



The official newsletter for the Capitol City Chapter of Muskies, Inc.

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Happy New Year!

I hope everyone got some musky gear from Santa. If you didn't, there are many opportunities to get your hands on the latest and greatest lures and equipment at the upcoming Muskie Expos. The very kind people at the Chicago, Milwaukee, and Wausau Expos have each given CCMCI a free booth to help us raise money for stocking muskies in the Madison Chain. We are excited and grateful to have a booth at all these events. If you are attending any or all of the expos, please stop by and say hello.

The 2025 Wisconsin musky season may be over, but you can scratch your musky itch at any of our meetings and events throughout the spring. We have a bunch of new classes at our Muskie School and our Annual Fundraiser in April is going to be one of our best ever. Don't forget about our Awards Ceremony in February, you can hear about all the big fish stories from the past year.

Finally, as we start the new year, I want to thank everyone who donated their time, money, and effort to make 2025 a very successful year for Capital City Muskies Inc. We stocked the maximum number of muskies in the Madison Chain, set a new record for participants at our Youth Tournament, and held many other fantastic events. It takes a lot of work behind the scenes to put on these events and outings, and I appreciate everyone who has helped out!

Brian Falleck

2026 Event Calendar



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

January 12.....General Meeting, Guest Speaker **Steve Heiting**
February 9.....2025 Awards Banquet
March 9.....General Meeting, Speaker tbd
March 28.....23rd Annual Muskie School

Release Chair Report

By Jeff Lyon

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All release standings are current as of Dec. 28th, 2025 from the National Muskie Inc. Lunge Log.

2025 Replica Contest

Have you entered your trophy catches into the CCMI Chapter 8 replica contest?

To be eligible for the CCMI Chapter 8 replica contest you need to:

- Register your fish over 45 inches
- Send a picture, your name, where, and when caught to the CCMI Release Chair at ccmireleasechair@gmail.com

<u>Mens Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Wilhelm Zeichert	32	579	44.05"
Todd Berge	23	318	39.73"
Jamie Wersland	10	180	43.90"
Tripp Soma	11	145	39.07"
Kyle Kramer	9	138	41.33"
Mike Milia	8	123	41.09"
Steve Reinstra	7	108	41.07"
William N. Liegel	12	107	34.92"
William Suick	6	101	42.75"
Tony Artymiuk	13	100	33.54"
Adam Bergendahl	5	97	45.2
Garrett Lederman	8	87	36.81"
Brad Herda	5	77	41.25"
Fred J Schulze	5	73	40.10"
Pat Ewanowski	5	80	41.8
Scott Gennrich	6	66	36.83"
Nick Pierick	4	63	41.50"
Winston Hopkins	5	62	38.20"
Craig Eversoll	3	55	44.33"
Daniel Donovan	4	54	39.25"
Shane Nesheim	3	50	42.75"
Greg Voss	5	46	35.20"
Alex Landen	3	43	40.42"

<u>Mens Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Jerry Georgeson	4	41	36.25"
Steve Soma	3	39	39.00"
Allen Jenkins	3	39	38.92
Lee Bartolini	6	37	32.13"
Kevin L Wegner	2	36	44.00"
James Lawler	3	36	37.75"
John Cuta	2	35	43.25"
Brian Skaife	3	35	37.58"
Scott Trimborn	3	32	36.25"
Ray Petkovsek	2	31	41.50"
Matt Firestein	1	27	52.50"
Thomas Daggett	1	25	51
Chris Clark	1	25	51.00"
Noah Humfeld	1	24	50.25"
Mike Thoreson	1	24	50.25"
Justin Gasser	2	24	37.75"
Brett Cook	1	23	49.00"
Mike Beam	1	23	48.50"
Gregory A Rubin	2	22	36.75"
Kurt Brändli	1	22	48.00"
Erik Bunkoske	2	19	35.50"
Jeremiah Oakley	2	17	34.25"
Jeff Walker	1	16	41.50"
Ron Thompson	1	16	42.00"
Luke Will	1	15	41.00"
Tom Pollard	1	11	37.00"
Jackson Harris	2	9	30.25"

<u>Masters Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Brad P Nelson	38	552	40.43"
Jeff Lyon	25	408	42.12"
Jeff Lehr	32	347	36.71"
Aaron Laking	16	293	44.20"
Jeff M Hanson	12	215	43.79"
Matthew DeVos	7	114	42.32"
Matt Mc Cumber	5	68	39.30"
Craig Eversoll	3	55	44.33"
Matthew Hill	3	37	38.17



<u>Womens Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Lynda Lawler	5	63	38.50"
Tara Jenkins	1	6	31.50"

<u>Juniors Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Devyn Hanson	16	227	39.97"
Cash Soma	3	43	40.33"
Jeffrey Falleck	1	13	39.00"



Dane County Stocking Update

Maybe you have a little flexible time after the 2025 Musky Fishing season closes in southern WI and before the annual Musky EXPOS begin. Here are some step-by-step tips to access tons of musky stocking data on the WDNR website and also the CCMI website.

WISCONSIN DNR FISH STOCKING DATABASE

- > search on Google or other search engine " fish stocking - Wisconsin DNR"
- > click on " fish stocking - Wisconsin DNR"
- > click on two highlighted words in blue " stocking database" in the second paragraph
- > select stocking year(s) desired to view in drop down menu
- > select species in drop down menu (i.e. MUSKELLUNGE)
- > select County name in drop down menus (i.e. Dane)
- > usually no selection required for " Local Waterbody Name"
- > click on " Search" below stocking year column

NOTE: 2025 WDNR musky stocking data not available online yet

CAPITAL CITY MUSKIES INC STOCKING HISTORY

- > search on Google or other search engine " Capital City Muskies Inc: to see CCMI home page
- > click on "Fisheries" on left side of page under CCMI logo
- > click on third subheading in yellow " Muskie Stocking History"
- > see CCMI musky stocking history data 1986-2025

Still have more time to review WDNR Fisheries Survey Reports?

- > search on Google or other search engine " Wisconsin DNR Fisheries Survey Reports"
- > click on " Fisheries management reports"
- > click on right side of page " Fishing Survey Reports"
- > click on " Dane County"

MADISON MUSKIES FOREVER!

Greg Voss, CCMI Stocking Chair

2026 Annual Muskie School

Keep an eye out for the opening of Registration the annual Musky School on the CCMI website. We should have some exciting new classes and instructor. There will be some incentives for signing up early as usual. Desired classes fill fast, so get in there and sign up!

Garage Sale Items Needed!!!

We are in need of your gently used lures. Every year at the Wisconsin Fishing Expo in Madison we hold a Garage Sale, selling used baits donated by our members. This is a great source of income for our chapter and directly leads to putting muskies in the Madison Chain. If you have any lures that haven't seen water in a while or have some you just plain don't like, please consider donating them to our Garage Sale. We will be collecting baits at our monthly membership meetings from now until February. For every 3 baits you donate you will get an entry into a drawing for either a \$100 or \$50 gift card from Dorn Outdoor Pro Shop. Thank you for helping us keep Madison a great musky fisheree!



Don't forget to attend the Chicago Muskie Expo and find the CCMI booth. Our booth space was donated by the fine folks at the Chicago Muskie Expo!

Join the CCMI Mentoring Program

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.

Assistance may be requested in a general area (e.g., “I would like to know more about Lake Monona”) or a specific area (e.g., “I would like to learn how to make my own leaders.”) 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.

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 using the information above.



A Big Thank You to 2024 and 2025 Donors

Many donors play a critical role in helping Capital City Muskies, Inc. (CCMI) meet our goals for improving the South-Central Wisconsin Muskie fisheries. These activities and projects include supplemental stocking of Muskie yearlings/fingerlings in Lakes Monona, Waubesa, and Wingra; supporting scientific research on the Madison Chain of Lakes fish populations; and sponsoring youth education and outreach activities.

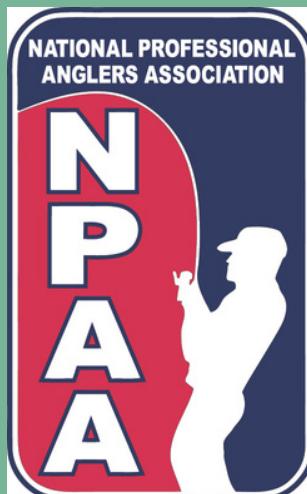
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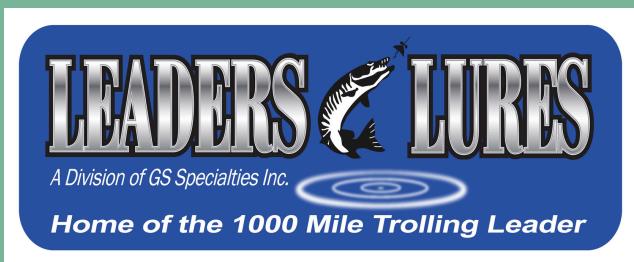
The Wisconsin DNR has announced they will not stock any Muskies in the Madison Lakes in 2025. Thanks to these generous donors, CCMI has successfully raised the required funds to supply the entire annual quota of Muskie fingerlings for stocking the Madison Lakes in 2025. Anyone who wishes to donate to CCMI can access the website at www.capitalcitymuskiesinc.org/donate/ or contact Bob Baumgartner, the CCMI Treasurer at bbaumgartner4@gmail.com or (608) 320-6336. *CCMI is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, so donations may be tax deductible.*

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