



May 2009 Newsletter

Presidents message

May has finally arrived, and the next three months are some of the best fishing of the season. I hope most of you have been getting in on some of the great fishing at Alum Creek. I've been so busy at work and home that I've only been out fishing 3 times this spring.

Our Outing at Alum Creek turned out real good, considering we changed lakes at the last minute. Brian and Tina Vinson provided Chili and sandwiches at lunch time. Thanks Brian and Tina for doing that. Bill Lambert took bragging rights with a fat 43"er, and 2 other legals were also caught. I did manage to catch 2 little ones about 26".

It sure was windy for the John Fisher Tournament at Clearfork. No legal fish were caught on Saturday and only 3 were caught on Sunday. Mark Stienert caught 2 fish of 36.5" and 30" to take first place. Ron Murdock caught a 36.75" for second.

Check out the May Muskie Magazine cover, it's very unique with the landscape layout. I thought it was very impressive.

Rob VanGorder was awarded "Mr. Muskie" for 2008 at the Ohio Huskie Muskie Banquet. Very appropriate recognition for all the work he has done for the Statewide Minnow Fund Project.

We have the Chapter Challenge coming up May 9-10 at Saltfork. There are a number of us planning on attending and camping at the State park.

The Russ Dodridge Tournament is coming up May 30-31. This is prime time for Clearfork, casting and trolling, so plan on attending.

Our May meeting is the 12th at PJ's. The annual Lure Swap is scheduled again this year. Bring all your fishing related gear that you want to sell or swap. There is a good fishing report, as most all Ohio lakes are reporting good Muskie catches.

Alum creek has been very good this spring. Elmer Heyob has the Alum Muskies "dialed in". He is up to 22 Muskies already including a beautiful 48"er caught on a Bulldawg. There are a lot of 30-36" fish being caught with a fair number of larger fish too. Also lots of smaller muskies in the 24-26" range, so we have another good year class coming up. Both trolling and casting have been good.

Clear Fork has had muddy water problems again and has been slow. Clear Fork has been tough the last two springs now. Hopefully the conditions will improve by tournament time.

See you at the meeting, Mark

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Welcome New Members

The Central Ohio Chapter of Muskies Inc. would like to welcome the following new members:

Ron Connell, Katelyn Honeycutt, Kyle Honeycutt, Gerald Kelble, Rick Verbeem

Membership Renewals

May- Mike Candella, John Oldfield, Dennis Ruppel, Robert Stamps, Carl Uninck, Bob VanderMeer, Chuck Wilbert, Sharon Wilbert.

June- Thurman Adair, Tom Rankin, Jack Worline, James Craig, Greg Hastings, Lou Spezio, Mike Stumph,

July- Nick Graber, Tim Graber, Vanessa Graber, Chad Jacobs, Ken Jacobs, Linda Jacobs, Randy Schaaf, George Smart

Events for 2009

OhioMuskieShow -2/27,2/28,&3/1

AnnualBanquet - 3/7

JohnFisherMemorialTournamentatClearFork-4/25,4/26

RussDodridgeMemorialTournamenttClearFork -5/30,5/31

RayDemersMemorialTournamentatStClair- 6/26,6/27,&6/28

NiteBiteOutingatAlumCreekReservoir - 7/10

AnnualYouthEvent - 7/16

Fall Shoot-Out at Alum Creek Reservoir - 10/10, 10/11

Upcoming Events

EVENTS: Russ Dodridge Memorial Tournament

DATE: May 30, & May 31, 2009

PLACE: Clear Fork Reservoir

CONTACT: Jack Worline, Tournament Director

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EVENTS: Ray Demers Memorial Tournament

DATE: June 26, June 27, & June 28, 2009

PLACE: Lake St Clair, Ontario, Canada

CONTACT: Mark Pauling, President

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2009 POINTS LIST

MENS				MASTERS			
# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS	# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS		
Cliff Honeycutt	5	5	48	Elmer Heyob	22	22	194
Tony Crisp	5	5	31	Maurice Potvin	7	7	49
Bill Lambert	1	1	17	Jack Worline	4	4	32
Mike Stumph	1	1	17	Ron Murdock	4	4	30
Fred Paerson	1	1	14	Steve Ault	5	5	35
John Wagner	1	1	13				
Greg Hastings	2	2	10				
Bill Moore	1	1	7	Total Masters	42	42	340
				JUNIORS			
				# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS	
				Kyle Honeycutt	1	1	7
				Total Juniors	1	1	7
				WOMENS			
				# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS	
				Total Womens	0		
Total Mens	17	17	157				
				5/4/2009			

2009 Program Schedule

April- Spring Muskie Tactics

May-Lure Swap or Navionics presentation

June-Lake St.Clair tactics

July- Alum Creek tactics at the Lake

August- Alum Creek tactics at the Lake

September- Kevin Page from the Inland Fisheries Research Unit on the Muskie Angler Log

October-TBA

November-elections

December- Christmas Party



MEMBER CONTEST FORMS

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**RAY DEMERS MEMORIAL MUSKIE TOURNAMENT
LAKE ST. CLAIR CAN-AM and CHAPTER CHALLENGE**

PRESENTED BY

CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER of MUSKIES INC.

JUNE 26-28, 2009

**Quinlan's Family Marina, Deerbrook, Ontario
(entrance is 1 mile east of Deerbrook)**

**ENTRY FEE \$ 35 US or Canadian-(pig roast included)
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

All tournament festivities will be held at Quinlan's Family Marina

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 26- Welcome and Registration- 6pm-8:30pm

Cook your own hotdogs over an open fire.

Saturday, June 27- Tournament hours—6 am-9pm

Late Registration— 6am– 7am

Pig Roast— 2pm– 3:30pm.

Sunday June 28-Tournament hours– 6am– 1pm

Awards ceremony– 2:30pm

TROPHIES will be awarded for the 5 biggest fish. The Traveling Trophy will be awarded to the winning chapter and the Ray Demers Memorial Cup will be awarded for the largest fish. There will not be prizes awarded for big fish this year. Instead, we will have three free drawings for very nice prizes.

GREAT DOOR PRIZES ! Raffle tables will include a Lowrance GPS, a 1 day muskie trip on St.Clair, the very last of the Captain Harry tackle boxes donated by his widow Kathy, and a Garmin 255 GPS for autos.

BELLE RIVER FOOD BANK RAFFLE will be held this year with lots of muskie gear and assorted items to win. One ticket will be given for each can of food donated. A representative from the food bank will draw the winner at the end of the pig roast on Saturday. **DON'T MISS THIS ONE.**

BIG FISH POT- \$5.00 entry- winner take all

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COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT WEEKEND !

Photos of the Month



Nice 43.5" muskie fishing Alum Creek. Rob was fishing with one of our new members, Brian Culbertson. I hear he caught his first muskie that day. Congrats.



Mark Steinert caught this 36.5" musky Sunday, April 26, 2009.