



## Ohio Huskie Muskie Club, Inc.

September 2014

# Huskie Views

### 44<sup>th</sup> Annual O.H.M.C.inc. Open Summer Contest Results

The 44th annual OHMC Summer Contest was held on July 12th and 13th 2014 at Salt Fork Lake. The weekend started off with registration and a few slushy beverages at the campground on a warm Friday evening. There were lots of members and visitors hanging around and as usual, there were stories, laughter, and lots of smiles. We were all glad to be blessed to be able to come out and enjoy the fun of chasing toothy critters.

The 2nd half of the registration was held at the old marina on Saturday morning with pancakes and coffee along with the anticipation that is ever present when anglers prepare to launch the boats. Soon the air had warmed into what would eventually become an oppressive 90 degree day with humidity that made it feel more like Florida than Ohio.

Sunday started off with the fear of the impending storms and had everyone break camp early in an attempt to avoid having to do so during a potential mid-day storm. We had a mixed bag of fishing success with a few anglers getting multiple fish and a few 'skunks' being taken. By the time closing ceremonies arrived, we were fortunate to just finish our activities before the skies broke open and luckily no one got wet.

We had 36 anglers fish the event with 12 fish caught. There was a trend towards the fish that were caught being nice fish and I know of two anglers that caught their personal best (Greg Eichen and Gloria Roberts).

First place went to Phil Cummins with two fish sizes 44.00" and 37.75" worth a total of 29.75 points. Second place and Big Fish went to Gloria Roberts with one fish of 45.00" worth 19.00 points. Third place went to Junior member Charles Neville with one fish of 43.50" worth 17.50 points.

Other anglers that caught fish were: Syl Trunkett – 42.50" (16.50 points) Jeff Ferjutz – 34.25" and 33.50" (15.75 points) Greg Eichen – 41.50" (15.50 points) Elmer McClure – 40.00" (14.00 points) Russ Roberts – 34.00" and 32.00" (14.00 points) Paul Anderson – 36" (Club President not registered for event)

The door prize and raffle drawings were held during the closing and the winners were as follows: Angelo Maniglia won the 50/50 and donated his winnings to the Minnow Fund. (THANK YOU !) Jeff Clark won the camera sunglasses door prize for the longest distance traveled (3.5 hours). Tim Smith won the Lure Board. Anna Land won the Rod and Reel. The grand prize Sony PS4 was won by Alicia Anderson.

Thank you to everyone that helped make the event successful. Jeff Ferjutz, Rick Simpson, Tim Smith, John Ringenbach, Phil Ringenbach, Jerry Rice, and Alicia Anderson. We also had other trustees that were there, but had to exit early due to other commitments. Jake Lederer, Fred Lederer, Mike Reed, and Chirs Silverthorn. We are truly blessed to have such a great group of trustees. If you are able to help our club as a trustee, we still have several positions available and we would really appreciate any additional assistance that you might be able to offer. We welcomed our newest OHMC Life Member Jim McConnell to the event and had had several other members that had not previously been to Salt Fork. It was nice to see some new faces and I hope you had an enjoyable time and felt welcomed as part of our group.

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## OHMC Fall Outing—September 27th & 28th

The OHMC will host our first ever event at East Fork State Park in Bethel, Oh on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The lake has been stocked with fish for 7 years and should be holding some huskies by now. This event is very important as a benchmark test to empirically observe how well the muskies are progressing in this new fishery. If you have any chance to come to the Cincinnati area to enjoy the weekend fishing with us, please do so. It will be fantastic when we provide valuable data to the ODNR about the quality of the fishery by catching and reporting some fish at East Fork.

ODNR formed our club in 1961 and one of our clubs' stated purposes remains to "...provide the Ohio Division of Wildlife with statewide information on muskie catch...". It is not a frequent occurrence that we are called on to provide data, but the time is NOW. We need as many anglers as possible to fish this event to really gauge how the fishery is progressing. I recognize this will be quite a journey for most of our membership. Please consider helping us continue our long-time partnership with the ODNR and showing how much we appreciate the quality muskie fishing that we all enjoy around the state by making the trip to East Fork for this event.

Many of the OHMC trustees will be camping in the area "Loop D". There will be signs placed to direct you to the registration area. We will be having registration, raffles, and event conclusion at the campground. The entry fee for this event will be \$10 and as usual there will also be the optional \$5 Big Fish pool for those that are interested. If you are not camping, you can still enter the camp area by stopping at the camper registration checkpoint and indicating that you are with the OHMC. We have made special arrangements with the park manager to allow non-campers to enter the area. We will be conducting registration on Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 and again on Saturday morning from 7:00 to 8:00. If you need to register outside of those hours, please contact Paul Anderson at 740-381-8181 or on VHF channel 68.

There will also be a Steak Fry at the campground on Saturday evening at about 8:00. Steaks will be \$13 each and must be ordered and paid for in advance. Our cost for these highest quality ribeye steaks has raised must be passed on. We are NOT profiting from the steaks. There was some discussion about reducing the thickness to keep our cost in check, but at the last event, all the feedback we received was that participants would rather keep the quality of the steaks as it has been recently and to pay a little more if needed. Your steak payment must be received no later than Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Please order early as there will be no extra steaks purchased and the order must be called in to the butcher by that day. You can mail your payment to: OHMC, 111 Anderson Lane, Bloomington, OH 43910.

The event fishing hours will be from 7:00 Saturday morning until 1:00 Sunday afternoon. All fish must be turned in by 1:30 Sunday. We will be holding the raffle drawings at the conclusion of the event at the campground at 1:30 on Sunday afternoon. First and Second place trophies will be awarded to our winners at the 2015 OHMC banquet next March.

I look forward to seeing you at our newest Ohio muskie lake!



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## OHMC & MI 19 Joint PM Bite Results

The OHMC and Muskies Inc. Chapter 19 held our 2014 Annual PM Bite joint event on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Petersburg Marina of Leesville Lake. The event started off with registration beginning at 10:00 and the shore lunch beginning at 11:00. We had a bait raffle and a 50/50 raffle. There were some very nice prizes on the table, including a walleye charter for Lake Erie donated by Petersburg Marina. The 50/50 paid out \$73 to our winner Mark Porter. We had some fantastic grilled goodies served up by our host Mr. Elmer McClure. There were lots of good side dishes and some nice cold refreshments to wash them down with. It was a new way to kick off the event and seemed to be well received by all those in attendance. Thanks to everyone that brought all the great food!

We had 40 anglers register and head out to tame the beast. The weather was ideal with mostly sunny conditions that made for a great day on the lake. The fish were not impressed with the weather and for many anglers we were left without any slime to show for our efforts. Not all entrants struggled though, as they were able to crack the code and catch some fish. We also had some really nice salad bowls caught along with the ever present tree and rock snags and even a volleyball caught by a UFO boat.

When the event concluded at midnight, we met back up at the ramp to tally the results. Our big fish for the event was witnessed and photographed by myself. As it turns out, I have witnessed the big fish caught for every OHMC event this year. I may not be any good at catching fish, but my timing for trolling near the eventual big fish winner is impeccable.

Russ Roberts caught a 40.00" fish worth 14.00 points and unfortunately lost a second fish out of the net which therefore did not count since it was not measured. Sorry for the bad luck buddy, but at least you got to catch the fish. George Kourkounakis landed a 42.25" huskie worth 16.25 points and a Third Place finish. David Baio got two subs along with three more at 41.00", 38.00", and 31.00" for a total of 32.00 points which earned him a Second Place finish. OHMC Secretary Tim Smith landed a third huskie for the season that secured his first Dunmire Award. He had a 44.50" fish and a 40.00" fish to go with it for a total of 32.50 points and a First Place finish. He also won the big fish side pot of \$190 for his trolling efforts. As with our Spring and Fall outings, we will award our First and Second place trophies at next years' banquet. Congratulations to all those that caught fish!

Thanks to everyone that came out to support the clubs and enjoy the good times that are always present when we get together. The talk of "dreams", meeting new friends, stories by Grandpa and many others, taking time to enjoy a sandwich on the lake, poking fun at each other, and of course the sound of the clicker; these are the things that make these events really fun and I look forward to the next one.

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## 2014 Minnow Fund Donation

There was a shortage of minnows in early August and with short notice, the process to buy minnows through the state system could have delayed the purchase. The Minnow Fund Coordinator (Elmer Heyob) stepped in and made use of the Minnow Fund program. He contacted the OHMC and having known the dollar amount reserved from our donations and Minnow Fund Outing, we were able to buy the minnows. On August 4th, the minnows were delivered to the London Hatchery and the check for \$5,494.80 was paid by OHMC Treasurer John Ringenbach.



Don't forget to log your data into the MAL !!



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