



## Ohio Huskie Muskie Club, Inc.

July 2016

# Huskie Views

### 46<sup>th</sup> Annual O.H.M.C. Open Summer Contest

It is time to prepare for our 46<sup>th</sup> annual open summer contest to be held at West Branch Lake, Ravenna, Ohio on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Registration will be held at Campsite #77. Registration will be open on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM and will resume on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM. We will also have registration on Sunday as-needed. Please contact an officer ahead of time if you know you will only fish on Sunday.

Entry fee registration donations will be \$20.00. As always this contest is open to the public. Fishing hours are from 6:00 AM Saturday until 2:00 PM Sunday. All fish must be turned in to the club president by 2:30 PM Sunday.

There will be trophies awarded for the top three places for fish released at our annual banquet next March. Remember, our awards are based on a point system (4 points for the first 30" with a point for each additional inch). Each boat will be given a boat packet containing contest information.

Each angler who registers will be given a ticket at registration for the door prizes that will be drawn at the event conclusion. The award ceremony and the Grand Prize drawing will start at 3:00 PM sharp after fishing closes on Sunday, at the campground overflow lot. You will need a raffle ticket to participate in the drawings.

We again this year have many other raffle prizes and door prizes such as rods and reels, and gift certificates. Winner of the grand prize drawing need NOT be present to win. For all other drawings the winner must be present.

We will be having a Steak Fry and potluck dinner at 7:00 Saturday Evening. Steaks must be pre-ordered by Friday, July 1st. Please mail checks to OHMC, 111 Anderson Lane, Bloomingdale, OH 43910. These fantastic ribeye steaks cost only \$13 each. Please bring a covered dish or desert for all to enjoy. See you there!

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## 2016 Minnow Fund Muskie Outing

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Ohio Minnow Fund Muskie Outing was held May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at West Branch State Park. There were 55 anglers registered and 25 fish reported as caught. All monies raised will be used to support Ohio's Muskie stocking program.

The event started on Friday evening as eager muskie anglers streamed into the campground with tents, campers, boats, and thoughts of big fish. Everyone seemed aware that the weather forecast was for dire conditions, yet they still showed up. Early Friday afternoon Kevin Proffit and Rich Daniels showed up and erected an enormous tent so that everyone could have a dry spot to call headquarters for the weekend (THANK YOU!).

As daylight broke on Saturday morning, we were greeted to donuts, fresh coffee, and some fantastic pancakes on the griddle by OHMC Secretary Tim Smith. Meanwhile OHMC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Jeff Ferjutz and OHMC Treasurer John Ringenbach registered entrants. The temperature had plummeted overnight and brisk wind along with torrential rain served notice that this event was not for the weak of heart. Only the hardest of muskie fishermen would brave these conditions as white capped waves snarled down the lake daring us to try to take one of her fish into our nets.

This was the first year that we aligned our traditional Division Day to be coincident with the minnow fund Event and we had 5 brave ODNR personnel show up in the downpour with hopes of hoisting a trophy fish. By 8:00 we aimed for the lake with Bob Basic guiding for Curt Wagner, Tim Smith guiding for Jill Connor, Elmer Heyob guiding for Tim Parker, John Ringenbach guiding for Kevin Paige, and Paul Anderson guiding for Kevin Kayle.

At noon the guests and guides assembled for a grilled lunch that had been prepared by OHMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Rick Simpson, OHMC Trustee Mike Reed, and OHMC Trustee Chris Silverthorn (THANK YOU!). Unfortunately, the fish did not cooperate and we were unable to get slime on any of our guests' hands. We were happy to have them and thanked them for their service in support of our muskie program.

The unsuccessful guides headed back out into the storm with a never-give-up attitude for more fishing with the rest of the crew. Boats were tested, rain gear was tested, and anglers' commitment was tested, yet onward we went. The harshness of the conditions cannot be overstated as it felt worse than many days I have spent fishing in December.

By 7:00 the weary contestants assembled for a hot meal in a dry tent. News of a few fish filtered about as we enjoyed Brauts, Dogs, and Burgers with all the fix-ins. Warm beans, hot apple pie, and steaming corn-on-the-cob made the miserable conditions fade away if even temporarily. The campground fell quiet shortly after dinner as most of us were ready for our warm sleeping bags. Some fell prey to the harsh conditions and bailed for home, and for that, I cannot blame any of you in the slightest.

For those that braved the night, a snow-squall greeted us as dawn broke on Sunday morning. The temperature was 35 degrees and the precipitation kept coming. One thing did change on Sunday, and that was the bite. For those brave souls that took to the water, the fish, perhaps out of empathy were biting. We fished through the snow, sleet, rain, wind & waves and we caught fish. Several nice fish including some huskies were landed as a clear trolling pattern emerged.

When the battle scared participants gathered for the final results, we saw a peek of blue sky for the first time in days. The final tally had Joe Reynolds winning the

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Youth Big fish, Jeff Clark winning the \$400 big fish pot, Jack Whyde in first place, Fred Lederer in second place, Josh Burns in Third place, Jeff Ferjutz in Fourth place, and Jeff Clark in fifth place. I cannot thank you all enough for coming out and displaying your devotion to our sport and our stocking program. Dry off, warm up, and get ready to enjoy better conditions as the season wears on. Be safe in the knowledge that you will not encounter anything worse for the balance of this season.

All fish reported for the event:

Jack Whyde (24.75", 35.75", 33.00", 40.00", 20.00", 31.50"; 36.25 Points): Fred Lederer (44.00", 31.50"; 23.50 Points): Josh Burns (36.00", 38.75", 24.00", 20.00"; 22.75 Points): Jeff Ferjutz (30.50", 44.00"; 22.50 Points): Jeff Clark (44.75"; 18.75 Points): Dave Zastawny (44.50"; 18.50 Points): Matt Clark (40.00"; 14.00 Points): Mark Burns (30.50"; 13.50 Points): Jerry Rice (37.50", 28.25"; 11.50 Points): Jack Moga (37.50"; 11.50 Points): Joe Reynolds (36.00"; 10.00 Points): Bob Basic (34.00"; 8.00 Points): Paul Anderson (33.00"; 7.00 Points): Nick Agnesi (32.00"; 6.00 Points).

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This is a joint event between OHMC and Muskies Inc., Akron/Canton Muskies Inc. Chapter 19. The event will be held on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 at Leesville Lake. Registration will be set up at the South Fork Marina from 10:00 AM until Noon. The PM-Bite starts at Noon Saturday and continues until Midnight. You will have until 12:30 AM Sunday to turn in your fish. No fish will be accepted after 12:30 AM. You must register before fishing. You may also register on the water by contacting Jeff Ferjutz, Paul Anderson, or Elmer McClure, the designated Chapter 19 representative. We will be on VHF channel 71. There will be a \$12.00 entry donation for the event and an optional \$5.00 Big Fish prize pool. We will have raffles and a 50/50 drawing during the shore lunch to be held at 11:00 AM at the South Fork Marina. We will have hot dogs, sausages, side dishes and more. Please bring a side dish if you are able to attend. We hope to see you at this joint event !

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