



# NEWS CASTS

July 2007

## ***Our monthly meetings have a new Home! Effective August 28th***

### **LAKEVIEW LANES**

W280N2159 Prospect Ave.  
Pewaukee, WI 53072

North of I-94 at SS which is exit 290

(same place we used to hold the Pewaukee Classics)

Board meeting starts at 6:00—General meeting starts at 7:30

Come early and have a 'burger! Excellent sandwich menu served after 4:00pm

### **How about an electronic version of this Newscast?**

We are considering creating an electronic version of this Newscast and sending it in a .pdf format to those members who would accept that in place of the hard copy. (Of course the .pdf version will be easy to print if hard copy is desired) The advantages of this are many of course, lower cost in mailing and printing costs, plus the ability to provide more information in that format, such as including the Chapter Minutes and other articles of interest.

It would require you, the members to keep your email address current on the Muskies Inc. site. We would use that as the primary source for email addresses. We also use that as the source for our mailing addresses. FYI, each member can maintain their own address and email information by going to the menu item "My Member Info" after they login to the 'Members Section'.

We would need a substantial number of members to make this 'project' feasible. So those who are interested, please email [rgroeschl@wi.rr.com](mailto:rgroeschl@wi.rr.com) with a positive message and any suggestions or questions that you have.

### **The Members Only Fishing Contest is under way.**

Mike Phelps has taken over the reins from Dennis Moser. If you MUST mail him forms for entry his address is: 2012 Fieldcrest Lane, Waukesha, WI 53186 (262) 524-0744.

As of the June Board meeting, the registrants are led by Marvin Eisenbraun (our displaced member who now resides and guides in Kentucky during 'our off season') with 132 points. With Joel Michael, (the MINC Muskies cover boy) has 104 points, Mike Koepp with 67 (he has had some multiple fish days since then based on the sign outside of Smokey's Musky Shop), Roy Hinkforth with 54, Jerry Kriss with 41, Steve Reigstad with 39. Sheri Hansen is leading the Women's Division with 21 points.

Make sure that you register those fish and join the fun.

# Report on the 2007 Chapter Tournaments

## Quad County vs. the Milwaukee Chapter as reported by Darrel Mack

As I stepped outside the brim of my hat was assaulted with drops of rain. I anxiously hooked the trailer to the hitch and climbed into the shelter of the truck. As most opening days have it, conditions are never muskie ideal. The American flag on a business I passed, waved and flapped, showing the wind direction from the east. Mother nature has a way of redecorating at this time of the year. She makes the change from brown to green, but never cooperates in our favor. Ah, it's the opener and Pewaukee Lake could not wait any longer in anticipation of floating our boats.

We all hit the water with anticipation of a long waited strike. The rain finally subsided early, but the wind never retired. At the noon lunch break Quad had caught two legals, a 38 1/4" and a 37".

Some of us caught undersized and had plenty of follows, but the bottom line-us none. The five o'clock ending meant brat feed and the day's total.

<u>Saturday's Total</u>	
<b>Quad</b> 38 1/4" and 37"	<b>Milw.</b> 38" (Richard Petzke)

Alright, we have been behind before. That didn't break our spirit as we launched on Sunday. The wind decided to get an adrenalin rush and blow harder from the east. At the noon ending we could not catch up. The Petzke brothers tried, but we lost the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in twenty one years.

<u>Final Results</u>	
<b>Quad</b> 38 1/4" 37" 36"	<b>Milw.</b> 38" (Richard Petzke) 34 1/4" (Bob Petzke) 35" (Richard Petzke) *

I would like to personally thank John and his staff at Smokey's for their gracious hospitality in letting us host this annual event.

- ◆ One member lost a "forty" by the boat that would have given us the lead, but that's another capon.

## Pewaukee Lake Classic Musky Tournament –

will be in next Newscast– apology—but big success, Thanks Bryan Blanke & crew.

## Larry Kleeba Challenge as reported by Tom Arvoy

The 2007 Larry Kleeba tournament was held on June 2nd and 3rd at Pewaukee Lake and hosted by the Milwaukee Chapter. At first we thought we'd finally win this event by default because no other chapters had signed up prior to May 25th. However, we did get a few at the last minute and were happy for the challenge - or so we thought.

Schedule for the tournament was to meet at Smokey's Musky Shop, fish 7 AM - 4 PM on Saturday and 7 AM - Noon on Sunday. We had a great steak dinner on Saturday and lots of camaraderie. Our gratitude to John Laimon for his hospitality in using his facilities both days. John is a huge friend to our chapter.

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Chapter Contestants and Teams were as follows:

**Between the Lakes**

1. Robert Lamers, Sara Lamers, Aaron Lamers
2. Kevin Rortvedt, Greg Wells (Sunday only)

**Headwaters**

1. Daniel Lulloff, Brandon Lulloff

**Milwaukee**

1. Don Jahncke, Dave Hlavac, Rick Wyrwas (Saturday only)
2. Mike Pokora, Gene Pokora (Sunday only)
3. Leigh Williams, John Kaczmarowski (Kaz)
4. James Kwapil
5. Ron Groeschl, Tom Arvoy

Saturday there were no legal fish caught - only a couple undersize and lots of follows. It should have been a great day with the weatherman forecasting a front moving in and possible thundershowers. Alas it did nothing to provoke a legal fish.

Sunday one fish was caught by Daniel Lulloff of the Headwaters Chapter - a nice 39 ½ fish. Congratulations Dan and to the Headwaters Chapter. (By the way, Dan lives in Menomonee Falls and fishes the local lakes before his trips 'up north.) After pictures and trophy presentation we all headed home. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to all who participated.

### **The Chapter was honored by the Wisconsin DNR**

At the Centennial Celebration of the Delafield State Fish Hatchery on June 20, 2007 the WI DNR produced a program honoring the history of the facility. The program include the Mayor of the city of Delafield, Gloria McCutcheon and Susan Beyler of the WI-DNR. Guest speakers discussed the history of the facility and the project to restore it to its current configuration and uses.

Three awards were give for the project, included in that was one for the Milwaukee Chapter of Muskies Inc. and their "restoration of the muskellunge population in Okauchee and Pewaukee Lakes in southeaster Wisconsin. Your efforts have yielded increased enjoyment to anglers. Thank you for your contribution." A beautiful plaque was presented as a 'Certificate of Appreciation'.

You as members can feel good about your assistance with this project.

We are discussing alternate plans for the rearing pond. With the introduction of the VHS disease and its ramification on fish management and escalation of bait fish costs, your Chapter Board has created a committee to explore alternate uses of the pond. Suggestions being pursued seem to be centered around creating a 'fishing pond' for youth, handicapped and elderly.

More about this as it progresses.

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July 24th Board Meeting will be at Smokey's Musky Shop at 6:30pm

Remember we need boats for youth musky fishing the morning of August 9th, contact Rong at 262-789-1255 or rgroeschl@wi.rr.com. Club pays parking and Launch fees at Smokey's Musky Shop. Pewaukee Cops and Bobbers provide kids, sponsors and food after. You'll be home by 1:00pm if you desire.

## Additional information Area

### About the recognition from the Wisconsin DNR at the Centennial Celebration of the Delafield Fish Hatchery.

It was a very interesting evening. About 80 people assembled and the program was coordinated by Sue Beyler and Randy Schumacher of the DNR. Both of them have been friends of the chapter for a long time. It was a very nice presentation of the facility, its history and the accomplishments of the staff over the year. From raising bass and shipping them by rail to their studies on the lakes in SE Wisconsin, plus the history of the facility from its inception and up until they even added toilets!

There were 3 presentations made. The first two were as expected in an effort such as the restoration of the facility. Applauds to those who were committed and made it all happen. A surprise was that our chapter was also recognized by the DNR



The use of this electronic media allows us to share more information with you. Here are minutes from the June 27th 2007 Board meeting.

*Submitted by Tom Arvoy*

**Board Members: (in Attendance in Bold):**

<b>Ralph Anderson</b>	<b>Tom Arvoy</b>	<b>Jim Gallion</b>	<b>Ron Groeschl</b>
Ron Heidenreich	<b>Don Jahncke</b>	<b>Lance Lemke</b>	Darrel Mack
Dennis Moser	<b>Craig Niermann</b>	<b>Bob Petzke</b>	<b>Mike Phelps</b>
Jack Senn	<b>Leigh Williams</b>		

The meeting was held at Smokey's and called to order at 6:34 PM by Bob Petzke.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007 meeting were reviewed. Ron moved to accept the minutes, Jim second and the board accepted the minutes as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lance L.

Lance transferred \$5000 from the Checking to the Money Market account. Checking Account balance is \$10, 391.69 and MM balance is \$9,192.44 of which \$1000 is reserved for the Wanasek fund. Total is \$19,584.13.

Bob P motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Tom second and the board approved. Don motioned to reserve \$7500 as seed money for the 2008 banquet, Tom second and the board approved.

**President's Report:** Bob P.

Passed around mail and other clubs newsletters.

Received notice from Fred Vinci of the Executive Committee about important rules for insurance coverage. For all 'Tournaments', "Guide for a day", or "Kids outings/youth functions" it's required that every participant at every event sign the 'Tournament Liability Release form'. If participant is less than 18 years old, the legal guardian must sign the form.

Received an email from Pete Barber asking if we would take merchandise in lieu of the \$640 International owes us for membership rebates. Jim G said he received a similar email from him but it was more of a request to forgive the debt. After some discussion, the board decided to take merchandise instead of the money. Ron G will contact Jay Zahn and prepare a list of available items and we can make our picks at the next board meeting.

**Speakers Report:** Craig N

Rescheduled Doug Welch for August 28<sup>th</sup> to talk about Lake Delevan.

Phone calls pending with 3 other speakers but nothing firm as yet.

**International Report:** Don J, Ron G, Jim G

All Jim received was that email mentioned earlier to forgive their debt.

Ron G commented that their financial situation is not in panic mode yet, but they need to be cautious about needless spending. BTW, the fall meeting will be at Lake of the Woods, Canada!!!!!!

**Merchandise Program:** Ron G - no update on new logo.

**Chapter Fishing Contest:** Mike P.

19 different people have registered fish - 47, 43 & 40 were the biggest.  
Provided a chart of all catches.

**Wisconsin Alliance of Musky Clubs:** Jack S. - No Report

**Membership Report:** Tom A.

As of June 26<sup>th</sup>

273 total current members

3 new in last 30 days

13 renewed in last 30 days

4 dropped in last 30 days

Leigh developed a member questionnaire to see where we can improve club activities for maintaining and improving memberships. We can send this to all members via email.

Ron received 4 new members from the pamphlets he passed out to local guides - so that seems to have paid dividends already.

**Pond & Stocking:** Bob P & All

Refreshed Bob P on discussion and decision last month regarding our intentions for the pond and stocking fish.

Bob P called Minnesota Muskie Farm and the price for 10"-12" fish is \$12 each. We'll be allowed to transport these because they'll be certified clean of VHS. We'd like to stock about \$3000 worth (or 250 fish). Bob will look into a combined effort with the Wisconsin Muskelunge Club which may reduce the cost per fish. He'll email his findings to the board.

Ron G represented our club at the Delafield State fish hatchery's 100 year anniversary on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We were one of three groups and received a plaque in recognition of our efforts in raising and stocking Muskies. Ron gave background on our club's participation over the years, including costs, and changes currently occurring - we're sure he made a fine speech. He took advantage of the audience members (Delafield Mayor, DNR, etc.) and laid the foundation for converting the pond to a pan fish environment for kids - especially the handicapped. Sue Beyler was in favor of such a move but more discussion and agreements will need to be accomplished. This is Ron G & Jim G's project.

**Banquet:** Tom A

Final totals not quite complete - Lance needs to get some cost items to Tom.

Tom volunteered to chair the Banquet for 2008. However, he made an appeal to those board members who have influence or close friendship with any company that can provide a donation or reduced cost items. Not asking them all to be on the committee, but to provide whatever assistance they can to contribute to our overall goal. He'll make the same appeal to other members at a general meeting.

Asked Jim G to research prices he could get for the guns, keeping in mind that Sportsman's Warehouse donates \$350 to us if we buy the guns from them, plus we don't have to pay for the guns until the night of the Banquet. They also provide a gun certificate which can be exchanged for any comparable item in the store. Tom will send Jim a list of this years' guns so he can do a price analysis.

We'll also be looking for another location.

**Research Committee:** Bob P., No Update

**Youth Fisheries:** Leigh W.

July 11<sup>th</sup> is the Spina Bifida outing. Leigh will take care of scheduling with Smokey's and the insurance forms. Leigh has a sign-up sheet for anyone who can help that day.

**State Chapter Challenge and International Challenge:** Tom A.  
State Chapter Challenge was won by the Headwaters Chapter with a 39 ½" fish.  
Gil Hamm was won by the 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Chapter again.

**Old Business:**

Don J stopped at Lakeview Lanes and talked to them about a new location for our meetings. They said they'd be happy to accommodate us. There's a large room in the basement that would hold 100-150 people for \$75 and a smaller room upstairs that would hold about 60 people. He didn't know the price of the smaller room. There's also a PA system in each room. Lance could get Country Squire in Muskego but that may be too far south. We need to look at the demographics of our members by county to insure the Pewaukee area would be accessible to the majority. Tom will create a count of members by city and county and email it to all concerned. If the demographics are suitable for Lakeview Lanes, Don will follow up with them and find out the price of the upstairs room. If acceptable, reserve and confirm. We need to get this resolved ASAP and published to all members in time for the August meeting.

Bob P was at the Zoo recently and noticed our sign is in desperate need of replacement. We had put that project on hold for lack of funds but we can pursue it now. Ron G will follow up.

Craig is working on a draft of the letter to the DNR requesting the area of the Pewaukee river adjacent to the lake be classified as a fish refuge. He should have it completed by the July board meeting.

**New Business:**

Steve Ewing and Jim Stowell from the Pewaukee Lake Sportsman's Club were in attendance and wanted to discuss our clubs working together for a fund raiser. They're a hunting/fishing club based in the Pewaukee area, have 40-50 members and put their money back into the community for notable causes - as we do. Their idea is possibly a "Pewaukee Musky Madness" festival which may or may not include fishing. It might have a band, with raffles or other options. They anticipate it being held in summer or early fall. We may not be able to accomplish it this year but could start making plans for 2008. Leigh made a motion to form a committee to work with Steve and Jim to analyze the feasibility and possible options for this joint effort. Lance second. Leigh, Lance and Craig volunteered for the committee and Steve Ewing will coordinate.

Leigh made a motion to donate \$1000 to the Cops and Bobbers organization. Tom second and the board approved. Lance made out the check.

Lance has heard from several people that they'd like to see more high profile speakers and also more hands-on meetings where various techniques can be shared. Craig noted major speakers are very expensive and hard to get but will look into both suggestions.

Lance proposed a Dick Petzke memorial tournament starting next year. The board was in agreement - Lance and Bob will brainstorm options and report back.

July Board Meeting will be at Smokey's again starting at 6:30 PM.

## Milwaukee Chapter Dates and Info

August 9th	<b>Cops 'n Bobbers, Musky Outing</b> <b>Chapter Member Boats. 9:00 thru 11:00/11:30</b> Pick up teen volunteers and/or sponsors of events at Smokey's West Lunch to follow at Neidersheim Park
Aug 17-19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>National Championship Musky Open</b> Vilas County fairgrounds, Hwy 70, Eagle River WI 800-359-6315 or info@eaqleriver.org
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Meeting at the Lake View Lanes</b> Doug Welch of the WI-DNR will talk about the restoration of Lake Delevan
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Meeting at the Lake View Lanes</b> Speaker to be announced
Oct 12, 13, 14	<b>Best of the Best Musky Tournament - Green Bay WI</b> \$250 per boat, \$5,000 first place contact Jay Zahn @ 920-866-9705

Well that is all of this first sample, we are working on getting member pictures and other info for the next issue.

Let me and the board know what you think of this communications

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