



Ohio Huskie Muskie Club, Inc.

January 2024

Huskie Views

Division of Wildlife Muskie Summit

The DOW is convening a Summit on January 26, 2024 to provide background material through brief presentations and focus on discussions of the current and future muskie programs. Discussions will be guided by

- An overview of fisheries management and the Ohio Muskie program
- Results of the DOW long-term reservoir emigration study and program insights
- A summary of stocking and management strategies from Ohio and other states
- Challenges that the DOW is facing due to the recent increase in the cost of fish production.

The DOW has invited 12 anglers from throughout the state. OHMC at this time will be having two officers of the club attend as well as a few members of the club. We would anticipate providing membership with an update in early February either thru a special newsletter or a membership email.

Membership Renewal

This is also the time to renew your membership. For those who renewed their membership for multiple years, check the expiration date on your membership card to see if a renewal is necessary. For those needing to renew, you can renew your membership on line at the following site:

<https://bit.ly/OHMCMembership>

If you aren't sure if you need to renew your membership, just send an email to ohiohuskiemuskieclub@gmail.com and will will confirm your information.

If you wish to renew using a mail in application, please make your check payable to "OHMC" and mail to: OHMC 5312 Reserve Way, Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

the mail in application is available at this site

<https://ohmci.org/?cat=17>

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Annual Awards Banquet

Our 63rd Annual Ohio Huskie Muskie Club business meeting and awards banquet will be on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at the SYB Party Center located at 4157 Hudson Drive, Stow, Ohio 44224.

Doors will open at 3:30 pm with the business meeting starting at 4:00 pm, followed by time to socialize and buy that lure which will make all the difference in 2024. All members are urged to attend. During the business meeting, you will be electing new officers and choosing your 2025 Main Event 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 \$35 per person for adults and \$15 for children age 10 and under.

You can register for the Banquet on line at the following

site: <https://bit.ly/OHMCBanquet24>

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 would like to register by mailing the form back, please make you check payable to "OHMC" and mail to :

OHMC, 17712 Edgewater Dr., Lakewood, Ohio 44107

The mail in form can be found here:

https://ohmci.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/OHMC_BanquetForm.pdf





2024 Officers

After 10 years as an officer of OHMC and 4 more years as our President, Jeff Ferjutz is stepping down as President. Jeff has been integral to the club's success over those 14 years of service. The good news as Past President, Jeff will continue to provide his knowledge and energy as a Trustee. We would also like to thank Mike Reed and Kyle Jones for their service to the club as they also will be stepping down as Trustees. Which means at the business meeting in February we will be electing a new President and a new 1st Vice President. The good news is we have two excellent candidates in Chad Harmon as President and Dave Simmons as 1st Vice President. Here are thoughts from each on the what they hope to accomplish as leaders of OHMC.

Greetings OHMC Members, I'm thrilled to introduce myself as your candidate for club President, Chad Harmon. I have been an active member of the OHMC since I was just 13 years old, fishing many tournaments with you over the years. Guiding Muskie charters has been my full-time passion and job for the past 3 years. Before that, I was guiding part time for nearly 7 years on top of my day job. Needless to say, Muskie fishing courses through my veins! As your new President, I would want to unite my passion for the sport with service to this community that has given me so much. My vision is to bring new faces and families into OHMC to ensure the club's longevity. I plan to lead more educational clinics for new members of all ages to get them as hooked on Muskie as I am! I'll also work with our tournament directors to make sure events are welcoming opportunities for newcomers. With your help, I know we can continue introducing fresh generations to Muskie while celebrating all that makes OHMC such a special community. I'm grateful for the chance to give back and look forward to reeling in exciting new memories together. Tight lines! Chad Harmon

Hey everyone! It looks like, if elected, you will all be stuck with me, Dave Simmons, as the 1st Vice President, so I guess I better tell you a little about myself. I fish out of an Old Town kayak. Now I know what you are thinking, and trust me, I am often thinking the same thing...what the heck am I doing fishing for muskies from a kayak. I honestly do not have an answer for you other than I love the additional challenge it brings. While I have only been chasing muskies for around 5 years, they have become my favorite fish to target. After talking with current Trustees, I saw an opportunity for my skillset in the club and became a Trustee myself this year. I work in Cybersecurity and know my way around computers a "little more" than most of my counterparts (haha), so I felt I could help modernize the club and bring some overall changes. I jumped headfirst into the tournament director role, helping to make and push some of the newest changes you might have seen this past year. I have worked to secure grants through Microsoft, thus providing each Trustee with their own OHMC email address and a better way of communication and virtual meeting access using Microsoft Teams to make us look and operate more professionally. My goal is to help OHMC run more smoothly, while helping to ensure that we provide the best events for you, the members. Without members like yourself, OHMC would not be able to succeed in its overall mission to continue giving back to the state of Ohio for the Muskie stocking program (Minnow Fund). I want to ensure that our events are fair and fun for everyone and look forward to helping drive new and exciting things forward, as well as growing our overall membership. I can't wait to see what the future holds for the club.



2024 OHMC Fishing Events

Icebreaker, Saturday, March 23 , Leesville Lake

May Madness, Saturday, May 18, Piedmont Lake

Battle of the Lakes, June 8-9, All Ohio Lakes

54rd Annual Main Event Outing, June 29-30, Salt Fork Lake

Leesville Lake Cleanup Day, August 3, Leesville Lake

12th Annual Minnow Fund Outing, September 14-15, West Branch

LungeFest, Saturday, November 2, Leesville Lake



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