



October 1st 2024 One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Edition

Greetings,

October is here and that means the fish will be putting on their fall feedbags and it also means that it is time for our first meeting of the season, see details below and we hope to see you there. We won't be having any speaker for our first meeting, but we are very excited to have a great speaker lineup so far for most of the other dates; thank you to Karen for working so hard in getting these booked.

We will most likely be discussing some of the following fishery's information during our first meeting but I wanted to share some of it with you incase you are not able to attend. On September 27th, the Minnesota DNR released over 2,100 fingerling sturgeon at Chambersburg Park in Fond Du Lac. All of the fish were implanted with PIT tags and should reach catchable size in about 20 years. The Fond Du Lac tribe also released a comparable amount of fingerlings in the Cloquet River as well.



Our tournament was quite successful with a total of 17 teams and 3 quality fish caught. More of the details about this will be discussed during our first meeting but we were able to raise about

\$2,400 which is great. First place went to Joe Grupa/Keegan McIntosh with the 45", second place Curt Ellestad/Tony Sonneman with a 42", and third place Ken Vesel/Todd Williamson with a 40.75". Congratulations to those folks and we hope to see you back next year!



Our next meeting will be on October 8th at The Grand View Grill & Bar, Duluth, MN:

- Board Meeting – 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (all are welcome).
- General Meeting – we aren't planning any type of general meeting in October since this will be our first meeting after the summer and we'll most likely have a lot of business to discuss.

Below is the basic meeting plan which is subject to change but we will provide an update in each newsletter.

2024/25 Meeting Summary

8-Oct	12-Nov	10-Dec	14-Jan	11-Feb	11-Mar	8-Apr	13-May
First meeting	Regular	Board Nominations	Board Elections	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
No speaker	MN hunting season, no speaker	Christmas Party, no speaker	Christan Dueholm – Hooked on Musky Baits	Speaker TBD	Dan Wilfond & Craig Soupier, MN DNR	Tom Riedel (Musky Madness Baits)	Lure auction, no speaker

Thank you,

Jim Carnes
President LSMI



Standings as of 09/28/2024

Men's Master Division

Robert Busche	16 Fish 176 points	Avg. Length 36.89	Largest 44.00
Carl Peterson	4 Fish 46 Points	Avg. Length 37.38	Largest 48.50
Robert Himango	1 Fish 6 points	Avg. Length 32.50	Largest 32.50

Men's Division

Joe Grupa	10 Fish. 171 Points	Avg. Length 42.80	largest 50.00
Ian Veihman	8 Fish. 107 Points	Avg. Length 39.16	Largest 50.00
Mike Tafs	6 Fish. 75 Points	Avg. Length 39.00	Largest 40.50
Joshua Monge	6 Fish. 67 Points	Avg. Length 37.04	Largest 41.50
Austin Holdt	5 Fish. 63 Points	Avg. Length 38.35	Largest 43.00
Keith Okeson	3 Fish. 44 Points	Avg. Length 39.50	Largest 41.00
Joey Johnson	2 Fish. 30 Points	Avg. Length 43.50	Largest 43.50
Dan Maki	2 Fish. 39 Points	Avg. Length 45.50	Largest 47.00
Cade Busche	3 Fish 29 Points	Avg. Length 35.58	Largest 40.00
Jason Kahler	3 Fish. 29 Points	Avg. Length 35.67	Largest 43.25
Jim Carnes	1 Fish. 15 Points	Avg. Length 40.50	Largest 40.50
Terry DeMenge	1 Fish. 14 points	Avg. Length 40.00	Largest 40.00

Women's Division

Karen Mctavish	41 Fish 739 points	Avg. Length 43.91	Largest 51.50
Amada Monge	7 Fish 84 Points	Avg. Length 37.64	Largest 43.50
Anita Doenz	1 Fish 18 points	Avg. Length 43.50	Largest 43.50

Juniors Division

Tyler Peterson	5 Fish 50 Points	Avg. Length 35.80.50	Largest 43.50
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Lunker of the Month

May	Joey Johnson	43.50
June	Ian Veihman	50.00
July	Karen Mctavish	50.00
August	Karen Mctavish	48.50
September	Karen Mctavish	51.50 (pending)

Here are the officers for 2023 of The Lake Superior Chapter of Muskies Inc.

President Jim Carnes



Vice President Terry DeMenge



Secretary Karen McTavish



Treasurer Candie Ellestad



R.V.P. Drake Peterson



Membership Amanda Monge



Banquet Chairman Curt Ellestad



Fisheries Jason Kahler



Newsletter Keith O



Peter Krause at Large



Youth Director Robert Jenko



Robert Busche at Large







Christian Dueholm of "Hooked on Musky Baits" will be our speaker for our January 14th, 2025 meeting - "Hooked on Musky Baits" produces high-quality components to make the best bucktails on the market.

**January 14th, 2025
at 7pm**

“Hooked on Musky Baits”

Christian Dueholm



**Lake Superior
Muskie Inc**

grandview bar & grill
2820 midway road
duluth mn 55810

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**Musky Madness Baits
Tom Riedel**



Musky Fishing

**Lake Superior
Muskie's inc**

grandview bar & grill
2820 Midway Road
duluth Mn 55810

Hello All -

We are thrilled to confirm our speaker for March 11th, 2025 for the Lake Superior Muskies Inc meeting.

Dan Wilfond will be discussing:

Proposed changes to Minnesota's Long Range Plan for Muskellunge, including incorporating yearling production and stocking into the statewide Muskellunge management program.

March 11th, 2025 at 7pm

Dan Wilfond

**Area Fisheries Supervisor
Division of Fish and Wildlife
Minnesota Department of
Natural Resources**



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Muskie Inc. Members Only Fishing Contest Rules and Regulations for 2024

1. Muskie must be caught on legal sport fishing tackle (hook & line) in the United States or Canada in strict compliance with all local, state, or provincial laws. Release division: 30 inch minimum. Kept division: That length set by the governing agency of that body of water.
2. Muskie must be hooked and played by only one person, and only that person may enter the Muskie in the contest. Assistance in landing is permitted
3. Entrant must be a member in good standing of Muskies Inc. prior to catching the Muskie.
4. All entries must be mailed to their chapter contest chairperson and postmarked within 30 days of the date of catch. Members may enter their own catches directly on the Web Site. All entries for Nov. and Dec. must be received by the international chairman by Jan. 10. Unaffiliated members should mail their entries to the international chairman within 30 days of the date of catch.
5. Release Division: 30-inch minimum for all bodies of water. A release patch and/or an individual certificate will be awarded for each Muskie 30 inches or longer that is released. Please indicate your desire to receive these on the front of the entry form.
- 5A. The longest Muskie released in the men's division, women's division, and the junior division will receive a free replica of their Muskie courtesy of Fittante Replicas of Antigo, WI. (Total of 3 per year) This is the longest by total inches including fraction of inches. At least one verifiable witness and at least one verifiable side view horizontal photograph of the Muskie is required.
6. The international contest committee will review all entries for validity and their decisions will be final. At its discretion the committee may require additional documentation consisting of a photograph and/or a 2nd witness before an entry is accepted.

International Awards.

1. Men's Masters - 10 Awards. Any male member who has recorded 250 or more releases in the Lunge Log.
2. Women's Masters - 2 Awards. Any female member who has recorded 100 or more releases in the Lunge Log.
3. Men's - 10 Awards. Any male member 18 years of age or older with less than 250 releases.
4. Women's - 10 Awards. Any female member 18 years of age or older with less than 100 releases.
5. Juniors - 10 Awards. Any male or female member 17 years of age or less on January 1 of a calendar year.
6. Lunker Of The Month - Longest release by any member of Muskies, Inc. All ties qualify.

Men with less than 250 and Women less than 100 on January 1 of a calendar year will remain in that division for the year.

Release Points are based on 4 points for each release and 1 point for each inch over 30 inches. Any measurement of 1/2 inch or longer will be rounded up. Any fraction of less than 1/2 inch will be dropped.

Directions to enter fish on the website are as follows:

Go to www.muskiesinc.org

Click on the "Members Only" tab

Enter your ID and password (If it is your first time, enter your 5-digit member number)

Click on "Lunge Log Inquiries" on the left side

Click on "Fish Submission" on the right side Enter the information on the fish submission form Don't forget to click on "Submit" at the bottom This will register your fish and points automatically and I will retrieve them from the site.

Please call me at 218-391-2699 or email me at muskie2031@mchsi.com if you have any questions.

Thanks Woody

Lake Superior Chapter of Muskies Inc.
Prize for largest Muskie of the year
“Replica Award” for 2024

The largest Muskie caught and released by any member will receive a free graphite Muskie mount from Lax Reproductions, courtesy of Lax Reproductions & Lake Superior Chapter Muskies Inc. The rules are as follows

- : 1. The Muskie must be a minimum of 52 inches in length.
2. Fish must be measured on bump board and photograph with fish on bump board.
3. Photographed and the photo sent to the contest chairperson within 30 days of the catch via mail or email. Photos will not be returned. Photos can be digital or via a smartphone. Please sent via email.
4. Muskie registrations without pictures will not be eligible for the award.
5. All entries must be recorded on a Muskie Inc. Fishing Contest Entry blank or entered online at www.muskiesinc.org. Entry blanks are found at the Muskies Inc. website or are available from your Fishing Contest chairperson.
6. Fishing Contest Entry blanks (paper or online) must be: A. FILLED OUT COMPLETELY on the front page or online to be eligible for points or awards. This includes the name of the body of water and bait used. THIS REGULATION WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED TO COMPLY WITH THE PURPOSES OF MUSKIES, INC. B. Witnessed by at least one person and must have the phone number and signature of that witness. C. Entered online or received (via mail) by the Lake Superior Chapter Contest Chairperson within 30 days of the date of the catch.
7. You may only win this once in your lifetime.
8. If the winner turns down the replica prize, it will go to the next member with the largest fish. The original qualifier will be eligible again after 3 years.
9. You must be a member of the Lake Superior Chapter #33 in good standing for 45 days prior before entering. If the membership is a renewal, it must be completed prior to the expiration date. If a transfer from another chapter, the 45-day waiting period applies from the date of transfer.
10. The winner must attend at least 2 monthly meetings or 1 outing and 1 meeting all between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. The annual chapter banquet qualifies for 2 meetings. If a junior member wins, a parent or guardian must attend the meetings as noted above.
11. In case of a tie, the winner will be decided by their 2nd largest fish of the year. In case of a 2nd tie, the winner will be decided by a coin flip. Contest review committee will consist of at least 3 members which will include the following: Lake Superior Chapter Contest Chairperson and at least 2 other members (one of which will be a non-board member). The committee will be established to review all disputes or questions on entered Muskies. They will arbitrate any dispute and their decisions shall be accepted as final. 2024 Committee: Terry DeMenge (contents director), Bob Busche (board member), Ron Krause (non-board)

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2024 Rules for the Lunker of the Month

Lunker of the Month Awards is for the largest released Muskie for each month. The angler releasing the largest Muskie in that month will receive a Lunker of the Month Award.

The rules are as follows:

1. The Muskie must be **40** inches or longer for adults and 30 inches for junior members. There will be one award overall per month (not a separate award for adults and juniors).
2. **Photographed and the photo sent to the contest chairperson within 30 days of the catch via mail or email. Photos will not be returned. Photos can be digital or via a smartphone, however, digital is preferred.**
3. **Muskie registrations without photos will not be eligible for lunker awards.**
4. All entries must be recorded on a Muskie Inc. Fishing Contest Entry blank or entered online at www.muskiesinc.org. Entry blanks are found at the Muskies Inc. website or are available from your Fishing Contest chairperson. Entry blanks may be copied for recording additional Muskies caught.
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6. In case of a tie, the winner for the month will be decided by their next biggest fish caught during that month. In case of a 2nd tie, winner will be decided on a coin flip.
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2022 Committee:

Terry DeMenge (contest director)

Bob Busche (board member)

Ron Krause (non-board member)

2024 Supporters of lakes Superior Chapter





MUSKIES, Inc. Membership Application Form

Please print and fill-in the appropriate spaces; then mail with a check, money order, and CC #, payable to: "MUSKIES, INC." To-
Candy Ellestad, Treasurer, 914 Bass Blvd, Proctor MN. 55810-2658

OR: for online application with credit card go to: www.muskiesinc.org

click on Join Us, Chapter Affiliation Lake Superior Chapter # 33

Name _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

Address _____

City/State _____ zip code _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Chapter Affiliation: Lake Superior Chapter #33

My Membership # (if current/past member) _____

Expiration Date _____

Must check one: _____ New Member _____ Renewal _____ Address Change _____ Email change

Method of payment: _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card Type: **Visa & MasterCard** Credit Card #

_____ Exp. Date _____

Please choose membership type:

Check appropriate box(s)

_____ Regular Individual Member 1 yr. - \$45.00 _____ Two yr. - \$75.00 _____ Three yr. - \$105.00

_____ Family -1 magazine 1 yr. - \$57.50 _____ Two yr. - \$100.00 _____ Three yr. - \$142.50 Name of

Spouse _____ D.O.B. _____

Name of Child _____ D.O.B. _____

Name of Child _____ D.O.B. _____

_____ Regular 1yr Junior Member (under 18) - \$30.00 D.O.B. _____

_____ Regular one year active military membership (must use APO/Military Installation address) \$30.00 (U.S. Funds)

For Additional Information Contact:

Curt Ellestad Membership Director at 218-390-8888 or Terry DeMenge, Chapter President at 218-391-2699

Wednesday Night Muskie Fishing weekly event

Chapter 33 Muskies Inc - Lake Superior Muskies Inc

The Lake Superior Chapter of Muskies, Inc. will be continuing our Wednesday Night Fishing Outings this year. The purposes of the outings are both educational and social. The Outings are designed to have some fun, to get newer members of the Chapter together with more experienced members, and also help the Chapter recruit new members. This is a chance to fish with more Chapter members and get better acquainted with the folks who share our passion for Muskie angling.

We all bring different skills to Muskie fishing and to group operations. It will be wonderful if we can share these talents to improve our Chapter and our sport. The Wednesday Night Fishing Outings will encourage everyone who wishes to enjoy the good Muskie fishing in the Duluth area, members and non-members alike. Whoever shows up at the designated landing on the St. Louis River will be able to participate.

Records will be kept for those who wish to do so by using the Muskies, Inc. scoring methods of counting 30-inch fish or longer. A thirty inch fish = 4 points and one additional point for every additional inch. Example: a 40" muskie = 14 pts. Muskies are counted to the nearest quarter inch. Points will be scored based off of the Muskies Inc. rules. Also for the purpose of recording successes, digital pictures would be appreciated, so we have a visual record of this Chapter activity.

Recognition will be given the anglers who earn the most points for their five largest fish at the end of the season in the Newsletter and/or at Chapter meetings. Each person will be fishing for his or her individual points. These are friendly outings with no teams, established groups or awards.

A major emphasis of the Wednesday Night Outings will be to encourage participants to fish with different anglers each week. This will allow anglers to fish with and share knowledge with a variety of other people. If the parents of participants under the age of 18 agree, the young anglers may fish with other Wednesday Night outing participants. They may also fish with their parents on every Wednesday Fishing Night if they wish. Parents with their youngsters in their own boats are encouraged to invite a different angler to fish with them each time they attend the Wednesday Night Outings.

Wednesday evening

Meet up will be at the Rice's Point Public Water Access Boat Launch located in Duluth Mn (you can google maps "Rice's Point Boat Launch" for directions)

The boat access is on the St Louis River, near the lift bridge area.

For more information -

please contact Karen McTavish, secretary of Chapter 33 at (218) 391-8218 call/text

If anyone has an extra seat in their boat - please let Karen McTavish know ASAP so we can get the word out that we have space of possible new members.

2024/2025 Lake Superior Chapter Calendar of Events

Our general meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month October thru May at the Grand View Grill & Bar 2820 Midway Road Duluth, MN 55810. Board meetings are held at 6:00 pm, followed by the general meeting at 7:00 pm. As always, all board meetings and general meetings are open to the membership and the public. Any questions contact Jim at 715-553-2099 or Terry at 218-391-2699.

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October 5th and 6th Jeff Young Tournament Leach Lake www.brainerdmuskies.com

October 8th Board meeting 6 pm general meeting 7 pm all board and general
Meetings are open to the public.

November 12th Board meeting 6 pm general meeting 7 pm all board and general
Meetings are open to the public. Nominations of officers

December 10th Board meeting 6 pm general meeting 7 pm all board and general
Meetings are open to the public. Nominations of officers and election of officers for
2025.Christmas Party (TBA)

January 14, 2025 7 Pm Christian Dueholm of "Hooked on Musky Baits" will be our speaker for
- "Hooked on Musky Baits" produces high-quality components to make the best Bucktails on the
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March 11, 2025 7 PM Minnesota D.N.R. Dan Wilfond

March 15, 2025 27th Annual Lake Superior Chapter Sportsman Banquet info TBA.

April 8, 2025 7 PM Tom Riedel of "Musky Madness Baits" will be our speaker for the April 8th,
2025 meeting at 7pm Tom is a Musky bait maker known for his hand tied, marabou Bucktails &
handmade wood turned, Topwater globes.