



*May 2020 newsletter*

No meetings while we sit through the pandemic. Stay safe

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## The fish are open for business

No outings or meetings, but Flatlanders take to Illinois and Wisconsin waters to boat muskies



*Steve Ruhmann got on the board with this 33.5-incher from Lake Storey.*

*By Dick Cholke  
Flatlanders president*

Where do I start with an article? All activities for May are cancelled due to the coronavirus and we all are hoping that we get the green light for

Lake of the Woods. Some of the lakes have been opening up and some folks have been getting on the board. See Kyle's article. It looks like the

white Ace Tandem has been the hot bait this spring. There have been a number of folks that got their boats in good shape and are now enjoying the new equipment. Remember to get all those things to travel to Lake of the Woods done now such as: trailer license plate stickers, renew your driver's license, confirm your passport is up to date and buy those new baits.

#### Some side notes:

- Last week Lake Evergreen had five fyke nets in the east bays by the creek inlet. The water temperatures were 59.8 °F and visibility was about a foot. Friday 5/15 the water cleared some with water temperatures starting out at 59.5 °F hitting 62 °F by mid-day.
- Lake Storey has some nice weeds and the water has a little color.
- Lake Wingra had 17 boats on the water opening day.
- The state of Minnesota did not harvest any eggs and roe for the hatcheries due to the health concerns of the DNR personnel.

#### Updated schedule:

**July 18-25:** Lake of the Woods at Bay Store Camp

**Aug. 29 – Sept. 5:** Lake of the Woods at Mylie's Place – this is not an official Flatlander outing but all Flatlanders and guests are welcome

**Sept. 18-20:** Bay of Green Bay (be aware the Packer schedule does not get released until May – these dates may need to change due to availability of accommodations)

**October 2-4:** Hayward Lakes Chapter Muskie Tournament.

**Nov. 27-29:** Lake St. Clair – Note: this was added at the last EC meeting.

We will have new Flatlander hats and T shirts available. You can also order other items with the Flatlanders logos.

Things will get better and we should get on the water and on the board.



*Duane Wedler kept grinding on Lake Wingra and popped this 37.5.*



*The Johnson silver-minnow strikes again: Bob Cholke and a 36.5 from Lake Evergreen.*

#### These guys are on the board

Well the 2020 Musky season is finally upon us and some members have been social distancing themselves out on the lakes. Kicking off the year, Steve Ruhmann ventured down to Lake Storey alongside Doug and Brandon Simonson. They battled very wet rainy conditions but managed to get one in the bag. Steve landed a 33.5 to kick off the year. Way to stick it out guys. May 1 a group of guys made their way down to Lake Storey, this time with much more favorable weather conditions. Fishing was SLOW but, Mike Krueger was able to land a 33.5 and Duane Wedler popped a beautiful 38-incher to cap off the day.

First weekend in May was the Southern Wisconsin Musky opener. It's been pretty slow going for the most part. Roller coaster weather conditions haven't been too helpful. Duane Wedler Kept the Hot streak alive by adding a clean 37.5 to his name on Wingra last weekend. Bob and Dick Cholke made their way south to

Lake Evergreen in Illinois where Bob popped a 36.5 on a ... Yup, you guessed it ... A Johnson Silver Minnow. Way to go Bob!

New member, Brandon Smaha, spent some time out at Pierce Lake where he trolled up 2 healthy 25-27 inch fish. Which is a great sign for our future fishery. I also know of a couple more low 30s taken from Rock Cut in the past week. They are in there so don't overlook what's right in our back yard.

Reports of fish starting to move are coming in guys, so get out there and get on the board. Stay safe and keep in mind your social distancing. Tight Lines

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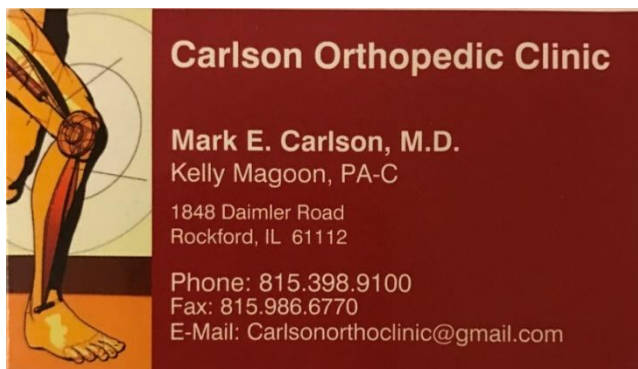


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