

# MCW Release

## MCW Newsletter

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## President's Message

Since the last newsletter we have stocked La Belle and Pewaukee Lakes, had two one day outings to lakes Random and Waubesa, collected over \$2000 in raffle revenue from our work with the Alliance, received almost \$1600 in personal



**Club president, Scott Wilkie with his 38.5" Fall League muskie that was netted by our league champion – see page 7.**

## Thanks to Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin

The MCW wishes to extend its appreciation to the Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin, whose efforts enable the Alliance Ranger boat raffle. This annual raffle helps musky fishing clubs across Wisconsin raise money for the stocking, habitat, and research enhancement for muskies in Wisconsin waters, and other conservation and education projects. This huge undertaking, all done with volunteer help; resulted in over \$83,000 in 2015. Of that, \$2,070 came back to the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin.

## Muskellunge Club of WI



donations for the stocking fund, wrapped up the MCW fall league, and we had our MCW October member meeting! Along with all that came a lot of good publicity, and we are building strong relationships with the Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies, Inc. and Take a Vet Fishing.

Our next meeting is November 11<sup>th</sup>, and Ben Heussner of the WI DNR will be joining us. He will discuss study findings and future plans for Southeast Wisconsin. A swap meet is planned for the second Wednesday of December.

Info on all of this and more can be found in this newsletter. Read it, enjoy, and remember that every day is a blessing, and get on the water!

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Ranger 1880 Angler & Trailer  
150 H.P. Mercury

**2nd-10th Prize**  
Shimano Products

Profits Used For Stocking, Research, & Improving Musky Fishing in Wisconsin  
Drawing to be held Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 1:00PM  
Vilas County Fairgrounds, Eagle River WI  
164 W. Forest St. Eagle River Wisconsin  
(Need not be present to win)

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## MCW Board Meeting Minutes – 10/14/15

Attendees: Kurt Ketcham, Scott Wilkie, Dave Dawson, Pat Ryan

Absent: Mike Nerad, Brandon Crawford, and Andy Van Slett

Observing: - none -

- Board meeting called to order at 5:43 pm
- Motion to accept minutes as reported. Moved (Dave) and seconded (Kurt).

### • Membership report (as of 7/10/2015)

- **2015:** 120 -> 2 singles; 27 couples; 5 families; 34 juniors
- 2014: 109 -> 27 singles; 23 couples; 4 families; 32 juniors <<< reviewed, corrected and confirmed numbers (these are accurate)

### • Finance Report (as of 8/12/2015)

- Operating Fund: \$9541
- Bob Baumann Stocking Fund: \$2105

### Board meeting Agenda/Topics Tonight

- Review calendar
- IMPORTANT - Timely Items: GM fundraiser????
- Speakers for Nov, and 2016
- Stocking update
  - 2015: Lac La Belle & Pewaukee
  - 2016: Okauchee & Fox River
- Wisconsin County Conservation Aid program
- MCW fishing contest - current status, policies, late entries, etc.
- Nov 7 Alliance meeting – Pat Ryan
- Raffle inventory review
- Muskie Show 2016
  - We're being asked to work security for "free" booth
  - Opportunity to promote MCW – Workshop/Presentation
- Select date for March 2016 Banquet (Sunday, 3/6/2016?)
- Discuss "Kept" division in MCW fishing contest
- Website enhancements – NEED "Donate" button
- Discuss Canada club outing for 2016 or 2017?
- Fall league update
- Fall outings Update
  - Sep 19 Okauchee
  - Oct 3 Waubesa
- Officers and board members for 2016
- Year-end business ????
- December Meeting reminder – club swap meet
- Club apparel update
- motion to adjourn – 6:40 pm

## MCW Club Calendar – 2015-16

- ✓ **June MCW Spring Outing**
  - June 4-7
- ✓ **June/July/August/September – no MCW mtgs**
  - MCW members busy catching muskies!
- ✓ **August 12**
  - BOD meeting – Aug 12
- ✓ **August 15-16**
  - **Musky Clubs Alliance boat and raffle sales Mukwonago Maxwell Street Days**
- ✓ **August 21-23**
  - **Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin National Championship Musky Open Tournament**
- ✓ **August 29**
  - MCMI Ralph Anderson Veteran's Outing
  - MCW Volunteers wanted
  - Details coming soon
- ✓ **September 18**
  - **Stocking Lac La Belle and Pewaukee**
- ✓ **September 19**
  - MCW 1-day Outing on Random Lake
- ✓ **September 26**
  - MCMI Championship Open on Pewaukee Lake
  - Proclaimed Wisconsin Hunting and Fishing Day
- ✓ **October 3**
  - MCW 1-day Outing on Lake Waubesa
- ✓ **October 14 Club Meeting**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm TBD
- ❖ **November 7 Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin**
  - Fall meeting in Stevens Point
- ❖ **November 11 Club Meeting**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm Speaker – Ben Heussner
  - Okauchee Lake study update
- ❖ **December 9**
  - 5:30pm BOD meeting
  - 6:30pm MCW SWAP MEET (Get your stuff ready!)
- ❖ **January 13 Club Meeting**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm Speaker – TBD
- ❖ **February 10 Club Meeting**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm Speaker – TBD
- ❖ **February 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>**
  - Milwaukee Muskie Expo – Volunteers needed
  - Washington County Fairgrounds
- ❖ **March 6 MCW Annual Awards Banquet**
  - Country Springs Hotel - Pewaukee
- ❖ **May/June MCW Muskie Fishing League**
  - Details coming soon
- ❖ **April 13 Club Meeting**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm Speaker – TBD
- ❖ **May 11 Club Meeting**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm Speaker – TBD

## MCW Apparel Opportunities

In our last newsletter and again at our Oct 14 membership meeting Dave Dawson introduced you to the North Carolina based [Queensboro Shirt Company](#).

That's where he's been getting some club apparel with our new MCW logo on it. This is also the same place that hosts our [online store](#) where you are able to purchase from a limited selection of individual items. It seems that many of the items listed there may be of no interest to any MCW member while our members may very well consider other items offered by Queensboro that are not yet available from our online store. To address this issue, please take some time to go to <http://www.queensboro.com/>, look over their full inventory and email Dave with items you have some interest in. You're not committing to buy anything – you're just helping to allow Dave to add more items to our online store that people may actually want to buy.

MCW members who attended our Oct 14 meeting got to see some samples of printed t-shirts Dave had purchased through our online store. Order forms for [short sleeve](#) and [long sleeve](#) t-shirts were circulated at the meeting and several of our members have committed to purchasing them. If you did not have the opportunity to let us know you'd like to order these t-shirts, Dave will have the order forms at our Nov 11 meeting. Or email us at [muskellungecw@gmail.com](mailto:muskellungecw@gmail.com) to let us know what you're interested in. The order forms allow you to order these t-shirts from a rainbow of color selections and adult sizes from Small to 3XL.

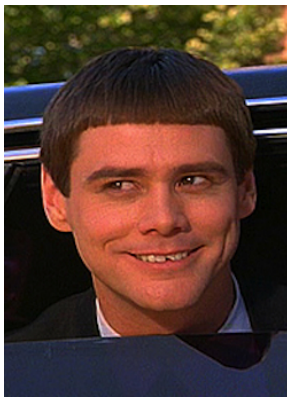
As previously stated, Queensboro offers lots of deals on apparel and our plan is to wait until another great offer is made. Once that occurs, we'll place a bigger t-shirt order for everyone that has committed. We don't know the price yet but we can tell you that the long sleeved t-shirt with the full MCW logo on the front was \$22.36 (incl shipping) when Dave ordered it from our online store. We're hoping to order when the price point will be closer to \$11-13. Short sleeve shirt should be under \$10.



**Here's the high-quality Gildan Classic Long Sleeve t-shirt Dave ordered for \$22.36 from our online store. Let us know if you're interested in ordering this or a short sleeve version – target cost for members is expected to be between \$11-15 for this long sleeve shirt and under \$10 for short sleeve.**

As you can see, ordering an individual t-shirt from our online store can be kind-of expensive (because no minimum quantity is required) so that's why we're going to place a bulk order for our club members fairly soon.

We do have some embroidered hats with our logo on them. Several members have purchased them already. We'll have more of them at our Nov 11 meeting. We have camo hats (\$15) with 3 different thread color schemes plus hats in black (\$10), sand/light tan (\$10) and yellow/mustard (\$15).



**...that look you get when you arrive at the lake and you KNOW the muskies are active!**



**“The day you learned to cast a baitcaster is the same day you learned to swear”**  
*Unknown*

# Muskie Stocking Reflections

by Roxanne Baumann

Yes, Wisconsin! It's Packer football season! What a great time to listen to the words from the great Vince Lombardi. "Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

We just did something amazing! On September 18, 2015, several clubs, groups, passions, and people came together to put 700 young muskie fingerlings in the waters of Lac LaBelle and Pewaukee Lake. All of us motivated by wanting to share our love of muskies with others and fulfill the missions of our muskie clubs as an opportunity to really make a positive difference! All of us wanting to give back... give back to the environment; give back to each other as we worked toward the goal, give back as we remembered those who fished beside us in our club before; leave something for future generations; and more. It felt awesome to come together to do something really good in this world!! And while we did it... we had FUN! Lots of fun...lots of camaraderie... lots of laughs. We inspired others who learned about our passion, and people who watched our teamwork and positive energy. That's making a difference, that's fulfilling our club mission, that's living folks.....and that's something really worthy in today's world!

Success isn't what you accomplish in your life; it's what you inspire others to do. My Bob was just an ordinary guy, who had an extraordinary effect on others. He inspired me to do something in his

memory that would honor how he lived and loved life. The Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc, Team Rhino Outdoors, Smokey's Muskie Shop, Gollon Bait and Fish Farm, and the WI DNR; all of them have come together to stock muskie fingerlings. Bob would just LOVE this! All of us working together has really allowed us to stock a significant number of muskie fingerlings this year. You cannot imagine what it feels like for me to release one of those baby fish in the waters! I love the incredible energy we've started. So... on behalf of the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin, we thank the Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies, Inc., Team Rhino Outdoors, Smokey's, and more! We honor the memory of Bob Baumann in this; and we honor the memory of Eugene Nedilsky whose memory lives on in this stocking as well.

And then there's me. This stocking has lifted my heart and spirits. Personally releasing 100 of those muskie fingerlings into



**Roxanne Baumann, Dave Dawson, and Brian Mirek stocking muskies at Lac La Belle.**

## 2015 Muskie Stocking

On Friday, September 18, 2015 the efforts and financial support from the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin, the Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc, Smokey's Muskie Shop, and Team Rhino Outdoors allowed 700 fingerling muskies to be stocked in SE Wisconsin. 400 muskies were stocked in Lac La Belle and 300 more were stocked in Pewaukee Lake. Several club members and the WI DNR helped to distribute the muskies at various locations throughout both lakes. The \$10.50 fingerlings were purchased from Gollon Bait and Fish Farm, Dodgeville, WI.

Lac LaBelle and watching new life restart in that lake to be enjoyed for years is probably one of the most significant things I've done in my lifetime. It feels damn good. I feel Bob's presence with us; smiling and encouraging all of us to "live life". You cannot be sad, when you're doing something so enduring. So...thank you ....all of you! There's a tremendous effort here to make this happen.....brat fries, raffle tickets, tournaments, donations, organization, time off from work, boats launched and more. Yes, Vince Lombardi...individual commitment to a group effort...that's a team....that makes a difference. Thanks to both muskie clubs, and everyone involved that made this happen this year. You have warmed my broken heart. And I am so very grateful for your kindness.



## Okauchee Spotted Muskie

Hey, doesn't this look like a bigger version of one of the extended growth muskies we stocked in Okauchee Lake in 2012? It sure could be! Local muskie angler, Will Govin caught and released this 36" muskie from Okauchee Lake using his fly rod on Oct 4, 2015. Will released a couple more of these spotted muskies from Okauchee Lake a year ago (see the Feb 2, 2015 MCW Release newsletter which shows him with a 32"er from last fall). It is fantastic to see that our stocking efforts from the past appear to be working?!?

## 2015 MCW Alliance Ticket Sales

We're back at it and in a very nice way! Thanks to Chuck Montgomery, we hosted 2 fundraiser events in 2015 where we had the Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin Ranger boat and sold lots of raffle tickets for that boat. The chart below shows that our fundraising efforts brought nearly \$2000 to our club. We'll be doing it again in 2016. Thanks everyone!

GM brat sales	26	Books sold (\$260)
Maxwell St sales	154	Books sold (\$1540)
Member sales	96	Books sold (\$960)
	276	Total books sold
	X \$10	Price per book
Total sales	\$2760	Reported to Alliance
\$7.50 per book	\$2070	Income from ticket sales
	(\$55)	Maxwell St booth expense
	(\$25)	MCAW membership dues
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1990</b>	Ticket sales net income

## December Swap Meet!

We're excited to announce that we've added another fun MCW club event this year. Wed, December 9, we will have a club swap meet at our normal meeting location – the Thunder Bay Grille in Pewaukee. MCW members can bring their stuff to sell to anyone who would like to join us. Yes, the public is welcome to and as always, visitors can attend our MCW meeting events for free. No cost for MCW members to sell their stuff either! Non-members can join our club (\$35 single; \$40 family) on the spot and sell their stuff if anyone is interested in doing that. Expect to find muskie fishing tackle, gear, rods and reels, landing nets, books, electronics, outdoor gear, and lots of other items. Start gathering your stuff to sell at our club swap meet. Or, you can plan to show up to browse and buy something for the 2016 season. Hope to see you on December 9.

## Members-Only Login Credentials

As a member of MCW, you have access to our [members-only web page](#) where you will find current and past newsletters, past annual reports, muskie affidavit forms for registering the muskies you catch, league rules and standings, plus other MCW information. A user name and password are required to access our MCW members-only web page. These login credentials were shared with our members earlier in 2015. The user name is "member". If you need the password, contact another MCW member or someone from the MCW Board. Note that these login credentials are case sensitive, so be sure to enter them exactly as they were provided to you. Please share these login credentials ONLY with MCW members. Thank You!

# MCW Members-Only Fishing Contest

5 of our members registered 28 muskies in September. 3 of those 5 members; Brenda and John Dettloff and Andy Van Slett, put 26 fish on the board! As seen in our 2 recent club outings and our fall league, others have been fishing and some muskies have been seen, but it's been a tough time for most of us. Not shown in our September listings is an extremely impressive fish. Andy caught and released a monster pike of 50 inches. Congrats Andy! That's incredible!

As stated above, John and Brenda Dettloff each put up an impressive number of muskies in September including 2 very nice muskies; John with a 48.25" and Brenda with a 46.25"! Congrats!

According to the calendar, fall is upon us and it is prime time for giant fall muskies. And with the remarkably warm fall weather, we hope you're making time to get out there and fish for muskies! If you are lucky enough to catch one, be sure to register your catch in our MCW Members Only Fishing Contest even if it isn't a big one. You can easily [register your muskie successes by using the online entry form](#) from your mobile device or your computer. (To access this form from our members-only page, you will need login credentials. Please find that login info on page

5 in this newsletter.) [Paper entry forms](#) aren't preferred, but are still available, and can be printed and mailed in. If you need a paper entry form and you don't have access to a computer or printer, ask a fellow member, officer, or board member for a printed copy.

To qualify for an award you must measure your muskie, fill out an affidavit form in its entirety, and submit a photo of the fish. These affidavit forms must be completed online (or postmarked if snail mailed) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following the date you caught your muskie.

**High resolution digital photos are preferred** and can be emailed to our club's email address (either [info@muskellungeclubwi.org](mailto:info@muskellungeclubwi.org) or [muskellungecw@gmail.com](mailto:muskellungecw@gmail.com)). Printed photos may be mailed to MCW, P.O. Box 2284, Brookfield, WI 53008-2284. Photos must be received by the last day of January following the end of the year.

Brenda Dettloff	40.5	09-01-2015	Chippewa Flowage	1930s Pflueger Globe, Yellow
Brenda Dettloff	35.25	09-03-2015	Chippewa Flowage	LeLure Creeper/BL
John Dettloff	37	09-03-2015	Chippewa Flowage	LeLure Creeper/BL
John Dettloff	39.25	09-06-2015	Chippewa Flowage	LeLure Thumper/walleye
Andy Van Slett	38	09-06-2015	Random Lake	sucker
Andy Van Slett	36	09-06-2015	Random Lake	Crank Bait
John Dettloff	36	09-08-2015	Chippewa Flowage	LeLure Creeper, Buggy
Brenda Dettloff	41.75	09-10-2015	Chippewa Flowage	LeLure Creeper, Bugeye Black
John Dettloff	39.5	09-12-2015	Chippewa Flowage	John's Globe, Blk
Brenda Dettloff	34.5	09-14-2015	Chippewa Flowage	Dr, Evil, Black
Andy Van Slett	35.5	09-19-2015	Random Lake	Crank Bait
Brenda Dettloff	41.25	09-20-2015	Chippewa Flowage	LeLure Crazy Creeper, Or
John Dettloff	40	09-23-2015	Chippewa Flowage	LeLure Creeper, Buggy Black
Brenda Dettloff	46.25	09-23-2015	Chippewa Flowage	LeLure Creeper, Bugeye Black
Thomas Murphy	35.5"	09-24-2015	Pewaukee	Bucktail / Blue Fox Super Vibra
Richard Garner	38"	09-24-2015	Pewaukee	Mania Sneaky pete/bucktail
John Dettloff	48.25	09-24-2015	Chippewa Flowage	LeLure Creeper, Buggy black
John Dettloff	43	09-25-2015	Chippewa Flowage	John's Globe, Blk
Andy Van Slett	39	09-26-2015	Random Lake	Crank Bait
Andy Van Slett	39	09-26-2015	Random Lake	sucker
Andy Van Slett	36	09-27-2015	Waubesa	Crank Bait
Andy Van Slett	38	09-27-2015	Waubesa	Crank Bait
Andy Van Slett	41	09-27-2015	Waubesa	Crank Bait
Andy Van Slett	37	09-28-2015	Waubesa	sucker
Andy Van Slett	37	09-28-2015	Waubesa	Crank Bait
Andy Van Slett	39	09-29-2015	Waubesa	Crank Bait
Andy Van Slett	34	09-29-2015	Waubesa	Crank Bait
Andy Van Slett	40	09-29-2015	Waubesa	Crank Bait



**Andy Van Slett released this Sept Giant!**

## MCW Awards Banquet

Save The Date: It may seem like a long way off, but we just inked the date for our 2015 MCW Annual Awards Banquet. We will be hosting this event on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at the Country Springs Hotel – same place as last year. Mark your calendars for a fun afternoon of stories, entertainment, club camaraderie, and

## Member Photos Wanted

The colorful photos in this newsletter were all supplied by you. Please keep the pics coming. Everyone likes to see photos of people holding muskies, but also consider sending us anything you capture including photos of MCW friends holding any kind of fish. We'd love to showcase the events you capture. Wildlife, sunrises/sunsets, scenery, Spring League, Spring Outing, Canadian adventures, etc are all great things to capture with your digital camera. Please email photos you'd like to share with us to [muskellungecw@gmail.com](mailto:muskellungecw@gmail.com) or [info@muskellungeclubwi.org](mailto:info@muskellungeclubwi.org). It will be interesting to see if our photo tip articles are working and you are capturing the best shots you can.

## MCW Member

### Contributions Wanted

Creating content for our newsletters is a lot of work. But it has been helpful when feedback suggests that newsletter content is enjoyed by our members. Perhaps you have an idea or a story or a how-to article you'd like us to include in a future newsletter. Even suggestions and feedback are welcome. Email your submissions to [muskellungecw@gmail.com](mailto:muskellungecw@gmail.com) or [info@muskellungeclubwi.org](mailto:info@muskellungeclubwi.org).

## Rich Garner – Fall League Champion!



Put a check mark in the success column for the MCW Fall League. As previously announced and discussed at our October member meeting, we ran an experimental Fall Muskie Fishing League this year. While the participation level was lower than we would have liked, the enthusiasm was high for the seven different anglers that participated.

The weather – temperature wise – was cooperating but it wouldn't be an MCW outing without the high winds that greeted the anglers almost every week. The Fall League rules were just a bit different than the Spring Muskie Fishing League. The anglers could pick the lake that they wanted to fish, although each week they all choose Pewaukee. And live bait was permitted. The league began on Sep 16 and ran for 5 weeks, finishing on Oct 15. The time was adjusted to accommodate the shorter daylight hours; 4:30 - 7:30pm.

Two fish were caught with a chance at a few more over the five weeks.

In the end, Rich Garner took the crown. He caught a 38" with Thomas Murphy on the net. Rich also was the netter for Scott Willkie's 38.5" and participated in all five weeks, accumulating those valuable participation points.

Followed closely behind Rich, Scott Wilkie took second place.

Plan on a Fall League again next year.

Only 27 weeks or so until the Spring League starts.

Congratulations Rich Garner on a well-deserved win.

# Recapping Our MCW One-Day Local Outings

MCW members participated in two (2) separate one day outings earlier this fall. The first was at Random Lake on September 19 and the second occurred at Lake Waubesa on October 4. Those that participated had a very good time with plenty of muskie activity on both lakes. The consensus was that we should do this same thing on the same lakes next fall... and we will. It would be great to see lots more of our MCW membership enjoying our passion together on a local lake.



**MCW members from the Random Lake outing were (L-R): Rich Garner, Dave Dawson, Doris Rubin, Scott Wilkie, Greg Rubin, Pat Ryan, Thomas Murphy, and Andy Van Slett.**

## MCW Lake Waubesa Outing

Recap by Scott Wilkie The one day MCW outing to Lake Waubesa on Saturday, October 3 started windy and stayed that way. With a kick off around 7am, 4 boats hit the water with 7 anglers. From the Lake Farm County Park Launch on the northwest side of the lake we headed directly into a Northeast wind, which has haunted almost all of our events, outings and league nights this year. Most club anglers worked the North end of the lake preferring to work the shallow weeds in the area. This was in the wind – no avoiding it. Venturing too close to shore was to risk lead fallout as duck hunters encircled the north end of the lake and the Yahara River. We

## MCW Random Lake Outing

Recap by Dave Dawson When it became clear the Okauchee Lake launch wasn't going to be open by the time we wanted to use it for our late summer outing, Andy suggested Random Lake. 8 club members in 5 boats enjoyed a good time that morning. It started with ugly weather; a little rain and a lot of wind (typical for an MCW outing <wink>). But the weather cleared and our outing ended under clear skies. Everyone saw multiple muskies and a few members even hooked up. Andy showed us how it was done when he hooked stuck a 35.5" muskie as Rich observed from his boat nearby. Andy should have doubled but the low-40"er got off just out of reach of the net. Thomas caught a silver walleye that morning. Lots of muskie experiences from the day's events were shared during our picnic afterward. We hope you'll join us at Random Lake for next year's outing!

were treated to more than a 21 gun salute! Bucktails and glide baits produced some hits in the morning. As the sun came up the wind didn't die, and more hits came. Dave Dawson and Andy Van Slett saw action on suckers. Sometime around 11 am with our faces wind burned and the trolling motor on life support, Rich Garner and I headed to the East shore to get out of the wind for a few minutes and regroup. We were in the sun, out of the wind and refreshed by a beverage. Greg and Doris Rubin came thru from the south and reported on action in their boat including the tail of Greg's bulldawg being bitten off. Shortly thereafter, close to 11:30 am, I had a follow by a tanker, The USS something; on my bucktail that came in steady - then hit on the figure eight and for 2 long seconds I'll never forget, I had on one of the biggest fish of my life, and then, just as fast, it came unbuttoned and was gone. According to Rich my speech became rapid and blue! 45 minutes later another boatside hit and run from a smaller fish on a jig and plastic had me hyperventilating. Time to head in and light the grill! That proved to be another challenge as I

(see [Waubesa](#) next page)



## Renovated Okauchee Lake Launch Is Open

The Okauchee Lake public launch finally opened on October 3 after a lengthy renovation project that essentially kept the launch closed for the entire summer and into fall. The renovated launch includes a completely new look and traffic flow. You will find a few more parking spots for both rigs with boat trailers as well as vehicles with no trailer.

The launch is open every day from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

## October MCW Meeting Take a Vet Fishing

Dave Van Doorn was our guest speaker at our Oct 14 MCW membership meeting and represented [Take a Vet Fishing](#) in a big way. He shared a powerful message about fishing with our military veterans. It was inspiring to hear the impact fishing can have on our veterans. The impact of their program is very big and their program itself is even bigger. In addition to sharing his experiences fishing with our vets, he also shared some practical muskie fishing tips that will likely help our members on the water. MCW donated \$100 to Take a Vet Fishing in exchange for Dave's donated time with us. Also, in recognition of Take a Vet Fishing, we move \$50 to our stocking fund.

## Did you know...

While looking for content for this very article I stumbled upon an [ebay auction for a small ceramic baitcaster planter](#). One end of it had the words "THE MUSKELLUNGE CLUB OF WISCONSIN". Wow, now there's a piece of club history! But what's the story



## Waubesa (from previous page)

had to hide the grill behind a large rules and regs sign at the park to get it out of the wind and lit. At the grill, Thomas Murphy reported a bite off of a big fish on a large spinnerbait in Mud Lake north of the railroad trestle. He then proceeded to show all of us that indeed, 4 hot dogs can be forced into a single bun (see below)! No fish caught, but all in all we had a great time, lots of laughs, saw fish and had action. I learned a lot about a new lake and I want to especially thank Andy Van Slett for encouraging us to try this lake and sharing information. That's what make this club great!



**Thomas Murphy with his signature 4 hotdog sandwich!**

behind this item. Virgil Potvin, 1983 MCW President's Award recipient and one of our most tenured MCW members had the answer. He explained that years ago (sometime around 1982-85) he had ordered 2 dozen of these from Mr. Ceramics in Iola, WI for that year's MCW awards banquet. They were \$5.50 each with our club name printed on them (\$5.15 without). These baitcaster planters were center pieces – complete with flower arrangements - on each table at the banquet. At the end of that banquet, the emcee asked everyone to look under their chairs. The person at each table who had been sitting on a previously tagged chair was awarded this unique piece of MCW memorabilia. Did you know this item existed?

**Your 2015 MCW Officers and Board Members:**

**President**  
Scott Wilkie

**Vice President**  
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## Beyond MCW

Other Milwaukee area fishing related opportunities including club meetings with speakers of possible interest to you are listed here.

[Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc.](#)

**No Nov meeting**  
**Jan 21 – Next member meeting**

[Great Lakes Sportfishermen](#)

**Nov 10 Membership meeting**  
**MW Marine - Winterizing**

[Wisconsin Fishing Club](#)

**Nov 9 Membership Meeting**

[Okauchee Fishing Club](#)

**(Tue night every 2 weeks)**  
**Nov 3 Membership meeting**

**Take a Vet Fishing**  
**Dave Van Doorn**

**Nov 17 Membership meeting**  
**Korin Franklin**

**Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention**  
**Dec 3 Membership meeting**  
**Isreal J. Dunn "Shorebound Hero"**

[Walleyes Unlimited](#)

**Nov 11 Membership Meeting**

## MCW Mission Statement (Adopted January 8, 2014)

The Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin is a non-profit organization of anglers that promotes the conservation of a valuable Wisconsin natural resource, the Wisconsin state fish, the Muskellunge – Esox Masquinongy – for present and future fishing enjoyment of MCW members and the general public. MCW events encourage camaraderie, emphasize education and the encouragement of catch and release, and serve as fundraisers for stocking while recognizing, celebrating and upholding the heritage of the club.

## MCW Meeting Info:

MCW meets the second Wednesday of the months of January, February, April, May October, and November. (Bonus meetings are sometimes added.)

Location: Thunder Bay Grille  
N14 W24145 Tower Place  
Pewaukee, WI 53220  
(North on Pewaukee Road / Hwy 164 Exit off I-94)

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