

MCW Release

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President's Message

Another fully loaded issue! News on our upcoming MCW November members meeting, and a recap of our recent outings, fall MCW fishing league and our September stocking event.

We're still working on the details for an upcoming MCW new member orientation meeting in December. This will be an informative event and all members are welcome.

At the October meeting, our own member, Brian Mirek, gave a fun and informative talk that included on and off the water time micro management. Doing the little things to be ready for the water with a moments' notice and being effective when you get there.

HUGE THANKS Fall Stocking Volunteers!

Many thanks to the MCW club members that took time out of their day on Friday September 23 to help distribute the 300 large fingerling muskies purchased in a joint effort between MCW and Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies



MCW member volunteers stocked Lac La Belle and Pewaukee. T-Bone, Greg, and Mike must have stayed behind the camera to capture these stocking pics of Rich, Thomas, and John.

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Next up is Dan Dembkowski, Fisheries Research Scientist from UW Stevens Point, our keynote speaker for our Nov 9 meeting discussing their juvenile musky telemetry study.

Another Stocking event! 5 times since 2012, with hopes of another event next spring. The wheels are in motion to stock Okauchee with yearlings again next April. This has become even more important than ever with no DNR stocking of Okauchee in 2016. Two months ago we planned to stock Okauchee this fall and even announced it in our last newsletter, but then we learned the intent of the WI DNR

(See **More from the Prez** page 3)

Inc from Gollon Bait and Fish Farm. Helping stock 150 muskies into Lac LaBelle were: Rich Garner, Terry "T-Bone" Jahnke, and Thomas Murphy. Over on Pewaukee the other 150 muskies went in with an assist from: John Donald, Mike Phelps, and Greg Sieren. Thanks Guys!!!!

MCW Board Meeting Agenda – 10/12/16

Attendees: Rich Garner, Scott Wilkie, Dave Dawson, Andy Van Slett, Mike Nerad, Kurt Ketcham

Absent: Brandon Crawford,

Observing: Jim Buske

- Board meeting called to order at 5:30 pm
- Accepted minutes from last BOD mtg as reported.

• Membership report (as of 10/08/2016)

- 2016: 151** -> 40 singles; 35 families (34 with spouse); 42 Jrs
- 42 new members including 14 juniors! 21 new membership records =>13 singles, 8 families (7 spouses), and 14 juniors. 11 NON-renewals.

2015: 124 -> 28 singles; 33 families; 35 juniors

• Finance Report (as of 8/8/2016)

- General Fund: \$11,795!!!
(includes Alliance ticket sales)
- Bob Baumann Stocking Fund: \$926

• Board meeting Agenda/Topics

- Review calendar
- Review Action Items from 8/10/2016 BOD mtg
- Speakers for Oct, Nov, and 2017
- Stocking update 2016
- 2017 Grant app submitted
- Nov 5 Alliance meeting – Pat Ryan
- Muskie Shows 2017
- March 5, 2017 Banquet
- Member lure donations for youth bucket give-away
- Website Update – new hosting platform
- Discuss Canada club outing for 2017 or 2018?
- Fall league update
- League review committee
- Fall outings Update (Random and Waubesa)
- Officers and board members for 2017
- Year-end business ?????
- December Meeting reminder – club swap meet
- Club apparel update
- Spring Outing alternate locations considered

- Motion to adjourn – 6:31 pm



Reily Sieren 35.5

MCW Club Calendar – 2016

- ✓ **January 8-10** Chicago Muskie Expo
- ✓ **January 13** Club Business Meeting
- ✓ **All-Canada Show** (Chicago 1/14-17; Green Bay 1/21/24)
- ✓ **February 10** Club Meeting – Mike Mordas
- ✓ **February 12 – 14** Milwaukee Muskie Expo
- ✓ **March 6** **MCW Annual Awards Banquet**
- ✓ **April 2** Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin
- ✓ **April 11** Wisconsin DNR Spring Hearings
- ✓ **April 13** Club Meeting - Chad Larson
- ✓ **April 12 & 27** Okauchee Lake muskie stocking
- ✓ **May 1** Brat Fundraiser Gander Mountain
- ✓ **May 7** Wisconsin Inland Waters Fishing Opener
- ✓ **May 11** Club Meeting
 - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
 - 7:30pm Speaker – Chris Terry
- ✓ **May 12** Spring League Night (sign up by Mon, May 9)
- ✓ **May 19** Spring League Night (sign up by Mon, May 16)
- ✓ **May 21** Lighthouse Youth Center Muskie Tournament
- ✓ **May 26** Spring League Night (sign up by Mon, May 23)
- ✓ **May 28** Muskie Opener – Northern Wisconsin
- ✓ **June/Jul/Aug/Sep** – no MCW meetings
 - MCW members busy catching muskies!
- ✓ **June 2** Spring League Night (sign up by Mon, May 30)
- ✓ **June 9-12** MCW Spring Outing (North & South Twin)
 - Signups and down payment due now
- ✓ **June 11-12**
 - **MCW Musky Clubs Alliance boat & raffle sales Mukwonago Maxwell Street Days**
- ✓ **June 16** Spring League Night (sign up by Mon, Jun 13)
- ✓ **June 23** Spring League Night (sign up by Mon, Jun 20)
- ✓ **June 30** Spring League Night (sign up by Mon, Jun 27)
- ✓ **August 10**
 - BOD meeting – location TBD
- ✓ **August 19-21**
 - **Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin National Championship Musky Open Tournament**
- ✓ **Sept 8, 15, 22, 29** **Fall League Night (signup by Mon)**
- ✓ **Sept 23** Muskie Stocking Lac La Belle / Pewaukee
- ✓ **September 17** MCW 1-day Outing on Random Lake
- ❖ **October 1** MCW 1-day Outing on Lake Waubesa
 - Details coming as the date approaches
- ❖ **Oct 6, 13** **Fall League Night (signup by Mon)**
- ❖ **October 12** Club Meeting
 - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
 - 7:30pm Brian Mirek – Making the most of TOW
- ❖ **November 5** Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin
 - Fall meeting in Stevens Point
- ❖ **November 9** Club Meeting
 - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
 - 7:30pm Speaker – Dan Dembkowski
 - Juvenile telemetry study report
- ❖ **December 7** New Member Orientation Event (tentative)
- ❖ **December 14** 2nd Annual MCW Swap Meet
 - 5:30pm BOD meeting
 - 6:30pm MCW SWAP MEET (Get your stuff ready!)
- ❖ **January 11** **Club Annual Business Meeting**
 - 5:30pm BOD meeting
 - 6:30pm MCW Business Meeting

More from the Prez (from Page 1)

in stocking 1187 fingerling muskellunge into Okauchee Lake on September 21, based on information shared by our local biologist. So we decided to hold off on Okauchee until spring so our fish didn't compete with DNR fish going into the winter. Spring stocked fish have a higher survival rate. With all the variables to overwinter fish, a spring stocking is never guaranteed so we did a small 2016 year class stocking this fall in La Belle and Pewaukee which keeps us financially sound for a more preferred spring stocking in 2017 if muskies are available then. A recap of that day is inside this issue. With that behind us, MCW emphasis switched back to the Oconomowoc river system and a big push for the spring of 2017. We then learned that due to low production in one of the ponds, the DNR missed Okauchee again in 2016, two years in a row. How unfortunate. So here we go again, our club working with Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc., will make Okauchee Lake and its adjoining lakes top priority in 2017. Now we have to hope our supplier has fish for us to overwinter.

Our 2nd annual MCW swap meet at Thunder Bay Grille is scheduled for December 14. This is a no cost event for MCW members to participate in, so bring your check book, or sell your stuff!

At the September meeting, outing chairman Pat Ryan asked for your input on possible venues for our next spring outing. If you'd like a location considered, please get us a name or info ASAP so we can do our due diligence. It is our goal to provide members with a potential trophy fishing experience while being budget conscious for all members.

Fall League is behind us but what fun we had! Lots of action and lots of laughs! What a great way to make new friends and maintain club relationships. Congrats to our new fall league champion!

Lastly, in the next month or more depending on the weather, you've got a chance to catch your biggest fish of the year. Keep it simple, use live bait while you cast and move slow. A slow moving sucker hanging in front of your next trophy is a winning ticket. Make sure you hit the warmest hours of the day when fish are most active. Best of luck and be safe out there.

President Scott

New Member Welcome Event

Believe it or not, since our October meeting our club welcomed 5 new members which puts us at 156 members for the year! What's even more incredible is that we have 47 new members just this year! WOW! That calls for a new member orientation event!

We have made tentative arrangements for a MCW new member orientation meeting. We're targeting December 7 (maybe 14), 2016 for this meeting but have yet to ink the date. Although the meeting itself will be geared towards newer members, there's a lot of great club information for all.

We delayed the delivery of this newsletter because the logistical details for this event were nearly finalized but felt it was important to get you all the other info inside without postponing it any longer. Look for complete MCW new member orientation event information soon in your email and an announcement in the next *MCW Release* newsletter.

December 14 Swap Meet!

We're excited to announce that on Wed, December 14 we'll host our 2nd annual MCW 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 too 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 2017 season. Hope to see you at our swap meet on December 14.

So What's With These Moon Charts?

By Dave Dawson

"It must, of course, be admitted that large stories of fishing adventure are sometimes told by fisherman -- and why should this not be so? Beyond all question there is no sphere of human activity so full of strange and wonderful incidents as theirs."

-Grover Cleveland

Anyone who has been fishing for any length of time is probably at least aware of daily predicted fish feeding windows. I used to just smile when I'd hear the peak fishing times reported on the radio and related to them the same way as those daily horoscope predictions.

Around 15 years ago, though, my good friend (Scott) shared his strong-felt belief in a chart he had been following that provided him with 4 peak feeding window predictions each day; 2 majors and 2 minors. He explained that those times related to the moon. While fishing with him on Lake of the Woods back then, he showed me that there just may be something to it. His strategy was pretty simple... always fish hard but when those feeding windows occur, make sure you're on your best spots. I have to admit, we did seem to have some success during some of those windows so I started to pay attention.

Back then I knew very little about these feeding window predictions or how the moon worked. I knew that the amount of the visible portion of the moon changed each day but didn't understand the approximate 29.5-day cycle of the moon phases. And it took many years before I began to understand that while the moon rises and sets each day, it has its own schedule that doesn't follow the sun's schedule. I now understand that the day when the moon is full, it rises at almost the same time as sunset and that the day of the new moon, the moon rises at almost the same time as sunrise. I've also determined that the moon rises and sets approximately 1 hour later each day than the day before. These simple concepts are important in understanding predicted fish feeding times.

Approximately 5 years ago another good friend (Mike) revealed that he, too, began following a chart that was showing him good muskie fishing success. It was at this more recent time when I finally discovered that while both friends followed charts with 4 feeding windows per day that related to the moon, their times were different. Scott follows a chart called [Solunar](#) and Mike follows one called [Fishing Reminder](#). It was right around this same time that I learned that other charts exist with their own predicted feeding windows. Musky Hunter magazine,

for example, publishes Joe Bucher's predicted feeding windows which seem to relate to the moon AND the sun. So, who's right? Which charts should you follow? I'm not sure I have the answer to that but it's clear to me that having an understanding of this might help you catch more fish.

Fishing Reminder times are very well recognized and might be the easiest to understand. Its 2 minor feeding windows occur during the period of time surrounding moonrise and moonset while its 2 major feeding windows occur during the period of time half-way between those events which are referred to as moon-overhead (when the moon is highest in the sky) and moon-underfoot (when the moon is highest in the sky below the horizon). Some charts that follow this concept document the minor as a 1-hour window that begins 30 minutes before moonrise and moonset while the major is a 2-hour window that begins 1 hour before moon-overhead and moon-underfoot. Fishing Reminder gives us a 2-hour window for both majors and minors. Mike believes that the Fishing Reminder minors have much more significance than the majors. He also thinks the moon-overhead major is the least significant which matches Bucher's belief that fishing is tough when the moon is visible in the sky whether its day or night.

MCW member, Pat Ryan and I have been discussing this topic off and on for a little over a year. When we first started talking about this, he was referencing Scott's Solunar chart. Together we observed the major and minor times on this chart were different than Fishing Reminder – always occurring earlier than the Fishing Reminder times. He wondered out loud, "So what's the 'secret sauce' in these Solunar times?" I contacted the guy who provides those Solunar times. (He has a fascinating story that will be left for another time.) His times occur at the 4 times each day when the moon is the closest to the earth. Those times are on a sliding schedule depending on the phase of the moon but always occur before the Fishing Reminder times.

There's lots more to explore and share on this topic but that'll have to wait for another day. These charts may be worth some investigation. They certainly help me stay focused when muskie action is tough.

"I don't lie about the size of the fish I catch, I just remember them bigger"

-Alan Di Soma

MCW Stocks Muskies in Lac La Belle & Pewaukee

MCW was able to stock a small number of muskies into two area lakes: one we fish very hard, Pewaukee; and the other is Lac La Belle. Lac La Belle is part of the Oconomowoc River system we have put our emphasis behind. This was another joint muskie stocking effort between our club and the Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies, Inc. (MCMI)

These small stockings were made to insure we stocked some of the 2016 year class with hopes of a really big push for another successful stocking of yearling muskies into Okauchee next spring **IF we can get fish.**

At 10 am on September 23, the Gollon Bait and Fish Farm truck rolled up to the Lac La Belle launch.

150 fish were delivered, 100 for MCW and 50 for MCMI. Meeting the truck and prepared for action were: Rich Garner, Terry "T-Bone" Jahnke and Thomas Murphy.



Rich Garner's perspective as told to MCW president Scott Wilkie:

"When I left the house with the boat that morning it was misting outside and by the time I got to Pewaukee on Highway 94 it was pouring buckets and miserable. I drove on to Oconomowoc through the rain and when I arrived at the Lac La Belle boat launch it was only drizzling so I launched and for the most part the rain had stopped. Soon I was met there by T-Bone [Terry Jahnke] and Thomas [Murphy]. Thomas launched his rig too, so we had two boats for distribution. Greg Godfrey from Gollon [Bait and Fish Farm] pulled in with the tank truck and we went to work. T-Bone and I had several coolers so we were able to take quite a few muskies out in one trip. We took about 120 fish and spread them throughout the lake looking for weeds. Thomas took the other 30 or so large fingerlings and distributed them. We found some weeds on the East End near the dam, the boat launch, and around the island. I was pleasantly surprised that several of the fish were well over 10 inches and probably ten percent were over a foot! Some were as long as 15 inches!"



Rich Garner and Greg Godfrey stocking muskies.

The Gollon truck moved on, and at shortly after 11 am arrived at the City of Pewaukee ramp, next to Smokey's Muskie Shop. 250 fish: 100 MCW, 50 MCMI, and 100 Three Charlie's (Smokey's). At this drop off spot, MCW members John Donald, Mike Phelps and Greg Sieren went to work on distribution.

At approx 12:30 pm the Gollon truck departed Pewaukee and headed south for two stockings on the Fox River near Tichigan for a joint muskie stocking project between MCMI and Racine and Kenosha Counties. Greg Sieren put on his MCMI hat and led the way. MCW is not part of this project but we thought you would like to know where other local muskie stocking is happening. We thank MCMI for the fish they added to both Pewaukee and La Belle, and commend their efforts in Racine and Kenosha Counties.



MCW Members-Only Fishing Contest

For the 2nd newsletter in a row, we report on 2 months of muskies caught by our members. 14 of our members registered 36 muskies they caught and released in August and September. It's fantastic to see 10 of our lucky members registered 19 muskies in August with almost half of them 40 inches and longer and 11 of them from Canada. After a successful Canadian adventure with some very nice muskies caught, club member, Chad Larson continued his success after he returned home and released a very impressive 49.25 from one of our local lakes. Nice going Chad! September was another good month when 9 of our members registered 16 muskies with the hottest young stick in our club, Ben Sieren registering a beautiful 48.25! Congrats Ben! And congrats to all our members who caught muskies!

If you were lucky enough to catch a muskie, be sure to register your catch in our MCW Members Only Fishing Contest even if it isn't a big one. Be sure to register any muskies you caught in October by November 10. You can easily [register your muskie by using the online entry](#). (To access this form from our members-only page, you will need login credentials. Contact us if you need that login information.) [Paper entry forms](#) (although not preferred) are still available, too, 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 in our members-only fishing contest, measure your muskie, complete and submit an affidavit form, and submit a photo of the fish. These affidavit forms must be completed online (or postmarked if snail mailed) by the 10th of the month following the month when your muskie was caught.



Ben Sieren hit his stride in late August and kept it going with 3 more muskies in September including this trophy 48.25"! It appears as though Ben may have found a magic lure. Congrats Ben!



Chad Larson with a dandy August 49.25" muskie from Okauchee Lake! Nice going Chad!

August Entries

Brenda Dettloff	35.5"	08-02-2016	Chippewa Flowage	Dr Evil/BL
Chad Larson	47.5"	08-11-2016	Eagle Lake	Spanky Baits 99's
Chad Larson	37"	08-11-2016	Eagle Lake	Spanky Baits 99's
Deb Uttech	44"	08-13-2016	lake x	dbi 10
Chris Uttech	44.5"	08-13-2016	lake x	madussa
Deb Uttech	42"	08-15-2016	lake x	madussa
Chris Uttech	39"	08-15-2016	lake x	madussa
Chad Larson	44"	08-15-2016	Eagle Lake	PaceMaker
Chad Larson	45"	08-16-2016	Eagle Lake	Spanky Baits 99's
Chad Larson	37"	08-17-2016	Eagle Lake	Spanky Baits 99's
Chad Larson	48.5"	08-18-2016	Eagle Lake	Spanky Baits 99's
Brian Mirek (hybrid)	37.5"	08-18-2016	Vilas County	Inhaler / inline spinner
Russ Ruland	36"	08-20-2016	Cliff - Canada	Top Raider
Greg Sieren	33.5"	08-23-2016	Pewaukee	Spanky Fireball
Russ Ruland	37"	08-23-2016	Cliff - Canada	Le Lure Thumper
Dave Dawson	34"	08-26-2016	Pewaukee	Depth Raider
John Dettloff	36"	08-27-2016	Chippewa Flowage	Heddon Crazy Crawler
Chad Larson	49.25"	08-28-2016	Okauchee	Grandma 9"
Ben Sieren	37.75"	08-30-2016	Pewaukee	Spanky Fireball

September Entries

Brenda Dettloff	46"	09-07-2016	Chippewa Flowage	LeiLure Creeper OR
John Dettloff	39"	09-07-2016	Chippewa Flowage	LeiLure Creeper BL
Ben Sieren	38.5"	09-11-2016	Pewaukee	Spanky Fireball
John Dettloff	39.875"	09-12-2016	Chippewa Flowage	John's Globe BL
John Dettloff	37.875"	09-12-2016	Chippewa Flowage	John's Globe BL
Patrick Mickelsen	39.5"	09-15-2016	Cedar Lake	Enticer Dbl 8 Bk on Bk
Scott Wilkie	34"	09-15-2016	Pewaukee	Rattler/bucktail
Scott Wilkie	28"	09-17-2016	Random	Rabid squirrel/bucktail
Dave Dawson	34"	09-17-2016	Random Lake	sucker
Ben Sieren	48.25"	09-18-2016	Pewaukee	Spanky Fireball
Mike Nerad	36"	09-20-2016	St. Clair	Madussa
Mike Nerad	36"	09-20-2016	St. Clair	Madussa
Ben Sieren	40"	09-22-2016	Pewaukee	Spanky Fireball
Kurt Ketcham	41.5"	09-23-2016	Buckatabon	Dawg
Brian Mirek	38"	09-24-2016	Pewaukee	Fat Bastard
Brian Mirek	41.5"	09-24-2016	Pewaukee	Jr Cowgirl

Reviewing Both One-Day MCW Fall Outings

Our 1-day relatively local fall outings took place on Random Lake (Sep 17) and Lake Waubesa (Oct 1) and by coincidence both events included good moon times (see moon chart article on page 4). This year we noticed the scheduled start time for both outings occurred with a predicted feeding window. We extended the end time for both outings until 3pm this year (instead of the usual 1pm stop) because then they both included the next feeding window, too. We scheduled our grilled lunch get-together for 11:15 to refuel, compare notes, and to strategize a game plan for the afternoon. Did those moon predicted feeding windows and our careful timing of our grill-out to avoid them have any influence on our fishing success?

Our Random Lake outing saw a crowd of other people already fishing when our club members arrived. Our group included 10 MCW members plus 1 guest in 5 boats. It was a beautiful day with only a slight breeze, clearing skies, and early moderate-to-good action that slowed before break time which seemed to match our moon window prediction but it's unclear if that was just due to weather. As we got back on the water after lunch we were greeted by a slight weather change with a few high clouds and a minor wind increase. While no muskies were caught before lunch, the afternoon saw more good action surrounding the moon time and included 2 muskies caught by Scott Wilkie (28") and Dave Dawson (34").



Scott Wilkie with his Random Lake 28"er.

scatter anglers around the lake. Action was slower than during our Random Lake outing 2 weeks earlier, but our group of 8 MCW members in 3 boats did report hookups, bumps, and a few follows early. Interestingly, right as Scott and Thomas were headed in to light the grill, there seemed to be a feeding window that climaxed when Andy boated a massive muskie that was so fat, it seemed way longer than the 46" it measured out to be! So much for the moon window prediction since Andy's muskie was caught nearly half-way between the 2 moon times in our outing. Weather seemed fairly consistent all day with a light-moderate NNE wind. Aside from a few pike and bass, no other muskies were caught.

Those that participated in our outings this fall had a great time. Be sure to mark your calendar for these outings once the 2017 calendar comes out so you, too, can enjoy our passion together on a local lake.



Bottom (l-r): Mike Phelps and Dan VanBuskirk; Middle: Patrick McMichael's friend, Thomas Murphy, Greg Sieren, Rich Garner, Ben Sieren, and Andy Van Slett; Back: Patrick McMichael, Scott Wilkie, and Dave Dawson.

During our Lake Waubesa outing we shared the water with a local muskie tournament and while it seemed crowded at times, the size of Waubesa seemed to



Andy VanSlett's 46" trophy from Lake Waubesa.

MCW Fall League Recap

By Pat Ryan, MCW League Commissioner

History

In the Fall of 2015, we started the first MCW Fall League as a test to gauge the amount interest and participation, the number of weeks, and the best start/end times considering the cooler weather and earlier sunsets. Over five weeks, seven different club members fished that first year.

Two fish were caught that year, a 38" by Rich Garner and a 38.5" by Scott Wilkie.

Building up participation points by fishing each week, catching a fish in week two, and weeks later netting Scott's fish, Rich Garner was crowned the Champion of the inaugural MCW Fall League. Interesting to note that neither fish was caught on the bonus "lure-of-the-week".

Current

Fast forward to this year; Fall of 2016. We extended the number of weeks to six, but had to cancel the first week due to high water temperatures. We more than doubled the participants (sixteen different members) and double the amount of fish caught.

In week three, Ben Sieren caught a 40", week four T-Bone Jahnke battled back with a 36.75" – his first league fish.



T-Bone with his 36.75" muskie from week 4!

While the "Boys of Fall" from 2015, Rich Garner and Scott Wilkie tried to put together a program, Ben Sieren and Chad Larson answered the call with a double in week five; two fish back-to-back. Ben's measured 37.25" and Chad's measured

34.25". This double was a league first. When Ben hooked up and caught his fish, Chad netted it with his muskie still in the net! Crazy!



You aren't seeing double. Our fall league saw a very rare occurrence. In almost back-to-back casts, Ben's 37.25" and Chad's 34.25" ended up in the same net at the same time! Wow!

Ben Sieren opened the door in the last week by not fishing due to a prior obligation. Nine anglers hit the water in hopes of the one final fish to take home the gold. In the end, though, no fish were caught so Ben was named the 2016 MCW Fall League Champion with 66.5 points. Congrats!

All the fall league fish were caught on bucktails and no fish were caught on the bonus "lure-of-the-week".

A special thanks to those who unselfishly brought their boats each week and share a ride with the non-boaters, often putting three in a boat. Without you, there is no league. Thank you!

We will be forming a league advisory meeting sometime this winter. If you have any input or feedback as a participant – boater or non-boater, a non-participant who has never fished, or someone that is interested but just not sure, please contact Pat Ryan at 262-391-3615 or pryan0225@gmail.com. We would like to hear your comments about the league, the dates, the hours, the rules, the format – anything. Especially those that haven't fished – what do we need to do to include you – our valued MCW members?

Members-Only Login Credentials

The login credentials for our [MCW members-only web page](#) have not changed since May when the new password was shared with you via a separate email. The username is "member". If you don't have the password, please contact another MCW member or MCW Board member. 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!



*Mike Nerad
with a 36"
muskie from
Lake St.
Clair.*

Performance T-shirt Order

We have identified a [mens](#) and a [womens](#) performance t-shirt that we intend to screen print with our MCW logo on it for our members to purchase. Both styles are available in multiple color selections and sizes. We have an order form for both styles that we circulated at our Oct meeting and will do it again at our Nov meeting. If we get enough member interest and we can get the price at \$15 or less, we will place an order – the more t-shirts we order, the better the price. **If you would like to order either of these t-shirts, please email or call Dave Dawson (262-227-3343) with your gender, color, and size selection(s).** Click the links in this article to take you to a description of both [mens](#) and [womens](#) t-shirt styles including the colors and size options.

[Men's Style](#)



[Women's Style](#)



Did You Know...

...our club used to have club member patches? Have you seen the one below and if so, when was it available to our members? Please share what you know about this vintage patch with us.



MCW Apparel Inventory Online

A visual list of the MCW Logo'd inventory with prices and remaining quantities can be seen on our [MCW Club Information webpage](#). You'll find lots of hat choices, t-shirts, polo shirts, and fleece pullovers. If you don't see what you want, look at [queensboro.com](#) and let us know what you'd like.

Be watching your email – you'll receive offers for apparel deals and you'll be asked to respond fairly quickly to take advantage of those deals.

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And Board Members:**

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Beyond MCW

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

Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc.

Nov 15 Member meeting (tentative)

Walleyes Unlimited

Nov 9 speaker Luke Roffler

Great Lakes Sport Fishermen

Nov 8 Jonathan Moore

Lunkers Unlimited

Nov 3 speaker tbd

Nov 17 speaker tbd

Pewaukee Walleyes For Tomorrow

Nov 10 (next meeting date)

Okauchee Fishing Club

Nov 1 speaker tbd

Nov 15 speaker tbd

Wisconsin Fishing Club

Nov 14 speaker tbd

Nov 28 speaker tbd

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:

The Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin meets the second Wednesday of January, February, April, May, October, and November. Guests are always welcome. Social hour begins at 6:30pm; membership meeting starts at 7:30pm. (Bonus meetings are sometimes added.)

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

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