



Ohio Huskie Muskie Club, Inc.

January 2021

Huskie Views

Celebrating 60 years of OHMC

This is indeed a special year for the Ohio Huskie Muskie Club. Sixty years ago, the club was founded by Merrill Gilfillan and John Pelton. Merrill graduated from Ohio State with a degree in zoology and worked for the Ohio Division of Wildlife and then the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as a writer and editor of their educational materials. In addition to co-founding OHMC, he helped found the Buckeye Big Bucks Club and the Buckeye Trail. John spent most of his ODNR career in Wildlife, primarily in Fish Management. John was inducted into the Conservation Hall of Fame for his work in Wildlife including helping found OHMC. Our first President was Harold "Pooch" Curry, Vice President Henry Richard, and Secretary/Treasurer Robert Wilson. They are all charter members of the club along with Robert Johnson, Stanley Babicz, Casmier Drake and Stuart Asher. The original purpose of the club was to help record all the muskies caught each year. The club has proven to be an excellent vehicle for obtaining statewide information on muskie, which aided in evaluating fish management activities, and planning for the future of muskie fishing in Ohio. Currently that information is collected thru the Muskie Angler Log which along with captured tagging information provides a wealth of knowledge on our program lakes.

Some fun facts from our history. Since our inception, we have had over 4,150 individuals join the club as members. We have had our Summer Contest event for over 50 of those years with the first event in 1971. During the peak of that event, we were awarding a fully rigged boat to the winner. From 1977 thru 1984, we had over 500 entries for the Summer Contest with the peak being 1,056 entries in 1980. Those 1,056 fishermen caught 14 muskies over the two days at Pymatuning Lake; in 2020, at Piedmont, we had 43 anglers catch 26 muskies over the two days. Now are the golden years of muskie fishing in Ohio.

Since we started the Minnow Fund Outing in 2013, we have contributed over \$47,000 to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the stocking of muskies in Ohio.

In 1994 the Ohio Huskie Muskie Club incorporated as a 501 C3 non-profit organization. Today we are proud to be a sport fishing club dedicated to promoting better muskie fishing in the state while providing the Division of Wildlife with catch and harvest information. We seek to help experienced and new anglers be more successful in their pursuit of Ohio's top of the line predator fish.

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Annual Awards Banquet

Our 60th Annual Ohio Huskie Muskie Club business meeting and awards banquet will be on Saturday, June 12th at the SYB Party Center located at 4157 Hudson Drive, Stow, Ohio 44224.

Doors will open at 3 pm with the business meeting starting at 3:30 pm, followed by time to socialize and buy that lure which will make all the difference in 2021. All members are urged to attend. During the business meeting, you will be electing new officers and choosing your 2022 Summer Contest lake. You must be a paid up member to vote in the meeting.

The banquet 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 children age 10 and under.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Banquet Reservation form. The Banquet Reservation form has space to indicate if you are entitled to a free banquet due to catching your first ever Huskie Muskie in 2020. We should be picking that information up from the MAL database, but just in case there might be a discrepancy, definitely check the box if it applies to you.

New this year is the ability to register for the Banquet on line at the following site:

<https://bit.ly/OHMCBanquet>

At the site you can register yourself and anyone attending with you and pay for the meals thru PayPal. This application has proven successful for our events because it is so easy to use, so please give it a try.

If you are mailing the form back, please make you check payable to "OHMC" and mail to :

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Membership Renewal

This is also the time to renew your membership. Enclosed with this newsletter is also the membership renewal form. The form outlines the multi-year membership options as well as the ability to pay for your membership thru PayPal. New this year is the ability to renew your membership on line at the following site:

<https://bit.ly/OHMCMembership>

This site has worked well for our events and should make renewing your membership simple and fast. To renew, just go to the site, fill out the information and pay thru PayPal.

If you wish to renew using the enclosed application, please make your check payable to "OHMC" and mail to:

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Trustees and Officers

If you have any interest in getting involved in leading OHMC into the future by serving as a Trustee or Officer, don't hesitate to contact Jeff Ferjutz at jferjutz@netzero.net or call him at 440-478-7838. We hold two trustee meetings each year, one in November and one in January. The rest of the coordination happens at our Banquet and events. We need your help, so please consider volunteering your talent and time.

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2021 OHMC Fishing Events

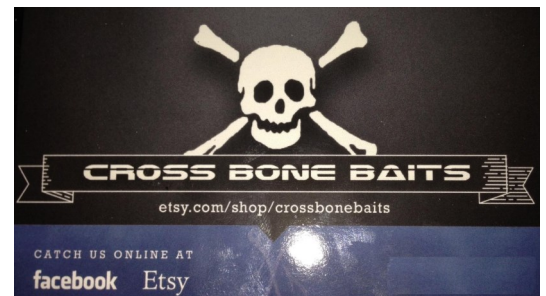
Icebreaker, March 27, Piedmont Lake

May Madness, May 15, Salt Fork

Lungefest, June 19, Leesville Lake,

51st Annual Summer Contest, July 10-11, West Branch

9th Annual Minnow Fund Outing, Sept. 25-26, West Branch



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