

FEBRUARY 2026



The President's Message

Well, it is definitely cold outside, and it doesn't look like that is changing anytime in the near future. I hope all of you ice fishing enthusiasts are having a good season. For the rest of us, March will be here soon enough, and we can get the boats out and get ready for the 2026 muskie season.

The Ohio Musky show was a bit slow for us at Chapter 41 and unfortunately, our fundraising efforts were down this year. The good news is we signed up 7 new members at the show and hopefully we will start to see these folks at some upcoming meetings. Many thanks to Jon Emery as membership director and all the volunteers who worked the Central Ohio booth this year. Chapter leadership will be reaching out to the new members to welcome them and invite them to join us at our meetings and events. If you see new members introduce yourself and let's all make them feel welcome.

Looking forward; our February meeting is Thursday February 12th, 7pm at PJ's in Sunbury. Charlie Alexander from R & C Custom Rods will be our presenter and talk with us about what all goes in to making custom rods. Afterwards, we will have a short business meeting and then move on to our monthly lure raffle.

Coming Attractions:

March is our Annual Lure Auction. This is always one of the most fun non fishing events of the year, so as you put away your new stuff from the show, take a look at what **MUSKIE** related items you can donate to the table in March. Thurman Adair as always will be our auctioneer, so come out, have a beer or two and see what new treasures you can come up with. Feel free to invite a friend or two if you'd like, the more the merrier. Also appearing at the auction will be the return of the Mystery Box.

Our Awards Banquet is Saturday March 14th. We will be again utilizing the space at Church of the Resurrection in New Albany. We plan to again take sign ups via Event Brite as we have done in the past. I will also be bringing the entire box of plaques from the last few years that have gone unclaimed. If you've earned an award in recent years, please get ahold of me or come to the February meeting.

That's about all for now, I have to go put another log on the fire.

Hope to see you on the water Reel soon,

Bob

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For Your Information...

Hello muskie club representatives,

We hope this email finds you doing well and having an enjoyable 2025 fishing season! We wanted to reach out to you to update you on the 2025 muskellunge stockings that the Division of Wildlife recently completed. Press articles released by our communications staff are often prepared in advance of stocking and it was reported that 20,000 muskellunge advanced fingerlings were stocked. Unfortunately, we experienced a production shortfall this year. In total, 12,949 (65% of production goal) advanced fingerling muskellunge were stocked across the 9 program reservoirs. Leesville, being our brood source reservoir, received the full allocation while the remaining 8 reservoirs were stocked equally at approximately 60% of their targeted allocations. These allocations follow established protocols in our muskellunge stocking guidance document that addresses stocking allocation when experiencing shortfalls or surplus production. While this is disheartening, we contend that this one-year of significantly reduced stocking will not noticeably influence observed catch rates from the population of adult muskellunge moving forward. Over the past decade we met or exceeded the stocking target of 1/acre 5 years and were above 75% of the target an additional 3 years. We are still working through our pond environmental and production data to gain an understanding of where 2025 production suffered. Initial hatch and stocked-out numbers into the hatchery ponds were on target and forage availability was not a challenge this year. Rest assured that we will work diligently to understand possible causes of 2025's shortfall in production and do anything in our power to prevent these factors from affecting production moving into 2026. Thank you, as always, for your interest and support in Ohio's fantastic muskellunge program and we look forward to our continued partnership.

Division of Wildlife stocking records can be found at [Ohio Fish Stocking Records | DataOhio](#)

Kind Regards,

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Greetings Muskie Inc. club officers-

This letter is to make you aware of a new application within the Muskie Angler Log. For some time, Muskies Inc. clubs have expressed interest in sharing catch data reported in the Muskies Inc. Lunge Log with Ohio's Muskie Angler Log. Clubs recognize that some of their members choose to report their catches only in the Lunge Log and capturing this data in the Muskie Angler Log would be beneficial.

We are excited to announce that there now exists a method for sharing Ohio Muskie catch data reported in the Lunge Log with the Muskie Angler Log – it is called the Lunge Log Data Sharing Program. The program was developed in collaboration with leaders from Muskies Inc. and is designed to integrate **angler approved** Lunge Log catch data with the Muskie Angler Log. We ask that you please share this information with your membership.

How it works

The process is really quite easy. An angler who wishes to share his/her catch information reported in the Lunge Log simply needs to create a profile in the Muskie Angler Log and indicate within that profile their willingness to share their Lunge Log data. This is done within the club affiliation section of the Muskie Angler Log by:

- 1) Entering Yes for "Are you a member of a Muskies, Inc. club";
- 2) Providing a MI club member ID (this will be used by MI to identify an angler's catches); and
- 3) Select the "Share Lunge Log Catches" box.

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That's it. By following these steps, an angler gives Muskies Inc. permission to provide catch data to the Muskie Angler Log. Catch data shared will include dates, locations, lengths of fish caught, and whether fish were harvested or released.

Catch data from the Lunge Log will be collected and imported into the Muskie Angler Log annually.

Note: we request that anglers who share their Lunge Log catch data **DO NOT** report the same catches in the Muskie Angler Log, as this will create duplicate catch reports. The Lunge Log Data Sharing Program is **ONLY** for those anglers who do not report catches in the Muskie Angler Log.

Thank you for your time and support. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

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The Braggin' Board

Fishermen Spotlight

The Fisherman Spotlight is an opportunity to highlight great catches and members of the club. The Spotlight does not necessarily go to the biggest fish caught each month.



The weather has definitely kept everyone off the water, but if you caught a muskie ice fishing, we will definitely need to showcase that in the newsletter! For new members: we post pictures of members who caught a muskie for that month here so don't hesitate to send your pictures to the newsletter editor (patrick.frase@gmail.com) or post them on Facebook, thanks and good luck this year!

Official 2025 Lunkers of the Month

#	Month	Member ID	Name	Length	Date Caught	Lake - City, State
1	February	39289	Tony Crisp	31.50"	02/25/2025	Clear Fork Mohican River - Richland, OH
2	March	51924	Ivan Beachy	44.00"	03/22/2025	Caesars Creek - Warren, OH
3	April	111231	Richard Hunt	44.75"	04/16/2025	CJ Brown Lake - Clark, OH
4	May	108099	Shane Holcomb	47.00"	05/17/2025	Salt Fork Lake - Guernsey, OH
5	June	51924	Ivan Beachy	49.00"	06/27/2025	Caesars Creek - Warren, OH
6	July	46555	George Weber	51.25"	07/12/2025	Lake St. Clair - Ontario, ON
7	August	46555	George Weber	48.75"	08/23/2025	Lake St. Clair - Macomb, MI
8	September	46555	George Weber	49.00"	09/20/2025	Lake St. Clair - Macomb, MI
9		8373	Maurice J Potvin	49.00"	09/30/2025	Piedmont Lake - Belmont, OH
10	October	107306	Jacob Davis	48.00"	10/24/2025	Clear Fork Reservoir - Ashland, OH
11	November	46555	George Weber	48.50"	11/15/2025	Detroit River - Ontario, ON
12	December	46555	George Weber	45.00"	12/24/2025	Caesars Creek - Warren, OH
13		46555	George Weber	45.00"	12/26/2025	Caesars Creek - Warren, OH



2025 Chapter Final Fish List

Chapter 41 MOFC List for 2025			
Central Ohio			
Member Name	Division	Muskies Caught	Total Points
Maurice J Potvin	Mens Masters	171	1,822
Steve Ault	Mens Masters	106	1,303
George Weber	Mens Masters	96	1,287
William Lambert	Mens Masters	50	651
Ivan Beachy	Mens Masters	34	436
James Grattan	Mens Masters	31	327
Tony Crisp	Mens Masters	26	296
Marc Grattan	Mens Masters	20	196
Robert A Smart	Mens Masters	16	139
Ron L Fisher	Mens Masters	9	107
Shawn Arndt	Mens Masters	7	78
Charles Wilbert	Mens Masters	5	62
Richard Hunt	Mens Division	66	718
Jacob Davis	Mens Division	25	312
Jack E Manley	Mens Division	23	203
Bob Parnisari	Mens Division	19	199
Mark Ropp	Mens Division	18	180
Greg L Hastings	Mens Division	14	156
Greg Them	Mens Division	10	130
Matt Coppel	Mens Division	8	83
Christopher Laux	Mens Division	7	80
Bob Sisson	Mens Division	7	68
Eric Morris	Mens Division	6	66
Eric Ropp	Mens Division	5	65
Fred Lane	Mens Division	6	53
Daniel Collins	Mens Division	3	40
Jim Barton	Mens Division	3	38
Ralph Angstmann	Mens Division	4	38
Dave Flockerzie	Mens Division	3	34
Thurman Adair	Mens Division	2	32
Randall B Miller	Mens Division	2	31
Shane Holcomb	Mens Division	2	30
Bill Kulju	Mens Division	2	22
Nick Cox	Mens Division	1	21
John Marks	Mens Division	3	20
John Wagner	Mens Division	1	19
Clint Olson	Mens Division	3	16
Ryan Dieter	Mens Division	2	15
Michael Ruffing	Mens Division	1	14
Jim Huffer	Mens Division	1	13
Patrick Frase	Mens Division	1	11
Connor Scheumann	Mens Division	1	11
Jim Averill	Mens Division	1	7
Mike Stumph	Mens Division	1	6
Robert T (rob) Fraver	Mens Division	1	5
Mary N. Arndt	Womens Masters	7	85
Jody Weber	Womens Division	16	186
April Ruffing	Womens Division	8	81
Luann Mcdonald	Womens Division	3	38
Carson Dieter	Juniors Fry	3	30
Korie Flockerzie	Juniors Fry	1	14
Braxton Penrod	Juniors Fingerling	19	188



2025 Club Points

Members	Alum Creek	Clear Fork	Alum Creek	Alum Creek	Park of Roses	Alum Creek	CJ Brown	Alum Creek	Points
Chris Laux			56.5					11	67.5
Bob Parnisari	5	5	32	5			5	5	57
Jacob Davis		5	5	21.5			5	18.5	55
Myron Seebach			27					22.5	49.5
Matt Seebach			20.5	5				23	48.5
Dave Flockerzie	5	5	18.5	5			5	5	43.5
Bob Sisson	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	40
Bill Lambert		5	16.5	5			5	5	36.5
Mark Ropp	5	5	5	5		5	5	5	35
Thurman Adair		5	5	19			5		34
Chuck Wilbert		31.5							31.5
Matt Coppel		11.5	5	5			5	5	31.5
Eric Morris	5	5	5	5			5	5	30
Bill Kulju		5	5	5		5	5	5	30
Fred Lane		5	5		5	5	5	5	30
Tony Crisp			15			5	5		25
Marty Moser		5	5	5			5	5	25
Taytum Ryan		5	5	5			5	5	25
Kyle Chapman	5		5		5	5		5	25
Ryan Dieter		5	5		5		5	5	25
George Weber		12		5			5		22
Sam Charpie		5	5	5				5	20
Jon Emery			5		5		5	5	20
Beth Sisson				11		5			16
Cooper Frase				15					15
Jim Huffer		5	5				5		15
John Peacock		5	5					5	15
Lynn Huffer		5	5				5		15
Mark Pauling		5	5					5	15
Patrick Colopy	5			5				5	15
Liam Chapman	5				5			5	15
Darren Charpie		5	5						10
Jody Weber		5		5					10
Cam Thraen	5					5			10
Carson Dieter		5						5	10
John Wagner		5						5	10
Rob Priestas			5					5	10
Ron Fisher		5						5	10
Trevor Ropp		5					5		10
Jed Charpie				5				5	10
Turk Michel					5			5	10
Kelsey Miller					5		5		10
Bob Smart							5	5	10
George Smart							5	5	10
Shane Holcomb						5		5	10
Tom smith						5	5		10
Bryan Cusmanic			5						5
Carl Unick			5						5
Jim Barton		5							5
Mark Denochle		5							5
Tom Davidson		5							5
Patrick Frase				5					5
Kim Frase				5					5
Shawna Seebach				5					5
Joe Cox				5					5
Conner Davis				5					5
Lulu McDonald							5		5





Central Ohio Chapter 4th Anniversary Event Schedule 2026

Jan 23-25 th	Ohio Muskie Show, Hilliard Ohio
Mar 12 th	Annual Chapter 41 Lure Auction
Mar 14 th	Central Ohio Chapter of Muskies inc. Club Banquet <i>@ Church of the Resurrection Banquet Facility New Albany, Oh</i>
Mar 21 st	Spring Conservation Day, Cheshire Rd Launch Ramp, Alum Creek
April 25-26 th	John Fisher Memorial Tournament (Clear Fork)
May 2 nd	New Member Fishing Day
May 30-May 31 st	Russ Dodridge Memorial (Alum Creek)
Jun 6-7th	Chapter Challenge (Salt Fork)
Jun 19 th	Nite Bite (Alum Creek)
July 9 th	Youth Fishing Event (Whetstone Park of Roses)
July 10-12 th	Can Am on Lake St Clair
Aug 15 th	Summer Conservation Day, Howard Rd Launch Ramp, Alum Creek
Sept 12 th	Elmer Heyob Memorial (CJ Brown)
Sep 26-27th	Region 3 Chapter Challenge (Pymatuning Reservoir)
Oct 10-11 th	Fall Shootout (Alum Creek)
Dec 10 th	Central Ohio Chapter of Muskies inc. Christmas Party.

Monthly Meetings are held at Pj's Pizza in Sunbury 2nd Thursday of each Month.
Please see the meeting schedule for more details on dates.

** June Meeting will be held at the Hollenback launch ramp, Alum Creek Lake.

