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January 2010 Newsletter

President's Message

Happy New Year everyone. I'm Rob VanGorder, your new chapter president for 2010. This year will be my sixth year in the club, and I'm looking forward to a great year. I believe that you get out of something, what you put in to it. I have tried to put a lot of my energy in to the club these past few years and I believe I have received plenty in return with the muskie fishing knowledge I have gained, the satisfaction of seeing our group's accomplishments, and the friendships I have built. I'll go ahead and make my excuses up front this year. I have a demanding job and four very wonderful busy young children. I will not be at every event we have, but I will try hard to put maximum effort in to every thing I do on behalf of the club. We have a strong group of club officers and a great body of active members, and together we can keep the club moving forward this coming year.

Before I talk about the coming year, I would be remiss not to stop and say a sincere thank you to Mark Pauling. I think Mark has done a tremendous job as our president the past two years. Mark gives his time to the club and others selflessly. The man knows how to catch fish, lots of them. If you've ever spent time on the water with Mark you also know that he is very willing to share his extensive knowledge and make others successful. Mark began a project of collecting historical information on our club and I know he plans to continue this effort acting as a club historian. He's also serving on the Ray Demers committee, the tournament committee and the chapter challenge committee for 2010. Mark might have stepped down as president, but he's not going anywhere and we are lucky to have him in our group.

I would also like to say thank you to Margaret Pauling, Jack Worline and Mike Candella for their past service as officers in the club. We will all have to have a little patience as they transition their jobs to the new officers. All of them donated their time selflessly and did great work for our organization.

2010 will be the 25th anniversary for the Central Ohio Chapter of Muskies, Inc. and it might just shape up to be an incredible year of fishing. We are coming off of a record year for our chapter in the number of fish reported to the MI Lunge log. At this point, our members have turned in at least 938 legal releases for last year, including about 20 or so that were caught in December. Congrats to Mark who led the way in the Master's Division with 111 fish. Mark did well both in Ohio and up at Lake St. Clair. Congrats also to Cliff Honeycutt, your new chapter vice-president, who led the way in the Men's Division with 60 fish. All of Cliff's fish came from Ohio water. The catch numbers from Alum Creek this past year were off the charts and 2010 could be even better without a major spring release of water. There was quite a race right up until New Year's for the most Ohio fish award, and it looks like Ron Murdock's hard core cold weather fishing might have won it with 62 fish. We have a lunker of the month entry for last year for every month except January, and Ron has already got us on the board with a New Year's Day fish for 2010. In addition to these incredible catch numbers from last year, it is very exciting to see that we have nine youth members who reported fish as well. Like I said, 2010 is shaping up to be another great one.

Our January meeting is right around the corner and Elmer has lined up a great speaker for our group. John Dennis will be giving a presentation on fishing Salt Fork Lake, where our chapter will be hosting the chapter challenge in May. During the business portion of our meeting I would like to present a draft of a chapter budget for 2010, and we have a few housekeeping items and motions to discuss for the upcoming Ohio Muskie Show, the club banquet, and the Ray Demers Tournament. I intend to try to keep the business portions of our meetings as brief as possible, but still be organized and effective. If you have issues you would like to see discussed or motions that need to be made and voted upon, I would appreciate if you would call or email me with these things in the week before our meetings so I can put them on the agenda and prepare for the discussion as needed.

Our friends from Kentucky Chapter 45 are preparing a presentation for our February meeting, and in February we will also be talking a lot about the Ohio Muskie Show and how we can attract and retain new members. For those members out there who haven't made a meeting in a while, come check us out these next two months. Elmer's working on a great program line up and I'm sure you will get something out of it. Until then,

See you on the water,

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New COMI Officers for 2010

These new club officers for 2010 were elected at the November meeting:

President– Rob VanGorder

Vice-President– Cliff Honeycutt

Treasurer– John Oldfield

Secretary– Brian Culbertson

Regional VP– John Oldfield

Tournament Director– George Smart

Newsletter Editor– Tom Rankin

Membership Director– Tom Rankin

Merchandise Director– Manny Farley

Website/Release Chairman– Randy Parker

Youth/Public Relations/ Program Director– Elmer Heyob

Thank You to the outgoing officers from 2009: Mark Pauling, Margaret Pauling, Mike Candella, Kurt Hahn, Doug Dible, Mark Steinert, Jack Worline.

Membership Renewals

January– Ron Fisher

February– Rick Aston, Gary Solomon, Chris Stayer, Brian Vinson

March– Mary Arndt, Steve Ault, Orville Bantz, Miles Clary, Brian Culbertson, Frank Cziraki, Paul Dawes, Doug Grahl, Josh Jackson, Todd Jackson, Chris Mercy, Bryan Moore, Fred Pearson, Bernice Smith, Ben Sommers, Rob VanGorder and family



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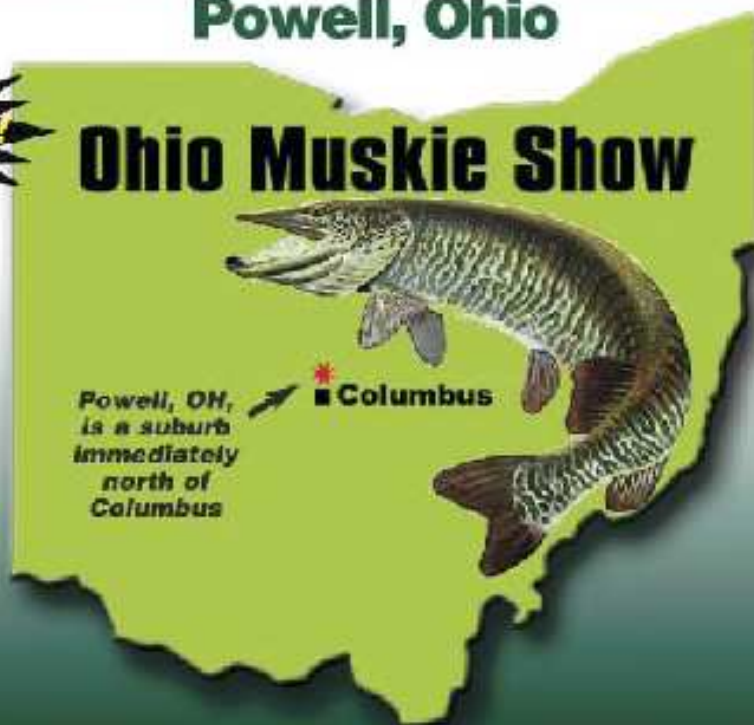
Ohio Muskie Show

February 26-27-28, 2010

**Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center
Powell, Ohio**

**New
Location!**

**Seminars
by
national,
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& local
professional
muskie
fishermen!**



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2009 Lunker of the Month

Month	Name	Length	Lake	Date
January	none			
February	Tony Crisp Bill Moore	33"	Alum spillway	2/21/09 2/27/09
March	Elmer Heyob	48"	Alum	3/31/09
April	Rob VanGor- der	43.5"	Alum	4/11/09
May	Bill Moore	46"	Clear Fork	May 31,2009
June	Sharon Potvin	53"	St.Clair	June 27,2009
July	Steve Ault	52"	St.Clair	July 5,2009
August	Mark Pauling	52"	St.Clair	August 9,2009
September	Nick Graber	51.5"	St.Clair	9/12/09
October	Diana Worline	52"	St.Lawrence	10/ 30/09
November	Mark Pauling	48"	St.Clair	11/25/09
December	Cliff Honeycutt	41"	Alum Creek	12/27/09



Muskie Angler Log

The Muskie Angler Log was developed in partnership with the Ohio Muskie Anglers as a resource for Ohio Muskie anglers and to support muskie management efforts in Ohio by providing valuable muskie catch data to the Ohio Division of Wildlife

<http://www.ohiodnr.com/muskielog/welcome.aspx>

2009 Final Points List

MENS	# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS	MASTERS	# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS
Cliff Honeycutt	60	60	598	Mark Pauling	111	14	1444
Randy Parker	50	17	487	Elmer Heyob	81	58	844
Mark Steinert	35	30	359	Ron Murdock	67	62	662
Doug Dible	23	2	293	Jack Worline	61	53	657
Rob VanGorder	28	20	285	Steve Ault	48	38	473
Tom Householder	26	5	284	Maurice Potvin	35	14	347
Tim Graber	19	0	269	Geoff Hetrick	13	13	132
George Smart	19	14	236	Gary Solomon	5	1	62
Miles Clary	12	1	216	Ron Fisher	3	3	21
Bill Lambert	18	15	194	Total Masters	424	256	4642
Shawn Arndt	13	0	165				
Robert Smart	16	12	159				
Tony Crisp	19	19	159	JUNIORS	#	OHIO FISH	POINTS
Chuck wilbert	12	3	157	Nick Graber	14	2	183
Mike Waryck	12	12	149	Leighann Waryck	5	5	60
Greg Hastings	20	20	147	Katelyn Honeycutt	6	6	42
Chris Stayer	11	6	104	C J Overmyer	4	0	37
Jerry Stayer	8	1	82	Luke VanGorder	4	4	32
Doug Grahl	7	0	72	John Dible	2	0	27
Mike Stumph	5	5	52	Luke Ault	1	1	10
Rick Aston	5	5	51	Kyle Honeycutt	1	1	7
Richard Miller	2	0	47	Joey VanGorder	1	1	5
Bill Moore	3	3	45	Total Juniors	38	20	403
Fred Pearson	4	4	44				
David Chenault	5	5	41	WOMENS	#	OHIO FISH	POINTS
Manny Farley	1	0	25	Margaret Pauling	14	0	184
Randall Miller	3	3	23	Sharon Potvin	9	0	112
Brian Culbertson	2	2	16	Sharon Wilbert	4	3	57
Max Machuta	2	2	15	Mary Arndt	4	0	41
John Wagner	1	1	13	Di Worline	1	0	26
Doug Dingey	1	1	7	Drenda Kemp	2	2	15
Robert Stamps	1	1	5	Total Womens	34	5	435
Total Mens	442	269	4758	1/1/2010 Totals	938	550	10238

Photos of the Month



Cliff Honeycutt finished the year strong with a 41" and 33" fish on 12/27/09 at Alum Creek.