



October 2019 newsletter

Meetings at 7 pm the third Tuesday of every month at the Loves Park VFW

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# Mike Anderson - Guide

## *Speaker for the October Meeting*



primarily on Petenwell and Castle Rock Lakes and fishes for Musky, walleye, and pan fish. He does guided ice fishing trips as well. He has over 45 years of experience and has been fishing for muskies for 40 years. He has been guiding on and off for 25 years, going full time 5 years ago.

He has boated over 42 muskies this year himself and has put clients onto another 44 fish! His talk on the 15th will focus on fishing muskies on Petenwell and Castle Rock. These are two large bodies of water relatively close to home and not as pressured as the Madison chain. The picture is of a nice 47 inch fish that he caught out of Castle Rock.

If you have maps Mike will point out areas to focus on when fishing these lakes. There will be an overhead slide presentation, so come prepared to take notes! We'll have a Q & A session at the conclusion of the talk. Please support your chapter and plan to attend! Spread the word and bring a friend. See you there!

We have sent invitations to Rock Valley Anglers and Wormsoakers for the meeting. I personally am excited about learning more about Castle Rock and Petenwell Lakes. I think it is a good option to the heavy pressured waters of the Madison Chain. I have been on Castle Rock twice this summer, and I could use some insight to these large bodies of water. It is a reasonable drive for a day and more relaxing than fishing the noise on Lake Monona.

I started out the last newsletter stating "Summer is behind us and the fall bite is starting!" Well this week's weather predictions are going to reinforce that statement. Put those plaid shorts, white belts, tie dyed shirts and flip flops away – we are officially calling summer fishing done. That is a bad visual for a Flatlander – EH!

First off we are bringing in a speaker for the October meeting – here is a repeat of the first notice.

Our speaker for the October 15th meeting will be Mike Anderson of Mike's Guide Services. Mike guides

Next up is our trip to Lake Alice on October 18, 19, 20. This should be a good outing to wrap up our schedule. In years past the Rodeway Inn and Suites has been a reasonable place to stay. For those of you that have not fished Lake Alice before, the launch is northeast of Tomahawk on county highway "A". If you need any information contact Lee Bach at the meeting. This is a lake he knows well. It might be a good idea to see if everyone is going out for fish fry Friday night.

### Outing report – Green Bay

Friday Stu and Frank Sondgeroth had a good day out with Doug Wegner. They will fill us in more at the meeting. Saturday we had five boats out with eleven anglers rocking and rolling on the bay. The waves were in the four foot range and did not let up all day. Brandon Simonson got a low 30" pike and Dick Cholke picked up a 38" pike near dusk. Sunday we had two boats out, with winds from the east. At least we could fish the lee side on University Bay. Monday just the three of us made it out. As a group, we did not put any muskie in the net for the outing. We realize that it is a balance of facing tough weather conditions to get a potentially big fish. I have polled the group on the outing and they are positive on going back next year. The two winners at the Rockford All City Muskie Night of the half day guide trip with Doug Wegner were out Tuesday. They had a phenomenal day with Doug netting a double at 48" each and two at 44". I am happy to see such a positive result for the raffle winners. On Thursday Mike Kruger, Scott Grabow, and Jason Petticrew also fished with Doug Wegner. Scott landed a very memorable 45" muskie to make for a great day on the water.



### **Fishing Report: Thursday October 10 Twin Valley**

Four Suckers were dragged around prime 62° clear water – Zip

Kate's baits does have suckers – nice size small \$5 and 9-12" \$8.50

Note: Highway 151 / 18 is still under construction east of Dodgeville for a good poke

We witnessed a classic technique on Twin Valley – set your suckers out – hit spot lock - take a nap (Zip also!)

Looking forward, the Executive Committee set the dates and schedule for some of our major events and outings in 2020. We will submit these to Muskie Inc. national to appear in the calendar. Here is the list:

### Flatlander List of Events 2020

March 7 – Flatlanders Annual Award Banquet

April 4, 5 - Lake Kinkaid Regional Chapter Challenge – not a Flatlander outing

April 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Rockford All City Muskie Night" in conjunction with Rock Valley Anglers. This will include a raffle for a half day guide trip with the featured presenter Chas Martin.

April 25 – Lake Storey near Galesburg, IL

May 16 – Prairie Lake

July 18-25 – Lake of the Woods

August TBD Muskie Inc. Chapter Challenge

September 18, 19, 20 Bay of Green Bay

October 2, 3, 4 – Hayward Lakes Chapter Muskie Tournament

As you can see we stayed with a few old lakes and added a few new ones. In addition, the October outing to Hayward will offer more festivities if we care to enter the tournament.

Remember November is the election of officers.

Consider running for a position and help the club grow.

We hope to see you Tuesday night for Mike Anderson's presentation on fishing Castle Rock and Petenwell lakes.

Get on the water and get on the board

Dick Cholke

# Some photos of a few Flatlanders



**Jack Pertz 48" Lake St. Clair**



**Jeff Gayhart 47" Lake St. Clair**



**Russ Hoerneck 50" Lake St Clair**



**Frank Bunch**

# We welcome the following anglers to our crazy world of Muskie Fishing

They caught their first Muskie and they are on the board!



**Kayla Wedler**

42" Twin Valley with guide Kyle Scruggs



**Diane Scruggs**

First Muskie on the Eagle River Chain with guide Tim Scruggs



**Wes Mathews**

First Muskie



**Wes Mathews**

Next Day 2<sup>nd</sup> Muskie with guide Ty Sennett



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