



## APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER

### Presidents Message

March was a good month for our chapter starting with our annual lure auction on the 9th. We did pretty well on this fundraiser and I would like to say thank you again to everyone who participated. We had another great banquet at Hoggy's on the 13<sup>th</sup> with a tremendous turnout of 72 people. It was a nice evening of fellowship, awards and prizes. And last but not least in March, the ice left and the fish started biting. I've heard lots of reports of both numbers and some big fish from Alum Creek. If we can avoid a big spring flood event this lake should be tremendous again this coming year.

Our April meeting is coming up this Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> and it should be another good one. Elmer Heyob will be doing a presentation on muskie fishing in Ohio and we are expecting another good turnout. It was great to see so many of the new members who have recently joined our chapter at the lure auction in March, and I hope many of you take advantage of the opportunity to pick up some good tips from Elmer this month. This will also give us a great chance to set new members up with a guide-for-a-day style "Take a new member fishing" outing if so desired. Paying close attention to Elmer's talk and spending time on the water with club members is a great way to shorten your muskie learning curve and put some more fish in your boat this year.

During the club business portion of our meeting, Cliff Honeycutt will be sharing a report from the DOW Ohio Muskie Club Summit that we attended back in February. If Cliff has stopped laughing from watching me fall in the water at the Cheshire dock last week, he should do a good job with this presentation. We will also be talking about our club's participation in the Minnow Fund this year and we'll have a demonstration of on-line fish entry for those who are still submitting fish on the paper forms. Also in April, many of our members will be fishing Chapter 19's tournament at Salt Fork Lake on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have more information on this event at the meeting for those interested.

Finally, the end of this month will be the start of the 2010 Club Tournament Championship race with our first club event. The John Fisher Memorial Tournament will be held at Clear Fork Lake on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>. George Smart will have details at our meeting. We have a great line-up of prizes this year including nice rod/reel combos, clear-view tackle boxes, digital cameras, Musky Hunter raingear and quality baits. We will be giving prizes out to fifth place this coming year. Don't miss this great event.

See you on the water,  
Rob

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## Welcome New Members

The Central Ohio Chapter of Muskies Inc would like to welcome these new members who joined our club last month:

Carl Brophy, Nathan Carter, John Collins, Walt Dodson, Terry, Fischer, Todd Geren, Tim Kight, Shawn Kolometz, John Martin, LeRoy Moore, Tom Orchard, Danny Schooley, Kevin Short, Stephen Silbaugh

## Membership Renewals

**April**– David Chenault, Ron Connell, Katelyn Honeycutt, Kyle, Honeycutt, Stephanie Honeycutt, Bill Rehm,, Rick Verbeem,

**May**– David Loyd, John Ratcliff, Robert Stamps, Jerry Stayer, Chuck Wilbert, Sharon Wilbert

**June**– Thurman Adair, Cliff Honeycutt, Richard Miller, Neil O'Brien, Carl Uhinch



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## Thanks Again !

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

The Webster Lake Musky Club ( Chapter 49) is having an online auction on their website. It will start on April 10 at 12 pm and end April 25th at 12pm. Go to the forum section of their website and open the lure auction forum. ( websterlakemuskyclub.net). All proceeds go to their minnow fund.



## Member Contest Forms

Please send all fish release forms to:

Randy Parker

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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



Steve Ault caught this nice 46" fish on Alum last month



## 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>