

# FEBRUARY 2024



## The President's Message

Dear COMI Members,

Spring is on the horizon (hopefully). We have had a busy month in January. Thanks to Bob Sisson for organizing the Bourbon Raffle again. This raised \$2820 for the Minnow Fund. In addition to our raffle, the Mike Money auction raised \$6139. It was a great weekend for the Minnow Fund. Thanks to everyone that volunteered at the Ohio Musky Show!

Speaking of the Minnow Fund, Bob, Turk and myself represented Chapter 41 at the Muskie Summit, hosted by the ODNr. We got an inside look at how the stocking program works, what the costs are and potential options for stocking in the future. One of the biggest concerns is around the cost per pound of minnows. In 2014, the cost was \$4.67 per pound and in 2023 it was \$12.99 per pound. That's a significant increase in cost. Recently, Kentucky had their contract expire and they were able to get minnows at \$10 per pound which is a significant decrease. Hopefully, Ohio can do the same. It takes about 13000 pounds of minnows per year. The DNR harvests about 3000 pounds in their ponds, but they purchase about 10000 pounds yearly. Reducing the cost by \$3 per pound would be a savings of \$30k per year which would be welcomed. The DNR did a nice job of looking at other states and how they stock, the numbers of fingerlings, the number of systems stocked, the frequency etc. If changes are needed (and it appears nothing for at least this year), there would be options. More news will be discussed at our next meeting.

Speaking of our next meeting, we will have John Marks give us a presentation on Seasonal Changes in Lakes - A tribute to Elmer Heyob. The meeting will be at PJ's at our normal time of 7pm.

Our meeting in March will be the annual lure auction. That is a great time and Thurman does a great job as our auctioneer.

Our annual awards banquet will be March 9th at:

The Church of the Resurrection  
6300 E Dublin Granville Rd  
New Albany, OH 43054

More info to come.

One other note, the Columbus Fishing Expo is this weekend at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in the Bricker Building. Thanks to the volunteers that will be at the booth this weekend.

Thanks for everyone's support!

Greg  
Chapter 41 President

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## 2024 CanAm Information



- July 13-14<sup>th</sup> 2024
- Open to all
- CanAm cup will be awarded for the longest muskie caught and released by a Muskies Inc or Muskies Canada member in good standing
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies and prizes for the Open portion of the tournament
- A flyer with details from the Belle River chapter of Muskies Canada will be put out this this spring

*See you there!*



# For Your Information...



## Ohio Department of Natural Resources

MIKE DEWINE, GOVERNOR

MARY MERTZ, DIRECTOR

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Division of Wildlife  
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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.

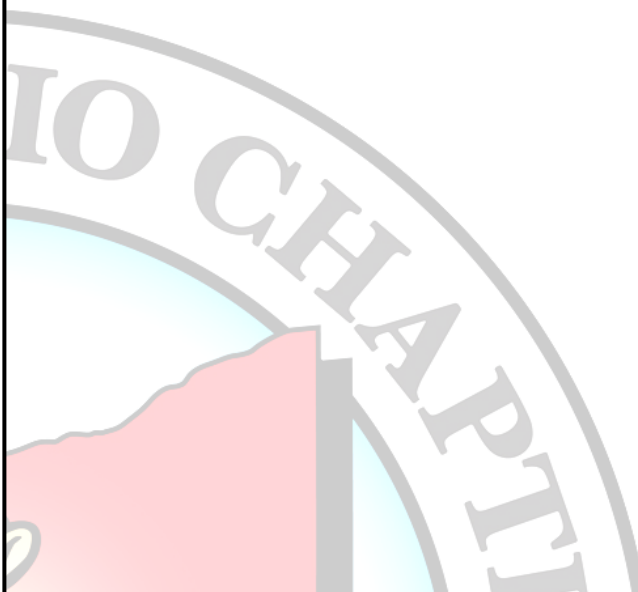
We are excited to announce that there now exists a method for sharing Ohio Muskie catch data reported in the Lunge Log with the Muskie Angler Log – it is called the [Lunge Log Data Sharing Program](#). The program was developed in collaboration with leaders from Muskies Inc. and is designed to integrate **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:  Member ID:

Category:

**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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# 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.



No muskie pics from January so here's a pic from the Ohio Musky Show. As always, it was a terrific time, thanks to all of those who volunteered their time, effort (and wallets), Chapter 41 continues to do a tremendous job promoting the club and Ohio's fisheries. Back to posting fish pics next newsletter!

**Official 2023 Lunkers of the Month**  
Members Largest by Month in 2023

**Chapter 41 Lunker of the Month for 2023**

Month	Member Name	Length	Date Caught	Lake
January	George Weber	44.00"	01/02/2023	Caesars Creek - Warren, OH
February	Michael McDonald	45.50"	02/05/2023	Caesars Creek - Warren, OH
March	George Weber	45.75"	03/17/2023	Caesars Creek - Warren, OH
April	George Weber	44.00"	04/23/2023	Caesars Creek - Warren, OH
May	Steve Ault	46.60"	05/28/2023	Clear Fork Reservoir - Richland, OH
June	Clint Olson	50.25"	06/19/2023	Lake St. Clair - Ontario, ON
July	Brandon Knecht	51.25"	07/02/2023	Clear Fork Mohican River - Richland, OH
August	Shawn Arndt	51.00"	08/01/2023	Lake St. Clair - Ontario, ON
September	Marc Grattan	48.50"	09/17/2023	Lake St. Clair - Ontario, ON
October	Shawn Arndt	49.50"	10/04/2023	Lake St. Clair - Ontario, ON
November	George Weber	47.50"	11/05/2023	Detroit River - Ontario, ON
December	Bob Parnisari	50.00"	12/13/2023	Clear Fork Reservoir - Richland, OH



# 2023 Club Points

	Spring Conservation Day	Jon Fisher Memorial	Russ Dodridge Memorial	Summer Night Bite	Youth Event	Fall Conservation Day	Elmer Heyob Memorial	Fall Shoot Out	Point
Members	Alum Creel	Salt Fork	Alum Creel	Alum Creel	Park of Ro	Alum Creel	CJ Brow	Caesars Creek	Total
Dave Flockerzie	5	28.5	17	47	5	0	5	5	112.5
Bill Lambert	0	16	5	5	0	0	50	5	81
Fred Lane	5	15	23.25	5	5	0	5	5	63.25
George Smart	0	0	27.5	22.25	0	0	5	5	59.75
Steve Ault	0	0	0	0	0	0	59.5	0	59.5
Bob Parnisari	0	25	0	0	0	0	26.5	0	51.5
Bob Smart	0	0	24.25	16	0	0	5	5	50.25
Jon Emery	0	5	21	5	5	0	5	0	41
Nick Fraver	0	0	0	0	0	0	38.75	0	38.75
Ed Psurny	0	0	20.75	5	0	5	5	0	35.75
Turk Michel	5	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	35
Eric Morris	0	0	5	5	0	0	16.5	5	31.5
Mike McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	23	28
Cliff Honeycutt	0	0	5	5	0	0	17	0	27
Dan Brooks	0	0	17	0	0	0	5	0	22
Rob Fraver	0	0	0	0	0	0	16.75	5	21.75
George Weber	0	0	0	0	0	0	16.5	5	21.5
Bill Kulju	5	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	20
Dan Collins	0	0	5	5	5	0	5	0	20
Martin Hoover	5	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	20
Ryan Dieter	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	0	20
Lulu McDonald								17.25	17.25
Cam Thraen	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	15
Jack Worline	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	0	15
Tom Smith	0	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	15
Bob Sisson	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	15
Kyle Chapman	5	0	0	0	0	0	9.5	0	14.5
James Grattan	0	0	11.5	0	0	0	0	0	11.5
Chris Laux	0	10.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.5
Patrick Colopy	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Shane Holcomb	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	10
Thurman Adair	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	10
Doug Dible	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Greg Them	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Jack Hutcheson	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Jacob Davis	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Jason Hutcheson	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Jim Barton	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
JoAnn Dible	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Laundon Daugstrap	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Marc Grattan	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Max Machuta	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Shawn Heaton	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Tom Rankin	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Tony Crisp	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Patrick Frase	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5

# 2024 Chapter Fish List

No.	Name	Date	Time	Length	Temp	Lure	Color	Type	Presentation	Lake / County / State
1	Bob Parnisari	01/25	9 am	36.00"	0°	Sennett Vexer	Shad	Crank Bait	Casting	Clear Fork Mohican River - Richland, OH



## Central Ohio Chapter #41 Muskies Inc. 2024 Event Schedule *(1/7/2024)*



- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm 2024 Kick Off Meeting @ PJ's *Lucky 7 Lures Bucktails*
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Ohio Muskie Show – Makoy Center, Hilliard OH
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm Meeting @ PJ's *Topic: TBD Lucky 7 Lures TBD*
- Mar 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm Meeting 7p @ PJ's *LURE AUCTION Lucky 7 Lures TBD*
- March ODNR Conservation Day @ Alum Creek TBD
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm 2023 Awards Banquet @
- April 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm Meeting @ PJ's *Topic: TBD Lucky 7 Lures TBD*
- April 30<sup>th</sup> Ohio AG Update Due
- May 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm Meeting @ PJ's *Topic: TBD Lucky 7 Lures TBD*
- May 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> – Russ Dodridge Memorial @ Alum Creek
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - 2nd Ohio Chapter Challenge @ Salt Fork
- June 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> John Fisher Memorial @ Clearfork
- Jun 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm Meeting @ Alum Creek, New Galena Ramps (Shelter house) - *Lucky 7 Lures TBD*
- June 21 – *Nite Bite @ Alum Creek 6pm – Midnight*
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> MI Region 3 Chapter Challenge @ Lake Chautauqua
- July 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm Meeting @ Alum Creek, New Galena Ramps (Shelter house) *Lucky 7 Lures TBD*
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Youth Event @ Whetstone Park of Roses Pond
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm Meeting @ PJ's – *Topic: TBD Lucky 7 Lures TBD*
- August ODNR Conservation Day @ Alum Creek TBD
- Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm Meeting @ PJ's – Plan Joint Tournament - *Topic: TBD Lucky 7 Lures TBD / SAM Update*
- Sept 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> MI Chapters 19 & 41 Joint Tournament @ Alum Creek
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Elmer Heyob Memorial @ CJ Brown Reservoir
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Deadline to submit 2023 Chapter Events to MI for the 2024 calendar.
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm Meeting @ PJ's - Establish 2025 event schedule. *Lucky 7 Lures tbd*
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm Meeting @ PJ's – Annual Chapter Officer Elections. *Lucky 7 Lures tbd*
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm @ PJ's – Annual Christmas Party!

