

# APRIL 2022



## The President's Message

Hello Chapter 41!

One item on the agenda is discussion about the club points system. Lots of discussion has been going on among officers of the club each year about this and it has come to a point where we need to do something to resolve the concerns because changes in the schedule are impacting the intent of the way club tournament champion points are scored.

The expansion of the tournament (CJ Brown & Caesar Creek in the fall) and non-fishing yet "core to MI's purpose" events (Conservation Day in addition to the Youth Outing) has made us think about how to promote attendance at all of these events & keep the friendly competition among members, and maybe try to simplify the tournament scoring tracking. So, there are 3 concerns to resolve.

Currently Fred Lane, our Tournament Director, has to use MI scoring for the day of the tournament and then keep a separate spreadsheet to translate those catches into club points for the end of year naming of the club tournament champion. A single award for scoring the most club points.

For a go-zillion years in the club points system you got a point for every inch of qualifying ski and 10 points just for coming. I've been told that method was established to balance the impact of someone scoring 30 points for attending the 3 events (John Fisher, Russ Dodridge, & the Fall Shoot Out) but maybe not catch a fish, would not beat someone in the final EOY list, who at least attended one event and successfully caught & released a qualifying ski. (30" = 30 points plus the 10 for attending = 40 points).

So now we have 4 tournaments and the member who attends all 4 will have at least 40 points plus could add 10 points for volunteering at the Youth Event and another 10 for the Conservation Day. 60 points without catching a ski makes it awful hard for a member who attends less but catches more skis come out on top. Yea it's getting a little sticky.... It looks like points scope creep, but we are more than just a fishing club... so to start, we return to the original purpose for the Annual Club Champion and see what makes sense to do from there:

"The purpose of the establishment of an annual "Club Tournament Champion" is to promote FRIENDLY competition amongst club members, to generate additional interest and excitement for the Ohio lake tournaments and to increase PARTICIPATION in these great club events."

OK, so the whole thing about getting 10 points for just attending is part of the "Increase Participation" goal. Increasing participation in a tournament helps pay for tournament costs and also is a revenue stream for the club to break even on the funding of the end of the year awards, Christmas Party, and other costs to operate the club & support youth and research projects, so yea, we need to do what we can to encourage participation. In contrast, our raffles are held to raise \$ for the Minnow Fund/ODNR funding support to continue the stocking program.

MI's 3 main goals are right on the MI logo, Youth Fisheries Research. So it makes sense that as a club we want to encourage members to not just fish the tournaments but to attend meetings, volunteer to help clean up shorelines, volunteer to help put on the Youth event(s), etc. In addition, thanks to King Bob & his minions who added a Thursday league this year at Alum Creek, it creates a friendly fishing competition too. So with that being added to the scope of local club activities, I think that recognizing & rewarding attendance at the Youth and Conservation events is a good thing.

After a lengthy discussion & synthesis of all those inputs, I propose 3 things to be voted on at the meeting & before we start our tournaments:

1. Simplify the ski scoring to be the same as MI rules that we use for tournaments.
2. Remove the 4 club tournaments and 2 participation events as the 10 point attendance bonus for the Club Tournament Champion award. (Eliminates the catching skis vs attending events balancing-scoring method.)
3. Establish an "Annual Club Event Ironman" certificate award(s) with a \$60 Visa card to recognize those who attended all 6 events. (They spent way more than \$60 in gas to go to all 6, so maybe this helps offset that out of pocket expense, and we are not spending \$ on plaques for this. Participation in all 4 tournaments means they paid \$80 to participate in those tournaments. So it is self-funding thru the income stream intended to pay for recognition awards).

Bottom line, we don't want to go overboard on rewarding every little thing, we all attend meetings and do other things to contribute and expect nothing for it, maybe a thank you once in a while, and the friendship earned is rewarding enough. We used to give officer gifts for all their work but have quit doing that in recent years.

The motion I want to propose at the meeting are those 3 things.  
Simplify Fred's job, let fishing be fishing, reward exemplar attendance.

Thank you for your support! I hope to see ya at the meeting,

-Turk

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**TOURNAMENT RULES:**

1. Chapter 41 Tournaments are open to the public.
2. All participants are required to adhere to all government regulations, coast guard safety rules Ohio division of Wildlife regulation, and normal rules of angler etiquette.
3. All Muskies must be caught from a boat on the designated lake during tournament hours using legal sport fishing and methods. No live bait. No snagged fish allowed. A legal hookup is any fish hooked from the gill plates forward.
4. All occupants of your boat must be entered in the tournament. All boats must display the flag provided.
5. Youth anglers under 16 are not subject to a registration fee. (Chapter 41 rules: old enough for a fishing license, then entry fee is required). Please encourage our youth to participate.
6. Muskies must be 30 inches long to qualify.
7. All qualifying Muskies must be witnessed by another participant in the tournament or take a quick picture if possible without harming the fish.
8. Fish to be measured by total length to the nearest ¼ inch – rounded up. Measurements must be made with the fish lying in the horizontal position from the tip of the lower jaw to the tip of the tail with a ruler under the fish. The tail may be squeezed.
9. All fish must be released in good condition and able to swim away under their own power.
10. Winners will be determined using Muskies Inc. point system, 30" = 4 points, plus 1 point per inch over 30 inches, Example: (38 ½" = 12.5 points) Points are awarded for all fish over 30 inches.
11. All qualifying fish must be recorded on the MI release form provided. Release forms must be turned into the tournament director by 3:30 pm Sunday and will be used to verify all legal fish registered.
12. In case of a tie in total points per angler, the angler with the longest fish included in their points total wins. If still a tie, then the angler that caught their first 30"+ Muskie of the tournament before the other angler wins the tie.
13. Any violation of the rules will result in disqualification.
14. Any protest of tournament rules must be presented in writing to the tournament director prior to the awards ceremony.
15. Anglers with radios will be using channel 68 VHS.
16. Participants **CANNOT** leave the designated Boat Ramp before tournament begins at 8 A.M.





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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.

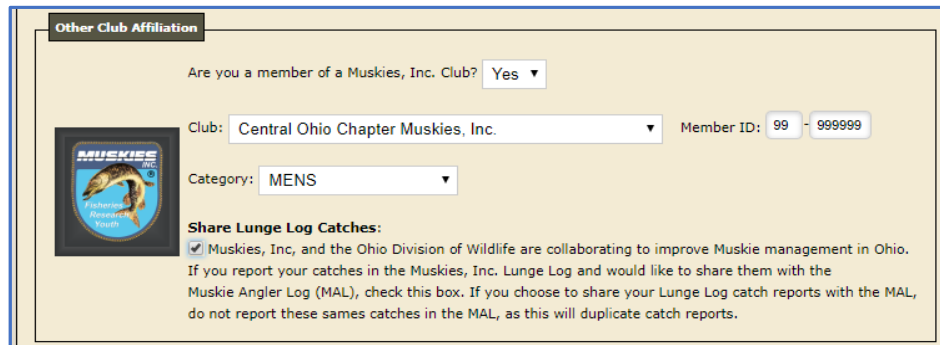
### *How it works*

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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**Other Club Affiliation**

Are you a member of a Muskies, Inc. Club? Yes ▼

Club: Central Ohio Chapter Muskies, Inc. ▼ Member ID: 99 - 999999

Category: MENS ▼

**Share Lunge Log Catches:**

☒ Muskies, Inc. and the Ohio Division of Wildlife are collaborating to improve Muskie management in Ohio. If you report your catches in the Muskies, Inc. Lunge Log and would like to share them with the Muskie Angler Log (MAL), check this box. If you choose to share your Lunge Log catch reports with the MAL, do not report these same catches in the MAL, as this will duplicate catch reports.

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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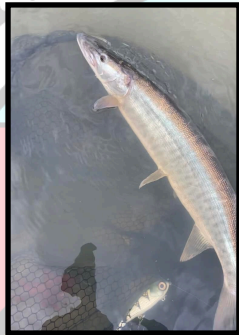
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# The Braggin' Board

## Fisherman 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.



Landen's at it again, hammering muskie in the Alum Spillway. With the amount of rain we've gotten already this spring, I think we all need to encourage Landen to catch as many fish and get them back in the reservoir as possible. Best of luck on the rest of the 2022 season Landen, keep up the excellent work!

### Official 2021 Lunkers of the Month

Members Largest by Month in 2020

| MONTH     | NAME                            | LENGTH | LAKE                | DATE   |
|-----------|---------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--|
| January   | No Fish Submitted in January    |        |                     |  |
| February  | Tony Crisp                      | 45"    | Alum Creek Spillway | February 28 <sup>th</sup>                                |
| March     | Steve Ault                      | 47"    | Alum                | March 25 <sup>th</sup>                                   |
| April     | Steve Ault                      | 44.50" | Salt Fork           | April 18 <sup>th</sup>                                   |
| May       | Dan Collins                     | 48.00" | Clear Fork          | May 15 <sup>th</sup>                                     |
| June      | Steve Ault                      | 48.50" | Alum Creek          | June 20 <sup>th</sup>                                    |
| July      | Steve Ault                      | 50.50" | Alum Creek          | July 8 <sup>th</sup>                                     |
| August    | Robert Cox<br>Nick Cox          | 50.50" | Lake St. Clair      | August 21 <sup>st</sup>                                  |
| September | Marc Grattan &<br>James Grattan | 49"    | St. Lawrence River  | September 13 <sup>th</sup><br>September 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| October   | George Weber                    | 47.75" | St Mary's River     | October 8 <sup>th</sup>                                  |
| November  | George Weber                    | 50"    | Detroit River       | November 12 <sup>th</sup>                                |
| December  | Dave Flockerzie                 | 44"    | Alum Creek          | December 4 <sup>th</sup>                                 |



# Club Points and Chapter Fish List

2022 Chapter Points

| Member Name      | Division      | Muskies Caught | Total Points |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Cliff Honeycutt  | Mens Masters  | 14             | 170          |
| Elmer W Heyob Jr | Mens Masters  | 5              | 44           |
| James Grattan    | Mens Masters  | 2              | 16           |
| Bob Parnisari    | Mens Division | 4              | 53           |
| Justin Knecht    | Mens Division | 1              | 14           |
| Bob Sisson       | Mens Division | 1              | 11           |
| Nick Fraver      | Mens Division | 1              | 6            |

2021 Tournament Points

| Member            | Jon Fisher Memorial<br>Tournament<br>Clearfork | Russ Dodridge Memorial<br>Alum Creek | Summer Night Bite<br>Alum Creek | Youth Event<br>Park of Roses | Fall Shoot Out<br>CJ Brown | Total |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| Dan Collins       | 58   | 84                                   | 0                               | 10                           | 72.5                       | 224.5 |
| Mike McDonald     | 0  | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 184.5                      | 184.5 |
| Elmer Heyob       | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 10                           | 148.5                      | 168.5 |
| George Smart      | 0  | 42                                   | 0                               | 10                           | 77.5                       | 129.5 |
| Cliff Honeycutt   | 10   | 80                                   | 10                              | 0                            | 10                         | 110   |
| Bob Smart         | 10   | 55                                   | 0                               | 0                            | 42                         | 107   |
| Greg Them         | 0  | 0                                    | 0                               | 10                           | 77.5                       | 87.5  |
| Bill Lambert      | 10   | 10                                   | 55                              | 0                            | 10                         | 85    |
| Rob Fraver        | 0  | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 77.5                       | 77.5  |
| Turk Michel       | 10   | 46                                   | 0                               | 10                           | 10                         | 76    |
| Bob Parnisari     | 0  | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 75                         | 75    |
| Chris Layx        | 0  | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 73.5                       | 73.5  |
| Jim Swick         | 10   | 44                                   | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 54    |
| Jim Vertosnik     | 0  | 54                                   | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 54    |
| Rick Wilson       | 0  | 43                                   | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 43    |
| Fred Lane         | 10   | 10                                   | 10                              | 0                            | 10                         | 40    |
| Jack Worline      | 10   | 10                                   | 10                              | 0                            | 10                         | 40    |
| Eric Morris       | 0  | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 40                         | 40    |
| Kyle Chapman      | 0  | 10                                   | 10                              | 10                           | 0                          | 30    |
| Dave Flockertzie  | 0  | 10                                   | 10                              | 10                           | 0                          | 30    |
| Mark Pauling      | 10   | 10                                   | 0                               | 0                            | 10                         | 30    |
| John Wagner       | 10   | 10                                   | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 20    |
| Mark Steinert     | 10   | 10                                   | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 20    |
| Bill Kulju        | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 10                         | 20    |
| Bob Sisson        | 0  | 0                                    | 0                               | 10                           | 10                         | 20    |
| Cam Theron        | 0  | 0                                    | 10                              | 0                            | 10                         | 20    |
| Thurman Adair     | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 10                         | 20    |
| Chuck Chamberlin  | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Chuck Wilbert     | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Clint Olson       | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Ed Psumy          | 0  | 10                                   | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Gary Solomon      | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| George Weber      | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Jon Emery         | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Justin Knecht     | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Patrick Frase     | 0  | 10                                   | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Ron Fisher        | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Nate Peck         | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Jacob Davis       | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Jim Averill       | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Dan Brooks        | 10   | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Laundon Daugstrap | 0  | 0                                    | 10                              | 0                            | 0                          | 10    |
| Neil O'Brian      | 0  | 0                                    | 0                               | 10                           | 0                          | 10    |
| Tom Rankin        | 0  | 0                                    | 0                               | 10                           | 0                          | 10    |
| Patrick Colopy    | 0  | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 10                         | 10    |
| Tom Smith         | 0  | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                            | 10                         | 10    |





## Central Ohio Chapter #41 Muskies Inc. 2022 Event Schedule (Rev 3/21/2021)



Events in **Bold Italic Blue** are listed in the MI Calendar.

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 7p Meeting @ PJ's in Sunbury

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Muskie Show – Makoy Center, Hilliard OH

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 7p Meeting @ PJ's

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Ohio Fishing Expo – Ohio State Fairgrounds

Mar 8<sup>th</sup> 7p Meeting 7p @ PJ's (LURE AUCTION !)

**Mar 12<sup>th</sup> ODNR Conservation Day @ Alum Creek** (Weather delay to 19<sup>th</sup>)

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 6p 2021 Awards Banquet

April 12<sup>th</sup> 7p Meeting @ PJ's

**April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup> John Fisher Memorial @ Salt Fork**

May 10<sup>th</sup> 7p Meeting @ PJ's

**May 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> MI Region 3 Chapter Challenge @ Raystown Lake, PA**

**Jun 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Ohio Chapter Challenge @ Salt Fork**

**Jun 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Russ Dodridge Memorial @ Alum Creek**

Jun 14<sup>th</sup> 6p Meeting @ Alum Creek, New Galena Ramps (Shelter house)

**Jun 17<sup>th</sup> 6p-Midnight Nite Bite Club Outing @ Alum Creek**

**Jun 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Can/AM Joint Tournament @ Lake St Clair**

July 12<sup>th</sup> 6p Meeting @ Alum Creek, New Galena Ramps (Shelter house)

**July 14<sup>th</sup> Youth Event @ Whetstone Park of Roses Pond**

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 7p Meeting @ PJ's – Plan CJB Kickoff

**Sep 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Fall Season Kickoff @ CJ Brown**

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> \*7p Meeting @ PJ's – Plan Joint Tourn & Fall Shootout

\*2:12p Annual SAM Renewal Date (ID # - 118135733/95KS4)

**Sept 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> MI Chapters 19 & 41 Joint Tournament @ Alum Creek**

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 7p Meeting @ PJ's - Establish 2022 event schedule.

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Fall Shootout @ Caesars Creek**

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Deadline to submit 2023 Chapter Events to MI for the calendar.

Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 7p Meeting @ PJ's – Annual Chapter Officer Elections.

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 7p Annual Christmas Party!

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting 7p @ PJ's – Muskie Show planning.

