



MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The Ohio Muskie Show is behind us and we can now look forward to our annual Lure Auction on Tues the 9th and our annual Banquet at Hoggy's on Sat the 13th. With any luck, the ice will break up shortly thereafter and we'll all be hitting the water soon.

It was great to see everyone at the show. I heard nothing but very positive comments from everyone I talked to about the speakers, the variety, the venue, etc. We owe a big thank you to Ross Wagner for not only putting on this event, but also for his generosity to the club in providing us with a prime recruiting and fund raising opportunity.

At our club booth at the show, we sold more merchandise, raised more funds, and signed up more new members than we have ever done. I will have a full financial recap for everyone at our next meeting. We signed up 15 new members and had over 20 other people interested in our club who left with membership brochures. We owe a big thank you to all of those who worked the booth and took the time to talk to these people and promote our club. I expect we will see many of these new members start to show up at our next couple meetings. I would ask that everyone make an effort to reach out to the new faces, offer to participate in "take a new member fishing", and make them feel at home so we can retain some of these great new people long-term.

Our tackle box raffle at the show was unbelievable and we owe a huge thank you to all those that provided baits and items to stuff the box. Truly a one of a kind prize, it was won by Walter Steinmetz from Cincinnati.

On Saturday at the show, the DOW held their annual Muskie Club Summit and I attended with Cliff Honeycutt and John Oldfield. It was a very positive meeting and we'll be sharing all the details at one of our monthly meetings once the final summit minutes are published. We heard program updates, MAL results/trends, a Minnow Fund report and a host of other good information. Suffice it to say that the incredible success of Alum Creek in 2009 is not a secret!

Our March 9th meeting will be our annual lure auction. As you put away your new baits from the show, dig deep and donate what you can to the auction. I've seen and heard about some great stuff that will be on the table this year. This is always a fun night and an important fund raiser for our chapter. Don't miss it!

Our annual banquet is the 13th at Hoggy's at 7 PM. If you did not sign up to attend the banquet at the show, be sure to sign up at the auction next week. Our final headcount is due on the 10th. We have 40 people signed up already, but I know we are missing many. Payment will be collected at the door of the banquet. The price will stay the same as the past few years. Thanks to a very generous donation from Maurice Potvin and Buckeye Outdoors we will have door prizes for everyone.

The chapter turns 25 years old on March 25th and the great fishing success of 2009 has created a lot of energy in our group. The auction is up next and we hope to see you there. If you haven't made it to a meeting or an event in a while, come check it out. Until then,

See you on the water,

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Membership Renewals

March-Mary Arndt, Paul Dawes, Bryan Moore, Fred Pearson, Bernice Smith, Ben Sommers

April- Tom Althouser, David Chenault, Ron Connell, Katelyn Honeycutt, Kyle, Honeycutt, Stephanie Honeycutt, Bill Rehm, Brent Spence, Rick Verbeem, Deborah Waryck, Leighann Waryck, Mike Waryck

May- Shawn Arndt, Tony Crisp, Dale Holmes, David Loyd, Ray McMaster, Randall Miller, Brad Mitchell, John Ratcliff, Robert Stamps, Jerry Stayer, Chuck Wilbert, Sharon Wilbert

Central Ohio Chapter Muskies Inc - Annual Banquet

Hoggy's Barn and Grille - Polaris
8740 Sancus Blvd 614-433-7447 www.hoggys.com
Saturday March 13th, 7:00 - 10:00 P.M. Party Loft
Cost is \$20 per person (\$10 < 13 yrs old, Free < 7 yrs old)

Your \$20 includes the dinner buffet and a door prize ticket. The dinner buffet consists of pulled pork, pulled chicken, buns, baked beans, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese and sauteed green beans. It also includes coffee, tea, lemonade, soda and milk. It does NOT include alcoholic beverages. There will be a cash bar and waitress service for beer, wine and other cocktails.

We will have an RSVP sign-up sheet at the club booth during the Ohio Muskie Show as well as our March 9th LURE AUCTION Meeting at PJ's. Our final count is due to the restaurant by the day after our March meeting, so **be sure to sign up at one of these two events.**

Come celebrate a safe and successful 2009 season as we pass out many awards, nice hardware and door prizes. See you there.



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Many Thanks

To Maurice Potvin for donating the door prizes for the annual banquet this year.



Member Contest Forms

Please send all fish release forms to:

Randy Parker
Chapter Release Chairperson
4660 Greenview Ct.
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2010 Events

January 12 - January Meeting at PJ's

February 9 - February Meeting at PJ's

February 26 - 28 Ohio Muskie Show

March 9 - March Meeting at PJ's. Topic: Lure Auction

March 13 - Club Banquet. Hoggy's at Polaris

April 13 - April Meeting at PJ's. Topic: Muskie Fishing in Ohio (Elmer Heyob)

April 24 - 25 John Fisher Tournament at Clear Fork

May 11 - May Meeting at PJ's

May 15 - 16 Chapter Challenge at Salt Fork

June 5 - 6 Russ Dodridge Tournament at Alum Creek

June 8 - June Meeting at Alum Creek

June 25 - 27 Ray Demers Tournament at Lake St. Clair

July 9 - Nite Bite Tournament at Alum Creek

July 13 - July Meeting at Alum Creek

July 15 - Youth Fishing Event. Whetstone Park of Roses

August 10 - August Meeting at PJ's

September 14 - September Meeting at PJ's

October 9 - 10 Fall Shoot-Out at Alum Creek

October 12 - October Meeting at PJ's

November 9 - November Meeting at PJ's. Topic: Elections and 2011 Planning

December 14 - December Meeting and Christmas Party



Photo of the Month

This is the awesome tackle box full of stuff that was auctioned off at the Ohio Muskie Show. This photo must have been taken on Friday because that bowl was full of tickets on Sunday. Thanks to everyone who donated lures for the raffle.



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>