



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

Prez Sez

It is only June, but the heat of the summer is here. I can't remember the last time the water temps were in the mid 70s before June. Hopefully this "heat wave" is short lived and we can enjoy fishing for our favorite species all summer. Let this be the first of many reminders to give the muskies a break when the water temp reaches 80 degrees. A lot of effort and money goes into stocking muskies in the Madison Chain, please take care of those fish we have stocked so we can continue to have a great musky fishery here.

The month of June has a bunch of CCMI events. We have our first On-The-Water Meeting on the 8th, then the 2-day Bill Wood Outing kicks off on June 19th in Sawyer County, and the Youth Muskie Championship of Wisconsin will be on June 20th on Lake Waubesa. For those of you who are new to this chapter, our On-The-Water Meetings are a laid back way of connecting with other musky anglers to share stories, tips, and tricks while enjoying some food at Goodland Park. We always have a good turnout at those meetings and it's a great way to hear some great fish stories and get some insider information about any fishing trips you have planned for this year.

Good luck to everyone this month and please keep an eye on the water temps! I hope to see you at one of our events.

Brian Falleck

2026 Event Calendar



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

June 8.....On-the-Water Meeting
June 16 and 27..... Hatchery Tour
June 19-20.....Bill Wood Outing
June 20.....Youth Tournament

Release Chair Report

2026 CCMI Release Standings current as of May 27th 2:00PM

Release Contest reminders for 2026

- All Release contest entries must be registered within 30 days of the catch.
- Lunker of the month the muskie must be 45" or longer to qualify.
 - Lunker of the month entrants must be a member in good standing of the Capital City Chapter of Muskies, Inc. at the time of the catch.
 - All Lunker of the Month entries must be entered in the Muskies Inc "Lunge Log" (www.muskiesinc.org).
 - All Lunker of the Month entries, Members must register their catch within (30) days of the date of the catch.
 - December catches must be registered no later than January 15th to be eligible for any CCMI contests.
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- Replica Contest entries must be submitted to the Release chair within 30 days of the catch, and in December no later than January 15th.

Email or text pictures of your muskies & CCMI will post on our social media accounts! Hope you have a great season!

Jeff Lyon CCMI Release Chair
ccmireleasechair@gmail.com

Mens	# of Fish	Pts	Avg.	Biggest
Mike Milia	3	58	44.92"	47.50"
Todd Berge	2	26	38.75"	40.00"
Scottie Gordon	2	24	38.00"	40.00"
Justin Gasser	1	18	44.00"	44.00"
Shane Nesheim	1	17	43.00"	43.00"
Mitchell Limp	1	10	36.00"	36.00"
Kurt Brändli	1	9	34.75"	34.75"
Garrett Lederman	1	8	34.00"	34.00"

Men's Masters	# of Fish	Pts	Avg.	Biggest
Jeff Lehr	10	115	37.31"	43.00"
Jeff Lyon	7	102	40.39"	48.00"
Brad P Nelson	7	70	35.86"	41.00"
Matthew DeVos	1	10	35.93"	35.93"



Youth Muskie Championship of Wisconsin

June 20, 2026 – Lake Waubesa – 7 am - 12 pm

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 be at **Goodland Park Shelter #1 and 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, scan the QR code below.

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



Stocking Update-Hatchery Tour

CCMI members have been invited to a private tour of the WDNR Wild Rose Hatchery!

Tour A: Tuesday, June 16 at 10 AM

Tour B: Saturday, June 27 at 9 AM

CCMI is scheduled to receive 2,824 spotted Great Lakes Strain (GLS) MUSKY fingerlings averaging 11 inches long from that hatchery later this fall. The plan is to stock these GLS MUSKY fingerlings into Monona, Waubesa and Wingra Lakes. This hatchery is about 1.5 hours north of Madison.

For Tour A, on Tuesday June 16, 2026 I can coordinate an optional six-person carpool from my house on the north west corner of Sun Prairie. We would plan to depart my home at 8:30 AM. For Tour B, on Saturday June 27, 2026 we might need a volunteer to coordinate an optional carpool (I will be fishing with grandsons that day). One suggestion so far for a free 6/27/26 optional carpool meeting place if needed is the free Deforest Park-and-Ride on the southwest corner of County Road B and I- 90/94/39 near the Shell gas station. Any volunteer coordinator can make a final decision on meeting place. Let me know if you will volunteer either way for the Saturday 6/27/26 tour.

If a CCMI member wants to bring a guest or guests that would be OK also.

If you are interested in either of these Wild Rose Hatchery tours, no commitment or money is necessary. Please just text me one of the following type messages:

(your name & phone number) I am interested in Tour A 6-16- 26

(your name & phone number) I am interested in Tour A 6-16- 26 AND the optional car pool

(your name & phone number) I am interested in Tour B 6-27-26

(your name & phone number) I am interested in Tour B 6-27-26 AND the optional car pool

(your name & phone number) I would volunteer to coordinate optional carpool 6/27/26

If you plan to drive separately for Tour A or B just text me that info also so I can share that ahead of time with the state hatchery fishery biologist who will lead the tour.

My text: Greg Voss 608-514-3897 CCMI Stocking Chair

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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 2025 and 2026 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 2025 and 2026 to date:

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- 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. 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.
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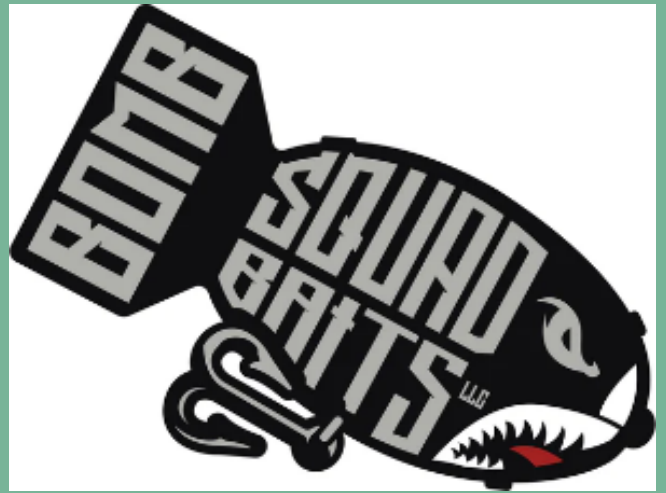
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