



Monthly meetings are held at: Village Sportsman Club, 115th St. and Laramie Ave., Alsip, Illinois, on the first Thursday of each month, starting at 7:30 p.m. Call 708-532-4374 for more information; visit us on the web at www.midwestmuskyclub.com

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DECEMBER MEETING

THURSDAY, DEC 1 @ 7:30 PM



Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 1, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m. and we'll be holding our Annual Elections. Food catered by Papa T's.

All Officer Positions are one year terms and are open for election.

The Director position for Food is the only Director Position currently open, although a Director can decide to run for an Officer Position if he/she so chooses.

**It shall be the object of the
Midwest Musky Club to:**

1. Preserve and propagate Midwest musky fishing,
2. Be involved in conservation efforts,
3. Educate and refine the members' skill in the sport of musky fishing,
4. Practice good sportsmanship and safety afloat,
5. Sponsor group activities related to the sport of fishing
6. Observe the rules and regulations of the various Departments of Conservation and National Resources of the states in which members' fish.

Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge as an American,
to save and faithfully defend
from waste,
the natural resources of this planet.

I promise to educate future generations,
so we all may become caretakers,
of its air, soils, and minerals;
it's parks, forests, wilderness areas, and wildlife.

Meeting Schedule for 2011

All regular monthly meetings of the Midwest Musky Club are held on the first Thursday of each month @ 7:30 p.m.

At every meeting we will have food, a monthly raffle and Split-the-Pot. We will also have a speaker every month except for March, and December.

Meeting location is...

**The Village Sportsman's Club
115th and Laramie Ave.
Alsip, Illinois**

December 1 – Elections will be held for all Officer positions and any open Director positions.

Musky minutes

Meeting of November 3rd, 2011

*Meeting begun at 7:30 pm by
President Pat Glavin.*

- **Meeting Minutes:**
- **President Pat Glavin** welcomed the members and guests in attendance. Pat led the people in attendance with the Conservation Pledge and introduced Matt Schultz as our speaker.
- **Pat** asked for a moment of silence for **Agnes Colby**, mother of MMC member **Eddi Bock**.
- **Pat** also mentioned the following. We are preparing for the March Fundraiser and purchased an 8 hp kicker with electric start and a long-shaft for deep-v boats from Hennepin Marine.
- **Lynn Polyak** has initiated discussions with our club and two other local clubs to have a Kid's Fishing Day in memory of Duke O'Malley. The event will be held at Lake Sedgewick. More details to follow.
- **Fishing Reports:**
- **Jim Hartley** was white bass fishing on Kentucky Lake and limited out every day. Jim also caught crappie and bass.
- **Kyle Savino** was fishing with Ryan Fields and caught a 40"+ fish in Presque Isle.
- **Bill Arnold** caught a 32" on the rod he won at last month's raffle and a bucktail made by member John Tobuch.
- **Ed Morrin's** grandson caught a 15# brown trout.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Midwest Musky Club Items of Interest

Quick Hits and Things to Keep in Mind

- **VOTE!!!** Don't miss our December Meeting; we will have elections for all Officers positions. We will also have the annual Attendance Raffle (must be present to win). Each member will receive a ticket for each monthly meeting he/she has attended. We will have our Monthly Raffle and Split-The-Pot.
- **Catch and Release Forms** – Last Call, turn in no later than the December meeting.
- **Happy Holidays** – Here's hoping that all of the members of the Midwest Musky Club have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- **Membership Renewal** – Time to start turning in your Membership renewal for 2012.
- **Sponsors** – Please support the listed in the newsletter and on our website www.midwestmuskyclub.com
- **Jim Hartley** attended the IMA meeting down in Shelbyville and here are some notes.
- **IMA board** expressed a BIG thank you for **Midwest Musky Club** donation of money. Money was placed in the special projects allocation which is applied for projects like the Fishing rods for Kids program, and others! Total IMA funding is now around 5 to 6 thousand dollars available.
- **Debbie Bruce** will be taking Steve Pallo's place as head of fisheries, and IMA will ask if she will attend the Jan 14 2012 meeting at the Tri- Esox.
- **Project Green Gene** 10 year study is almost complete, and should end sometime in 2012. Pierce, Mingo, and Sam Dale are the study lakes. Studies on the survival of different musky strains are not real conclusive yet and continuation will follow. Musky diets were conclusive that on all three studied lakes Shad are the number one diet for musky stomach contents. In 35-45" studied fish, big shad about the size of 8-10 inches were in their bellies. This is conclusive enough to state that Muskies do not normally eat Bass. Bluegills were the next common specie found in the stomach contents, but I believe perch would rate high too if we had more of a population in these studied lakes.
- Problems with the three studied lakes are Escapement of Muskies over the spillways. Not just in these lakes but all lakes with spillways! Evergreen had four 50" muskies captured in their barrier nets, and returned to the lake. Shabbona Lake has their rescues documented, and kudos to local efforts and the Musky Clubs helping out, along with their club donations to create the new barrier system. Project green gene studies has shown that adult muskies 2-3 year old and older fish like to go over the spillways in flood waters. The fish seem to continue to just go with the flow, and pit tags have proved that re-peat offenders are common. Strange that the young musky year olds and newer do not seem to go over the spillways???? The study will continue, and the pit tags continue to give valuable information to our rangers.

IMTT 2011 Tournament Schedule

NOV. 5 & 6 -- 2011 IMTT ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP on FOX CHAIN was won by **Russ Schaller** with a 41.25" fish. Phil Gutman and Randy Chappell took 2nd place with Randy's 38.5".

For details got to www.illmuskie.com or contact Howard Chambliss @ 618-214-5918.

Highlights From Last Month's Speaker

Matt Schultz gave an informative presentation titled "Spin Your Way to More Walleyes". Matt is an experienced fisherman who has appeared on the Midwest Outdoors show and an all around nice guy.

Equipment – Shakespeare Ugly Stick, 7' MH with line counter reel loaded with 10# Berkley Trilene XT. Church planer boards are used to get the baits away from the boat.

Rigs – Size 3,4,5 blades (Colorado, Indiana and Willow) with a #2 wide gap walleye hook, 4mm bead, #2 folded clevis and Sampo swivel tied on 15# mono. For size 6,7 blades use a 6mm bead and the other parts are the same. Colorado blades offer more vibration and lift, while Indiana blades have less vibration but more flash. Willow blades offer more flash and will run deeper. Also, small blades can be pulled faster and large blades

MUST be pulled slower. If not, they will rise up out of the strike zone. Use bottom bouncers to get the rigs down at a rate of 1 oz. for every ten feet.

Bait Options – Night crawlers, jumbo leeches, golden roaches and large flatheads are all effective live bait options. Matt has found that ‘Gulp’ baits works very well and are great to have on trips to Canada.

Locations – Concentrate on humps, weed lines, shallow flats and rip rap. When fishing rip rap, run so close that your rod is nearly touching the rip rap.

Ice Fishing Season is Approaching!!!

Before December is over, ice fishing will be upon us. As with any outdoor activity, safety is the first consideration. Enjoying the outdoors is fun only if you return home safely. Everything else is a bonus.

Listed below are some basic rules to follow when ice fishing.

- Never fish alone. If you fall thru the ice, you may need help to get out.
- Beware of the first ice, never walk close together in the event there are thin areas of ice.
- Have a pair of safety ice picks around your neck. They will help you to pull yourself out of a hole or at least hold yourself above the water line.
- Have a piece of rope available in case you need to throw it to someone who has fallen thru the ice.

54% of avid Wisconsin musky anglers use live bait **More than half of Wisconsin anglers caught a musky in 2010**

MADISON – Avid musky anglers are increasingly relying on live bait to catch their quarry, according to a recent statewide survey of musky anglers. And 56 percent of Wisconsin anglers, 48 percent of nonresident anglers, and 83 percent of musky club members reported landing muskellunge in Wisconsin in 2010, according to a recent statewide survey of musky anglers. "Anglers might not realize it, but musky fishing is better than it's ever been in terms of the number of fish and availability," says Dan Isermann, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point assistant professor and the principal investigator in the survey. "Musky are more abundant than they ever have been because of better fisheries management and the prevalence of catch and release." About 54 percent of musky club anglers reported some use of live bait in 2010, compared to 38 percent in 1990 and 37 percent in 2000, according to a recent survey of anglers by researchers from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Department of Natural Resources.

Resident anglers – those who don't necessarily target musky -- reported lower use of live bait for musky -- 36 percent over the same time period, according to Tim Simonson, a Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologist and co-leader of DNR's musky team. That widespread use of live bait makes it even more important that musky anglers follow bait rules aimed at preventing the spread of VHS fish disease and that they use quick strike rigs to decrease the number of fish that die due to single hook rigs baited with minnows, Simonson says. The vast majority — 98 percent — of avid musky anglers reported using "quick-strike" rigs, which are designed to reduce hooking mortality, compared to using single-hook rigs, which have been shown to result in greater than 80 percent mortality in hooked muskies, Simonson says. Forty percent of the resident and nonresident anglers, and 77 percent of the musky club members, caught at least one musky over 32 inches, while the average size of the largest fish anglers reported catching in Wisconsin was 46 inches. Ninety-five percent of the fish were released by resident anglers and more than 99 percent were released by nonresidents and musky club members.

Starting next year, the use of single-hook rigs (other than non-offset circle hooks) will be prohibited when fishing with live minnows 8 inches and larger. About 68 percent of musky anglers supported this ban on single-hook swallow rigs during voting at the spring fish and wildlife rules hearings, Simonson says. Musky are one of several dozen Wisconsin native species vulnerable to VHS fish disease, which can cause fish to bleed to death, so it's important to follow state rules to prevent spreading the virus, Simonson says. Most importantly for musky anglers, buy bait from a Wisconsin bait dealer or registered fish farm. Anglers who have leftover minnows can take them away from a lake or river and use them again on the same water. They

may also use them on any other water if no lake or river water, or other fish, was added to the bait container. The leftover minnows can be taken away at the end of the day in up to 2 gallons of water; otherwise, drain all water from vehicles, trailers, watercraft containers, live wells and fishing equipment.

More 2010 Musky Survey Highlights

- 32 percent of resident anglers and 39 percent of non-resident anglers reported fishing specifically for muskellunge in 2010, versus about 98 percent for musky club members.
 - Most fishing (all species) occurred in northern Wisconsin; 65 percent of resident anglers, 70 percent of nonresident anglers, and 90-plus percent of musky club members reporting spending some time fishing there.
- Between 19 percent (resident anglers) and 32 percent (nonresident anglers) reported catching a musky while fishing for another species (typically, walleye).
- Largest musky anglers ever caught in Wisconsin: averaged 42 inches for resident anglers, 41 inches for nonresidents, and 46 inches for musky club members.
 - Most anglers favor the idea of other anglers releasing legal muskies.
- 82 percent of musky club member would be willing to purchase a musky stamp, versus 36-43 percent of general license holders; 54 to 74 percent favored mandatory reporting of harvest.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/musky/documents/muskellungeanglersurvey.pdf>

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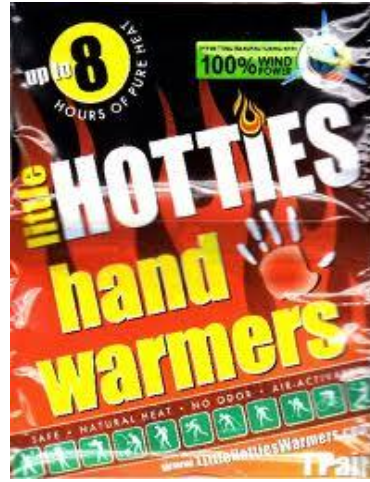


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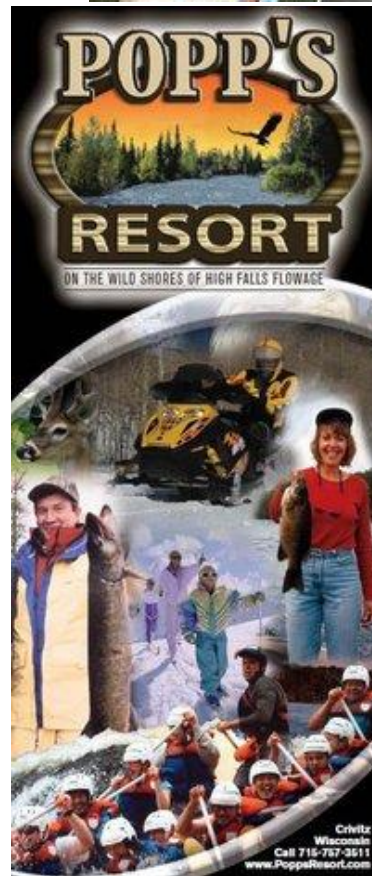


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Midwest Musky Club
2012 / Membership Form
For New, Renewing, Family, and Senior Members

Mark Appropriate Membership Category
New ___ Renewing ___ Senior ___ Family ___

For family memberships, please list names of spouse and/or children below:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Personal Membership Information

(Please print clearly)

Membership Number (if you have one) _____ Month of Birth: _____

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Do you want your Newsletter via **e-mail** or mailed to **your home**? Circle one.

Do you own a boat? YES / NO

Name of sponsoring member: _____

Membership fees:

New Member: \$40; Renewing Member: \$30; Senior Member (**see By-Law below**): \$15; Family Membership: \$30 plus \$10 for each additional family member.

Payment:

Submit this form along with the appropriate fee in cash or by check payable to the Midwest Musky Club at the next meeting or by mail. Send check along with form to:

Midwest Musky Club
Jim Zimmer
8140 S Odell
Bridgeview, IL 60455

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Effective January 1, 1994, a new Senior member shall be any Club member sixty-five (65) years of age and older who shall have been a member in good attending for the past three (3) years, shall be required to pay one half (1/2) the annual membership dues.



Midwest Musky Club's
2012 Fishing Trip Series

RELEASE OF LIABILITY
(Read be for signing)

Club Member's Name (Please Print): _____

IN CONSIDERATION for participating in the Club's trips:

- 1.) I am aware of the inherent risk associated with fishing and boating, including but not limited to the risks of collisions with other boats and stationary objects in and around the lake, including rocks, reefs, or piers or other vehicles and trailers at landing areas. I am familiar with other risk up to and including death by drowning associated with rough water, changing weather conditions, heavy winds and lighting storms. I expressly assume all risks associated with this Club sponsored fishing trip and I hereby release the Midwest Musky Club, its Board of Directors, and others associated with the club from all claims of my negligence resulting from injury and/or property damages incurred in connection with my personal decision to participate in these fishing trips of 2012.
- 2.) I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and
- 3.) I will comply with the rules and regulations associated with the Club sponsored fishing trip; and
- 4.) I for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Midwest Musky Club and its Board of Directors ("Releasees"), with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, of loss of damage to person or property, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

X _____ Date Signed: ___/___/___
Signature

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE
(Under age 18 at Time of 2012 Fishing Trip Start)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian of this participant, do consent and agree to his/her indemnification, release and hold harmless as provided above Releasees, and I, myself and behalf of my heirs, assigns and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all claims incident to my child's involvement in these Club sponsored fishing trips even if arising out of the negligence of the Releasees, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X _____ Date Signed: ___/___/___
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

MIDWEST MUSKY CLUB
2011 CATCH & RELEASE FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

SPECIES

MUSKY – PURE ___; **OR HYBRID (TIGER)** ___; **NORTHERN PIKE** ___; **WALLEYE** ___;
LARGEMOUTH BASS ___; **SMALLMOUTH BASS** ___; **SALMON / LAKE TROUT** ___; **CRAPPIE** ___:

WAS THE FISH RELEASED: YES OR NO (CIRCLE ONE).

LENGTH OF FISH: _____ **INCHES** **WEIGHT (OPTIONAL):** _____ **lbs**

DATE & TIME FISH WAS CAUGHT: ___/___/2011 @ _____ **AM/PM**

NAME OF LAKE OR RIVER: _____
THAT IS LOCATED IN THE STATE OR PROVINCE OF: _____

FISH WAS CAUGHT: CASTING ___; **JIGGING** ___; **TROLLING** ___:

LURE NAME: _____; **TYPE OF LURE:** _____:

WEATHER: CLEAR & SUNNY ___; **STORMY** ___; **OVERCAST** ___; **WINDY** ___; **SLEET/SNOW** ___:
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

STRUCTURE YOU WERE FISHING IN: WEEDS ___; **ROCKS** ___; **DOCKS** ___;
STANDING TIMBER ___; **LAYDOWN TREES** ___; **OPEN WATER** ___:

**AFFIDAVITS OF SUBMITTER & WITNESS: WE HEREBY DECLARE & CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE
DISCLOSED INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE. ANY FALSIFIED INFORMATION WILL
DISQUALIFY BOTH THE SUBMITTER & THE WITNESS FROM ANY FISHING AWARDS ISSUED BY
THE MIDWEST MUSKY CLUB. PLEASE SUBMIT A PHOTO OF YOUR CATCH!**

WITNESS NAME (PRINT): _____

PHONE OR E-MAIL OF WITNESS: _____

SUBMITTER SIGNATURE: _____

FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN TO JOHN SUTTON ON OR BEFORE 12/01/2011 TO:

JOHN SUTTON
2325 W. 113TH PL
CHICAGO, IL 60643



Dan Quenzel – Secretary
10028 S. Minnick Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

To:

Midwest Musky Club Merchandise For Sale

- Club Patches:** Large Patch, \$12.00; Small Patch, \$3.00
- Denim Shirts:** Long Sleeved or short with club logo and name on front, \$30.00
- Hooded Sweatshirts:** With zipper and with club logo on back, \$25.00
- Sweatshirts:** Crew neck with club logo on back, \$20.00
- Long-sleeve T-shirts:** With club logo sleeves and back, \$25.00
- T-shirts:** With pocket and club logo on back, \$10.00
- Baseball Style Hats:** Embroidered with club logo, \$15.00
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- Mugs:** \$3.00; **Can Wrap:** \$3.00; **Vinyl Club Stickers:** 3 for \$5.00
- Name on shirt of your choice,** \$5.00.
- Logo on shirt of your choice,** \$10.00

Call Stan Lowczyk at 773-972-6634; e-mail – hookemupstash@wowway.com
Items will usually be available at the meetings but call Stan for any items of special interest.
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