



## FEBRUARY 2012

### Presidents Message (Rob's Rant)

January was a busy month for the chapter. We had a great meeting to start off the month which included a very interesting presentation by John Wargo from the Corps of Engineers talking about Alum Creek. I also used some time at our January meeting to review how the club did financially in 2011, highlighting yet another strong year.

The last weekend of January took the chapter to the Ohio Muskie Show. The show just seems to get bigger and better every year, with more vendors and the biggest crowd yet. Our chapter activities at the show went well, and we are looking forward to seeing some new faces at our events in 2012 as we signed up several new members, and many left with information and the intent of checking us out. When you see a new face at a meeting or outing this year, be sure to reach out and make them feel welcome. Our chapter continues to grow, because of the efforts of all the members who reach out to people and help them to see what we are all about. We could not do this without the face to face opportunity we get because of the support of Ross Wagner and the Ohio Muskie Show.

Congrats to Brian Stierhoff of West Mansfield who won the tremendous tackle box prize, and thanks to the many members who made the show a success. We did well on our fundraising at the show, and we are well stocked for 2012 tournament prizes, door prizes and great selections of baits for our monthly raffles. We also did very well on our merchandise sales, and Kevin Short has a good line up of new stuff to sell throughout the year at our events.

On Saturday of the show, several of us attended the annual Ohio Muskie Summit with the Division of Wildlife. We also had an informal roundtable discussion later in the day with Jay Zahn, President of Muskies, Inc. We will present the information discussed at these two meetings to the chapter at one of our upcoming monthly meetings.

Looking forward, our February meeting is Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at PJ's in Sunbury. Yes, I know, we screwed up and have a meeting on Valentine's Day. Unfortunately we just recruited a bunch of new faces to come check us out, and told them all we meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. After much discussion, we've decided the meeting will go on as planned that day, however we are not planning to have an elaborate program topic with the understanding that many people will have other commitments that evening. We will have some maps and some other information to share, with the intent of holding an informal meeting and talk about muskie fishing with anyone who dares to show up.

Coming soon is our Annual Banquet on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>, as well as our Annual Lure Auction on Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup>. Information about the banquet is included in this newsletter, so be sure to RSVP so we can plan for a great event. With Hoggy's closing and the club growing, we're trying a new and exciting venue this year at the Winking Lizard Tavern. I hope to see everyone there!

If you are not enjoying an evening with your sweetheart, I'll see you at PJ's next week,

Rob

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### **Membership Renewals**

**February-** Patrick Frase, Raymond Hoppenjans, John Naslund, Angel Neville, Charles Neville, Robert Neville, Stephanie Neville

**March-** Carl Brophy, Nathan Carter, Brian Culbertson, Jeffrey Dillon, Walt Dodson, Douglas Grahl, Scott Heidrich, Drenda Kemp, John Marks, Bryan Moore, LeRoy Moore, Billy Moore Sr., Brian Myers, Theodore Myers, Fred Pearson, Stephen Silbaugh, Ben Sommers, Mark Steinert, John Wagner, Dan Walton, Greg Weaver

**April-** David Chenault, Manny Farley, Paul Lemire, Terry Lynch, John Martin, Richard Moore, Holly Neville, Jack Neville, Sydney Neville, William Neville, Dan Walker, Warycks (Deborah, Leighann, Michael)

### **Central Ohio Chapter Muskies Inc - Annual Banquet**

Winking Lizard Tavern – Columbus Crosswoods

100 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43235

614-785-9755 [www.winkinglizard.com](http://www.winkinglizard.com)

Saturday March 10th, 6-9 PM. Buffet dinner served at 7 PM

Cost is \$25/ea for Adults

Young children may order directly off the Kid's menu (Approx \$10/ea)

Pay at the door

Your \$25 includes the dinner buffet and a door prize ticket. Everyone in attendance will receive a door prize! The dinner buffet consists of two entrees and three side dishes. It also includes coffee, tea, soda, etc. 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 our February meeting, or you can contact Cliff Honeycutt at 614-499-9604 or [alleycatlures@yahoo.com](mailto:alleycatlures@yahoo.com) to sign up. We need a good headcount by the beginning of March.

**You must RSVP to attend!**

Come celebrate a safe and successful 2011 season as we pass out many awards, nice hardware and door prizes. See you there.

The Central Ohio Chapter of Muskies Inc. would like to thank the following vendors, guides, bait makers and organizations for their generous support of the chapter and its activities:

Muskie Train

Llungen Lures

Tuff Shad Lures

Big Game Tackle

Willey's Bucktails

Rollie & Helen's Musky Shop

Musky Hunter Magazine

Hooker Tackle

Spencer Berman

Mike Money

and...

Ross Wagner - The Ohio Muskie Show

Sledge Baits

Musky Innovations

Ziggy Baits

Smuttly Dog Lures

Spanky Baits

Tyrant Tackle

Crash's Landing

Alleycat Lures

Tony Grant Outdoors

Gabe Rosplock

Crane Baits

Rubber Hairy Tackle

Muskie Fishing Specialties

Grandma Lures

Meat and Potatoes Tackle

Muskies, Inc.

Xtreme Muskie Lures

George Smart

Michael Weltz

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## Alum Creek catch report and lure used for 2011

Chapter 41 Muskies reported 30" + (not MAL stats)	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>Lure used</b>													
Lightning Shad	0	0	0	0	0	15	34	1	2	0	0	0	52
Crank bait	0	0	3	1	0	23	12	0	4	2	0	0	45
Sisson	0	0	0	0	1	26	4	0	0	0	0	0	31
Hooker Seducer	0	0	5	4	8	11	1	0	0	1	0	0	30
Rapala Crank	0	0	6	6	1	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	22
Tuff Shad	0	0	0	0	0	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	18
Pearson Plug Crank	0	0	0	0	0	7	8	0	1	0	0	0	16
Sledge	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	0	0	14
Alley Cat Glider	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Muskie Train MX6	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	10
Grandma	0	0	5	0	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	0	9
Phantom Jerk	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Bagley crank (all)	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rattle Trap	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Jerk bait	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	4
Baby Depthraider	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
BP-X	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Redeye Shad	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Shallow Raider	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Spinner	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Pearson Plug Jerk	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reef Runner	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rapala S/S Minnow	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Depth Raider	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jake	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cobb Jerk	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ziggie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Manns	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Twihin Rattler	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Big Game Scuba	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Alley Cat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Storm	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
M & G Spinner	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
24 Single catch lures	0	0	1	2	6	6	4	2	1	2	0	0	24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>345</b>

**2012 COMI SCHEDULE**

2/14	February Meeting – PJ's
3/10	Club Banquet – Location: Winking Lizard Tavern Columbus Crosswoods
3/13	March Meeting – PJ's Topic: Lure Auction
4/10	April Meeting – PJ's Topic: Muskie Fishing in Ohio (Elmer)
4/28-4/29	John Fisher Tournament at Clear Fork
5/5-5/6	Chapter Challenge at Salt Fork
5/8	May Meeting – PJ's Topic: TBA
6/2-6/3	Russ Dodridge Tournament at Alum Creek
6/8-6/10	OHMC Division Day and Spring Outing at Alum Creek
6/12	June Meeting at Alum Creek
6/15	Nite Bite Outing at Alum Creek
6/22-6/24	Ray Demers Tournament at Lake St. Clair
7/10	July Meeting at Alum Creek
7/12	Youth Fishing Event – Whetstone Park of Roses
8/14	August Meeting – PJ's Topic: TBA
9/11	September Meeting – PJ's Topic: TBA
10/6-10/7	Fall Shoot-Out at Alum Creek
10/9	October Meeting – PJ's Topic: TBA
11/8	November Meeting – PJ's Topic Elections and 2013 Planning
12/11	December Meeting – Christmas Party