



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

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Well, winter has definitely arrived! I gave up yesterday and put the boat away. It's a sad day, but now I can start focusing on my second favorite season, Expo Season! We are busy getting everything ready to have a booth at all the shows next year. We will be in Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and Wausau. At the last two shows we will have our Garage Sale set up. As you know, that sale is a great source of income for the chapter. We are still looking for lures to sell, so while you are putting your gear away this winter and have a few baits that you haven't used for a season or two please consider donating them to our Garage Sale.

As a chapter, this is actually our busy season. We are planning for the Muskie School and Fundraiser, setting our budget for stocking and Youth Tournament. If you want to help out with any of our events we would love to have you. We have a few vacancies on our Board of Directors, if you are interested, please let me know.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season and has many musky stories to share with your families!

Brian Falleck

2025 Event Calendar



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

December 8.....General Meeting, Guest Speaker **Andrew Schiera**
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. 1st, 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

Running out of time to put fish in the net!

<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"
Garrett Lederman	8	87	36.81"
Brad Herda	5	77	41.25"
Fred J Schulze	5	73	40.10"
Adam Bergendahl	4	72	43.88"
Pat Ewanowski	4	68	42.75"
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"
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"
Allen Jenkins	2	26	39.00"
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	2	27	39.25"

<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"



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 fishery!

Muskies Inc. Membership Contest

Muskies Inc. just launched the new Membership Contest on September 1st, 2025, and it will run through December 31st, 2025. Here's how it will work:

Whenever a current member signs up a new member, the current member's name will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 gift card (vendor to be finalized). Each additional new member they sponsor equals another entry into the drawing. The more members they bring in, the more chances they have to win. Both the online and paper applications will include a section where the new member lists the name and membership number of the current member who referred them (their sponsor). If your chapter uses your own paper application please add sponsor portion to the new member application form

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.

Without the generous contributions of our donors, many of the projects and activities CCMI conducts each year would not be possible. We would like to thank the following donors who have made generous cash, services, and/or merchandise donations to CCMI in 2024 and 2025 to date:

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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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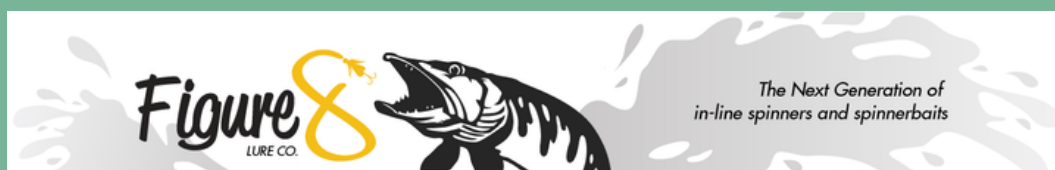
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