

# The Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin 2008 Annual Report



49" – Okauchee Lake

*55th Anniversary*

1953 – 2008

Musky fisherman, it has been said, are hopeless romantics. Not so. They're romantics all right, but they're also full of hope and anticipation of the satisfaction that only a muskie can provide.

A tradition of sportsmanship continues . . . . .

## Our 55th Year 2008 Fishing Results

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Listed below is the complete Honor Roll of the 2008 fishing season. The information and statistics are based on affidavits submitted by our club members.

2008 CLUB CHAMPION: Released Division	<b>Rich Schilz – 49” Okauchee Lake</b>
2008 CLUB CHAMPION: Kept Division	<b>Tom Truebenbach – 43” Big Sand Lake</b>
2008 WOMEN'S CHAMPION: Released Division	<b>Brenda Dettloff – 47” Chippewa Flowage</b>
2008 HYBRID CHAMPION:	None Registered
2008 CANADA CHAMPION:	<b>Dave Dawson – 41.5” LOTW - ON</b>
2008 JUNIOR CHAMPION:	None Registered
2008 OUTSIDE WI - USA CHAMPION:	<b>Kurt Ketcham – 40” Lake Independence – MN</b>
2008 GUIDE CHAMPION:	<b>John Dettloff – 44” Chippewa Flowage</b>
2008 SPRING OUTING WINNER:	<b>Bill Truebenbach – 35” Big Sand Lake</b>
2008 FALL OUTING WINNER:	<b>Tom Harrington – 46.5” Lac Vieux Desert</b>

### **THE TOP ROD AWARD WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

MONTH	NAME	WEIGHT	LENGTH	WATER	BAIT
May	Wayne Wold		39”	Flambeau River	Suick
June - K	Tom Truebenbach		43”	Big Sand Lake	Bucktail
June – R	Michael Wichman		41.5”	Big Bearskin	Sucker
July	Rich Schilz		49”	Okauchee Lake	Bucktail
August	Brenda Dettloff		47”	Chippewa Flowage	Creeper
September	Tom Harrington		46.5”	Lac Vieux Desert	Bucktail
October	Rich Schilz		44.5”	Oconomowoc Lake	Sucker

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To qualify for the above awards, our members must have their affidavit postmarked by the tenth of the month following the date of the catch. This requirement is a **MUST** as a potential winner could lose out because of failure to file by the required date.

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## CLUB STATISTICS

<b>Percent of Total Catch by Month</b>	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	<b>2008</b>
April									2%	
May	10%	0%	10%	0	5%	6%	5%	0	5%	<b>7%</b>
June	13%	21%	42%	42%	41%	15%	6%	10%	18%	<b>24%</b>
July	7%	36%	0%	19%	11%	19%	9%	12%	19%	<b>29%</b>
August	27%	4%	10%	33%	23%	41%	30%	12%	18%	<b>22%</b>
September	3%	7%	7%	3%	14%	6%	26%	8%	26%	<b>8%</b>
October	30%	11%	24%	3%	6%	13%	19%	9%	10%	<b>10%</b>
November	10%	21%	7%	0	0	0	5%	3%	2%	0

### **Average Length By Month**

April									32"	
May	38"	0"	38"	0	46"	41"	36"	0	39"	<b>37"</b>
June	40"	38"	38"	41"	39"	37"	39"	38"	39"	<b>38"</b>
July	41"	39"	0"	38"	37"	40"	44"	39"	41"	<b>39"</b>
August	39"	42"	46"	41"	38"	39"	38"	40"	41"	<b>40"</b>
September	37"	43"	43"	39"	39"	38"	40"	40"	38"	<b>40"</b>
October	39"	41"	41"	42"	43"	38"	39"	40"	41"	<b>42"</b>
November	43"	47"	40"	0	0	0	36"	39"	45"	0

### **Average Length By Lure**

Jerk	39"	44"	43"	39"	40"	40"	39"	40"	40"	<b>39"</b>
Bucktail	36"	39"	37"	42"	37"	39"	39"	38"	39"	<b>39"</b>
Crankbait	40"	42"	45"	42"	0	37"	34"	39"	39"	<b>41"</b>
Surface	41"	40"	43"	40"	40"	40"	40"	39"	40"	<b>39"</b>
Sucker	40"	38"	40"	40"	45"	38"	37"	41"	42"	<b>41"</b>

### **Percent By Time of Day**

Morning	47%	39%	38%	26%	21%	29%	42%	30%	42%	<b>18%</b>
Afternoon	33%	43%	41%	22%	30%	32%	26%	22%	19%	<b>36%</b>
Evening	20%	18%	21%	52%	49%	39%	32%	48%	39%	<b>46%</b>

### **Average Size By Time of Day**

Morning	38"	39"	41"	39"	38"	39"	40"	40"	40"	<b>41"</b>
Afternoon	40"	44"	38"	39"	40"	39"	38"	39"	40"	<b>39"</b>
Evening	41"	39"	43"	42"	40"	38"	40"	39"	40"	<b>39"</b>

In 2008, the largest muskie caught was 54 inches and the average length for all the muskies registered is 39". There were 59 fish registered.

Enjoy the 2009 fishing season.

## 2008 HONOR ROLL

### May

Name	Length	Date	Time	Water	Lure
Tom Harrington	36"	5/05	1:30 PM	Wingra	Skimmer Bucktail
Wayne Wold	37"	5/24	9:30 AM	Flambeau River	Bucktail
Wayne Wold	<b>39"</b>	5/24	1:00 PM	Flambeau River	Suick
Wayne Wold	34"	5/24	1:30 PM	Flambeau River	Suick

### June

Michael Wichman Jr.	39.5"	6/04	1:00 PM	Big Bearskin	Jerk Bait
Bruce Spangenberg	39"	6/05	2:00 PM	Manitowish Chain	Bucktail
Michael Wichman	<b>41.5"</b>	6/06	1:15 PM	Big Bearskin	Sucker
Bill Truebenbach	35"	6/07	6:45 PM	Big Sand	Bucktail
Tom Truebenbach	27.5"	6/13	2:15 PM	Webster, IN	Mepps #5
Tom Truebenbach	35.25"	6/14	1:45 PM	Webster, IN	Bull Dawg
Dave Dawson	40"	6/15	7:45 PM	Rice/Barron Co.	Bull Dawg
Bruce Spangenberg	38.5"	6/20	4:15 PM	Echo	Bucktail
Tom Truebenbach	<b>43"</b>	6/23	6:15 PM	Big Sand	Mepps #5 - K
John Dettloff	33"	6/23	9:25 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Crazy Crawler
John Dettloff	36.5"	6/23	10:55 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Crazy Crawler
Mary Pokora	35"	6/30	8:20 AM	Pewaukee	Rapala – T
Mary Pokora	42.5"	6/30	8:46 AM	Pewaukee	Ernie – T
Mary Pokora	52"	6/30	8:45 PM	Okauchee	Depth Raider – T

### July

John Dettloff	37"	7/06	9:30 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Hawg Wobbler
Rich Schilz	<b>49"</b>	7/07	7:50 PM	Okauchee	DB Bucktail
Philip Rouse	43.5"	7/09	11:15 AM	Dairyland Flowage	Crawler Harness
John Dettloff	40"	7/10	9:20 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Hawg Wobbler
Brenda Dettloff	38.5"	7/10	10:40 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Crazy Creeper
Arthur Wiese, Jr.	36"	7/11	2:00 PM	Oconomowoc	Jointed Rapala
Brenda Dettloff	33"	7/13	6:05 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Wigglin Billy
Dave Dawson	37"	7/13	7:49 PM	KaKagi/Crow	Reef Hawg
Dave Dawson	41"	7/15	9:55 PM	LOTW	Bull Dawg
Dave Dawson	37"	7/16	6:33 PM	LOTW	Reef Hawg
John Dettloff	32"	7/17	1:10 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Ghosttail
Dave Dawson	41"	7/18	5:13 PM	LOTW	Reef Hawg
Dave Dawson	41"	7/18	7:35 PM	LOTW	Reef Hawg
Dave Dawson	<b>41.5"</b>	7/18	8:26 PM	LOTW	Reef Hawg
Brenda Dettloff	33.5"	7/18	9:15 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Water Thumper
Dave Dawson	40"	7/19	4:37 PM	LOTW	Reef Hawg
Brenda Dettloff	36.5"	7/29	9:20 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Frency LaMay

# 2008 HONOR ROLL

## August

Name	Length	Date	Time	Water	Lure
John Dettloff	43"	8/03	9:00 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Globe
Kurt Ketcham	<b>40"</b>	8/08	10:08 AM	Independence, MN	DB Cowgirl
Brenda Dettloff	31"	8/08	10:00 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Frenchy LaMay
John Dettloff	37"	8/08	11:30 PM	Chippewa Flowage	LeLure Creeper
Brenda Dettloff	35.5"	8/08	11:45 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Le Lure Creeper
John Dettloff	39.5"	8/12	10:30 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Globe
Brenda Dettloff	<b>47"</b>	8/13	12:20 AM	Chippewa Flowage	LeLure Creeper
John Dettloff	36.5"	8/14	8:45 PM	Chippewa Flowage	Globe
Russ Ruland	35"	8/19	10:00 AM	Cliff-Ontario	Bucktail
Brenda Dettloff	39.5"	8/21	5:55 AM	Chippewa Flowage	LeLure Creeper
Russ Ruland	42"	8/22	8:00 AM	Cliff-Ontario	Rough Runner
John Dettloff	<b>44"</b>	8/24		Chippewa Flowage	Globe
Rick Wyrwas	54"	8/25	1:00 PM	Ottawa River	Spinner Bait - T

## September

Name	Length	Date	Time	Water	Lure
Rich Schilz	36.5"	9/07	1:40 PM	Oconomowoc	Bucktail
Kurt Ketcham	42.25"	9/07	1:50 PM	Oconomowoc	Bucktail
Dave Dawson	41.5"	9/16	5:45 PM	Okauchee	Bulldawg
Tom Harrington	<b>46.5"</b>	9/18	11:00 AM	Lac Vieux Desert	Bucktail
Russ Ruland	34"	9/20		Lac Vieux Desert	Sucker

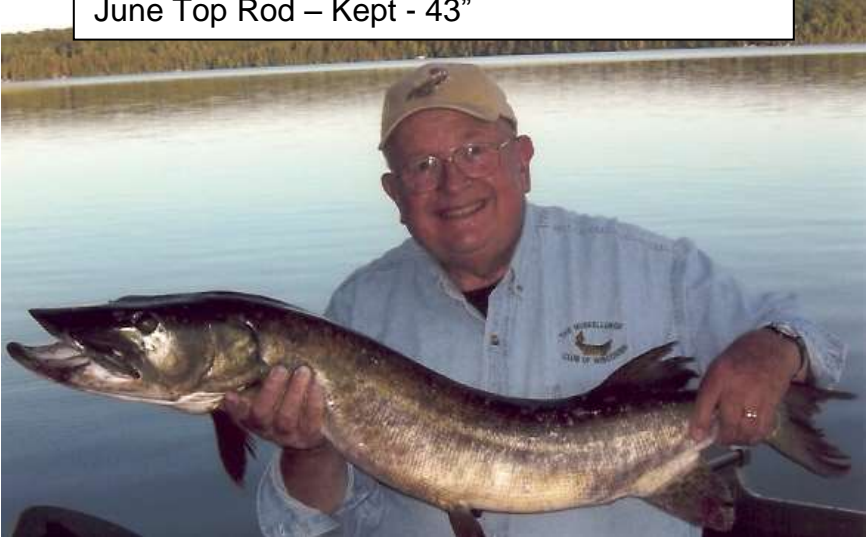
## October

Name	Length	Date	Time	Water	Lure
Kurt Ketcham	44"	10/06	3:22 PM	Oconomowoc	Sucker
Rich Schilz	42"	10/10	6:40 PM	Oconomowoc	Sucker
Rich Schilz	42.25"	10/13	7:00 PM	Oconomowoc	Sucker
Kurt Ketcham	36"	10/18	1:19 PM	North Nokomis	Double Cowgirl
Rich Schilz	<b>44.5"</b>	10/22	4:45 PM	Oconomowoc	Sucker
Michael Wichman Sr.	41.5"	10/25	12:25 PM	Okauchee	Sucker

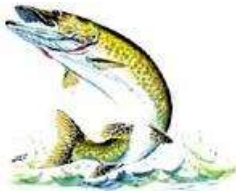


# Club Photo Gallery

Tom Truebenbach: Club Champion - Kept  
June Top Rod – Kept - 43”



Brenda Dettloff: Women’s Champion  
August Top Rod - 47”



First Legal Muskie – 35”  
Spring Outing Winner



Wayne Wold: May Top Rod - 39”



Michael Wichman: June Top Rod - 41.5"



Tom Harrington: September Top Rod - 46.5"  
Fall Outing Winner



Dave Dawson: Canada Champion – 41.5"



Kurt Kectham: Outside WI in USA – 40"  
Lake Independence, MN



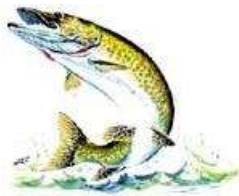
Rich Schilz: October Top Rod - 44.5"



John Dettloff: Guide Champion - 44"









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