



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

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Happy 4th of July to all!

Summer is in full swing and I hope everyone has had a great musky season so far. It seems that the fishing is picking up on the chain lately. I say that because we just held the Youth Muskie Championship of Wisconsin and 4 youngsters were able to land muskies. All of which were over 40 inches long on Lake Waubesa. We once again set a record for attendance with 73 kids fishing. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the event and everyone who volunteered to take a kid or 2 out and show them how fun this sport is!

We have come to the part of the year where our Board Members and volunteers get a break and can enjoy the summer with family and friends. We do not have any fishing events on the calendar until September and our next On-The-Water Meeting is on August 10th.

Good luck to all the rest of July, as always, keep an eye on the surface temp and give the muskies a break when it hits 80 degrees.

Brian Falleck

2026 Event Calendar



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

August 10.....	On-the-Water Meeting
August 15.....	LOTW Outing
September 12.....	CCMI Fall Tournament
September 14.....	General Member Meeting
September 26.....	Gary Hoffman PIT Tag Challenge
October 9.....	Vilas County Outing

Release Chair Report

2026 CCMI Release Standings current as of June 29th at 10:00 AM

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.

Send in your Lunker of the Month Pictures, we don't have many yet!!!

Jeff Lyon CCMI Release Chair
ccmireleasechair@gmail.com

Mens Divison	# of Fish	Pts	Avg.	Biggest
Mitchell Limp	9	100	37.08"	46.25"
Todd Berge	6	88	40.58"	46.25"
Eric R Olson	5	65	38.90"	42.00"
Mike Milia	3	58	44.92"	47.50"
Tony Artymiuk	5	50	35.75"	42.50"
Kyle Kramer	3	46	41.33"	47.00"
Scottie Gordon	4	40	36.00"	40.00"
Scott Trimborn	3	36	38.00"	43.00"
James Lawler	2	33	42.50"	46.00"
Garrett Lederman	2	32	42.00"	50.00"
Shane Nesheim	2	22	36.75"	43.00"
Craig Wood	1	21	47.00"	47.00"
Lee Bartolini	2	21	36.50"	37.00"
Justin Gasser	1	18	44.00"	44.00"
Greg Voss	2	15	33.25"	35.50"
Chris Emden	1	14	39.75"	39.75"
Kurt Brändli	1	9	34.75"	34.75"
Scott Gennrich	1	7	33.25"	33.25"

Mens Masters	# of Fish	Pts	Avg.	Biggest
Jeff Lehr	14	155	36.90"	43.00"
Brad Nelson	12	141	37.58"	44.50"
Jeff Lyon	7	102	40.39"	48.00"
Aaron Laking	4	72	43.75"	48.00"
Wilhelm Zeichert	1	17	43.00"	43.00"
Matthew DeVos	1	10	35.93"	35.93"

Womens Divison	# of Fish	Pts	Avg.	Biggest
Lynda Lawler	2	28	39.75"	41.75"



Joe Uselman with a Madon 52" Leecher!!

Youth Muskie Championship of Wisconsin

The 2026 CCMI Youth Musky Tournament set another new attendance record with 73 registrants and 63 participants. The youth caught four muskies, marking the first time in several years we have had enough catches to crown three Musky winners. Additionally, 45 northern pike and several bass were caught, keeping the participants engaged throughout the day.

First Place - 46.25 inches - Ren Oostdik

2nd Place - 43 Inches - Adelyn Tater

3rd Place - 43 inches - Everleigh Emden

4th Place - 40.25 inches - Jack Nickle

We would like to thank our sponsors and encourage everyone to support these organizations, as their contributions make this event possible.

- Dorn Outdoor Pro Shop
- Spanky Baits
- Suick Lures
- Pure Fishing
- Madison Angling Guide Service - Noah Humfeld
- Lakewood Tackle Company
- Tony Enger (Pike Lake Tackle Company)
- Special thanks to Pat Westberg for donating a guide trip
- Capital City Muskies
- Pizza Hut of McFarland

We also want to thank all of the CCMI youth committee members, volunteers, and members that donated their time, boat, and equipment to take kids out fishing that otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to try the sport of Musky Fishing. The youth are the future of our sport and getting them involved early is key to future sustainability.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2027 Youth event!!!!

Best regards,

Robbi Hron

CCMI Youth Event Chair





Bill Wood Lake Winter Outing

The Bill Wood Lake Winter Outing was held June 19-20. Twenty Anglers took part and 4 Muskies 30" and over were caught. Al Jenkins won with 36.5" from Moose Lake. Al is the Defending Champion from last years Outing!

Scott Gennrich placed 2nd with a 33.25 and Third largest caught by Ryan Gauger with a 32.5". Shane Nesheim bagged a 30" in the last hour of the Outing. Many muskies were caught this year under 30 inches!

Once again Julie from Julies Trailside Resort served an excellent catered meal to attendees. Next years Outing to be held June 18-19. We hope to see you there.

Steve Reinstra
Outing Coordinator



CCMI Scholarship Winner!

Congratulations to Hayden Janus, winner of the Capital City Muskies Inc. Scholarship. Every year we award a \$2,000 scholarship to a lucky applicant from Waunakee High School. This is in thanks for letting us use their awesome facilities for our Spring Musky School.



Stocking Update-Hatchery Tour

The June 16 CCMI tour of the DNR fish hatchery in Wild Rose, WI was very informative about a Musky's life cycle. This is the DNR fish hatchery that supplied over 2,800 Great Lake Strain musky fingerlings about 11 inches long stocked into Monona, Waubesa, and Wingra lakes in 2024 at no cost to CCMI. Eight CCMI members and one guest enjoyed this tour. Samuel Stafslie, DNR hatchery fisheries biologist, hosted the tour.

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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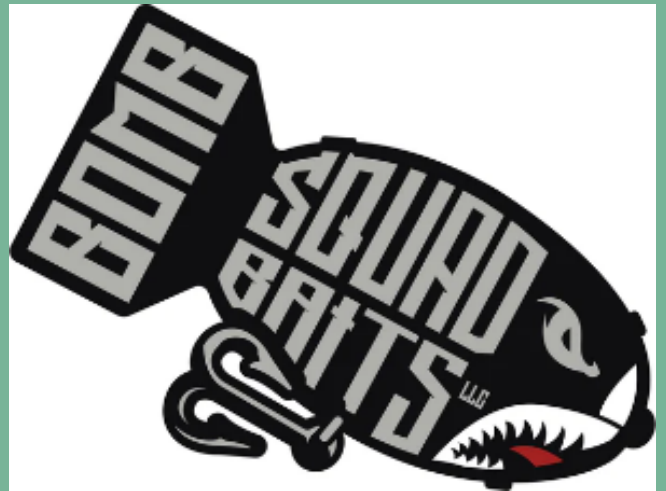
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