

DECEMBER 2025



The President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and is looking forward to Christmas. I trust you've all been good this year, because as someone who once received a lump of coal, I can assure you that Santa (and mother-in-laws) see everything! But if not, don't worry, January is right around the corner, and you can always buy your own presents at the Muskie Show.

At our November meeting, we had a full house to welcome local legend Chuck McKnight. Chuck shared tips and tricks he's used over the years to put more muskies in the boat. Members had the chance to see firsthand some of his favorite baits and the modifications he makes, as items were passed around the room. It was an excellent lesson, and I'm sure everyone walked away with new insights. Following Chuck's presentation, we held elections for 2026 and hosted one of our largest raffles of the year.

Please join me in welcoming two veterans back to officer roles. Fred Lane as Assistant Tournament Director and Chris Gombola as Release Chair. I'm confident both will represent Chapter 41 well, and I look forward to working with them.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Dan Collins for his many years of service, most notably as our Magazine Reporter. Dan will be stepping down from this role in 2026 to make room for someone new. As far as I know, he hasn't missed a single edition in nearly a decade, a remarkable commitment. Thank you, Dan, from all of us at Chapter 41.

We currently have two open positions: Program Director and MI Magazine Reporter. Both roles are vital to the success of our chapter and offer great opportunities to expand your network and knowledge in the muskie world. If you're interested, please reach out to me or VP Ryan Dieter to discuss.

Looking ahead, our 2025 schedule will look a little different. Meetings will now be held on the second Thursday of each month at PJ's, while the tournament schedule will remain largely the same. Pat will have details posted on the website soon.

Finally, don't forget our Annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 9th at 6:00 PM at PJ's. The club will provide food and non-alcoholic beverages. If you'd like to join the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped muskie-related gift. We'll also hold a special raffle for those who served as club officers in 2025.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party.

Happy Holidays!

—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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On behalf of Rick Petzke (VP Membership):

We launched the new **Membership Contest** on **September 1st, 2025**, and it will run through **December 31st, 2025**. Here's how it will work:

- Whenever a current member signs up a new member, the current member's name will be entered into a drawing for a **\$500 gift card** (vendor to be finalized).
- Each additional new member they sponsor equals another entry into the drawing. The more members they bring in, the more chances they have to win.

Both the **online and paper applications** will include a section where the new member lists the name and membership number of the current member who referred them (their sponsor).

If your chapter uses your own paper application, please add sponsor portion to the new member application form.

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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 member Dan Collins, catching some tremendous late fall muskies on the jigging bite on Alum from November. The feeding windows re fast and furious but late fall fishing on Alum can be great if you can locate the shad, especially on the north end. Well done Dan, those are some excellent late fall Ohio fish!!

Official 2024 Lunkers of the Month

Month	Member Name	Length	Date Caught	Lake
January	Tony Crisp	37.00"	01/25/2024	Clear Fork Reservoir - Richland, OH
February	Marc Grattan	46.00"	02/26/2024	Leesville Reservoir - Carroll, OH
March	Jack E Manley	46.00"	03/25/2024	Salt Fork Lake - Guernsey, OH
April	Ryan Dieter	47.00"	04/27/2024	Alum Creek Spillway - Delaware, OH
May	Steve Ault	48.00"	05/26/2024	Clear Fork Reservoir - Ashland, OH
June	Steve Ault	49.00"	06/20/2024	Pleasant Hill - Richland, OH
July	Marc Grattan	55.00"	07/15/2024	St. Lawrence River - Ontario, ON
August	Marc Grattan	50.00"	08/31/2024	Lake St. Clair - Ontario, ON
September	Mary N. Arndt	51.25"	09/04/2024	Lake St. Clair - Ontario, ON
October	Douglas R Dible	48.75"	10/01/2024	Eagle Lake - Ontario, ON
November	Fred Lane	48.50"	11/18/2024	Alum Creek Res - Delaware, OH
December	George Weber	49.00"	12/27/2024	Caesars Creek - Warren, OH



2025 Chapter 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 2026 Event Schedule

Jan 23-25 th	Ohio Muskie Show, Hilliard Ohio
Mar 10 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 20 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 11-12 th	Fall Shootout (Alum Creek)
Dec 9 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 and July Meetings are held at the Hollenback launch ramp, Alum Creek Lake.

