As the year comes to an end, it is time for elections to the CCMI Board of Directors. We have some vacancies; if you are interested in joining the board, please reach out to me for more information.

That is followed by our annual budget meeting in January. As you know, we have been spending a lot of money on stocking the past few years because the WDNR hasn't had any fingerlings to put into the Madison Chain. So far, CCMI has been able to make up for the lack of WDNR muskies. This is our #1 goal, to keep Madison a trophy fishery. We need your help! By attending meetings and outings, buying raffle tickets, volunteering to physically stock fish and organize and run our events, you allow CCMI to raise the funds we need to stock fish and promote the sport of musky fishing.

Thank you for being a part of the Capital City Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Brian Falleck

- All I want for Christmas is a 50 incher!

December General Meeting

December 11, 7:00 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Bowl-A-Vard Lanes

2121 E Springs Dr

Madison, WI 53704

Come join the fun in talking muskie fishing, sharing fish stories, and meeting new muskie anglers.

Meetings are open to all, bring your family and friends!

Guest Speaker:
Michael Hanson,
Namekagon Area Guide Service



2023 Event Calendar

December 11

General Member Meeting @ Bowl-A-Vard
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2024 Event Calendar

January 8

General Member Meeting @ Bowl-A-Vard

February 12

General Member Meeting @ Bowl-A-Vard

March 23

21st Intermediate & Advanced Muskie School

April 6

Annual Fundraiser & Fishing Seminar, featuring Jeremy Smith

April 19-20

Iowa Hawg Hunt

May 11

Madison Chain Outing

June 8

Wisconsin Youth Muskie Championship

June 21-22

Bill Wood Memorial Outing

August 17-24

Lake of the Woods Outing

September 7

PIT Tag Challenge

October 5

Fall Muskie Tournament

October 11-12

Vilas County Outing

Executive Board Elections Results

At the November General Meeting, elections were held for the executive board positions, including President, Vice President, Chapter Representative to Muskies Inc, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Brian Falleck, Chris Smith, Winston Hopkins, Greg Voss, and Bob Baumgartner, respectively, were reelected into these positions.

Upcoming At-Large Board of Directors Elections

At The December General meeting, elections will be held for directors whose terms end in 2023 and for open director positions. If you are interested in running for a board member position, contact any current CCMI board member for more information or questions.

What About the Garage Sale?

Have you been wondering if we are still having our Annual Garage Sale at the Wisconsin Fishing Expo? We are! So why haven't we been asking for lure donations? It is because we have so many lures from Denny Leidl and we (Brian) doesn't have room for any more! Please stop by our booth at the expo and check out some of the great items we have for sale. Thanks to everyone who has asked about donating lures.

Also: please hang on to those "rarely used" lures for the next time around; we will be accepting lures for the 2025 Garage Sale late next year.



CCMI Release Report

Chris Smith – Release Chairman

Hello CCMI Members!

Happy Thanksgiving to you all, and I hope you are wrapping up the year in spectacular fashion. A quick note from the release chair wishing you happy and healthy holidays.

Do you know that the biggest release recorded in the Lunge Log in the last 10 years for the Madison chain is 52.25"?! It was caught by James Wagner on the Madison Chain in 2020 on a black flap-tail. I have spent some time reviewing the last 10 years of releases on the Madison Chain and finding some interesting stats. Some are encouraging, some not. I will share more on this in the end-of-year wrap-up. My best to you all and your families!

Release Standings

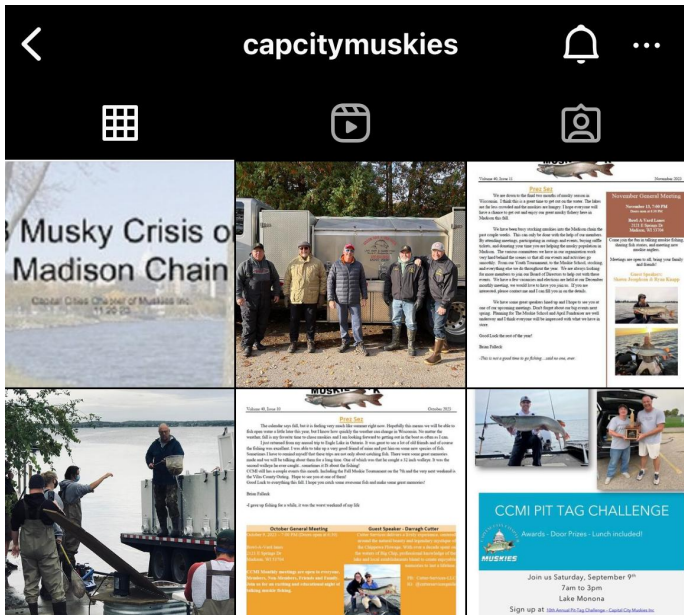
Mens Division	Points	Avg Length
Thomas Lyon	564	40.6
Brian Skaife	449	42.5
Dan Moats	423	48.1
Adam Bergendahl	380	41.7
Wilhelm Zeichert	346	43.3
Kyle Kramer	277	40.5
Jamie Wersland	273	41.1
Rob Mackesey	247	36.7
Shawn Honeyager	233	40.4
M. J. Johnson	217	39.4
Jeff Lehr	215	37.8
Lee Bartolini	179	38.7
Bob Harris	176	37.5
William Suick	159	41.8
Mark D McCumber	157	41.3
Todd Berge	156	40.1
Tom Penniston	156	45.3
Eric R Olson	145	39.1
Steve Reinstra	140	39.8
Brian Wienski	138	43.3
Jeff Walker	124	41.5
Jerry Georgeson	123	39.6
Luke Will	102	38.6
Garrett Lederman	99	40.1
Craig Eversoll	97	45.3

Steve Soma	85	43
James Wagner	78	45.5
Kurt Brändli	78	38.8
Mitchell Genz	78	41.6
Rowan Stamm	63	38.6
Paul Kirkegaard	61	41.1
Marshall Mueller	59	37.7
Fred J Schulze	59	37.4
Kevin L Wegner	52	36.4
Pat Ewanowski	50	42.5
Mike Beam	49	42.2
John Cuta	48	42
Brett Cook	48	41.5
Captain Matt (Catfish) Firestein	48	50
Winston J Hopkins	45	36.9
Luke Lagomasino	45	37.3
James Lawler	42	40
Tripp Soma	42	36.5
Daniel Donovan	41	36.3
Michael Roehl	40	39.4
Michael Losenegger	39	45.6
Robert Baumgartner	39	38.8
Geoffrey C Crandall	38	38.6
Ryan Roeming	38	38.3
Bryan Calcaterra	38	38.7
Greg Voss	37	35

Mens Masters	Points	Avg Length
Jeff M Hanson	1278	38.9
Brad P Nelson	541	41
Aaron Laking	397	43.2
Jeff Lyon	310	41.4
Matt Mc Cumber	182	38.8
Matthew DeVos	170	38.8
Dustin Loveland	108	39.5
Matthew Hill	18	44
Troy Schoonover	8	33.5

Womens	Points	Avg Length
Angela Thoreson	43	47.3
Doris Dahlk	19	44.5
Pam Mc Cumber	14	39.5
Karen Phillips	9	34.5

Juniors	Points	Avg Length
Devyn Hanson	219	38.6
Jackson Harris	135	37.2
Alek Southworth	95	44.8
Jeffrey Falleck	49	42
Cash Soma	21	47



@CapCityMuskie's

If you want your catch posted on CCMI social media, send your photos to:

socialmedia@capitalcitymuckiesinc.org

or DM us at any of our accounts!

Reproduction Contest Reminder

Submitting your entry for the reproduction contest just got easier. A web form was created to allow you to enter your details and picture and send it right to the release chair. You can get to the web form from the CCMI member contest page or using this link: [CCMI Replica Contest Entry Form – Capital City Muskies Inc](#)

Just as a reminder, the reproduction contest is for any muskie caught 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.

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



Injured at work?

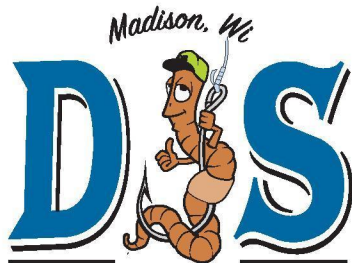
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Last Chance: Submit to the 2023 CCMI Lunge Log Contest

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 launched a brand new contest. The rules are really simple. All you have to do is: 1) [be a Capital Cities Member](#), 2) follow our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) account, and 3) 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!

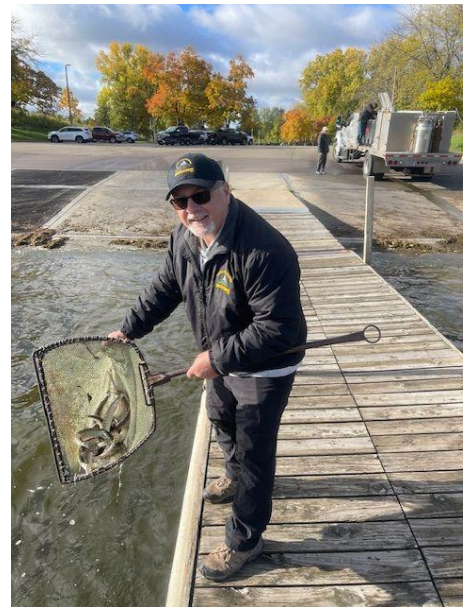
- **Full Day Guide Trip with Noah Humfeld**, CCMI member and Owner of Madison Area Guide Service. Value of \$500.
- **Full Day Guide Trip with Robbie Jarnigo** - Today's Angler and Versatile Angling Guide Service. Value of \$425.
- **Lee's Lure Lure Pack** - 1 Flap Tail, 1 Boilermaker and 2 Ninjas! Estimated 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

Madison Musky Stocking Update

*Greg Voss
Stocking Chair*

At the November 13, 2023 CCMI general meeting, the board presented, "2023 Musky Crisis on the Madison Chain." We shared the history of muskie stocking on the Madison chain, CCMI's involvement in that stocking, and the recent lack of musky stocking by the Wisconsin DNR (WDNR). Typically, the Madison lakes have received the following number of fingerlings annually: 1,647 in Monona, 1,000 in Waubesa, and 100 in Wingra. In 2020, 2022, and 2023 the WDNR failed to stock any musky fingerlings from the WDNR hatcheries into our Madison lakes. In 2023 alone CCMI invested \$30,100 to stock 1,921 musky fingerlings into Lake Monona. Our chapter expanded our efforts to stock additional musky fingerlings when the WDNR could not, and we are now looking to what may be needed in the future.

As a CCMI member, you should have received an email on November 27, 2023 from newsletter@capitalcitymuskies.org, which included, in green font, a "Link to 2023 Musky Crisis on the Madison Chain". Please review that presentation and the three local musky stocking resources on the last slide of that presentation. If you were unable to access that presentation, or did not receive that email, please let me know at mzkee52@gmail.com and I will email it to you.



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