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# April 2008 Newsletter

Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe, 1421 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, Ohio

## President's Message

Greetings to all. Winter just won't let go, this is one of the latest springs that I can remember. So much for global warming. March 29<sup>th</sup> satellite picture shows there is still some ice on Lake St. Clair and Erie.

We had our first meeting at PJ's in March and with the lure raffle going on, we didn't have time to vote whether to stay there or not. We will bring this up for a vote at the April meeting. The place is a little on the small side and the service was poor, but I understand a waitress called in sick that evening. Even if we vote to stay at PJ's, I think it would be good for everyone to keep looking for a better location.

The lure raffle was a great success, even though it ran pretty late. We brought in over \$2,400. Thanks to everyone who donated the lures and bid up the prices. I had my eye on a couple of baits and that Muskie print, but you guys sure did out bid me. I did manage to get a few good items. Thurman Adair was the Auctioneer again and did a great job, Thanks Thurman.

Some friends (Fred, Rick, and Dennis) from Lake St. Clair/Belle River area were there with Manny, it was good to see them down here. Manny had an update on the Can-Am, which is now called the Ray Demers Memorial Tournament, and things are falling in place for this event. We have arranged to have prizes for the 3 largest fish along with the standard Trophies for this tournament. The date is June 28-29, the last weekend of June, which is the very best time to be on Lake St. Clair for numbers and big fish. Put this event on your calendar and try to attend.

The April meeting will have Elmer Heyob doing his annual Spring Tactics presentation, this is always good refresher for all of us. We need all the help we can get this spring, with all the high and muddy water in Ohio lakes.

John Wagner and I attended a Western Basin Sportfishing Assn meeting in Sandusky, and they had speakers Fred Synder and Dave Kelch from Ohio Sea Grant there. They provided information on the new Customs and Border requirements for Pleasure boaters and the new EPA proposed permits for recreational boat bilge water discharges. There is a US Senate bill introduced, S 2766, the Clean Boating Act of 2008, that would fully and permanently restore a 35-year permit exemption for recreational boat incidental discharges. This bill will have to be passed before Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. I will have handouts and information at the April meeting for anyone who may be interested. This water border crossing reporting may be a real pain for those of us who fish Lake St. Clair and the Detroit river.

See you at the meeting. Mark

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## **Membership Renewals**

### **April**

Bill Rehm, Dennis Ruppel, Tom Sestito, Dan Walker

### **May**

Mike Candella, Richard Miller, John Ratcliff, Dennis Roush, Robert Stamps, Chuck Wilbert, Sharon Wilbert

## **New Members**

Welcome to the following new members who joined our club in March :

Steve Ault, Chris Bricker, Ike Callison, Katie Callison, Tracy Callison, Paul Dawes, Douglas Grahl, Josh Jackson, Brittany Kemp, Drenda Kemp, Fred Pearson, Mark Steinert, Jay Wuersig

## **Newsletter and Website Updates**

Over the last few months we have been able to convert approximately 20 members to the e-mail list. Thanks to all of you who have converted. This will save the chapter money each month. If you are still getting the newsletter by regular mail and you have internet access, please consider switching to e-mail. We will continue to send the newsletter to all members whether they have internet access or not.

As I mentioned last month, Muskies Inc has added an email feature to their website. This will be the second month using that to send out the newsletters. It seems to be working well as I had very few members contact me with problems. It will take a few months to get all the bugs worked out, but so far so good.

Also, if you have not done so yet, check out the new and improved chapter website. A new web editor feature will allow Margaret to make changes to the site as needed. There is a new newsletter page on the chapter website. I hope to be able to upload the newsletters to the webpage starting this month.

## **New Muskie Angler Log**

The new ODNR Division of Wildlife Muskie Angler log is now online.

Check it out at: <http://www.ohiodnr.com/muskielog/welcome.aspx>

If you missed Elmer's presentation on this a few months ago, this is the new reporting system for fish. Elmer and friends put a lot of work into this project and it will be a great tool for all muskie addicts to use. There will be a ton of information to access and members can set up their own fish logs. Give it a try.



## Central Ohio Muskies Inc.



### 2008 Schedule of Events

Month	Day	Start	End	Location	Event
January	8	7PM	9PM	Buckeye Hall of Fame Café	Monthly Meeting - New ODNR Reporting System
February	12	7PM	9PM	Buckeye Hall of Fame Café	Monthly Meeting - Bait Making/Modifications
February	22	2PM	8PM	Buckeye Hall of Fame Café	Club Booth at Ohio Muskie Show
February	23	9AM	7PM	Buckeye Hall of Fame Café	Club Booth at Ohio Muskie Show
February	24	10AM	3PM	Buckeye Hall of Fame Café	Club Booth at Ohio Muskie Show
March	8	6PM	9PM	Hoggy's Bar and Grille	Annual Club Banquet
March	12	7PM	9PM	PJ's Restaurant	Monthly Meeting - Lure Auction
April	8	7PM	9PM	PJ's Restaurant	Monthly Meeting - Spring Muskies
May	3	8AM	8PM	Clear Fork Lake	Jon Fisher Memorial Tournament
May	4	8AM	3PM	Clear Fork Lake	Jon Fisher Memorial Tournament and Awards
May	13	7PM	9PM	Location TBA	Monthly Meeting - Poolside Program
May	22	6PM	8PM	London Fish Hatchery	Hatchery Tour
May	31	8AM	8PM	Clear Fork Lake	Russ Dodridge Memorial Tournament
June	1	8AM	3PM	Clear Fork Lake	Russ Dodridge Memorial Tournament and Awards
June	10	7PM	9PM	PJ's Restaurant	Monthly Meeting - Release Tips and Lure Swap
June	27	6PM	9PM	Lake St. Clair	Ray Demers Tournament Registration
June	28	6AM	9PM	Lake St. Clair	Ray Demers Tournament
June	29	6AM	12PM	Lake St. Clair	Ray Demers Tournament and Awards
July	8	6PM	9PM	Alum Creek Lake	Monthly Meeting - Alum Tactics
July	17	4PM	8PM	Park of Roses	Kid's Fishing Outing
July	18	6PM	12AM	Alum Creek Lake	Nite Bite Outing
August	12	6PM	9PM	Alum Creek Lake	Monthly Meeting - Alum Tactics
September	9	7PM	9PM	PJ's Restaurant	Monthly Meeting - Topic TBA
October	11	8AM	8PM	Alum Creek Lake	Fall Shoot-Out Tournament
October	12	8AM	3PM	Alum Creek Lake	Fall Shoot-Out Tournament and Awards
October	14	7PM	9PM	PJ's Restaurant	Monthly Meeting - Topic TBA
November	11	7PM	9PM	PJ's Restaurant	Monthly Meeting - Elections and 2009 Planning
December	9	7PM	10PM	Location TBA	Monthly Meeting - Christmas Party

### Ohio Huskie Muskie Club 2008 Schedule

Month	Day	Start	End	Location	Event
March	15	TBA	TBA	Zanesville Ramada Inn	OHMC Banquet
June	13	TBA	TBA	Clear Fork Lake	Division Day
June	14	TBA	TBA	Clear Fork Lake	Spring Outing
June	15	TBA	TBA	Clear Fork Lake	Spring Outing
July	12	TBA	TBA	Pymatuning Lake	Summer Contest
July	13	TBA	TBA	Pymatuning Lake	Summer Contest
August	23	TBA	TBA	Leesville Lake	Nite Bite
September	20	TBA	TBA	Salt Fork Lake	Fall Outing
September	21	TBA	TBA	Salt Fork Lake	Fall Outing

## April Fishing Report

There's not a whole lot of fishing or catching going on right now. With all this cold weather, ice and high muddy water around, our Muskie fishing opportunities have been pretty limited. I hear from the message boards that Cave Run has been doing OK this spring already. I hope some of you have had a chance to go down there and get in on some that early season fishing. March fishing in Ohio always has been kind of hit or miss. April is when things really get going on a regular basis.

The spillway below Alum Creek lake just about always has the potential to put out a Muskie or two. That's been about the only place to go this March.

Get your equipment ready for another season, it won't be long now.

Get your supply of AC Shiners, if you haven't already. R&R Sports down on South Front St. in Columbus is the only place I know that has a decent stock available. AC Shiner models 450 and 550 are the best bait by far to use on Clear fork in the spring, but be sure and upgrade the hooks. Other baits I've had success with are Bagley Small Frys, Rapala J-13's, Smithwick Rattling Rogues. I know that the Muskies will hit bigger baits in the spring, so don't let me talk you out of using your favorite stuff, its just that I have much higher success on the small baits. Downsize your equipment when using these small baits, by using lighter line, longer more flexible poles so you can watch the rod tip for lure action. Just don't put a lot of pressure on the fish as the small hooks and baits can't take too much.

The PMTT is April 4-5<sup>th</sup> on Cave Run lake and our chapter has 1 team entered in that event. Good luck to Rob and Randy.

The Cabin Fever Challenge is April 18-19<sup>th</sup> at Green River lake, hosted by the Kentucky chapter. I don't know if any of our members plan on going or not.

I think there was only 2 fish from chapter 41 turned in from Salt Fork in 2007. Let's get that number up this year. I didn't get to Salt Fork at all last year, but I plan on going there this spring. The Chapter Challenge is May 17-18 on Salt Fork and I plan on going. I hope a few other chapter members can schedule this event. Let me know if you want to go and we can make plans as a group. I've caught a few fish out of Salt Fork in the spring, so I can help you with some areas and baits to try for this time frame. Casting and trolling both will be productive in mid-May

I did make it out on Clearfork on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> for the first trip of the season. Muddy water, lots of floating weeds, and no action.

Two fish were caught in March that I have heard of. Ron Murdock got 30.5" at the Alum Spillway on 3-26 and Cliff Honeycutt got a 39" on 3-31 in Alum Creek downstream of the dam.

April is here and better fishing is coming. Good luck to all.

Grass needs cutting, House needs paintin, Where's he at???....He's gone fishin!!!

Mark



### **MEMBER CONTEST FORMS**

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### **Notice to members:**

With warm weather coming soon I hope to see a bunch of muskies caught and the release forms sent in. So now is a good time to review some of the rules of Muskies Inc. for muskie release forms, etc.

1. Time limit on forms sent in. 30 days from the “date of the catch” to get the form to the release chairperson. Then the release chairperson has 30 days to get the entry into the international. This is set by the M.I. International Board. If the entry is late, Central Ohio Chapter will still recognize the release and count it in our lists, etc, but the fish release can’t win any awards (like Lunker of the Month).
2. Witness of the release. Central Ohio Chapter doesn’t require a witness, but the International will require a witness to qualify for any International award.
3. Submit release online to Muskies Inc. International. I encourage you to send your releases into the International using the “online option”, but if you do, please send me an email with the number of fish, date caught, and form ID numbers.
4. 50” and over releases. If you submit a 50” plus release “online”, you still need to send (not fax) me an original release form filled out and signed by you and the witness, if you want it to count in the International list.

Thanks,  
Margaret

## **Upcoming Events**

The first tournament of the year is approaching fast.

Event Name: John Fisher Tournament at Clear Fork  
Event Date: May 3 - 4, 2008

Event Date: May 31 - June 1, 2008  
Event Date: Russ Dodridge Tournament at Clear Fork

Event Date: June 28 - 29, 2008  
Event Name: Ray Demers Memorial Tournament at Lake St Clair

Event Date: July 18, 2008  
Event Name: Nite Bite Outing at Alum Creek Reservoir

Event Date: October 11 -12, 2008  
Event Name: Fall Shoot-Out at Alum Creek Reservoir