

JANUARY 2026



The President's Message

Happy New Year Everyone,

Bob is on a work trip so I'm going to provide a brief update. Obviously, the weather hasn't really cooperated to allow most of us to get out on the water. As of the 11th, no catches have been reported to the MI database, hopefully that will come to an end before too long.

Speaking of catch data, the catch data is complete for 2025. Club Points, the Fish List and Lunkers of the Month for 2025 have been updated. If you still have catches to report from December, you'll want to log them before the end of the month.

The Ohio Musky Show is only a couple weeks away, Bob is also leading the bourbon raffle and posted the following message on Facebook a little while ago:

"Well it's that time of year again for the 3rd Annual Ohio Musky Show Bourbon Raffle. Proceeds go to support of the Ohio Division of Wildlife, promotion of our Youth introduction to fishing programs and Conservation efforts in the State of Ohio.

If you would like to buy tickets please contact myself or anyone from the [Muskie's Inc 41 Central Ohio Chapter](#).

Tickets are \$10 each on a sliding scale up to 20 tickets for \$100 investment. There will be at least three winners this year and everything pictures and more will be given away the last weekend of January at the [Ohio Musky Show](#)."

Hopefully you have some discretionary cash left over from the holidays, the Ohio Musky Show is always a great time to get together, talk about the upcoming fishing season, and maybe even buy a lure or 10. Watch the Facebook page for additional updates, see you all there, and good luck this year!

-Pat Frase

OFFICERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

PRESIDENT / REGIONAL REP/SHOWS

DIRECTOR*E

BOB SISSON
614-207-1018
bobsisson919@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT/REGIONAL REP*E

Ryan Dieter
937-260-3091
ryan.dieter@americanfidelity.com

MINNOW FUND COORDINATOR *E

GREG THEM
614-306-6232
gthem2015@gmail.com

TREASURER*E

BILL KULJU
614-937-5974
kuljub1@gmail.com

SECRETARY*E

TOM SMITH
614-323-3692
tasmith276@gmail.com

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE, MERCHANDISE and MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTOR*E

WEB/NEWSLETTER

PAT FRASE
330-620-6520
patrick.frase@gmail.com

CONTEST/RELEASE CHAIR*

Chris Gombola
614-946-8211
cgombola@gmail.com

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR*

Dave Flockerzie
419-295-0905
worldchamp13@yahoo.com

ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR*

FRED LANE
419-295-0905
l6705fred@yahoo.com

PUBLIC RELATIONS, YOUTH, PROGRAM DIRECTOR/ CONSERVATION DIRECTOR*

KYLE CHAPMAN
937-243-1478
chapman.231@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR*

JON EMERY
763-412-2870
comi41.membership@gmail.com

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

TBA

* denotes Board Member

E denotes Executive Committee Members



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,

Curt Wagner

Fisheries Management Supervisor
Ohio Division of Wildlife, District Three
912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319
Phone: 330-245-3018
Email: curt.wagner@ohio.gov



wildohio.gov
1-800-WILDLIFE





Ohio Department of Natural Resources

MIKE DOWNE, GOVERNOR

MARY MERIZ, DIRECTOR

Kendra S. Wecker, Chief
Division of Wildlife
2045 Morse Rd, Building G
Columbus, Ohio 43229
Phone: (614) 265-6300

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.

Division of Wildlife • 2045 Morse Rd • Columbus, OH 43229 • wildlife.ohiodnr.gov

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.

Kevin Page
Fisheries Biologist
Ohio Division of Wildlife
Inland Fisheries Research Unit
740.928.7034 x222
kevin.page@dnr.state.oh.us

Curt Wagner
Fisheries Management Supervisor
Ohio Division of Wildlife
District 3
330.644.2293
curtis.wagner@dnr.state.oh.us



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.



Here are some pictures from the 2025 season, enjoy!

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



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 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.

