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We have made it to March, which means there are only two months until musky season! This weather has got me thinking about fishing. I know we live in Wisconsin and things can change very quickly, but I for one am happy to see the ice disappearing from the lakes.

CCMI had a very successful expo season so far. We had a lot of people sign up for the [Muskie School](#) and the Youth Tournament at the Chicago and Milwaukee Expos. In Madison we sold a record amount of Garage Sale baits donated by Denny Lidle and sold a ton of Recon boat raffle tickets. I will have the exact number by the next membership meeting, but I can tell you that the total was north of \$7,500. We have a booth at the Wausau Expo later this month, so if you're at the show, stop by and say Hi. Thanks to everyone who helped out at the expos so far, whether it was selling raffle tickets, garage sale baits, or just hanging out with me in the booth telling attendees all the great things CCMI does for the sport of musky fishing.

This month's membership meeting is one of my favorites every year. We get to hear the stories behind the big fish from last season from the members who caught them. I hope to see you at Bowl-A-Vard on the 11th.

We have a couple of our best events coming up. The Muskie School on March 23rd and our Annual Fundraiser featuring Jeremy Smith on April 6th, I hope you can attend one or both of these as they are our two biggest events of the year. The Muskie School has (as it does every year) a huge variety of classes and the raffle this year is top notch (as it is every year). Our fundraiser has one of the most passionate musky anglers out there presenting. He told me he didn't want to say he had a specific topic to cover, but loves talking musky fishing and will go in any direction that the audience wants to go. He has fished all over the Midwest and Canada, builds his own baits, modifies other well-known baits, knows how to make electronics work for you, and can share some little tricks

March General Meeting

March 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!

CCMI Annual Awards Ceremony



that will put more muskies in your net. You can get tickets to either or both events on our website, capitalcitymuskiesinc.org.

The countdown is on to May 4th!

Brian Falleck

- *My favorite essential oil is 2 stroke*



Help us ensure a healthy population of muskies in the Madison Chain.

As of 2/28/24, CCMI can stock 1025 Fingerlings—help us reach our goal!

The chapter goal for 2024 is to raise enough funds to supply 2716 muskie fingerlings for the Madison chain of lakes: Lake Monona, Lake Wingra, and Lake Waubesa. We are focusing our fundraising efforts on this goal to ensure the muskie fishery we have come to enjoy is supported for the future. You can contribute directly to our stocking goal by [making a donation to our chapter](#) or participating in the [CCMI Adopt-A-Muskie program](#).

Limited Edition Gift!

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2024 Event Calendar

NOTE: Some dates have changed. Please double-check and mark your calendar!

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| March 11 | CCMI Awards Ceremony |
| March 23 | 21 st Intermediate & Advanced Muskie School |
| April 6 | Annual Fundraiser & Fishing Seminar, featuring Jeremy Smith |
| April 19-20 | Iowa Hawg Hunt |
| May 11 | Madison Chain Outing |
| May 13 | General Member Meeting @ Bowl-A-Vard |
| June 15 | Wisconsin Youth Muskie Championship |
| June 21-22 | Bill Wood / Lake Winter 40th Memorial Outing |
| August 17-24 | Lake of the Woods Outing |
| September 21 | PIT Tag Challenge |
| October 5 | Fall Muskie Tournament |
| October 11-12 | Vilas County Outing |

2023 Final Release Standings

| Mens Division | Muskies | Points | Avg Length |
|------------------|---------|--------|------------|
| Thomas Lyon | 38 | 564 | 40.62 |
| Brian Skaife | 31 | 482 | 41.5 |
| Adam Bergendahl | 29 | 474 | 42.2 |
| Dan Moats | 19 | 423 | 48.1 |
| Wilhelm Zeichert | 20 | 346 | 43.3 |
| Jeff Lyon | 20 | 310 | 41.4 |
| Kyle Kramer | 21 | 296 | 40.0 |
| Jamie Wersland | 18 | 273 | 41.1 |
| Rob Mackesey | 23 | 247 | 36.7 |
| Shawn Honeyager | 16 | 233 | 40.4 |
| Jeff Lehr | 19 | 224 | 37.7 |
| M. J. Johnson | 16 | 217 | 39.4 |
| Bob Harris | 15 | 176 | 37.5 |
| Jeff Walker | 13 | 171 | 39.1 |
| William Suick | 10 | 159 | 41.8 |
| Mark D McCumber | 10 | 157 | 41.3 |
| Todd Berge | 11 | 156 | 40.1 |
| Tom Penniston | 8 | 156 | 45.3 |
| Eric R Olson | 11 | 145 | 39.1 |
| Jerry Georgeson | 9 | 123 | 39.6 |

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| Luke Lagomasino | 9 | 122 | 39.6 |
| Luke Will | 8 | 102 | 38.6 |
| Garrett Lederman | 7 | 99 | 40.1 |
| Craig Eversoll | 5 | 97 | 45.3 |
| Paul Kirkegaard | 6 | 91 | 41.0 |
| Steve Soma | 5 | 85 | 43.0 |
| James Wagner | 4 | 78 | 45.5 |
| Kurt Brändli | 6 | 78 | 38.8 |
| Mitchell Genz | 5 | 78 | 41.6 |
| Rowan Stamm | 5 | 63 | 38.6 |
| Tripp Soma | 5 | 61 | 38.2 |
| Marshall Mueller | 5 | 59 | 37.7 |
| Fred J Schulze | 5 | 59 | 37.4 |
| Jeff Pomplun | 5 | 54 | 36.7 |
| James Lawler | 4 | 53 | 39.1 |
| Kevin L Wegner | 5 | 52 | 36.4 |
| Pat Ewanowski | 3 | 50 | 42.5 |
| Mike Beam | 3 | 49 | 42.2 |
| John Cuta | 3 | 48 | 42.0 |
| Brett Cook | 3 | 48 | 41.5 |
| Captain Matt (Catfish) Firestein | 2 | 48 | 50.0 |

| Mens Division | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Continued | Muskies | Points | Avg Length |
| Winston J Hopkins | 4 | 45 | 36.9 |
| Daniel Donovan | 4 | 41 | 36.3 |
| Michael Roehl | 3 | 40 | 39.4 |
| Michael Losenegger | 2 | 39 | 45.6 |
| Robert Baumgartner | 3 | 39 | 38.8 |
| Geoffrey C Crandall | 3 | 38 | 38.6 |
| Ryan Roeming | 3 | 38 | 38.3 |
| Bryan Calcaterra | 3 | 38 | 38.7 |
| Greg Voss | 4 | 37 | 35.0 |
| Nathan Jandl | 3 | 37 | 38.2 |
| Preston Benedict | 3 | 34 | 37.3 |
| Craig Wood | 2 | 27 | 39.0 |
| Nick Pierick | 2 | 26 | 38.8 |
| 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 |
| Corey Iversen | 1 | 22 | 47.8 |
| Joe Uselman | 1 | 21 | 46.5 |
| Scott Trimborn | 2 | 19 | 35.3 |
| Matt Vike | 1 | 18 | 43.5 |
| Fred Hodd | 2 | 18 | 35.1 |
| Chris Clark | 2 | 18 | 35.0 |
| Jim Eller | 1 | 18 | 43.5 |
| Randall Jackson | 1 | 16 | 41.5 |
| Josh Bruckert | 1 | 15 | 41.0 |
| Justin Regan | 1 | 14 | 40.0 |
| Jeff Hellenbrand | 1 | 14 | 40.0 |
| Shane Nesheim | 2 | 13 | 32.6 |
| Ron Thompson | 1 | 13 | 39.0 |
| Joseph Hansen | 1 | 12 | 37.5 |
| Justin Drinkwater | 1 | 12 | 37.8 |
| Steve Krause | 1 | 11 | 36.5 |

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| Mike Milia | 1 | 10 | 35.5 |
| Brian Falleck | 1 | 8 | 33.8 |
| Zac Eckberg | 1 | 7 | 33.0 |
| Jeremiah Oakley | 1 | 6 | 31.5 |
| William N. Liegel | 1 | 6 | 32.0 |
| Mike Roosa | 1 | 4 | 30.0 |

| Mens Masters | Muskies | Points | Avg Length |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Jeff M Hanson | 102 | 1326 | 38.8 |
| Brad P Nelson | 36 | 541 | 41.0 |
| Aaron Laking | 23 | 397 | 43.2 |
| Jeff Lyon | 20 | 310 | 41.4 |
| Matt Mc Cumber | 14 | 182 | 38.8 |
| Matthew DeVos | 13 | 170 | 38.8 |
| Dustin Loveland | 8 | 108 | 39.5 |
| Matthew Hill | 1 | 18 | 44.0 |
| Troy Schoonover | 1 | 8 | 33.5 |

| Womens | Muskies | Points | Avg Length |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Angela Thoreson | 2 | 43 | 47.3 |
| Doris Dahlk | 3 | 48 | 41.8 |
| Pam Mc Cumber | 1 | 14 | 39.5 |
| Lynda Lawler | 1 | 11 | 37.0 |
| Karen Phillips | 3 | 31 | 35.9 |

| Juniors | Muskies | Points | Avg Length |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Devyn Hanson | 17 | 219 | 38.6 |
| Jackson Harris | 12 | 135 | 37.2 |
| Alek Southworth | 5 | 95 | 44.8 |
| Jeffrey Falleck | 3 | 49 | 42.0 |
| Cash Soma | 1 | 21 | 47.0 |

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SESSION #1 – 9:00 AM

- A) **Poolside Lure Demonstration** (Michael Hanson)
- B) **What Do Muskies See And React To** (Steve Worrall)
- C) **Hands On Rod Building** (Al Hutchison) (*limit 6 students*)
- D) **Vilas County Muskies** (Jerry Georgeson)
- E) **Muskie Fishing Basics** (Duffy Kopf)
- F) **Muskies On The Fly – Beginners** (Dan Small)
- G) **Reel Knowledge For Maintenance and Repair** (Cory Steil) (*Limit 4 students*)
- H) **Filming Muskie Fishing Made Easy** (Brian Skaife)
- I) **Kayak Muskie Fishing** (Nicole King)
- J) **Living On The Edge** (Steve Herbeck)
- K) **Terminal Tackle tips And Tactics** (John Bette)

SESSION #2 – 10:35 AM

- A) **Women In Muskie Fishing** (Amanda Wilson)
- B) **Poolside Lure Demonstration – Tips & Techniques** (Craig Eversoll & Leif Spilde)
- D) **Hands On Rod Building** (Al Hutchison) (*Limit 6 students*)
- E) **Making Wood Muskie Lures** (John Eversoll)
- F) **River Muskies** (Phil Schweik)
- G) **Real Time Sonar Explained – Mega Live/Live Scope** (Greg Fitch)
- H) **Reel Knowledge For Maintenance and Repair** (Cory Steil) (*Limit 4 students*)
- I) **An In-Depth Look At Waukesha County Muskies** (Colin

Schlicht)

- J) **New Trends in Metro Muskie Fishing** (Noah Humfeld)
- K) **Turtle Flambeau/Mercer Area Lakes** (Bobby Orr)

SESSION #3 -1:00 PM

- A) **Madison Chain Muskies** (Craig Eversoll & Leif Spilde)
- B) **Poolside Lure Demonstration** (Brian Skaife & Vince DeMarte)
- C) **Hands On Rod Building** (Al Hutchison) (*Limit 6 students*)
- D) **Row Trolling Tips and Tactics** (Geoff Crandall & Steve Reinstra)
- E) **Catching Muskies With Live Bait A to Z** (Jerry Georgeson)
- F) **Making Spinnerbaits & Bucktails** (Scot Stewart)
- G) **Reel Knowledge For Maintenance and Repair** (Cory Steil) (*Limit 4 students*)
- H) **Maximize Your Time On The Water** (Michael Hanson)
- I) **Off Beat Canadian Shield Muskie Tips And Tactics** (Steve Herbeck)
- J) **Preparing To Fish New Muskie Water** (Steve Worrall)
- K) **Green Bay Muskies** (Capt. Kevin Pischke)

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19th Annual “Iowa Hawg Hunt”

Friday, April 19 (7:00am) until Saturday, April 20 (5:00pm)

You are invited to the 19TH “Iowa Hawg Hunt” to be held at [Pleasant Creek Recreation Area](#) and Lake MacBride, located near Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There will be an *optional* friendly **non-cash** fish contest - \$10 per person (see below for details). This event is open to the public.

Lodging is available at the Urbana Inn (319-443-8888; contact Jessica and request the \$69/room muskie outing rate) or the Sleep Inn in North Liberty, Iowa (319-665-2700). Questions? Contact Geoff Crandall at crandall@msbnrg.com or call/text (608) 219-0164.

Rules: Eligible fish must be caught between 7:00 a.m. on Friday 4/19/2024 through 5:00 p.m. on Saturday 4/20/2024. Participants must sign and provide the waiver of liability (available on CCMI website www.capitalcitymuskiesinc.org) A witness (another outing participant is o.k.) and a photo is required. *Fish entries including photos must be submitted to Geoff Crandall at or before 5:15 p.m. on Saturday 4/20/2024 at (608-219-0164-text) or email (crandall@msbnrg.com).* Eligible waters include the Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area and Lake MacBride. To be eligible you must comply with all IDNR and County health regulations. Catch & release only, trolling, and live bait is permitted, no transporting of muskies and fish are to be measured to the ¼ inch. 30” muskies or longer are eligible to be entered into the contest. **To be eligible for the non-cash prizes your fee must be paid & received prior to the 4/19/2024 start of the outing.**

The winners will be acknowledged for: 1) Longest Muskie and 2) Second Longest Muskie. (Winners may win in only one category). The results will be announced **@ 7:30 p.m. (4/20/2024) at the Urbana Inn Community room and Pizza and Soda Pop will be provided.**

NO CASH AWARDS OR PAYOUTS WILL BE MADE

Contest Eligibility: \$10 for the optional contest. If participating in the contest, fees must be received **prior to the start of the 4/19/2024 outing** by Geoff Crandall @ 5306 Jonquil Ct. Middleton, WI 53562 (phone/text 608-219-0164 if you have questions) **or** Sue or John Eversoll at 107 N Hickory St Elizabeth, IL 61028.

Iowa Hawg Hunt Registration:

NAME, Email & Phone Number _____

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OPTIONAL CONTEST FEES ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail to:

Geoff Crandall, 5306 Jonquil Ct., Middleton, WI 53562

YOUTH MUSKIE CHAMPIONSHIP OF WISCONSIN

June 15, 2024 – Lake Waubesa – 7am – 12pm

Come out for a day of fun, and to support youth fishing, and the great sport of chasing those big Muskies!

- **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)



For all rules and regulations, visit

<https://www.capitalcitymuskiesinc.org/wisconsin-youth-muskie-championship/>

Other questions? Contact Robbi Hron at 608-469-1518.



A Special Thanks

At the Vilas Outing in 2023, Don Hollatz made a donation of lures and tackle boxes to our chapter. His donation included an awesome Just Encase tackle box, two Plano utility/tackle boxes, and 75 lures.

Don has requested that the funds raised from these items be put towards future muskie stocking efforts. This is an amazing donation and our chapter appreciates this and everything Don has done over the years.



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Bill Wood Memorial / Lake Winter 40th Outing

The 40th annual Bill Wood Memorial/Lake Winter Outing will be held on **Friday June 21 & Saturday June 22nd, 2024**. 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, Ron Wolters, Gene Edwards, and others, live on.

2024 Rules: Muskies must be caught between 7:00 a.m. on Friday 6/21/21 and 5:00 p.m. Saturday 6/22/2024. This is a catch & release only outing (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 was 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

In 2023 anglers were awarded for the following caught & released Muskie.

- Longest Muskie (Jim Lawler 43" on Chippewa Flowage)
- Second Longest (Lee Bartolini 37.5" on Black Dan Lake)
 - Honorable Mention (Karen Phillips 34.5")

We had problems finding lodging near Winter last year so make your reservations early.

Come on up for a good time!

Awards Banquet – Dinner will be provided for \$22 per person. Please pay by Friday June 16th. 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) or John or Sue Eversoll (815-858-3753 or 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.

NAME _____ Telephone/Text _____ Email _____

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TOTAL - \$ _____

Contest Eligibility: \$10 contest per person and dinner is \$22 per person. Total for the contest is \$10 and dinner is \$22 for a total of \$32 per person. Please register and provide the fees by June 16, 2024. 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 completed registration form & check to:

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