



## January 1st 2025 One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Edition

Hello,

I hope everyone is enjoying the holidays! Reminder, our chapter will be running a booth at the Minnesota Muskie Expo, March 8, 9, and 10 so hopefully we will see many of you there, and thanks to all those who are volunteering to make this happen.

Nominations and elections for board positions were held in the December meeting and here are the results:

- President – Jim Carnes
- Vice President - Drake Peterson
- Secretary - Karen McTavish
- Treasurer - Candy Ellestad
- Reginal Vice President – Karen McTavish

Our next meeting will be on January 14th at The Grand View Grill & Bar, Duluth, MN:

- Board Meeting – 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (all are welcome).
- General Meeting – Speaker Christan Dueholm.

2025Meeting Schedule

**14 Jan Christan Dueholm – Hooked on Musky Baits 11-Feb Steve Herbeck 11-Mar Dan Wilfond, MN DNR 8-Apr Tom Riedel (Musky Madness Baits) 13-May Lure auction, no speaker**

Thank you,

Jim Carnes

President LSMI

# Contest Chairman Report 2024

## Men's Master Division

Robert Busche	38 Fish 447 points	Avg. Length 37.64	Largest 49.50
Carl Peterson	8 Fish 108 Points	Avg. Length 39.38	Largest 48.50
Robert Himango	1 Fish 6 points	Avg. Length 32.50	Largest 32.50

## Men's Division

Joe Grupa	14 Fish. 234 Points	Avg. Length 42.48	largest 50.00
Jason Kahler	20 Fish. 192 Points	Avg. Length 35.58	Largest 43.25
Ian Veihman	12 Fish. 152 Points	Avg. Length 38.54	Largest 50.00
Cade Busche	11 Fish 139 Points	Avg. Length 38.51	Largest 49.90
Dan Maki	8 Fish. 120 Points	Avg. Length 45.50	Largest 51.50
Mike Tafs	6 Fish. 75 Points	Avg. Length 39.00	Largest 40.50
Joshua Monge	8 Fish. 83 Points	Avg. Length 36.22	Largest 43.00
Keith Okeson	3 Fish. 44 Points	Avg. Length 39.50	Largest 41.00
Joey Johnson	3 Fish. 52 Poi	Avg. Length 43.50	Largest 43.50
Jim Nilsson	1 Fish 26 Points	Avg. Length 52.00	Largest
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Peter Krause	1 Fish 25 Points	Avg. Length 50.50	Largest 50.50
Pat Greene	3 Fish 16 Points	Avg. Length 31.33	largest 32.00
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	42 Fish 756 points	Avg. Length 43.88	Largest 51.50
Amada Monge	11 Fish 112 Points	Avg. Length 35.93	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	Largest 43.50
Gavin Krause	1 Fish 9 points	Avg. Length 35.25	Largest 35.25

## 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
October	Jim Neilson	52.00
November	Peter Krause	50.50

*Here are the officers for 2025 of The Lake Superior Chapter of Muskies Inc.*

*President Jim Carnes*



*Terry DeMenge*



*Secretary Karen Mctavish*



*Treasurer Candie Ellestad Monge*



*Vice President Drake Peterson*



*Membership Amanda*



*Banquet Chairman Curt Ellestad*



*Fisheries Jason Kahler*



*Newsletter Keith O*



*Peter Krause at Large*



*Youth Director Robert Jenko*



*Robert Busche at Large*



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

**“Hooked on Musky Baits”  
Christian Dueholm**



**Lake Superior  
Muskie's Inc**

grandview bar & grill  
2820 midway road  
duluth mn 55810

**FEBRUARY 11TH, 2025 7PM**

# **Steve Herbeck**

**musky history's most prolific  
anglers and educators**



## **Lake Superior Muskie's Inc**

grandview bar & grill  
2820 Midway Road  
duluth Mn 55810

**March 11th, 2025 at 7pm**

# **Dan Wilfond**

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



## **Lake Superior Muskies Inc**

**grandview bar & grill  
2820 Midway Road  
duluth Mn 55810**

**April 8th, 2025 at 7pm**

**Musky Madness Baits  
Tom Riedel**



Musky Fishing

**Lake Superior  
Muskie's inc**

grandview bar & grill  
2820 Midway Road  
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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.muskiesinc.org). Entry blanks are found at the Muskies Inc. website or are available from your Fishing Contest chairperson.
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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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)**

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## 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](http://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

## 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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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 market.

February 11, 2025 7 Pm Steve Herbeck is one of modern musky history's most prolific angler and educators

March 11, 2025 7 PM Minnesota D.N.R. Dan Wilfond

March 15, 2025 27<sup>th</sup> 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.