

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](https://data.ohio.gov/Ohio-Fish-Stocking-Records-DataOhio)

Kind Regards,

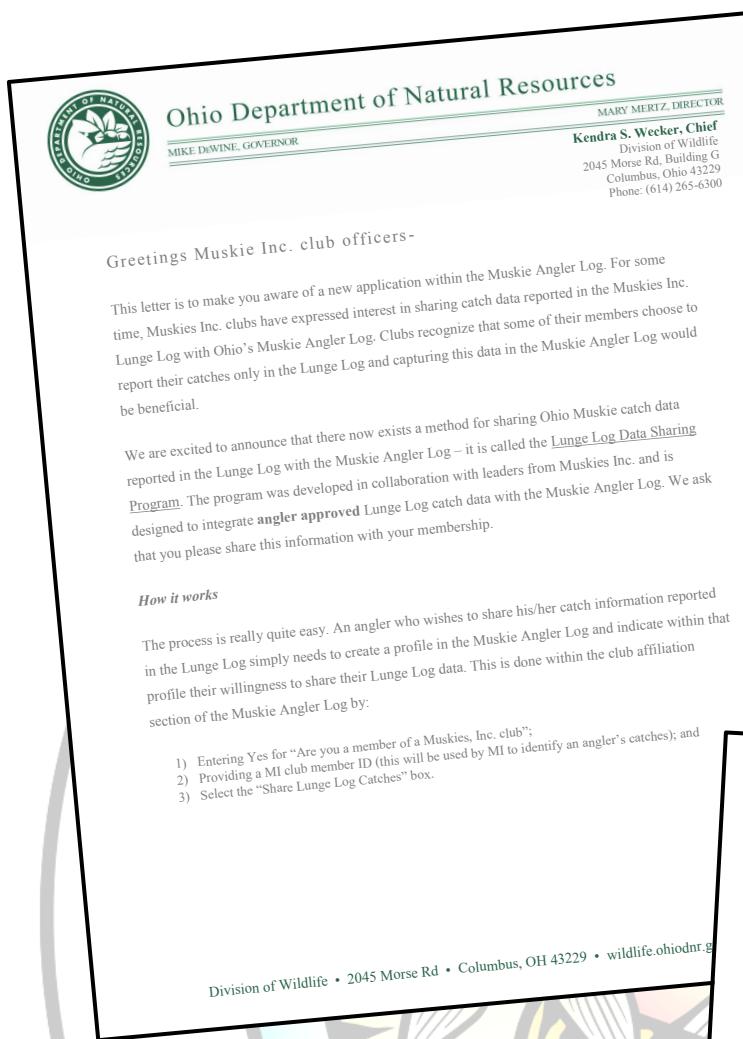
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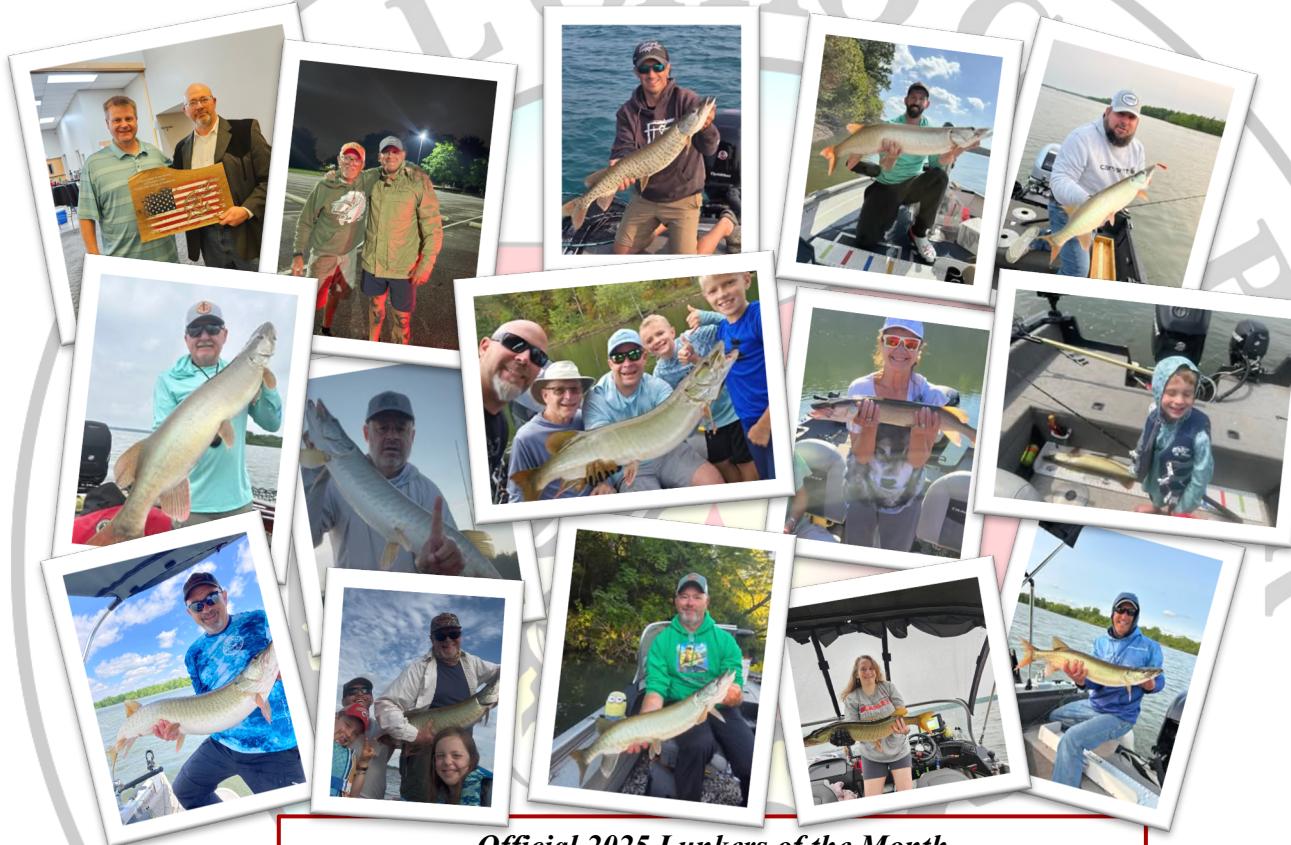




The Braggin' Board

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.



Official 2025 Lunkers of the 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!

| # | 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 41st Anniversary Event Schedule 2026

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| 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 6-7 th | 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 26-27 th | 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.

