



FLATLANDERS

TAILS

September 2016

MEETINGS: 7:30 P.M. ~ FOURTH THURSDAY ~ LOVES PARK VFW ~ 2018 WINDSOR RD ~ LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS

September stays hot as a month for big fish

*By Steve Ruhmann
Release chairman*

Well this month keeps going on the pace we were on in August. We start with the Wilary's. They made a trip to Long Legged Lake where Frank got a 45 and 40, while his youngest son Carson got his first muskie ever by popping as 40. Congrats Carson!

Big brother Ben played guide this trip due to an injury that limited his fishing. That brings us to Jack Pertz, on his second trip to Lake of the Woods during the Chapter Challenge, Jack released fish measuring 40.5 and 42. He then went up to Green Bay and trolled up a healthy 45-incher.

In between these trips he was back on Lake St. Clair with Kevin Stenzel and Russ Hoernecke with Jack boating fish measuring 38, 42, 48, 41 and 30 inches. Kevin added to his men's division leading totals by banging fish of 50 (his second 50 this year) 43, 40, 45, and 31. Russ kept things going with fish bumping in at 43, 38, 38.5, and 39. Also at the Chapter Challenge was President Cholke. The president represented to club well by sticking fish of 33.5, 45, 35, and 37 inches.

Jerry and Beck Oestreich were also part of the Flatlanders Chapter Challenge with Becky banging fish of 31, 42, 34, and 37.5. Jerry kept the ball rolling releasing fish of 34, 35, 37.5, 40, 36.5, 35, and 36. He then went to Forest Lake and popped a 37.5-incher.

Wally Haas was on the club trip to LOTW where he stuck toothy critters of 34, and 39 inches. He has since been up to Wildcat and banged a 35.5-incher. Brian Hansas also was on the club trip and he popped fish of 40.5, 38, and 33.5. Jeff Blanck also made a trip to LOTW and banged fish measuring of 39.5 and 34 inches.

Joe Rausenberger and Aaron Wiegel had a great trip to Eagle Lake. Joe boated fish measuring 42.5 and 36.5 inches. Aaron got his new personal best, a super fat 50 incher followed by 36 and 47-inchers. Good trip gentlemen.

Junior member Charles Carlson was out fishing with Grandpa Mark and Brother Jack. Charles released fish of 40, 38, 36 and a behemoth of 56.5. That is a TANK! Jack did well also by banging fish measuring 40, 36, 38 and 30 inches.



Jack Pertz caught this 45-incher trolling in Green Bay with Captain Brett Jolly.

Grandpa added to his fantastic totals by releasing fish of 36, 38, 38, 40, 40, 41, 42, 40, 51, 32, 40, 40, 38, 32, 38, and 40 inches. Congrats to Charles, Jack and Grandpa Mark.

Mike Kruger has been hitting the local water of Waubesa and stuck fish of 35 and 40 inches.

We finish this month's report with Kevin Stenzel again. (put a sigh in right here) Kevin is on fire. Kevin and his wife Cindy went to Canyon and a little lake off the beaten path lake that doesn't even have a name.

He proceeded to bang fish measuring 34, 31, 30, 31, 31, 33, 30, 32, 30, 34, 30, 30, 32, 31, 30, 38, 37, 34, 40, and 38 inches. Wow, that was one fantastic trip!

Remember to send your release forms in post marked within 30 days to:

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Or email: steve.ruhmann@gmail.com

2016 WDNR musky stocking

By Gerard Hellenbrand
Capitol City Chapter

Lakes Monona and Wingra – On Wednesday Sept. 14 the WDNR stocked muskies into the lakes of Monona and Wingra. The fish came from the Art Oehmke Hatchery in Woodruff, Wisconsin and had an average length of 10.7 inches and looked to be very healthy.

The spawn came from adult fish from the Wisconsin River this spring. The day before the DNR techs went to the hatchery to PIT tag the muskies headed for the Madison Chain of Lakes.

All of the fish received a PIT tags as the price per tag has dropped and the only extra cost is the labor putting them in. The final numbers are 1179 into Monona and 100 Wingra. Of those fish 14 had lost their PIT tags while they were in the recovery tank overnight at the hatchery.

No Chippewa River strain muskies were stocked due to limited space due to construction at the hatcheries and the ones they have are to placed back into the brood stock lakes from which the spawn came from.

The WDNR techs that got the job done are Dave Rowe, Mike Rennie, Kimberly Kuber, and Alex Bentz. These dedicated folks have done great work on behalf of the excellent muskie fishery on the Madison Chain. We owe them a big thanks for the job well done.

The Capital City Chapter of Muskies, Inc. is planning to stock and PIT tag at least 500 Leech Lake strain fingerling muskies to be placed into Lake Monona this fall.

Notes from the bow of the boat

By Dick Cholke
Flatlanders president



This summer has been one of the fastest on history – we must be getting older. The weather man has extended the summer season for a bit longer and has offered us some extended time to fish without the bulky clothes.

The Flatlanders

have been busy – busy catching fish. The first trip to Lake of the Woods was successful with 92 muskies on the board and an average of 3.8 fish per angler. The second trip to LOTW was also a successful outing.

The six-person team of Dick Estes, Jack Pertz, Dick Cholke, Tim Scruggs, Jerry and Becky Oesterich took ninth place at the Muskie Inc. Chapter Challenge in a field of 25 teams. The team caught a total of 20 fish for the week and six during the tournament. Becky and Tim tied for most fish, at five apiece, with Tim taking home honors for big fish at 47". Tim has a real good story about this fish that he (or his partner) will tell at the meeting. Also at the meeting, learn what bait caught 16 of the 20 fish.

I sent out a notice last week, that I need our help to win the bet with Luke Vike Sr., president of the Capital City Chapter.

We are both putting up baits to go to the winning chapter of the PIT Challenge on Lake Monona this Saturday.

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- To promote a high quality Muskellunge sport fishery
- To support selected conservation practices based on scientific merit and carried out by authorized federal and state agencies
- To promote Muskellunge research
- To establish hatcheries and rearing ponds and introduce the species into suitable waters
- To support the abatement of water pollution
- To maintain records of habits, growth and range of species
- To disseminate Muskellunge information
- To promote good fellowship and sportsmanship among men, women and children

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The bet is based on the average points per angler to even out the difference in attendance of the two chapters. It should be a great time and it will help support the research on Lake Monona. Here are the specifics

again: **September 24: CCMi PIT-TAG Challenge**

The Capital City Muskies Inc. chapter is hosting the annual "CCMI Pit-Tag Challenge" on Saturday, Sept. 24. This is a ONE day event with the purpose of catching PIT-tagged muskies in Lake Monona. The catch information will be used to further enhance the Leech Lake vs Wisconsin strain fish study that has been ongoing since 2007. This outing is open to all muskie anglers. Membership in CCMi is not required. Come and join us for this important and fun activity.

Date: Saturday Sept. 24.

Place: Olbrich Boat Launch

Time: 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact Gary Hoffmann at:

glhoff29@gmail.com or call 608-698-5388 for more information.

At the meeting Thursday we will give the reports of seven Flatlanders that have topped the 50-inch mark. Also, we will discuss this is very good season to date with the Flatlanders entering 227 fish into the database so far this year.

Remember we have one outing left – one of the best.

The trip to Deer/Bone/ Apple/ Wapagasset lakes is October 29, 30 and 31. Note this is Saturday, Sunday and Monday due to the conflict with the general meeting on Thursday night. We are staying at the Dalles House Motel in St. Croix Fall this year – Phone 715-483-3206.

Here are a few things for the fall season: Anglers Edge already has suckers in stock, be safe and use common sense in this late season, and get a big one to end the year with a grin.

Get on the water and get on the board.

Another call for old issues of Muskies Inc.

I'm a MUSKIES INC. member from Chicago.

I'm doing a little bit of research and looking for an old issue of the Muskies Inc. - MUSKIE magazine in which the late Len Hartman writes about his custom built, oversize tackle box. Unfortunately, I do not know specifically which issue it's in, but I do know it was 1989 or earlier.

On page 193 in Len's 1989 book "Before I Forget" – he speaks about the virtues of his own, custom made tackle box. He states: "I felt so good about it that I even wrote a column about it for MUSKIE magazine."

Would you be willing to forward my inquiry to your chapter members to ask if someone might have old issues of MUSKIE from the 1980s and if they would be willing to take a look for this article?

I will pay a reasonable amount for a photocopy or scan of the article, or the actual magazine itself. Finding this article is very important to me and my research.

Kurt M. Kuhlman muskyhound@speakeasy.net

Report those Illinois muskies

We have a good number of fish being caught in Illinois. The Illini Muskies Alliance and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources jointly sponsor a muskie creel survey. The purpose of the survey is to gain valuable information regarding muskies caught that only you the angler can provide. Go to ifishillinois.org/science/muskie_survey.php to fill out a form.