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2012 OHMC Division Day, Spring Outing, & Steak Fry

Once again it is time to prepare for our annual Division Day and Spring Outing. The Division Day will be held on Friday, June 8th at Clear Fork Reservoir in Lexington, Ohio. This is the day each year where members of the club volunteer to take Division of Wildlife personnel and Ohio outdoors writers on the water for a day of Muskie fishing.

Festivities will begin at the large pavilion near the launch ramp at 8:00 am for coffee and donuts. Partners will then be assigned and we will hit the water until about 3:00 pm. Upon our return to the pavilion we will be treated to hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. An award plaque will be presented to the guest who catches the largest Muskie in length.

We are in need of club members with boats who are available to serve as guides for the Division Day activities. If interested, please contact OHMC President Fred Lederer at 419-874-4929 or by E-mail: ohmcpres@sbcglobal.net by Monday, June 4th.

The Spring Outing and Steak Fry will follow at Clear Fork Reservoir on Saturday, June 9th & Sunday, June 10th. This outing is for club members, their families, and invited guests. Guests must fish with a club member to be eligible for awards. For this event there is a \$15 registration fee per person to help cover the cost of the event. Please remember to buy 50/50, and raffle tickets as these also support the event. Please bring an extra dollar or two to donate to the minnow fund!

The registration will be set up at the large pavilion near the launch ramp. You may register Saturday from 6:00 am to 8:00 am. If you plan on fishing Sunday only, please notify an officer or trustee of the club in advance or contact one of us on the water. We will be monitoring VHF channel 68. **You must register before you start fishing!**

Starting at 4:00 pm Saturday we will have a potluck dinner. The club will furnish plates, utensils, and napkins. Make sure to bring a covered dish, your appetite, and a smile. This dinner will also feature a steak fry as usual. **The ribeye steaks cost \$10.00 and must be ordered in advance.** Please mail your check and a note indicating how many steaks you want by Friday, June 1st. Make checks payable to "Ohio Huskie Muskie Club" and mail to: OHMC, 10327 North Bramblewood Road, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551. We can NOT accept late orders, so PLEASE get your order in Early!



The 51st Ohio Huskie Muskie Club's

Annual Awards Banquet and Business Meeting

The 51st Ohio Huskie Muskie Clubs Annual Awards Banquet was held on March 17, 2012 at the Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, Ohio. The event was notably absent of Mr. Fred Lederer, President of OHMC. Due to an ailment that was of an emergency nature, Fred was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee, Ohio the day before the banquet. He has since been released and is recovering at home. I wish you a speedy recovery, you were truly missed at the banquet. Therefore every OHMC trustee stepped up to conduct the banquet and we felt that it went pretty well. There were a few glitches, but overall the membership reported to me that the event was a great success. There are two reasons for that, the fantastic preparation that Fred had put into the event, and the willingness of the Trustees and members to pitch in. Special thanks to all of those whom helped at the registration and raffle tables, club members: Jake Lederer, Roger Hayes, Neil O'Brien, Suzanne Skunza, Jeff Ferjutz, Jerry Rice, Alicia Anderson, Logan Anderson, George Dickson, Tim Smith, Rick Simpson, Chris Silverthorne, Phil Cummings, and Greg Eischen.

In the business meeting, members voted on the lake nominations for our 43rd Annual Open Summer Contest in 2013. The winner was Pymatuning Reservoir in Andover, Ohio, with the event to be tentatively held on July 13th and 14th pending park approval. With three rods per angler permitted on Pymatuning, we look forward to plenty of fish being caught. Also, the members voted to consider moving next year's banquet to the Canton vicinity. The members voted to add an event to the OHMC schedule. The "Hawg Hunt Hoedown" is an event that will NOT count toward our overall event winner and will NOT have any entry fees or awards presented. This event has been conducted for several years by Mr. Guy Bechter, past president and member of Muskies Inc. Chapter 19. OHMC will join in participation of this event as a "closing of the season get together". The biggest change for the coming year will be that the members voted to change the way we determine our event winners. All OHMC events will now utilize a scoring system that is identical to the Muskies Inc. national scoring system. For those not familiar with the system, you will get 4 pts as long as the muskie is at least 30" and one full point for each full inch after 30". Finally, the members voted to re-name the Nite-Bite to the Gordon Selden Memorial Nite-Bite as an honor to a great fisherman and a wonderful gentleman.

Elections for officer positions were held during the business meeting. The OHMC officers for 2012 are as follows; Fred Lederer, President; Jeff Ferjutz, 1st Vice-President; Jake Lederer, Secretary; Paul Anderson, Treasurer. There were no nominations for 2nd Vice-President, and no one volunteered to step up for this position. There are currently several vacancies on the board of trustees, so if you are interested, we could sure use the help. Please see any trustee or officer.



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Before the banquet meal started there was a pause for a moment of silence for all the club members whom had passed last year and for those individuals that are in the military and may be away from their families. Next, we took a moment for a blessing of the meal by club member Mary Jill Harshey. The food was excellent with beef bourguignon this year as a plated meal. We all had a great time and lots of fun with the fish stories that were being told.

ODNR attendees were Mr. Scott Hale, Inland Fisheries Program Administrator; Mr. Rich Carter, Fish Management Executive Administrator; Mr. Curt Wagner, Fish Management Biologist District Three; Mr. Tim Parrett, Fish Management Administrator, Ms. Deb Walters, Fish Management Supervisor District Five; Mike Greenlee, Fish Management Supervisor District Four; Kevin Page, Inland Fisheries Research Unit Research Biologist. Kevin presented information about a tag study to be conducted beginning later this year. The study will utilize external tags on every muskie stocked in every Ohio lake, for the next 10 years. In addition, for three lakes; Salt Fork, Alum Creek, and Leesville; the fish will have an electronic tag embedded in them to be read by scanners in some anglers' boats and by scanners at the outlet for the dams to monitor escapement. The program is estimated to cost \$384,000.00 and is another example of our state leading the way in muskie management. In my opinion, the stocking program here in The State of Ohio is second to none.

About one-half of those whom attended the banquet received a fishing related door prize. We had rods, tackle boxes, muskie lures, and many more items. A special thanks goes out to Ray McMaster of Muskie Fisherman Specialties, Jimmy Sturznickle of Jimmy's Bucktails, and Greg Them of Xtreme Musky Lures for setting up a booth at the banquet this year, and also all of the Ohio Huskie Muskie Club supporters who donated door prizes and prizes to raffle at this event. CVL got in on the action and donated a weekend package including accommodations and entrance to their water park. Please patronize these companies as they make our events a success. The following were supportive of raffle and door prizes. Xtreme Muskie Lures, Musky Train Lures, Musky Fisherman Specialties, Crane Baits, Gander Mountain-Holland, Tebo Lures, Grim Reaper Lures, Berkley Pure Fishing, Rollie and Helen's Musky Shop, Jimmy's Bucktails, Sledgehammer Lures, Musky Innovations, Ziggie Custom Musky Lures, George Dickson, and Treblemaker Guide Service.



Twass the day before the banquet.

A sappy poem by Fred Lederer

The truck was packed up,
The trophies were made,
The reservations in place,
The friendly cavalcade.

5 days of pain,
Maybe something I ate,
Way too much pain,
Boy ain't this great!

So I go to the doctor,
On my belly she pushed down,
I yell in agony,
She gets a frown.

You need the emergency room,
Please now, right away,
Shall I call you an ambulance,
Or will you go without delay?

A call to Paul,
Come get my truck,
I'm in the hospital,
It seems I'm "stuck".

Paul drives the four hours,
Picks up the truck and my son,
Heads back towards Newark,
And they have the fun.

With the help of some friends,
Everyone gets their awards,
They get through the meeting,
And no one was bored.

As I lay in the hospital bed,
Wishing I was there,
I'm truly thankful for OHMC,
A great group, who care.

My many thanks to everyone at the banquet who signed the get well card and for all the members who gave me well wishes on the phone, email and Facebook. My sincere thanks to the officers, the board of trustees, and the membership that helped run the banquet in my absence. And a great big thanks to Paul Anderson for making the sacrifice to come all the way across the state to pick up everything needed for the banquet, running the business meeting and hosting the awards ceremony.

Our lucky raffle winners at the event were:

John Ringenbach of Cleveland, Ohio won the 50/50 raffle at the business meeting.

Rob Weber of Willoughby Hills, Ohio won the 50/50 raffle drawing at the banquet.

Rob Weber of Willoughby Hills, Ohio won the St. Croix rod.

Paul Anderson of Bloomingdale, Ohio won the Lure board prepared by OHMC and has elected to donate the baits to the 2013 Minnow Fund Muskie Outing.

Rob VanGorder of Delaware, Ohio won the weekend at Cherry Valley Lodge.

Jimmy Sturznickle of Canton, Ohio won the guided tip on Lake St Clair, donated by Mark Kornosky of Treblemaker Guide Service.

Logan Anderson of Bloomingdale, Ohio won the pack of energy drinks donated by George Dickson.

AWARD RESULTS FOR OHIO LAKES, MUSKIES CAUGHT

Ohio Huskie Muskie Club Inc. Annual Banquet Awards Winners, for club member's recognition of outstanding catches and achievements in the 2011 season.

H.E. Pooch Curry Award (Largest musky by length only) was presented to Dennis Mitchell of Hartville, Ohio with a 53.00-inch musky caught at Piedmont Lake.

The Matthew Smith Memorial awards for juniors

Boy's Trophy Division, a kept muskie, length plus weight by point system.
(None)

Girls Trophy Division, a kept muskie, length plus weight by point system.
(None)

Boys Release—Jake Lederer of Perrysburg, Ohio with a 42.00 inch, caught at Alum Creek

Girl's Release—JoAnn VanGorder of Delaware, Ohio with a 45.00-inch caught at Alum Creek

The Royalty Awards

King Trophy Division, a kept muskie, length plus weight by point system.

Dennis Mitchell of Hartville, Ohio with a 53.00-inch muskie caught at Piedmont Lake.

Queen Trophy Division, a kept muskie, (None)



King Release —Chuck Land, Sr. of Willoughby, Ohio with a 50.50-inch caught at Leesville Lake and a 50.50-inch caught at Pymatuning Lake

Queen Release —Charlotte Fuchs of North Canton, Ohio, a 48.00-inch caught at Leesville Lake.

Mr. Muskie Award

George Dickson - OHMC Trustee and OHMC Life Member for his dedication, willingness to serve, kindness, and unwavering support of the Ohio Huskie Muskie Club.

Woman of the Year Award

No nominees

Overall Tournament Champion

Paul Anderson of Bloomingdale, Ohio caught five muskies with a total of 177 inches in the four club events.

First Ever 50-Inch Award

There was one name added to the first time 50-inch muskie catch by OHMC members in the state of Ohio for 2011. David Brown of Dover, Ohio with a 50.00-inch caught at Leesville Lake. Unfortunately, his catch was accidentally omitted from the trophy order listing. Due to this omission, Mr. Brown will receive his plaque along with a free dinner at the 2013 Banquet. Please accept our sincere apology for the error.

Dr. Dunmire Plaque Awards

There were (24) Dr. L. G. Dunmire Plaque Awards recognized by the club for those anglers whom caught at least three Huskie muskies measuring 42.00-inches in length or longer. The most caught by a club member was David Brown of Dover, Ohio

David Brown (27), Greg Bozick (22), David Baio (14), Patrick Klingensmith (12), Bob Marshall (9), Matt Foose (7), Paul Anderson (7), Chuck Land, Sr. (7), John Lent (6), Dennis Braun (5), Robert Neville (5), Dennis Mitchell (4), George Weber (4), Lou Spiezio (4), Rob Weber (4), Charlotte Fuchs (4), Jeff Heiser (4), Randy Parker (4), Jim Cook (3), Ray Elkins (3), Ray Hinchcliff, Sr. (3), Kathy Mitchell (3), John Ringenbach (3), Chuck McKnight (3)

10 Or More Release Awards

There were (36) Plaques Awards recognized by the club for those anglers whom caught 10 or more muskies 30-inches in length or longer and released all of them. The most caught by a club member was Patrick Klingensmith of Canfield, Ohio.

Patrick Klingensmith (151), David Brown (122), Greg Bozick (94), David Baio (80), Chuck McKnight (46), Bob Marshall (44), Dennis Braun (40), Randy Parker (39), John Lent (37), Ray Elkins (33), Paul Anderson (30), Jim Cook (26), Charlotte Fuchs (26), Tony Crisp (25), Thomas Johnson (23), Robert Neville (23), George Weber (22), Brett Warrick (22), Chuck Land, Sr. (22), David Nabb (21), Bill Schultz, Jr. (20), Ray Hinchcliff, Sr. (19), Jeffery Ulanich (19), Dennis Mitchell (18), Rob VanGorder (17), Kathy Mitchell (16), John Ringenbach (16), Josh Marshall (15), Matt Foose (14), Philip Ringenbach (14), Tom Hannen (14), Jack Worline (14), Elmer Heyob (13), Gloria Roberts (12), William Lambert (12), Linda Hannen (10)

The **Best Fish Story** Plaque went to junior member Ashley Mitchell of Hartville Ohio, with a story about a caught fish. Also given the nature of some of the other stories we all need to watch out for those hooks, as it turns out, they can be dangerous.



Mr. Ray McMaster of Muskie Fisherman Specialties sold signed and numbered limited edition bucktails for the 2011 season. At the banquet, he donated 50% of his profit to the OHMC minnow fund to support the future of muskie fishing. In addition, Ray selected a random number from the bucktails sold and created a matching spinner bait for the person that purchased that number. The winning number was 001 of 100 and was presented as a total surprise to Paul Anderson who had purchased that number at the 2011 OHMC banquet lure auction. Thank you very much for your generosity and support of OHMC, Mr. McMaster.

For the second year, we had a special lure auction comprised of some custom lures made up specifically for the event. The club raised \$345 during the auction. Several lure manufacturers donated lures with different variations of the OHMC logo and special paint patterns. A very special thanks to those vendors who helped to make this a success; Muskie Fisherman Specialties, Ziggy Custom Muskie Lures, Park Country Store Waverly WV, Grandma Lures, Xtreme Muskie Lures, and OHMC member Jerry Rice. There will be a similar auction at the OHMC Summer Contest this coming July at Pymatuning Reservoir.

The banquet is now history and it is now time to start some actual muskie fishing. Thank you to everyone that attended and to all of those people that helped make the event such a great success.



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2012 Dues Reminder

Your annual dues for OHMC membership were to be paid by the 2012 banquet held on March 17th, 2012 as it has always been. To continue your active membership in OHMC and qualify you for annual awards earned in the 2012 fishing season, your 2012 dues **MUST** be paid prior to the Spring Outing held on June 9th, 2012. Any dues received after the registration period at the Spring Outing will disqualify you from receiving any annual awards at the 2013 banquet. Thank you for your understanding.

2012 OHMC Events Schedule

June 8, Division Day at Clearfork Reservoir Lexington, Ohio

June 9, 10 Spring Outing and Steak Fry at Clearfork Reservoir Lexington, Ohio

July 21, 22 Open Summer Contest at Pymatuning Lake Andover, Ohio

August 11 Gordon Selden Memorial Nite-Bite at Leesville Lake Bowerston, Ohio (OHMC & M.I. #19)

September 22, 23 Fall Outing at Piedmont Lake Piedmont, Ohio

November 10 Hawg Hunt Hoedown at West Branch Reservoir Ravenna, Ohio (No Entry Fee)



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