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The President's Message

The Headline for this month's message is our record setting lure auction. I must admit when I saw just the sheer numbers of lures that had been donated my first thought was, we will never get through this, but in fine Thurman fashion not only did he get through all the donations but he raised by far the largest amount I remember since becoming a member of the chapter almost 20 years ago. Over \$3,700 was raised by the chapter at this year's auction. Great job everyone!!! The generosity of this chapter always shines through and of course special thanks to Thurman for always making this a great event. We should also remember to give thanks to Jon Emery who stepped up to help Thurman and Ashley Priestas for being our lure delivery technician.

March also brought us the Annual Chapter 41 Awards Banquet. We switched it up a bit this year and went with a Mexican buffet style meal in lieu of the normal City BBQ spread. If you haven't been to the banquet in a while it has changed a little over the last few years and the executive committee has already met to do a post banquet review and have some exciting new ideas for next year.

Looking forward, April's meeting is Thursday the 9th, 7 PM at PJ's in Sunbury. We have a very interesting and timely presentation scheduled. Bob Parnisari and Clint Olson have caught more muskie on Clear Fork than any other two anglers over the last half a decade or so and they have agreed to host a panel type discussion on spring fishing at Clear Fork and right before the John Fisher Memorial too.

Speaking of the John Fisher, April also brings the first tournament of the year. The John Fisher will be held on Clear Fork Reservoir April 25th and 26th. Tournament hours will be announced the week before on Facebook by Dave Flockerzie. Following the fishing on Sunday please join us for a shore lunch while we receive and determine the results of the tournament. This will be followed by a short awards presentation and then we can all be on the road home by early afternoon.

Hope to see you all on the water REEL soon...

Bob

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For Your Information...

Hello muskie club representatives,

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.



Pictured here is Maurice Potvin with one of his March muskies. If you don't know Maurice, he knows most muskies in Ohio by name. He makes some excellent bucktails as well, check out his Facebook for more info on his lures, and his most recent catches!

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

2026 Chapter Fish List

Name	Division	Caught	Points
George Weber	Mens Masters	16	208
Tony Crisp	Mens Masters	8	90
Maurice J Potvin	Mens Masters	5	36
Ivan Beachy	Mens Masters	1	13
John Marks	Mens Division	2	29
Matt Coppel	Mens Division	1	15
Richard Hunt	Mens Division	1	9
Tim McGhee	Mens Division	1	9
Bob Sisson	Mens Division	1	6



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.

