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February 2008 Newsletter



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

Presidents message February

Cold winter weather has finally moved into Ohio and I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and warm. Ice on the lakes, cold north winds, and shoveling snow is the way winter is suppose to be. There wasn't any cloud cover on Jan. 28th and a clear satellite picture was available, showing Lake St. Clair and the western basin of Lake Erie ice covered. Maybe the cold weather and ice will knock down some of the weeds in Clearfork. I can't believe I'm complaining about too many weeds in Clearfork, but the weed growth went wild in 2007.

There are plenty of interesting things going on in February.

The big deal of the month is the Ohio Muskie Show scheduled for Feb 22-24. This event is always a good time to meet old friends, see the lures, tackle and equipment up close. The Seminars are always informative and interesting. I usually pick up a couple of details that help my success in the coming season. Be sure and put this on your calendar and plan to attend.

Our meeting on Feb 12th at the BHoF will have Cliff Honeycutt and Chuck McKnight doing a program on lure making/modifications.

Ron Murdock has located another potential place for our club meetings, PJ's near Sunbury. It's located about 4-5 miles east of Alum Creek Lake on Hwy 36, just before you get into Sunbury. We will discuss this location and let everyone in attendance vote on it.

Last year I started putting together old information on our Club. It dawned on me, after talking to different people and asking questions about where folks have gone, that we have not archived much information. As the club officers changed over to new people, this information was lost or not saved. It started out with the fish list from each year, I have most of those back to 1987. Then the tournament winners, dates, etc, I'm back to 1996 with a few holes in it. I want to thank Elmer Heyob for doing the monthly magazine editor job for all those years, I found a lot of information in the old Muskie Magazines. I would like to get the club officers for as many years as possible.

Manny Farley brought a bunch of old pictures to the December Christmas party, I scanned some of them and saved them.

If any of you have old info or pictures, especially 1985-1995, let me know, because I would like a copy of it, for the chapter archives.

Before closing, I want to remind everyone to get those winter maintenance projects done, boats, trailers, rods, reels, baits, etc, don't put that stuff off to the last minute.

One more thing, go to the MI International website and update your personal information, it's very important to have your correct info there so we can email or contact you.

See you at the meeting, Mark

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Ohio Muskie Show Seminar Schedule

Friday, February 22nd

Show Hours: 2pm-9pm

3:30-Mike Hulbert

5:30—Greg Thomas

7:30- TomDietz

Saturday, February 23rd

Show Hours: 9am-8pm

10:30-Steve Heiting

12:30-Tony Grant

2:30-JimSaric

4:30-Chad Cain

6:30-Elmer Heyob

Sunday, February 24th

Show Hours: 10am-3pm

11:30-Doug Kloet

1:30-Gene Smith

Annual Club Banquet

Not to be un-original, but we heard a lot of good feedback about the banquet we had last year at Hoggy's, so I stopped there today and booked it again for us for 2008. Same set-up and same menu as last year. If anyone has any suggestions to improve the event, let me know. We have time to make any necessary changes. For now, mark your calendar for Saturday night March 8th. Here's the details:

Central Ohio Chapter Muskies Inc - Annual Banquet
Hoggy's Barn and Grille - Polaris
8740 Sancus Blvd 614-433-7447 www.hoggys.com
Saturday March 8, 2008, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. Party Loft
Cost is \$20 per person (\$10 < 12 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 all coffee, tea, lemonade, soda and milk. It does NOT include alcoholic beverages. There will be a cash bar and waitress service for beer, wine or other cocktails.

We will have a sign-up sheet and we'll be collecting money at the February 12th meeting and also at the club booth during the Ohio Muskie Show February 22nd to 24th. If I miss you at those events, I'll post something after the show for late reservations. We have to give a confirmed number of people by March 5th, but we'll do what we can so we don't turn anyone away (We have guaranteed the restaurant a minimum of at least 40 people). Your early reservation and payment would obviously be appreciated.

Come celebrate a safe and successful 2007 season as we pass out many awards, nice hardware and DOOR PRIZES. See you there.

Rob

Membership Renewals

February

Brandon Gabler

Huey White

March

Pat Adams

Tom Mead

Luke VanGorder

Orville Bantz

Russ Nelson

Rob VanGorder

Mike Carter

Bernice Smith

Rory VanGorder

Miles Clary

Brent Spence

Bob VanderMeer

Frank Hawkins

Greg Starkey

Paul Hotchkiss

Abby VanGorder

Paul Hoy

Jodi VanGorder

Todd Jackson

Joey VanGorder

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.

Muskies Inc has added an email feature to their website. I am looking into using this feature to email the newsletters each month. You should have received a test message from me a last week to see if it works. So, please check your member information on the MI website and make sure your email address is correct with them. This could greatly streamline the process,if it works.

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. After it is operational , I will be able to upload the newsletters onto the website.

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

2008 Calendar of Events

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 Tournament 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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