



Ohio Huskie Muskie Club, Inc.

September 2017

Huskie Views

47th Annual O.H.M.C. Open Summer Contest

The 2017 OHMC Summer Contest was held July 15th and 16th at Salt Fork Lake in Cambridge, Ohio. We had 33 anglers register and 30 fish reported being caught. Chad Harmon claimed First Place for the third year in a row. Fred Lederer earned Second Place and Stephanie Neville earned Third Place. Our winners will receive their trophies at the next annual banquet.

The campground filled in on a sweltering Friday evening just in time for a torrential downpour. Fortunately, the brief rain event was the only precipitation we would see this year. The weather was near perfect for the weekend with highs in the low 80's and lows in the mid 60's. Water temperatures ranged from 80 degrees to 85 degrees.

We started out Saturday morning with our traditional coffee and pancakes during registration. Soon the armada took to the water to test their skills. Early in the day, it was apparent that this was to be an event for the record books as the fish showed up in the nets early and often. Regular reports from various anglers of a successful release kept our spirits high as everyone knew the bite was on.

I personally witnessed several releases and every angler was fast and efficient to get the fish back in the water quickly. There was one floating fish that a member put in his cooler to be enjoyed as table fare. I admire this approach and feel that while we do our best, occasionally a fish dies. Much better to not waste the meat and my hat goes off to the member that tried to revive a fish that wasn't his, but in that failed attempt recognized the opportunity to have a meal. That is the only fish that was seen floating during event hours and may not have been an out-anglers fish. There was an extraordinary number of non-members fishing all over the lake on Saturday. I'm very proud of our members for their skills in getting so many quick, successful releases in adverse conditions.

Saturday evening we all came in for a well-deserved break to enjoy another great Steak cookout. Thank you to Past-president Fred Lederer and Honorary Trustee Jerry Rice for once again doing a great job on cooking our steaks to perfection. Tim Smith once again treated us to fresh corn-on-the-cob

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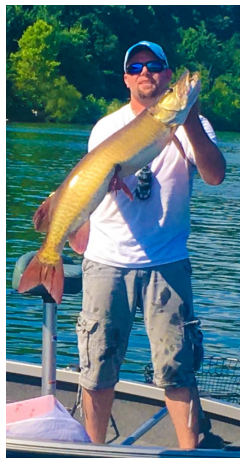
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and for that and all the other work he does, I sincerely thank him. Nearly all of our trustees showed up and each one jumped in to help where needed. We are genuinely fortunate to have such a fantastic group of dedicated individuals.

We drew our raffles at the conclusion of the dinner and saw the following results: Herb Stephens won our Rod-n-Reel; Bill Lambert won our 50/50; and Bill Lambert also won our 2017 Grand Prize. Thank you to everyone that purchased those tickets. This is our best fundraiser and allows us to function in a financially stable manner and generously donate significant dollars toward the Minnow Fund. In addition to the raffles, we drew door prizes and every person that signed-up received a free bait or another nice prize.

Sunday morning was a cloak of fog but that did not slow us down. We poured into the lake to get some more of the incredible fishing. Most of the anglers that entered, either caught or netted a fish. There were a few exceptions to that and I must confess that I was disappointed to keep my cold streak alive by seeing no slime on the deck of my boat. I did, however, have a great weekend with old friends and new friends as well. The camaraderie of our group is second to none and I am truly appreciative of every person that took the time to come out and enjoy a weekend with our club.

When the dust settled the following were all fish turned in for the event: Chad Harmon (Big Fish (\$135)); Chad Harmon (47.00", 36.00", 49.25", 44.50", 34.50", 36.00") 91.25 points; Fred Lederer (46.00", 38.00", 35.50", 44.00") 59.50 points; Stephanie Neville (36.50", 32.00", 31.50", 32.50", 30.25", 35.50", 32.50") 48.75 points; Jenna Lederer (43.00", 39.00") 30.00 points; Kevin Proffit (31.00", 49.00") 28.00 points; Phil Jarvis (33.50", 37.00") 18.50"; Rick Simpson (42.50") 16.50 points; Tim Smith (41.75") 15.75 points; Bill Lambert (41.00") 15.00 points; Kate Patton (38.00") 12.00 points; David Baio (35.00") 9.00 points; Rich Welk (30.00") 4.00 points; Jeff Ferjutz (30.00") 4.00 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. The event will be held this year at Caesars Creek Lake, Waynsville, Ohio on September 30th and October 1st. 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 North Pool Boat Ramp. This ramp is just off Route 73 and past the Park office. Registration will start at 7:00 AM on Saturday morning and continue until 8:00 AM. You may register on Friday at the Campground site #104. You must register before you start fishing. But if you happen to arrive late you may contact us on VHF channel 68.

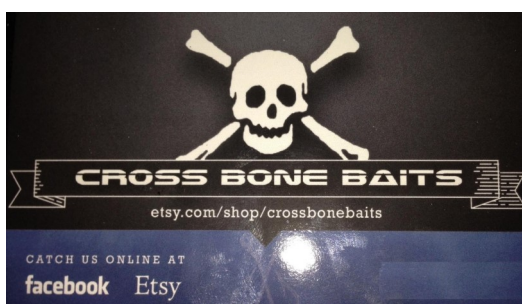
There is a \$15 fee for each entrant participating in this event and we encourage you to support the 50/50 raffle and the rod/reel raffle as these raffles support the club. The outing will end on Sunday at 2:00 pm. All muskies caught at this event must be turned in to the club president at the registration site by 2:45 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 56th Annual Awards Banquet in March.

We will also have our steak fry and potluck dinner starting at 6:00 PM on Saturday, at the campground site 104. Please plan on bringing a covered dish to share. The club will provide the utensils. Steaks are \$13 each and can be ordered during registration.

Since stocking began at this lake, the reports have steadily improved year after year and now this lake has several 50" class fish reported. If the weather cooperates, I believe we will see many bump boards with slime on them. I look forward to seeing you all with full nets on the water!

The OHMC & Muskies Inc. Chapter 19 Nite-Bite Outing Results

The 2017 OHMC – M.I. Chapter 19 Nite-Bite was held Friday August 19th into the morning of August 20th at Leesville Lake. It was hot a takeoff but cooled quickly after sundown. This led to very dense fog that created challenges for everyone on the water. Thankfully, all anglers made it back to the ramp safely. Unfortunately, the fish did not cooperate very well. We had 19 anglers sign-up and 4 fish reported as being caught. Thank you to those that came out and especially Jason Chalmers and John Ringenbach for conducting the event. Bill Shultz took first place with two fish 35.00” and 42.00” for a total of 25.00 points. Will Tollerton took second place with a 44.00” fish worth 18.00 points. Chad Harmon finished in third place with a 39.00” Fish for 13.00 points and increased his lead in the overall tournament standings. Our winners will be presented their trophies at next year’s awards banquet.



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