



Ohio Huskie Muskie Club, Inc.

January 2015

Huskie Views

54th Annual Awards Banquet - March 28th, 2015

It is time for our Fifty-Fourth Annual Ohio Huskie Muskie Club, Inc. business meeting and annual awards banquet. We have a new location again this year with the festivities being held at the McCalls Banquet Center. The address is 130 Faircrest St. SW, Canton, OH 44706 (www.mccallsrb.com). *Directions: From I-77 take exit 103. Proceed South on SR-800 (Cleveland Ave SW) (1.8 Mi.); Turn Left onto Faircrest St. SW (0.1 Mi.) McCalls in on the left hand side (South).*

Several club members have eaten at the restaurant and have indicated that the food is amazing. We relocated this year in an attempt to upgrade the quality of the food for our meal. The banquet will be in a nice large facility that is near the geographic center of our membership. Holding our banquet in the Akron-Canton area the last two years has resulted in a significant increase in attendance, and we hope that trend continues this year. If you haven't previously attended, or have not attended for a while, please come out and join the fun.

The annual business meeting will be held from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the ballroom, followed by a one hour social time. All members are urged to attend. During the business meeting, you will be electing new officers and choosing your 2016 summer contest lake. We will also be considering alterations to the requirements for Dunmire and Release awards. Furthermore, we will be considering alterations to how those awards are physically produced. Specifically, we are considering a single plaque per member for their first award, and for succeeding awards there would be a brass year plate to add to the award. We will also be considering many other issues. You must be a paid up member to vote in the meeting.

The banquet opening will start at 6:00 PM followed by our dinner and award presentations. The banquet meal will be \$30 per person for adults and \$15 for age 15 and under. The meal will be a buffet featuring Baked Chicken, Sausage and Peppers, McCalls Signature Potatoes, Green Beans, Rigatoni, Garden Salad, Bread & Butter, Sherbert, and Coffee or Tea or Soda. Please make your check or money order for the banquet meal and/or membership dues payable to Ohio Huskie Muskie Club and mail to: OHMC, 111 Anderson Lane, Bloomingdale, OH 43910.

Registrations for the dinner and seating will be held in the hall at the entrance to the ball room. During registration all guests will receive a musky bait as a door prize. You will also arrange your seat designation during registration. Seating assignments will be first come – first served. We are concerned that you be able to sit with the party that you came with and will make every effort to accommodate you with the limited seating.

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Banquet reservations must be **received by March 18th** as we need to notify the facility of our exact number by March 20th. **DO NOT WAIT** to send in your reservation for this annual celebration. We cannot accept registrations received later, so please don't ask. Mail your registration early!

As usual we will have a 50/50 drawing, and merchandise raffles. Be sure to get your tickets at our registration table. As we did last year, we will also have fishing related games for your entertainment.

Vendor and swap meet tables will be set up for your convenience near the registration area. Also, please bring your favorite Muskie photo to display on our memory-lane board. You should gather your own photos at the end of the event to be returned to your collection.

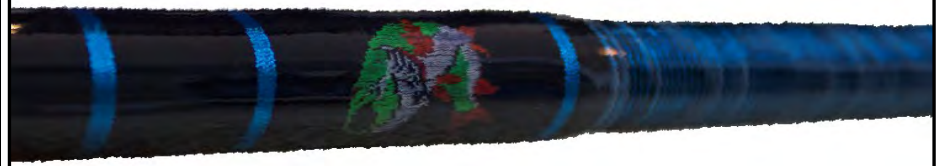
Annual catch data from the MAL program will be available at the banquet for your review. Remember to suggest the MAL to anyone that you encounter that either targets muskies or has an incidental catch. This data is crucial to the ODNr for tracking growth rates at each stocked lake.

Finally, the OHMC will be conducting our 18th Swap Meet for you to participate in. The "Tackle Lure, Swap, Buy Meet" will be held at the same time that vendors are displaying their tackle. The time for the "Swap Meet" set-up is 12:00 PM and will last until 5:30 PM. We have a limited amount of tables that will be available for this event. If you have any old tackle, lures, or any other fishing items that you would like to trade, sell, or give away, please include a note when you return your registration.

2015 OHMC Summer Contest Grand Prize

OHMC has come up with an unbelievable raffle starting with the Ohio Muskie Show and extending on to our Summer Contest. The drawing will be July 12, 2015 and the winner need not be present to win. The centerpiece of the raffle is a custom built St. Croix rod built by OHMC Trustee Robert Neville. The rod is built on a St. Croix SlingBlade blank with only the highest quality components. This rod has custom handle, wraps, and titanium guides guaranteed for life. You need to see the rod in person to fully appreciate the craftsmanship. The rod is paired with a Calcutta 400B reel spooled with 80# Power Pro line. With the rod and reel comes a Lexan Big Bait Tackle Box built by Mike Mordas including 10 fish catching muskie baits. The 10 baits included will have at least one bait built by Ed Latiano and a couple of others with teeth marks in them. Finally to give the winner a even better chance to catch a muskie, the raffle includes a full one week stay in a cottage at South Fork Marina on Leesville Lake. No matter what week you choose in 2015 or 2016, you can rest after a hard day of fishing in air conditioned comfort on new queen mattress beds while watching a dvd of your fishing highlights. The value of this package is \$2,000.

Tickets are only \$20 each or 3 for \$50.



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East Fork—Fall Outing Results—Sept 27th & 28th, 2014

How often do we get the opportunity to try out a new Ohio muskie lake? We had members from across the state come to the Cincinnati area to test this newest program lake. Members drove from Toledo, Cleveland, Lima, Akron, Steubenville, Columbus, Dayton, Rogers, and other areas. We also had some local anglers register and we even gained some new OHMC members over the weekend. The weather was perfect from Thursday through Sunday with temperatures ranging from 50 to 80 degrees. The water temperatures were warmer than some may have expected with those numbers being 72 to 76 degrees.

The campground came to life starting on Thursday as some of us decided to make a long weekend out of the event. By Friday the area filled in nicely and soon we were enjoying campfires, great food, beautiful clear starlight skies, and the laughter of friends getting together. We had registration on Friday evening and Saturday morning and were pleasantly surprised to have 30 anglers for the event.

As the fishing got underway it was apparent that these muskies are not hurting for food. I have never seen balls of shad like those at East Fork. There was what seemed like billions of shad in the lake. We also saw several majestic bald eagles, a couple of otters, successful hawks catching fish, oh and did I mention...we saw shad. The lake has quite a bit of deep water and loads of standing timber.

There were a few catfish caught, one bluegill that I know of, and even a row boat that got caught, but the muskies did not show up in any of our nets. It was not for a lack of effort as there were a wide variety of techniques that the participants attempted to coax a fish to strike.

As we gathered on Sunday afternoon for the event closing, I think most of us were shocked that no fish were caught. We conducted a 50/50 raffle which was won by Jerry Rice. That was a fitting reward for someone that had generously donated baits to our raffle and had once again done a fantastic job of cooking our steaks for the weekend. We also had a door prize drawing for every person that was at the closing as a small token of appreciation for coming out. Thank you to Mr. Ray McMaster who also showed up to fish and donated baits for use in our raffle.

Ohio Division of Wildlife Inland Fisheries Program Administrator, Mr. Scott Hale made the drive to East Fork for the closing on Sunday and had many very kind remarks for the group. He reminded us that some lakes take longer than others to develop as viable fisheries and pointed to the early years of Alum Creek and Caesars Creek as prime examples where patience in the program has paid great dividends.

Thanks to our board of trustees for showing up such a long distance from home to participate in the event. Most importantly, Thank You to the anglers that came out in support of both the club and the stocking program.

Check out our club website to see photos from the event. (www.OHMC1.org)

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2015 OHMC Event Dates

Annual Banquet – McCalls in Canton – March 28

Minnow Fund Outing – West Branch – May 2 & 3

Division Day – Alum Creek – June 5

Spring Outing – Alum Creek – June 6 & 7

Summer Contest – Piedmont – July 11 & 12

PM Bite (Co-Op MI 19) – Leesville – August 15

Fall Outing – Piedmont – September 26 & 27

Hog Hunt Hoedown—West Branch—November 7



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