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January 2008 Newsletter

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



Presidents message for January 2008

Greetings to all, I'm Mark Pauling, your new chapter president. I think most of you know me, I've been hanging around this group for about 20 years now, for those that don't, I will try to get to know as many of you guys as I can.

First things first, I want to thank Ross Wagner for being President for 4 years and keeping this club moving forward and helping to improve things for muskie fishing in Ohio. We had a real nice turnout for the Christmas party in December, and I think everyone had a good time. Ross had a drawing to give a rod and reel to one of the 2007 chapter officers, which was won by Tom Rankin.

I suspect most of you received a Muskie related gift for Christmas, there is a lot of really neat stuff out there. Margaret got me Larry Ramsells new book, A Compendium of Muskie fishing records and history, 2 volumes, about 700 pages each. I have a good start into these books and I can tell you that this is going to be some interesting reading.

Our chapter goals for 2008 and beyond will stay similar; continue the Mission of Muskies, Inc, keep our chapter focused on Ohio Muskies, the Kids fishing outing, and other events that promote Muskie fishing. Our club has a great leadership team in place and I will try to keep it going.

Remember this is your club, let me know any ideas you may have to help us grow and to keep things interesting, whether it be meeting topics, fund raising, outings, etc.

I want to congratulate Bill Lambert for winning the Club Tournament Championship in 2007, he put fish in the net in 3 of 4 tournaments, that was a great accomplishment. We will do the Club Champion for the 2008 tournaments again.

Jack Worline has scheduled the tournaments for prime times on Clearfork and Alum Creek lakes, put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. Jack has some real nice prizes selected again for this year.

January is the time to make plans, schedule vacation dates, get those special baits and tackle you have been saving up for, and get ready for another season. I encourage you to attend the monthly meetings and I look forward to working with you.

Good luck to all of you in 2008.

Mark

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NEW POINTS LIST FOR 2007

MENS	# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS	MASTERS	# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS
Jack Worline	34	28	390	Mark Pauling	72	19	1021
Charles Wilbert	24	11	330	Richard Moore	74	60	779
Cliff Honeycutt	28	28	274	Elmer Heyob	44	26	547
Randy Parker	27	4	227	Gary Solomon	19	5	242
Miles Clary	22	20	214	Maurice Potvin	20	4	220
Rob VanGorder	20	12	194	Ron Murdock	23	23	194
Tony Crisp	19	19	173	Geoff Hetrick	12	8	115
Doug Dible	14	4	132	TOTAL	264	145	3118
Shawn Arndt	8	0	127				
Greg Hastings	13	13	116				
Robert Smart	13	13	114				
William Lambert	11	10	111	WOMENS	# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS
Michael Waryck	11	6	99	Margaret Pauling	12	0	170
Dave Nichols	13	13	99	Sharon Potvin	7	0	100
Brian Vinson	8	8	69	Sharon Wilbert	3	3	43
Rick Aston	6	6	59				
Thomas O'Brien	5	5	54	TOTAL	22	3	313
Brent Spence	4	4	44				
Richard Miller	2	0	42				
John Wagner	3	1	37				
James Craig	3	3	33				
Ken Jacobs	2	1	25	JUNIORS	# FISH	OHIO FISH	POINTS
Doug Dingey	3	1	25	Christian Overmyer	12	3	149
Randall Miller	4	4	25	Marah Overmyer	2	0	20
Manny Farley	1	0	24	Bryan Dillon	1	1	8
James Bennett	2	2	19	Luke VanGorder	1	1	6
James VanDyne	1	1	17				
Kevin Harris	1	1	16	TOTAL	16	5	183
Ed Weinert	1	1	13				
George Smart	2	2	13				
Orville Bantz	2	0	13				
Jerry Stayer	1	0	12				
Huey White	1	1	4	Total Fish	Ohio Fish	T. Points	Updated
TOTAL	312	224	3163	614	377	6777	12/12/2007

Subject: Ontario's New Fishing Regulations In Place For January - Fishing Regulations Now Available
 Two rods per angler are now legal when fishing from a boat on Lake St. Clair. They didn't extend the rule to either of the rivers. Still one rod per angler in Ontario waters in the rivers. Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and the rivers are now all zone 19. No more late start for the Ontario Lake Erie muskie season

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

Editor's Note about newsletter mailings

At the November membership meeting, we discussed ways to reduce the newsletter costs. All of the costs are incurred by sending the newsletter by regular mail. It costs nothing to send it by e-mail. So, we would like to minimize the hard mails and maximize the e-mails. If you are receiving this by regular mail and you have e-mail capability, please contact me with your e-mail address so I can switch you to the e-mail list. If you are receiving this by e-mail, thank you for helping reduce club expenses. We had a good number of members switch to the email list last month. But, we would like to reduce the mailings even more, so please consider switching, if you can .

Thanks,

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Membership Renewals

January

Mike Money

February

Rick Aston

Brandon Gabler

Huey White

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Fishing tips for January

I thought I would put together a recap of the 2007 fishing details on Alum Creek, Clearfork and St. Clair lakes, these are the favorite lakes our members fish. Maybe some of you can use this to help make plans for 2008. One of the first things you should take advantage of is the Lunge Log on the M.I. International website, there is a lot of info here. All the muskies entered by our chapter are available to be viewed on the online. Log in using your membership number, on the left side select "Lunge Log inquiries", then select "NEW Lunge Report". From there you can choose many options. If the fish is entered online, then it will be on the Lunge Log real soon. If the fish release entry form is mailed or faxed to Margaret, then there will be a delay of the info getting into the online Lunge Log.

There was a Lunker of the Month for all 12 months, that doesn't happen very often. January is a tough month to get a legal muskie and James VanDyne caught a 43"er at Clearfork on 1-07-07. Decembers miserable weather didn't stop Dick Moore from catching a 44" in Alum.

Alum Creek spillway put out some fish in late Feb and early March, Rob VanGorder and Brian Vinson each caught a legal Muskie the last day of February. Then Richard Moore and Cliff Honeycutt caught some in March and early April.

Clearfork didn't get going much till mid-April, there were lots of sub-30"ers caught, but the legals were not cooperative early. Clearfork really picked up after mid-April with lots of nice Muskies caught. The weeds came up good and there was a great bucktail bite till the end of May. Then trolling Monster Shads, Tuff Shads and Sissons was good till hot weather slowed it down. 2007 was very typical for Clearfork, I'm glad to see Clearfork get back to the way it used to be.

Alum Creek finally turned on towards the end of May. Where are those darn April and early May Muskies hiding in Alum Creek anyway? That's your assignment for 2008. Get out there and find them, we know they are there somewhere. Trolling the points fairly shallow was the pattern in late May, then you just had to troll deeper as the water temps came up. A variety of baits are on the fishlist, and then Lightning Shads were a favorite after the muskies moved out into deeper water.

St. Clair was another decent year, the numbers are still down but there are lots of big fish available for those who want to spend time searching and putting a pattern together. I had more zero fish days last year than I care to remember, but also when we hit a group of fish it was pretty wild at times. I believe my boat had at least 4 days with 10 fish or more. St. Clair remains a very good Muskie lake. Don't let the VHS stories keep you from giving St. Clair a try sometime.

Fall fishing was pretty slow on Alum Creek and Clearfork, except for Dick Moore, who turned in a bunch of fish in September from Alum. There were a few scattered fish caught out of Clearfork and Alum in October-November.

October and early November was good on St. Clair, and then the weather turned bad for most everyone and everywhere. The season ended pretty early.

Mark

The deadline for release forms to MI International is 1-15-08. Either enter them online or get them to Margaret by 1-10-08