



Ohio Huskie Muskie Club, Inc.

September 2016

Huskie Views

46th Annual O.H.M.C. Open Summer Contest Results

The 46th annual Ohio Huskie Muskie Club Open Summer Contest was held July 9th and 10th, 2016 at West Branch State Park. Festivities were centered in the park campground and most participants had a campsite near the headquarters. The group of anglers showed up with smiles and eager anticipation of the opportunity to catch the fish of 10,000 casts. We all set up our tents, campers, and in-vehicle sleeping accommodations. Soon conversations migrated toward catching-up with old friends and greeting new ones. It is truly a joy to call such a great group of people friends.

Temperatures varied from 86 to 65 degrees during event hours and the only precipitation was a light rain shower very late on Friday evening. There was picturesque mostly sunny skies with a light breeze to ease the heat for both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday evening, we assembled for dinner with the centerpiece being fantastic 16oz Ribeye steaks grilled by OHMC 2nd V.P. Rick Simpson. Meanwhile OHMC Secretary Tim Smith cooked his amazing fresh corn-on-the-cob after setting up the club headquarters. There were many side dishes and no one left hungry. We had OHMC 1st V.P. Jeff Ferjutz selling club merchandise while Trustees Mike Reed and Phil Jarvis sold tickets for the raffle prizes. A special thanks to OHMC Treasurer John Ringenbach for conducting registration, setting up the raffle tables, and banner.

After dinner, we paused for a moment of silence in memory of long-time OHMC trustee George Dickson. The members were informed that the club had donated an additional \$1,000.00 toward the purchase of minnows for this year's fingerlings. Next, we drew door prizes for every person in attendance. We had Rich Daniels win both our Rod and our 50/50 drawings. Meanwhile, Amy Kyler won the lure board. Finally, we drew Craig Kinney as the winner of the Grand Prize of the Shimano Curado 300 reel, a custom built Robert

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Neville rod, a week stay at Leesville South Fork Marina, and a lexan tackle box full of baits. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and donated time, materials, or both toward this year's prize. Our club generated \$2,762.26 from this prize and kept our treasury healthy and able to donate to help support the stocking of muskies as needed.

We had 40 anglers register and a total of 24 fish reported as being caught. First Place went to Chad Harmon for the second straight year. Second Place went to Chuck Harmon for the second straight year as the father-son team continue their recent hot-streak in OHMC events. Third Place and \$175 Big Fish prize went to Kevin Proffit. Congratulations to our winners who will receive their trophies at our annual awards banquet in March of 2017. Thank you to everyone that came out to support our club!

All fish reported for the event: Chad Harmon (43.50", 41 .50", 38.00", 36.25", 31.50", 35.00"; 80.75 points): Chuck Harmon (38.50", 43.00", 42.00"; 45.50 points): Kevin Proffit (33.00", 31.50", 47.50"; 33.00 points): Bob Basic (38.00", 36.50"; 20.50 points): Fred Lederer (32.00", 40.00"; 20.00 Points): Greg Starkey (32.00", 31.00", 31.00"; 16.00 points): Tom Morris (39.00"; 13.00 points): Rich Daniels (31.50", 32.00"; 11.50 points): Dean Silverthorne (37.50"; 11.50 points): Kevin LaRoche (37.00"; 11.00 points)



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OHMC Fall Outing and Steak Fry

The time has come for the Ohio Huskie Muskie Club's Fall Outing and steak fry, to be held again this year at Piedmont Lake, Ohio on September 24th and 25th. This event is for current OHMC members, families and guests fishing in their boats. You may sign up as a new member at the event if you know of someone willing to do so. Registration will be at the marina ramp area. Registration will start at 6:30 AM on Saturday morning and continue until 8:00 AM. You may register on Friday if you see an officer. You must register before you start fishing. But if you happen to arrive late you may contact us on VHF channel 68.

There is a \$15 fee for each entrant participating in this event and we encourage you to support the 50/50 raffle and the rod/reel raffle as these raffles support the club. The outing will end on Sunday at 3:00pm. All MAL cards for muskies caught at this event must be turned in to a club officer at the registration site by 4:00 pm on Sunday to qualify for awards. If you enter your catches online into the MAL you must still do so as we will not be sending in the cards. If you register your catches with the cards, please make sure to take the cards back after we record the catches for the event, as each person is responsible to send in their MAL card to the ODNR. First and Second place trophies will be awarded at our 55th Annual Awards Banquet in March.

We will also have our steak fry and potluck dinner starting at 7:00 PM on Saturday, at the registration area. Please plan on bringing a covered dish to share. The club will provide the utensils. The club will also be taking orders for the steaks. Steaks are \$13.00 each and MUST be ordered AND paid in advance. Please mail your order by Saturday, September 17th so we will have time to order and pick up the steaks. Make checks payable to: The Ohio Huskie Muskie Club, Inc and mail to: 111 Anderson Lane, Bloomingdale Oh 43910. Please get you orders in early, as I will be unable to take last minute phone orders. In the past we have had too much trouble with members ordering late. I will be unable to make any exceptions.

OHMC & M.I. Chapter 19 PM-Bite Outing Results

The 2016 OHMC and MI Chapter 19 Joint PM Bite was held Saturday August 20th at Leesville Lake. We had 36 anglers register and 5 fish caught. Participants began showing up around 10 AM at the host site of South Fork Marina. Keith Ott, the owner of the marina had a Big-top tent set up for the day's activities. Elmer McClure and Rick Simpson worked the grill cooking up some great burgers and dogs. Tim Smith worked the raffles while Phil Jarvis and Fred Lederer jumped in and helped fill in gaps. Meanwhile, John Ringenbach and Jason Chalmers conducted registration. We took our fill of lunch and then Tim started drawing winning tickets. Jason Chalmers won the trip to Chataqua, Dan Braun won the 50/50, and every participant won a raffle prize.

Soon, we all hit the water to take in a day of pleasant breezes and sunshine. The fish just would not cooperate. They were there for all to see, holding tight to the thermocline around 20 feet down. Mike Sandridge used his clinefinder to let me know that while we were seeing water temperatures as high as 85 degrees at the surface, the warmth extended all the way down to a reading of 77 degrees at 20 feet. The drop was nearly instant after that with a reading of 66 degrees at 21 feet. So, with the fish so tight to the cline, some anglers chose to cut their spools loose and send-em way back. Lengths of 120 and more were being employed and finally late in the evening a small bite window opened. The frontal system had arrived as evidenced by the dark clouds near sunset. The window was short, but for a few lucky anglers it proved to be enough before the rain showed up at the closing bell.

When we assembled at the tent a little after midnight, the tally board showed that Paul Shepard had landed a 38.50" (12.50 Point) fish that swam off strong. I witnessed the catch and was really impressed with the speed and care which was taken to get a good release by both Paul and his uncle Jim. Coming in third place with a 39.75" (13.75 Point) fish was OHMC past-president Fred Lederer. Finishing in second place with a 41.75" (15.75 Point) fish was MI Chapter 19 past-president Mike Sandridge. Meanwhile the winner of the lucky-dog big fish and first place was OHMC president Paul Anderson who caught two fish measuring 34.00" and 43.00" (25.00 points). Our winners will be presented their trophies at the annual banquet this coming March.

I'd like to offer my most sincere thanks to all those who so generously volunteered their time and effort to organize and coordinate this event. I was not coming to fish and had to lean on my support network due to work commitments. When a last minute itinerary change allowed me to be home for a day, I took full advantage and scrambled to get my better half, my lucky dog and my boat out to the lake. I was not surprised a bit when I showed up to find a well-oiled machine humming along. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful dedicated group of trustees. Many thanks to all the members of both clubs that came out to support our groups. I hope you all made some memories and I hope to see you again next month at Piedmont for our Fall Outing.



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