



# NEWS CASTS

August 2009

## Next General Meeting at Elks Club is 9/22

Tom Rozek will present on "Fishing New Waters".

6:00PM Board meeting; 7:30PM General Meeting

Waukesha Elks Lodge #400

2301 Springdale Rd, Waukesha, WI 53186

## Ralph Anderson Veteran's Memorial Outing

Hello everyone! Hope summer is finding your nets full of fish and lots of good stories. While we are all off having our summer fun, we have some good programs in the works right now for which we are looking for volunteers.

One of these programs is the Ralph Anderson Veterans Outing taking place on September 19th based out of Smokey's Muskie Shop. We are still working out the final details, but we are looking for people to help with the following aspects of the outing:

\* Boaters to take the veterans out. At this point, we



have 4 boats committed which means we can take 8 vets out. We are looking to get more boats, so we can get more of our local veterans out for some musky action. Beginner or

guide, we can use any help we can get.

\* We are also in search of "guides" who don't own boats or would prefer to pilot pontoon boats to increase the audience of veterans.

\* We also need a few people to help cook lunch for our veterans and "guides."

If anyone can help out by either being able to take out some vets (there would be up to 2 vets per boat), or can help by cooking brats and burgers, please contact me by either email ([dancertails@yahoo.com](mailto:dancertails@yahoo.com)) or by phone at 262-498-5644. Joel Michel

### Special points of interest:

- Mike Phelps has extra copies of the **2008 Milwaukee Chapter Members Fishing Contest Book**. They are available at the meeting. Lots of great information in it.
- Come to the Board meetings and find out where the chapter is going. We have a lot of issues to address including budgets, activities and the need for additional volunteers.
- Attend one of the chapter outings. If you cannot make the fishing time, please attend later, as about 9:00pm there is a food thing and a lot of stories about the caught and almost-caught fish.

## Need a chair-person for the Banquet

As you know the one major event which makes all other events possible is our Annual Banquet and Fund Raiser. Without that, we cannot support any of the groups which have become part of and the major reason for our chapter.

The program for this event has reached a level, where all information is on the computer. This entails, the invitation list, the inventory of

items, the templates for various documents, the mail merge programs, the forms for the donors, the thank you letters, the actual schedule and timing of the event, etc.

The person who would volunteer to lead the team, should have a familiarity with computers, Microsoft Office to be exact. (or have

access to a spouse who has that knowledge.

Interested parties, please contact Tom Arvoy for a tour of the documentation and systems behind it.

262-542-9997 or

[Tom.Arvoy@att.net](mailto:Tom.Arvoy@att.net)

Remember, **NO BANQUET Means NO FUNDS**

### Inside this issue

New Breeding Pond	2
Chapter Outing Report	4
Last outing	5
Daniel Boone—Youth Fishing	6
MCMI lung log	7
MOFC info	8
Contact Info	9

## Rearing Muskies Update

On Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>, Mike Phelps, Bob Petzke, Debbie Mann, Larry Price, Jim Kwapil and Tom Arvoy met with Waukesha County DNR Fisheries Biologist Ben Heussner to define the work required to make the Amron pond functional. For new members or those who may not remember the background with the Amron pond, here's a little recap:

Discussed at the November 2008 Board meeting with Ben Heussner, it was decided that with regard to VHSv and rearing, the Delafield pond would be best to serve as a 'Public Fishing Hole' for the youth and disabled of the region. This concept has been discussed by the Board, and with the DNR's approval, further discussion with the City of Delafield will take place. Ben submitted the proposal for conversion to an urban fishery for vote at the 2010 DNR Spring Hearings. ([http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/nrboard/congress/spring\\_hearings/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/nrboard/congress/spring_hearings/index.html)). If approved, installation of a pier for better access is a topic for consideration. In place of the Delafield pond, our chapter will have a new and better rearing pond. The "Amron Pond" (IMG2037.JPG looking south into pond, IMG2040.JPG facing east) is about a ¼ acre spring fed pond located in the Vernon Marsh area by Mukwonago. Managing the habitat of the new rearing pond is expected to allow our chapter to stock larger muskies in the spring, and since it is spring fed, it is easier to manage against VHSv than one that is connected to another body of water or stream.

After a tour of the surrounding area and visuals of the pond, Ben stated he would like the pond ready for stocking by the end of September of this year. The DNR would stock 12" fish in early October and our club would be responsible for an appropriate number of feedings until freeze over. The number of fish to stock would depend on how much we have in our budget for food. The maximum fish the pond can support is around 300-400 at the 12" size. To assist our decision, Ben will provide a minnow amount and feeding frequency per 100 fish. No minnow cribs are required this year so all we'd have to buy are the minnows. Additionally, all the fish will have pit-tags for a DNR comparison study, and these fish would be stocked in either Pewaukee or Okauchee Lake.

Now the hard part; to get the pond ready, the DNR would "Like" our Chapter to carry out the following jobs: Remove the heavy brush, long grass and a few trees from the area around the pond. The further back the better to keep predator birds from nesting close to the pond. The pond is currently drained down so we can get at the sloped areas. We'll have to use line trimmers, brush cutters and spray with Roundup. There are substantial amounts of brush to be removed so we'll need a lot of help on this effort.

Water and silt drain into the pond from the northwest corner. Ben indicated the silt needs to be removed and rip-rap installed. This would likely require a backhoe and a source for rip-rap.

An overflow system with PVC pipe, box & screening needs to be built to prevent muskies from running over the spillway should the pond get too high. Ben has a plan for this similar to the "chimney" built at the Delafield Pond, but he indicated he would also welcome an engineer to assist in the design. Then it would be nice to have a plumber or someone with similar knowledge to build the system. Of



course, a couple assistants would also be required. Once the pond is operational, we'd need a volunteer or rotation of volunteers to drive out on a cyclical basis to check the PVC overflow and spillway screens for debris and remove as necessary.

They also need a road, estimated to be 200 yards, from the end of the existing road around the front of the pond and then to the back side. Ben said the road would double as a fire break, and it would provide access for their vehicles. If one of our members has a construction company and would like to donate their services, we would be grateful. Otherwise, the DNR will have to address this issue.

Our biggest concern is with item #1, and it's probably going to take a few days to complete unless we can muster up a large group of volunteers. Signed waivers will be required because there's no insurance coverage. Ankle support might prove useful with the potholes from animal dens. If you can help on any day, please e-mail your interest, abilities, equipment if possible, and availability to [pond@milwaukeeemuskiessinc.com](mailto:pond@milwaukeeemuskiessinc.com).



This e-mail address reaches the stocking committee of Bob Petzke, Larry Price, and Mike Phelps. You can also call the stocking committee members if you don't have e-mail access or prefer contacting them by phone. We'll attempt to coordinate work dates when most can make it.

Stocking Committee:

[pond@milwaukeeemuskiessinc.com](mailto:pond@milwaukeeemuskiessinc.com)

Mike Phelps (c)414-807-3659

Larry Price (c)262-949-7863

Bob Petzke (c)262-442-6260

### Pictures from the Chapter Outings



## *Last Chapter Outing coming up—9/18*

*More on the outings at [www.milwaukeeuskiesinc.com/memberoutings/memberoutings.shtml](http://www.milwaukeeuskiesinc.com/memberoutings/memberoutings.shtml)*

Nine Milwaukee Chapter members and one from the Headwaters Chapter registered and participated in the outing on August 21st. The fish were more active for this outing with four fish being caught (all trolling) during the outing hours of 4:30PM to 9:00 PM. Nancy Hinkforth doubled up, catching a 37-1/2" and a 37" muskie. Roy Hinkforth boated a 35"er followed up by Pat Guarnaccio who caught a 30-1/2" fish.

The gathering at Smokey's West at 9:00PM gave all of us the opportunity to spend some time with our fellow members and enjoy some Mexican food and drinks together. Thanks again to Gail Kilps for bringing the rice and beans and also to Craig Niermann for manning the Nesco of taco meat while we were out fishing. Everyone attending the gathering re-

ceived a door prize, thanks to Pat Kilps/Quest Technologies. Another thank you goes out to John Laimon who has been most gracious in providing us with the location to host our gathering and to Gordy for keeping the shop open for us. Please remember to continue giving John your business in the future to show your appreciation for all that he does for our club.

Please mark your calendars for the final outing which takes place on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Try to make it a point to participate. Our goal is to make this the best outing of the year. The casting bite should be on and hopefully the bigger fish will become more active. Let's have some fun together as a club of people that all enjoy the same thing..... muskie fishing and the

camaraderie that follows each event.

See you on the water.

To register for the event simply e-mail Roy or Nancy Hinkforth at:

[elroyh@multi-fab.com](mailto:elroyh@multi-fab.com)  
[nancyhinkforth@northwesternmutual.com](mailto:nancyhinkforth@northwesternmutual.com)

or

call Roy's cell phone 262-366-6842

The web site does have more about the outings including pictures.

Thanks Mike Phelps for the wonderful site.

## **Cops and Bobbers—2009 T-shirts Note recognition of members**



**Note: Jim and Ralph were members of the Chapter**

## **Thanks To Our Volunteers**

**In memory of Richard Davey/ Tom Kirsop/ Jim Grady/ Ralph Anderson**

## May 28, 2009 - Russ' Requested Outing



Over Memorial weekend, chapter members Nancy & Roy Hinkforth were contacted by Michelle, a friend of theirs. Michelle described her husband's fight against a type of blood cancer and recent news that Russ was given two weeks to live by his physician. Michelle said Russ' last request was to go muskie fishing with family and friends.

Nancy and Roy put out an e-mail the following Tuesday morning to the chapter board and other members asking for help to make an outing happen that Thursday, and Tom Arvoy, Larry Price, and Mike Phelps were able to assist. Nancy made lunches for everyone to take on the boat. The fleet and crew met at Smokey's Muskie Shop for a noon

outing to last between four and five hours. We departed Smokey's to begin the hunt at 12:30PM and fished until about 5PM.

The four boats with three people per fished as a group. They worked the inside edge, over, and the outside edge of a massive weedbed. The bait was piled up on the outside edge, and many muskies

were sighted by all. About 2:10PM, Roy was the first to convert a looker into a biter and passed the rod to Russ. Russ was able to fight the fish and Roy gracefully slipped the muskie into the net. The boats converged together to bear witness and share congratulations. Many pictures and even video were taken. Russ had enough strength remaining to hold the muskie for this photo opportunity.

About 3:40PM, another muskie was coerced into eating by Russ' brother Steven. Steven had learned the art

of picking backlashes out of a reel from the occasional mishap. After picking out a backlash and beginning to reel in the bucktail, a 32 inch muskie just couldn't resist. Mike netted Steven's muskie when the time was right. Russ, his daughter Lauren, and Roy came by for celebration and photos.

The chapter members were happy that they could help Russ with his request. His friends and family offered us money for the outing, but we refused with the exception of accepting \$50 in Russ' name to be used for our [Youth programs](#).



**\*\* Edit 6/30/2009 \*\*:** Russ passed away June 22nd. Our condolences to his family and friend

### About the pictures of the T-Shirts on page 4

These are the shirts that the Pewaukee Police Cops and Bobbers program give out to the youth every Tuesday. It is nice for the kids and the donors to their program. This year they added a line on the back thanking the volunteers who have passed away. Jim Grady and Ralph Anderson have been long standing members of the chapter and are really the vision of what volunteers are. Really nice to have them recognized

This year, volunteers-to-date include Tom Arvoy, Ron Groeschl, and Mike Clearman. The season ended on August 25th.

Keep it in mind for next year. It does not have to be a full 10 week commitment, but contact Rong at 262-789-1255 or [rgroeschl@wi.rr.com](mailto:rgroeschl@wi.rr.com) if you are interested.

# Daniel Boone Conservation League -- Youth Fishing

by Craig Ader & Mike Phelps

Tom Arvoy coordinated the event for August 1st, Gordy Merz lined up over half the rod/reel combos, and Smokey's Bait Shop provided the live bait for the event. Tom knew the temptation of helping the kids would be too great to stay off his healing ankle injury. Therefore, once we had the combos on-site at the DBCL picnic, he turned the event over to Nick Gosh, Rick Wyrwas, Nancy & Roy Hinkforth, Craig & Nicholas Ader, Gene Pokora, & Mike Phelps. (-Left to right in the picture; Mike behind the camera lens)



The day started out damp and cool, but by mid afternoon it was clear and bright. Nicholas and Mike went on a scouting mission to find some fish as we attempted to get the lay of the lake (Pond). Mike reported several "large" fish attacking his hook-less Suick on the west end. As we followed with hooks and bait, nothing to be had. Those fish already knew something was wrong. It seemed that the hottest

action was on the east end of the pond and after the wind switched.



Fishing was scheduled for 1PM to 2PM and then 3PM to 4PM. The event started slow, with a few kids casting and asking questions. By 1:30PM, most of the kids were catching or seeing fish. Once word got out that fishing was free and the fish were biting, most of the 40 combos were being utilized. Having seven chapter volunteers, we didn't see the

need to stop fishing and ran the event the entire time. The kids were able to keep 1 fish with most supporting CPR. Craig noted some very excited kids which made his day. The Chapter team kept the kids baited, untangled, weed free and removing the hooks from the fish they chose to release. Mike was doing laps around the pond



taking photos of the kids with their catch.

Three people were also interested in trying their hand at the mighty bait-caster. Mike worked with them to hone their technique, and before long, they were casting clear across the pond without back-lashing. (Spin-cast pan fish and later on, bait-caster princess:





We're not sure of total number of fish caught, but the kids sure had fun catching 2" bullheads, several nice blue gill, perch and some painted turtles. Roy is an excellent hook remover on the turtles!!! Some of the kids caught almost a dozen fish. For each division, first place received a rod/reel combo and second received a lighted Frisbee

Enough cannot be said for the volunteers. One of the most critical roles they play are being the instructors, plus the role of Number One Rod and Reel Repair Person. i.e. NORRRP.



Ask at the next meeting what the various options are for helping the chapter in the various roles we take to provide opportunities for others to enjoy the tug and feel of a 'fish on the line'.

## Lunge Log—Milwaukee Chapter

By Mike Phelps

Nearly three hundred muskies have been entered into the Lunge Log by chapter members with more on the way. The average length is 36 inches. Please keep the pictures coming by e-mail to [pictures@milwaukeemuskieinc.com](mailto:pictures@milwaukeemuskieinc.com) or by mailing them to your contest release chairperson.

If you've been following the MOFC (Members Only Fishing Contest) online, you've no doubt noticed that Tom Gelb registered another "fifty something" while row trolling. This time, it was a 51 incher. Also of note, Jim Dembiec registered a 52 1/4" while on LOTW, Patrick Hardt registered his first with a gorgeous 47" muskie from Pelican Lake in Wisconsin, and reports are starting to trickle in of members about to register their first muskie.

Entries for May and June have been reviewed, and Steve Miljat and Pat Guarnaccio tied for May's "Lunker of the Month" release with 41 inch muskies. Tom Gelb gets honors for June's "Lunker of the Month" with a 51 incher. Congratulations Steve, Pat, and Tom.

Currently, Jim Dembiec's 52.25 incher is the longest release to date for July. Longest release for August entries so far is Patrick Hardt's 47".

As a reminder, members have 30 days to enter their fish from catch date or to get them postmarked to the MOFC Chair. Any entries older than this are being deleted as noted in MUSKIE by International Lunge Log Chair Jim Bunch.



## 2009 MCMJ MOFC Entries by Division and Points

\*\* entries as of August 20th, 2009 \*\*

Division	Member Name	Fish Count	Points Total	Average Length
Mens	Steve A Miljat	33	378	37
	Steven Reigstad	19	179	35
	Dale D Mueller	14	154	37
	Adam Teriaca	17	136	34
	Steven Berg	10	106	37
	Mike Phelps	8	91	37
	Dave Dawson	8	80	36
	Landy Roepke	8	79	36
	Michael Clearman	6	70	38
	Jim Gallion	7	70	36
	Kurt T Sauers	5	69	40
	Rick Wyrwas	7	65	35
	Tom Ramsey	7	64	35
	Robert Petzke	5	50	36
	Craig Ader	6	46	34
	Ken Jacobsohn	4	45	37
	Dennis Moser	3	42	40
	Douglas Dollhopf	3	34	37
	Harold Jacobsohn	5	32	32
	Bryan Rheault	1	23	49
	Harrison N. Bowes	1	22	48
	Patrick Henry Hardt	1	21	47
	Steve Van Lieshout	2	18	35
	Brian Fons	1	18	44
	Adam Cooper	1	14	40
	Larry Price	1	12	38
	William Mann	1	9	35
Joseph Nick Gosh	1	8	34	
Jerry Kriss	1	7	33	
Tom Arvoy	1	6	32	
<b>Mens Total</b>		<b>187</b>	<b>1948</b>	<b>36</b>
MensMasters	Mike Koepp	56	513	35
	Pat Guarnaccio	33	278	34
	Joel J Michel	11	156	40
	Darrel Mack	12	150	38
	Roy Hinkforth	12	115	36
	Jim R Dembiec	5	114	49
	Thomas A Gelb	1	25	51
	Donald Jahncke	2	19	36
<b>MensMasters Total</b>		<b>132</b>	<b>1370</b>	<b>36</b>
Womens	Mary Pokora	2	29	41
	Lauri Teriaca	3	22	33
	Debbie Mann	1	10	36
	Nicole Moskaluk	1	9	35
<b>Womens Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>36</b>
WomensMasters	Lynne M Dembiec	9	116	39
	Nancy Hinkforth	3	32	37
<b>WomensMasters Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>338</b>	<b>3536</b>	<b>36</b>

### Note sent to be put into the **October MUSKIE magazine**

In August, we had further discussions with our local Fisheries Biologist from the WDNR about the new rearing pond. An initial estimate to feed 300 hundred twelve inch muskies from the WDNR quotas for the pond came in lower than what was budgeted for purchasing muskies this fall on our own. More recent cost estimates for the required gallons of fathead minnows cause concern over whether it's feasible to feed muskies until ice over and collect them in spring versus buying muskies at the desired length class. Communications to chapter members for assistance to help the WDNR prepare and maintain the facility have been sent through e-mail and posted on the website. To reiterate, efforts to convert the old rearing pond into an urban fishery must first be taken to the spring hearings, and this item has been submitted for 2010. **cont page 9**

# Chapter Officers for 2009

Position/Title	Name	Address	Phone	e-Mail
<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>PO Box 28842, Greenfield, WI 53220</b>			
<b>President</b>	Tom Arvoy	S52 W23776 Glendale Road Waukesha, WI 53189-9614	262-542-9997	<a href="mailto:tom.arvoy@att.net">tom.arvoy@att.net</a>
<b>Vice President</b>	Pat Kilps	1129 Pine Meadow Ct Hubertus, WI 53033	262-628-1293	<a href="mailto:patgail58@charter.net">patgail58@charter.net</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Nancy Hinkforth	W147 N4860 Dolphin Drive Menomonee Falls, WI 53051	262-781-4963	<a href="mailto:nancyhinkforth@northwesternmutual.com">nancyhinkforth@northwesternmutual.com</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	Nikki Moskaluk	215 Huntington Rd Delafield, WI 53018	262-646-2762	<a href="mailto:nmoskaluk@humana.com">nmoskaluk@humana.com</a>
<b>Regional Vice President</b>	Bob Petzke	1605 Dover Drive Waukesha, WI 53186	262-442-6260	<a href="mailto:robert.petzke@sbcglobal.net">robert.petzke@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>Merchandise Director</b>	Ron Groeschl	14257 Waters Edge Trail New Berlin, WI 53151-9508	262-789-1255	<a href="mailto:rgroeschl@wi.rr.com">rgroeschl@wi.rr.com</a>
<b>Youth Director</b>	Joel Michel	700 Belmont Ave Racine, WI 53405	262-498-5644	<a href="mailto:dancertails@yahoo.com">dancertails@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Membership Director</b>	Tom Arvoy	S52 W23776 Glendale Road Waukesha, WI 53189-9614	262-542-9997	<a href="mailto:tom.arvoy@att.net">tom.arvoy@att.net</a>
<b>Program Director</b>	Craig Niermann	194 So HoneyCreek Dr Milwaukee, WI 53214	414-774-0077	<a href="mailto:rowtroller@wi.rr.com">rowtroller@wi.rr.com</a>
<b>Research Director</b>	Larry Price	507 N. Broad St Elkhorn, WI 53121	262-723-6985	<a href="mailto:lprice@co.walworth.wi.us">lprice@co.walworth.wi.us</a>
<b>Contest Release Chair</b>	Mike Phelps	2012 Fieldcrest Lane Waukesha, WI 53186	262-524-0744 (c)414-807-3659	<a href="mailto:mphelps@wi.rr.com">mphelps@wi.rr.com</a>
<b>WI Alliance of Musky Clubs</b>	Jack Senn	2021 Empire Drive Waukesha, WI 53186	262-548-9517	<a href="mailto:jdsenn@sbcglobal.net">jdsenn@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>Board Member</b>	Ron Heidenreich	W240 N6508 Ash St Sussex, WI 53089-3016	262-246-4367	<a href="mailto:ronheidenreich2002@yahoo.com">ronheidenreich2002@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Board Member</b>	Don Jahncke	943 Tara Hill West Hartford, WI 53027-9046	262-966-0822	<a href="mailto:djahncke@milwpc.com">djahncke@milwpc.com</a>
<b>Board Member</b>	Jim Gallion	1824 Hemlock St West Bend, WI 53090-2752	262-306-9460	<a href="mailto:jimgallion@charter.net">jimgallion@charter.net</a>
<b>Board Member</b>	Darrel Mack	1923 Santa Barbara Dr Waukesha, WI 53189	262-542-5845	<a href="mailto:dwmack@sbcglobal.net">dwmack@sbcglobal.net</a>

From page 8—Two additional member outings were held in August on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. For the Members Only Fishing Contest, there are 338 registrations at the time of this writing broken out by the following: Men's 187, Men's Masters 132, Women's 7, and Women's Masters 12.

The last chapter sponsored outing for the year will be September 10<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Dave Dawson, Pat Kilps, Larry Price, and Ron Heidenreich for hosting outings and to Nancy and Roy Hinkforth for hosting an outing every month from May through September. Through the outings, the chapter was able to introduce a few more people to each other and share each others company on and off the water.

Hit the chapter web site for update to date, (read current) information.  
www.milwaukeemuskieinc.com

<b>August 25th</b>	Board Meeting Only	6PM
<b>August 26th</b>	<a href="#">chapter outing</a>	4: 30PM to 9PM
<b>September 10th</b>	<a href="#">chapter outing</a>	4: 30PM to 9PM
<b>September 19th</b>	<a href="#">Ralph Anderson Veterans' Fishing Outing Pewaukee Lake</a>	TBD
<b>September 22nd</b>	Board & General Meeting - Tom Rozek - Fishing New Waters	Board: 6PM General: 7:30PM
<b>October 27th</b>	Board & General Meeting - Speaker TBA	Board: 6PM General: 7:30PM
<b>November 17th</b>	Board & General Meeting - Speaker TBA	Board: 6PM General: 7:30PM



14257 Waters Edge Trail  
New Berlin, WI 53151