

# MCW Release

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## President's Message

So in the last 30 days we had a one day outing on Okauchee, had breakfast with the governor (Well I didn't, one of our members did), stocked a lake (Lac La Belle), cancelled a second one day outing (Waubesa), had a club meeting, and crafted 10 pages of newsletter! All of these stories and more are inside this beast of a newsletter so please take a few minutes to digest it as it has a lot of information!

At the October meeting we shared the fantastic day we had -September 22-stocking Lac La Belle. Speaking to us that night was Geoff Verges, local angler, on his technique

for catching muskies with suckers on Pewaukee. Geoff was specific in technique including: rigging, speed, bait size, equipment and even location. Geoff returned \$50 of his speaking fee to MCW for the *Bob Baumann Memorial Stocking Fund*. Way to go Geoff!

The November meeting will feature a presentation by Deb Priepeke of Mercury Marine. Mercury Marine is celebrating 75 years this year.

The MCW swap meet, originally scheduled to coincide with the January business meeting will be moved to another day and time...stay tuned....

This message is short since so much is on the next 9 pages, but I personally want to take my hat off for everyone, as stocking Lac La Belle was a personal high note for me in this club and a testament to the reason we do what we do.....

Stick a HOG this fall and let it go!

-Scott



**L-to-R: Rich Garner (MCW), Kurt Ketcham (MCW Vice President), Scott Wilkie (MCW President), Roxanne Baumann (MCW), Dave Dawson (MCW Secretary), Steven Gospodarek (DNR), Mike Phelps (MCMI Webmaster), Ben Heussner (DNR)**

## MCW Board Meeting Minutes – 10/8/14

Attendees:, Kurt Ketcham, Scott Wilkie, Dave Dawson, Rich Schilz, and Brandon Crawford

Absent: Dale Vercauteren and Andy Van Slett

- Board meeting called to order at 5:43 pm
- Motion to accept minutes as reported Kurt,– Brandon 2nd
- Membership report
  - 2014 - Member total: **129!**
    - 44 singles; 23 couples; 4 families; **35 juniors**
  - 2013 - Member total = 99
    - 28 new members in 2013!
- Finance Report (as of board meeting/updated)
  - Operating Fund: \$5278.79
  - Bob Baumann Stocking Fund: \$ 808.68

### Board meeting Agenda/Topics

- **MCW's 501C3 status** (Scott to confirm paperwork)
- **Website renewal in December (Greg)**
- **Lure Swap to be moved to another time – we don't want it conflicting with business meeting**
- **Raffle registration for 2015.**
- **determine agenda for the raffle at Musky Expo**
- **2015 Meeting dates – April?**
- **Speakers:** Feb 2015, April 2015, may 2015
- **Membership renewal** and Membership drive
- **Milwaukee Muskie Expo** (New booth design – Dale)
- **2015 Annual Awards Banquet – March**
  - Committee
  - Annual Report
  - Awards
  - Raffles
- **Fall 1-day club outings**
  - Sept 20 Okauchee Lake
  - Oct 4 Lake Waubesa
- **2014 stocking recap (Lac La Belle)**
- **MCW Apparel/Logo**
- **Website maintenance** - looking for someone new for this (web committee forming)
- **Website enhancements**
- **Advertising opportunities** (Scott to prepare media kit)
- **Fundraising ideas: Brat Fry:** November 8, 2014 Gander Mountain
  - Motion to name brandon cawford event chair – Dave, Kurt 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Motion to provide \$200 cash for purchases, receipts required. - Dave, Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Motion all proceeds to stocking fund Scott Brandon 2nd
- **Scanning historical documents** (what's planned, who can help, and where to store it)
- **MCW Release newsletter**
- **Motion to adjourn – 6:29 pm**

## 2014-15 MCW Calendar of Events

- ✓ **October 8<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm Speaker – Geoff Verges Sucker Fishing
- ❖ **November 8 MCW Brat Fund Raiser at Gander Mt**
  - **See event details on page 5 below**
- ❖ **November 12<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm Speaker – Deb Priepeke Mercury Marine
- ❖ **January 14<sup>th</sup> annual MCW business meeting**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - Meeting 7:30pm
- ❖ **February 11 Club Meeting**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm Speaker – TBD
- ❖ **February 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Milwaukee Muskie Expo
    - State Fair Park – West Allis, WI
- ❖ **March 8 MCW Annual Awards Banquet**
  - Country Springs Inn and Suites – Pewaukee
- ❖ **March MCW swap meeting being considered**
  - ?????? maybe ??????
- ❖ **April 8 Club Meeting**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm Speaker - TBD
- ❖ **April 13**
  - Wisconsin DNR Spring Hearings
- ❖ **May 2**
  - Wisconsin Inland Fishing Opener
- ❖ **May/June MCW Fishing League**
  - Details coming soon
- ❖ **May 13**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm Speaker – Joel Michel Spring Muskies, Top to Bottom
- ❖ **May 23**
  - Muskie Opener – Northern Wisconsin
- ❖ **June MCW Spring Outing**
  - Details coming soon
- ❖ **June/July/August/September – no MCW mtgs**
  - MCW members busy catching muskies!
- ❖ **September local one-day MCW outing**
  - Details coming soon
- ❖ **October local one-day MCW outing**
  - Details coming soon
- ❖ **October 14**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm Speaker – TBD
- ❖ **November 11**
  - Dinner 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 7:30pm Speaker – TBD

# Many Thanks Roxanne Baumann!

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***“Datin’ is a lot like fishin’. Sometimes catch and release is the best method.”***

***- Earl Dibbles Jr.***

Since the renaming of the MCW stocking fund to the "*Bob Baumann Memorial Stocking Fund*", things have gone HOG wild! As many of you know, Bob was an avid Harley rider and musky fisherman. He loved his family and friends dearly and so much so his time with Roxanne. When Bob passed, that could have been the end of Roxanne’s relationship with the club, but the opposite has happened. It started with a donation from her on Bob’s behalf for stocking and that has taken off into a personal pursuit and passion to see that those little muskies get put wherever they have a chance to grow and be a thrill for other anglers. Roxanne is motivated to remember Bob, and each stocking achievement honors his memory. The MCW has stocked twice recently: 2012 and 2014, and will keep on going in promoting and planting the resource!

How motivated is Roxanne? As the pictures show, even a breakfast with the governor and high heels didn’t slow down a chance to see the fruits of all the efforts!

Roxanne has reached out to all she knows using social media; seeking donations, and selling clothing and Alliance raffle tickets. Today, because of Roxanne’s hard work and endearing circle of friends, donations continue to come into the MCW in Bob’s name. She is a motivation to all of us and the *Bob Baumann Memorial Stocking Fund* would not be the ongoing success it is without her contributions.

Thanks Roxanne!



## **MCW Website Members-Only Login Credentials**

The login credentials for our [MCW members-only web page](#) were updated earlier this year and the new password was shared with our club members via a separate email. The username remains the same: "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. This info is needed to be able to access our [online fish registration forms](#). Please share these login credentials ONLY with MCW members. Thank You!

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***“If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there’d be a shortage of fishing poles.”***

***-Doug Larson***

# Point-n-Shoot Photo Tip #5

by Dave Dawson

With our muskie season now in prime-time, the heaviest fish of the year are out there waiting for you to catch them! Photo opportunities at this time of year can be among the most important of the year.

The photo tip in this article was suggested to me by a muskie fishing friend who is also a professional photographer. He recommends that you fill your camera's display screen with the subject and to **capture good quality, non-distorted and non-blurry shots using your widest camera lens setting without activating your zoom.**

I had to do a little research for this tip since I wasn't familiar with what my photographer friend was referring to. It turns out that on many point and shoot cameras, making use of the digital zoom feature can cause many of the following issues:

- Stray pixels around the perimeter record improperly which produces purple edges in a photo.

- Left and right sides of shots can appear stretched and distorted. This produces disappointing shots that can not be corrected.
- With the camera lens zoomed, the shutter speed is reduced and can prevent you from capturing that unique situation that only appeared for a very short time.
- Blurry shots are very common and very disappointing with the camera lens zoomed. Using a tripod can help prevent these blurry shots, but most won't have a tripod ready or even available.

Instead, manually "zoomed" shots are especially easy when photographing your fishing partner holding a muskie. Thinking about your muskie fishing experiences, even in the biggest boat you've fished from, you aren't very far away from your fishing partner so, to avoid all of the camera zoom feature problems listed above, move closer to your fishing partner with your camera and fill its display with the scene you're trying to

capture. This will produce the best quality shot. As an alternative you can take a non-zoomed shot with your subject well inside the camera's display frame and later crop that shot using photo editing software. These cropped shots still offer very high quality without any distortion.

Use this photo tip along with the other photo tips shared in prior *MCW Release* issues to help ensure you capture great shots of you and your fishing partners. As I've always stated, do-overs are not possible after the muskie is released so be sure to snap several photos to give you the best chance of capturing a great shot. Consider the lighting for your shot. Taking a few shots with and without your camera's flash enabled gives you the best chance of capturing that perfect shot.

If you haven't put your boat away for the season, good luck to you on those few remaining muskie adventures. The fat muskie opportunities will be no better than now. Your MCW friends would love to see a great photo of you smiling with your biggest muskie of the season... and maybe even your life!



**You decide:** The 30.25" walleye replica mount photos above (sorry it's not a muskie pic but I was pressed for time) attempt to show the difference between a non-zoomed shot (left pic taken just 4 feet from the walleye) and a fully zoomed shot (right pic taken approximately 12 feet from the same walleye). Both shots are fairly clear, but the non-zoomed one overlaps its backdrop, possibly portraying a view of the walleye that looks larger than the same walleye in the zoomed shot. That observation alone might convince you to avoid using your camera's zoom feature and instead take the shot a step or 2 closer.

## MCW Fish Submissions

We've only received a small handful of muskie submissions since our September *MCW Release*. Below is that list of 2014 muskie registrations since that last newsletter. As you'll notice, Steve Chamberlin stuck a beauty last month up in northwestern Wisconsin – Congrats, Steve! See pic below.

Be sure to register your muskie catches and submit a photo of each muskie you register. Registration instructions can be found just to the right of the list of new muskie submissions below.

Name	Length	Date Caught	Lake Name
*James Buske	30"	06-08-2014	Big Sand
*James Buske	37"	06-14-2014	Big Sand
*James Buske	42"	08-23-2014	Big Sand
Doris Rubin	25"	09-14-2014	Lost Land
Gregory Rubin	34"	09-17-2014	Lost Land
Wayne Wold	31"	09-23-2014	Moose
John F. Gavin	33.5"	09-26-2014	Ballard Lake
Phil Grubisic	42"	09-25-2014	Ballard Lake
Steven Chamberlin	47.5"	09-26-2014	Big Sissabagama
Wayne Wold	43"	10-10-2014	North Fork Flambeau River

(\* denotes entries submitted after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following the date they were caught. MCW encourages members to submit all the muskies they catch even if they are small or if they do not get submitted before the deadline.)

## Register Your Muskies

If you are lucky enough to catch a muskie, be sure to register your catch – regardless of its size - in our club fishing contest. To be considered for a club award, registration must be completed before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following your catch. The [online registration form](#) can be found on our [members-only web page](#). To access info on this page you will need login credentials which have been provided to you. Be sure to contact us if you need that login information. A [printable mail-in version of this form](#) can be found on that same page. Ask a fellow MCW member for a paper copy if you need one. Also be sure to submit a photo of your catch – send pics via email (preferred) to [info@muskellungeclubwi.org](mailto:info@muskellungeclubwi.org) or snail-mailed to MCW, P.O. Box 2284, Brookfield, WI 53008-2284.



**Steve with his late September trophy 47.5"er! Congrats, Steve!**

## Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin Grilled Brat Fundraiser



For the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year Brandon Crawford setup another fund raising opportunity for the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin. MCW will be hosting a lunchtime Grilled Brat stand at the Waukesha Gander Mountain on **Saturday, November 8**. We plan to promote our club and serve brats, chips and soda from 11am to 3pm with setup beginning at around 10am. A sign-up sheet went around during our October 8 membership meeting requesting volunteers and several of you stepped up – *Thank You!* Our volunteers will serve food and talk about our club. Thanks to all who volunteered to help. Even if you haven't responded or wish to support this event, it would be great to see you enjoying a brat at this MCW fundraiser. Contact Brandon if you have questions (262-309-7020 or [loco.banana33@gmail.com](mailto:loco.banana33@gmail.com)).

**Did you know...** in 1976 MCW members caught 192 fish totaling 2240 pounds, eclipsing the former record of 128 fish totaling 1534 pounds from the year prior in 1975? The largest fish in 1976 was a 41 pound 54 inch muskie caught by D.W. Bergstrom from Island Lake on June 30. In addition, two of the award winning fish that same year were caught on Pewaukee Lake ~ a 38 and 39 incher. Sound familiar? To this day Pewaukee Lake still puts out many fish in the 30's.

# Historic Muskie Stocking in Lac La Belle!

On Monday, September 22, 2014 muskies were stocked in Lac La Belle, Oconomowoc, WI for the very first time! 387 very healthy fall muskie fingerlings in excess of 10-13" were released in various locations throughout the lake.

A small population of muskies has inhabited Lac La Belle for quite some time with some of those fish being quite large. Reports of muskies as long as 53 inches have been caught and released there. But how did those muskies get to Lac La Belle? According to Wisconsin DNR Fisheries Biologist, Ben Heussner, they were originally stocked in Okauchee Lake. From there they migrated past the dam that holds back Upper Oconomowoc Lake, navigated down the Oconomowoc River, across Oconomowoc Lake and over the spillway at the NW end of that lake, down another long stretch of the Oconomowoc River, through Fowler Lake, over the spillway holding back that lake, and finally into Lac La Belle. That's quite a journey.

The fact that muskies have already been swimming in Lac La Belle eliminated the need for a DNR Environmental Impact Study there which expedited this stocking of muskies. Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin (MCW) president, Scott Wilkie, got membership approval at the club meeting this past May to stock muskies in Lac La Belle using funds from the Bob Baumann Memorial Stocking Fund. At that same time, Mike Phelps, stocking coordinator from the Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc (MCMI), expressed their club's interest in partnering to stock muskies in fall. (MCW and MCMI have teamed together for prior muskie stockings so joining forces again was natural.)

Over the summer Scott completed the necessary DNR paperwork, researched sources for muskies to stock, and committed to buying muskies from Gollon Bait

and Fish Farm, Dodgeville, WI. This time both MCW and MCMI split equally a \$4000 investment for our order of 381 muskies at \$10.50 each. (A muskie count during the distribution of the muskies by members of both clubs and the DNR revealed 6 extra muskies made the trip from the hatchery to Lac La Belle!)

In preparation for the muskie stocking that Monday, Ben Heussner and DNR Fisheries Technicians Andrew Notbohm and Steven Gospodarek had their stocking boat launched and a holding pen for the muskies in place between the piers at the launch. Also, Mike Phelps, Dave Dawson (MCW Secretary and Membership Coordinator plus MCMI member), and Rich Garner (MCW member) had their boats launched and prepared for helping to distribute the muskies throughout the lake.

MCW club member Tom Truebenbach arranged to share this historic muskie stocking with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from St. Paul Lutheran School in Oconomowoc. School Principal, John Pickelmann, and science teacher, Adam Tanney accompanied 36 students on a 4 block walk from their school to the Lac La Belle public launch where the stocking efforts took place.

Other club members in attendance that morning included Scott Wilkie, Kurt Ketcham (MCW Vice President), Roxanne Baumann (MCW member), Tom Nelson (MCW member), John Gavin (MCW member) with grandson, Brian, Russ Ruland (MCW member), and Brian Mirek (MCMI member)

Prior to the arrival of the truck carrying the muskies, the students were treated to a fisheries ecology lesson from Ben Heussner. Scott Wilkie and Mike Phelps spoke to the students about their respective muskie clubs and how they teamed together to fund this muskie stocking project. Dave Dawson followed that with an impromptu muskie fishing seminar

and casting clinic complete with the students retrieving a 'BIG-UN' topwater muskie lure over the weeds near the pier. Kurt Ketcham said that seeing the kids experience that taste of muskie fishing "...was the best moment of the morning."

Once the truck arrived, Greg Godfrey unloaded his truck, one scoop net at a time, with help from the DNR and club members as the students observed. All of the muskies made their way into the DNR holding pen where they were allowed to acclimate to the lake water. Those 4-month old muskies were gorgeous with beautiful spots. They were in excellent condition, extremely healthy, and sported a very impressive length and girth! Even the DNR guys commented they were among the biggest fall fingerling muskies they'd ever encountered!

Roxanne Baumann said, "The Muskie stocking on Monday was such a personal highlight for me! The [MCW] *Bob Baumann Memorial Stocking Fund* [named in memory of her husband who passed away in April 2013] has generated donations from friends and family who really wanted to honor Bob's memory in a very special way. Bob, who loved Muskie fishing, was just an ordinary guy who loved to live life to the max. His memory lives on! So excited to stock these fingerlings in his memory, knowing many people will enjoy what Bob enjoyed! He would just love that year's ahead people will appreciate the beauty of God's creation; and the thrill of catching, photographing, and releasing these grown up fish!"

Once the truck was empty, the DNR guys loaded muskies into the DNR boat as well as in coolers and livewells in the 3 club members boats. From there those muskies were distributed to various places around Lac La Belle. After helping with the distribution of the muskies, Rich Garner commented that the

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## Lac La Belle Muskie Stocking (Continued from previous page)

experience was "...totally awesome! This is something I will remember for the rest of my life!" Kurt Ketcham agreed after sharing this experience in Mike Phelps' boat by stating, "Just having a hand in releasing these little guys to different spots in the lake was rewarding in many ways." Dave Dawson said, "Russ Ruland and I released 127 muskies in 3 different locations from my boat! Our muskie release count for the year really went up today!"

Mike Phelps underscored, "It was definitely a great time sharing in this effort with MCW, and MCM I thanks Dave for his efforts representing both muskie organizations as well as Scott Wilkie for much of the leg work. We also appreciate the efforts from the WI DNR. Great job all."

After returning to the pier, club members and the guys from the DNR compared notes and tallied the stocking numbers. In all, 387 muskies found a new home in Lac La Belle and will provide intrigue, mystery, excitement, anguish (from the big ones that get away), and victory for anglers and non-anglers alike for years to come.

**About the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin.** Formed in 1953, the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin is the oldest muskie club in existence. This 501c3 non-profit club holds meetings at the Thunder Bay Grille (N14 W24145 Tower Place, Pewaukee, WI 53220) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the months of January, February, April, May, October, and November. The club's Awards Banquet occurs in March. The *Bob Baumann Memorial Stocking Fund* is used exclusively for stocking muskies. It is named in memory of former club member, Bob Baumann, who passed away in April 2013. Tax deductible contributions to MCW or the *Bob Baumann Memorial Stocking Fund* can be made by emailing the club at [info@muskellungeclubwi.org](mailto:info@muskellungeclubwi.org) or calling 262-255-3939). The club website is at [www.muskiewi.org](http://www.muskiewi.org). You can also follow them on Facebook.

**About the Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc.** Muskies, Inc is a national organization made up of 56 chapters in 17 states and is involved in youth, fisheries, and research. Formed in February 1982, the Milwaukee Chapter (#35) holds their meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the months of January-May and September-November at the American Legion Post #449 located at 3245 N 124th St, Brookfield, WI 53005. The club also has a coop pond with the WI DNR used in recent years for extended growth muskie research and pellet fed vs minnow finished study specimens. The board can be reached by e-mail at [board@milwaukeemuskieinc.com](mailto:board@milwaukeemuskieinc.com) and chapter president, Craig Ader, can be reached at 262-250-6444. Their club website is <http://www.milwaukeemuskieinc.com/>

**About Gollon Bait and Fish Farm.** Gollon Bait and Fish Farm, located near Dodgeville, WI, has been a family business since the early 1980s and is owned and operated by Dave, Tim, and Mike Gollon. The Gollon family raises bluegills, hybrid bluegills, crappies, perch, muskies, northern pike, walleye, small-mouth bass, large-mouth bass, suckers, fatheads, golden shiners, black-tail chubs and mud minnows. Their business supplies bait shops throughout the Midwest and also stocks private ponds and public waters. They can be reached at (608) 935-2098.

**About the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division.** Committed to service excellence, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources fisheries managers need adequate information to set attainable management objectives, evaluate attainment of those objectives, and make recommendations on required fishing regulations, stocking quotas, and habitat restoration and improvements. They recognize that fish populations naturally vary from year to year. Their fishery management surveys measure these natural fluctuations in various ways to detect fish populations that are below what they should be when compared to similar lakes and streams. In these cases they may, with public support, recommend habitat improvement, different fishing regulations, or a change in stocking to restore the population. All management decisions (stocking, habitat, fishing regulations) are based on a population's status relative to the objectives set in their strategic plan. All surveys are conducted with a standard protocol to assess the status of fish populations and measure the impact of their management actions relative to the objectives. This provides a basis from which they learn and adapt management of the state's waters. To find out more about fishing Wisconsin, visit their website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/>.



## How cool is that?!?

*Roxanne Baumann looks on as Mike Phelps snaps a photo of Dave Dawson releasing a net filled with healthy fall fingerling muskies into a DNR holding pen at Lac La Belle. 387 muskies were released into Lac La Belle on September 22, 2014.*

# Lac La Belle Muskie Stocking Photos



***Clockwise starting at top left:** Ben shares fisheries info with the students; Dave gives an impromptu muskie fishing seminar; Russ helps the students cast & retrieve a topwater lure; beautiful muskie fry just about to be released; Scott releasing a netful of muskies into the holding pen; students look on as Brian releases another netful of muskies into the holding pen; Russ posing with a muskie fry that will one day be a trophy for someone; Greg hands Ben a netful of muskies from his truck for the DNR holding pen.*

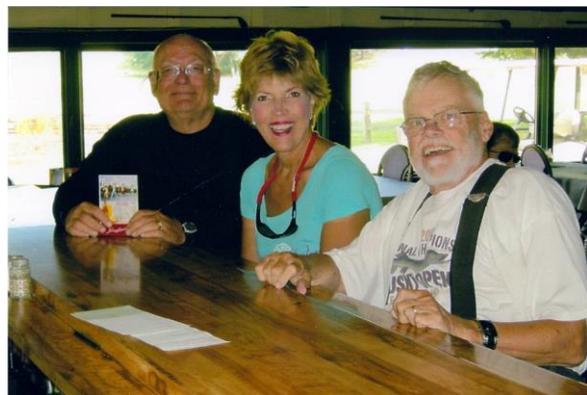


## New MCW Logo On Apparel



<http://muskellungecw.qbstores.com/>

Our sweet new MCW logo is ready and we have an [online store](#) so you can now order lots of different types of apparel with no minimum quantity. Click the link above to check out the 22 embroidered items available to us. The site even shows what the embroidery will look like on different colored items! We have some hats like the one you see above for \$15 but we have not ordered anything else yet. The [online store](#) offers quantity discounts so be sure to let us know the kinds of things you'd like and if enough of you request something, we'll place a bulk order. Some have been asking about a new club jacket with a big logo on the back. The MCW board will explore jacket options and may request pre-orders so we can get a better deal for our members who want a new club jacket. Christmas is coming!



## MCW Membership

At this time our club membership numbers are strong with our membership numbers standing at 129 – 30 more members than we had at the close of 2013. It is fantastic to see so many members taking advantage of the family membership this year and registering lots of kids; we currently have 35 junior MCW members!!! **If your kids use email and you'd like them to receive newsletters and other MCW correspondences, be sure to provide us with their email addresses.** Membership dues will remain the same for 2015: \$35 for single membership; \$40 for family membership. We will be holding a **membership drive contest for 2015** so be watching for details. If you know friends or family that might enjoy a membership with MCW, please be sure to share info about our club and invite them to a meeting or better yet invite them to join our club. All new members can purchase an Okauchee Lake stocking Tshirt for just \$10 more than their membership dues.

## 50/50 raffle

We have spontaneously passed around a pitcher at meetings informally for contributions to the Bob Baumann Memorial Stocking Fund. Although it's a terrific way to generate extra cash, there is a better way...

Going forward, two containers will be made available on the raffle table at our meetings.

- One container will be for stocking contributions. 100% of the proceeds placed in this container will go to the Bob Baumann Memorial Stocking Fund.
- A second container will be for a 50/50 raffle to be drawn toward the end of each meeting. Raffle tickets will be sold and split 50/50 between the winner and the Bob Baumann Memorial Stocking Fund.



**MCW member photos from the August 2014 Musky Clubs Alliance Tournament in Eagle River.** Left: Barry Wichmann, Roxanne Baumann, and Bill Lang. Above: Chuck Montgomery, Barry Wichmann, Roxanne Baumann, and Tom Truebenbach.

## Your 2014 MCW Officers and Board Members:

Scott Wilkie  
President

Kurt Ketcham  
Vice President

Rich Schilz  
Treasurer

Dave Dawson  
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## Beyond MCW

Other fishing related events of possible interest to you, including Milwaukee area fishing club meetings with speakers, are [sometimes] listed below.

**Wisconsin Fishing Club** will meet Oct 27 at 7pm and feature Justin Blanchard from Vibrations Tackle – Echotail. The club meets at Grangers Sports Pub, 3400 W Loomis Road. Greenfield.



***Phil stuck this beauty up north at the end of September! Congrats Phil!***

## MCW Mission Statement

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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