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May 2008 Newsletter



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

President's Message

Greetings to everyone. Spring has finally arrived and we can get some Muskie fishing trips in.

The April meeting at PJ's was a packed house again. We usually get a good attendance when Elmer does his "Spring Muskie Tactics" presentation. Elmer put on a very good presentation again. He included information and slides on the Muskie Angler Log. This MAL is something we need to keep promoting and getting our members used to doing.

There were many new members and guests there and I hope they learned some helpful hints to shorten their learning curve.

Now all we need is some decent water conditions so we can have a chance to catch a Muskie. Margaret has had a few fish turned in so far, but not very many.

Our first Tournament of the year is May 3-4 at Clear Fork. Then back to Clear Fork again on May 31-June 1 for the Russ Dodridge tournament.

St. Clair opens June 7th, I hope all the muddy water up there clears out by then. The satellite picture looks bad up at St. Clair right now. The Ray Demers Tournament is June 28-29 at St. Clair. This is prime time for St. Clair.

The kids outing is scheduled for July 17th. The Nite Bite Outing is July 18th on Friday night, 6pm to Midnight.

All these events will be here before you know it, so get them on your schedule, if they aren't already.

Elmer has offered to put some information in each monthly newsletter about how the little Muskies are doing at the hatchery, and what's going on there.

The May meeting was scheduled to be a Poolside lure demonstration. But we can't secure a location for this yet. We may be meeting back at PJ's, so stayed tuned. I will keep you all posted on our message board.

See you at the meeting.

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Membership Renewals

May

Richard Miller, John Ratcliff, Dennis Roush, Robert Stamps

June

Thurman Adair, Cliff Honeycutt, Jim Lindler, Jack Worline

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 third 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. Margaret has uploaded the most recent newsletters onto the webpage for easy access.

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.

Fishing report May 2008

April was a tough month for Muskie fishing again. There really isn't a whole lot of fishing or catching being reported. Alum Creek is still muddy for the entire lake. The Alum spillway outflow has been at minimum flow for a long time, so there is not much opportunity for Muskies there. Ron Murdock's 37"er is the largest fish out of Alum that I have heard of so far. The sediment in Alum Creek lake sure seems to take a long time to settle out, I wonder if anyone knows why?

Clear Fork clears up much faster than Alum. I was on Clear Fork 3 times in April, that's probably the lowest number of trips to Clear Fork in April for me in many years. But with the murky water, and high gas prices, it just wasn't worth the effort. I did finally catch a 31" on April 27th trolling an AC Shiner. Clear Fork water color is improving and is very fishable now. There were some nice fish caught out of Clear Fork, I heard of a couple of 46"s and a few multi-fish days for some of the guys at the camp ground.

The John Fisher Tournament is May 3-4 and will be over by the time this newsletter gets out. I'm hoping for decent weather and active fish.

Our second tournament, the Russ Dodridge is May 31-June 1 at Clearfork again. This will be prime time for Clear fork. Casting bucktails and topwaters should be very good if the water and weeds are right. Don't miss this one.

There are other lakes that are doing real good, like Piedmont, Salt Fork and Leesville. They are much further away and harder to schedule a trip over there, for me.

Maurice Potvin has had some success at Piedmont, and he says the water color is great. He also reports a good number of fish seen casting, so Piedmont is coming back.

Salt Fork has been putting out some fish too. John Oldfield and I fished the Akron-Canton tournament on April 21-22. John got a 31" and all I could catch were bass. There were about 20 legals caught and a 49" won. I think there were 4 or 5 over 40". The best fishing that weekend was up the Salt Fork arm in the section between the camp ground ramp and the bridge up the lake. This is an area I hadn't fished at all before, because my 9.9 would take all day to get up there from the Morning Glory ramp. But we were in John's boat and his 150 hp made Salt Fork much smaller. The Salt Fork arm was much clearer than the Sugar Tree arm that weekend.

The Chapter Challenge is May 17-18 at Salt Fork, this is a fun event, and should be good fishing, if the weather is decent. I have my camp spot reserved (G40) already and plan on being there Friday afternoon till Sunday evening. I know some of our club members are planning to go.

Margaret needs pictures for our website. You guys just don't send enough pictures in. Try different shots, water release holds, sunsets, eagles, etc. With digital cameras you can take a lot of pictures and maybe one will turn out real good.

Think positive, its going to get better. Good luck in May.

Stocking Program Update

The first egg take from Salt Fork Lake has hatched and the fry look very good. Bruce Bakenhaster, the Kincaid State Fish Hatchery manager says he will start to feed this group the carp fry they are getting ready to hatch and keep them for the 2008 production season at Kincaid. The earlier he starts, the bigger he can have them at stocking time and the better the survival in the lake. The minnows the minnow fund has helped provide allows him to have the right size minnows as he needs them to help guarantee the optimum growth rates and survival.

The London State Fish Hatchery will be hatching their first big batch shortly and also has plenty of eggs on the "jar batteries".

We were also able to provide Dr. Konrad Dabrowski the numbers of eggs he required to do his Iodine egg treatment research on Muskie eggs. There will be much more to come on this effort in future newsletters.

Elmer Heyob-Fish Hatchery Administrator



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

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 Date: May 31 - June 1, 2008
Event : 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



MEMBER CONTEST FORMS

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POINTS LIST 2008

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MENS	# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS	MASTERS	# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS
Cliff Honeycutt	1	1	13	Maurice Potvin	5	5	40
George Smart	1	1	6	Ron Murdock	2	2	18
Randy Parker	1	0	5	Mark Pauling	1	1	5
				TOTAL	8	8	63
				JUNIORS	# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS
TOTAL	3	2	24				
WOMENS	# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS	TOTAL			
TOTAL				TOTAL as of 4/29/08	11	10	87

John Fisher Tournament Report

I know everyone was happy that I was able to pick another weekend with great weather for our first tournament. It's only Monday and I am already nearly dry. Worse than the weather, the fish seemed to have lockjaw all weekend. There were only 4 legals caught. Mike Waryck was the big winner with a great 48"er caught casting a spinner bait Sunday. Others caught were; Jack Worline-30.25", Thurman Adair-30", and George Smart-30" all caught trolling.

We had 33 people sign up to fish including 2 youth.

A Big Thank You to Bernice, Betty, and Johnny for the great beansoup and cornbread lunch Saturday. A hot lunch was sure good after a wet, windy morning.