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September 8th, 2009 Monthly Meeting

Our September speaker is Adam Oberfoell, a licensed fishing guide, tournament angler, outdoor writer and public speaker. He will speak to us on catching muskies after dark. Adam presents instructional PowerPoint seminars at many fishing clubs and retailers like Cabelas and Gander Mountain. He has a true passion for fishing and loves to share what he has learned to help you become a better angler.

Adam is a member of Capital City Muskies Inc. and is a strong supporter of catch and release for muskies. Photos and measurements can be taken of your fish so you have the opportunity of having a graphite replica made of your trophy musky. Today's replicas look like the real fish and stand the test of time better than a skin mount. This enables the fish to survive and provides the next angler with the same thrill that it brought to you.

Adam says: I enjoy helping people to catch fish and I love to see the excitement when someone catches their first musky or a giant one. Guiding is a way to share my experience and help others to get hooked on this great sport!



Muskies are an elusive and fascinating fish and pursuing them is something I will continue to do until the last of my days. I love knowing that my next cast may be the fish of a lifetime.

Top 10 finishes

- 1st Place- Vilas County Musky Marathon 2001
- 1st Place- Capital City Muskies Inc. Great Iowa Hawg Hunt, 04-15-06
- 1st Place- Madison Musky League 2008
- 2nd Place- PMTT, Ranger Boats World Championship on Cass Lake, MN 10-12-03
- 2nd Place- PMTT, Musky Hunter Fall Showdown on Lake Vermilion, MN 09-17-06
- 2nd Place- Madison Musky League 2007
- 4th Place- PMTT, Madison Chain of Lakes, WI 09-14-03
- 4th Place- Madison Musky League 2006
- 6th Place- PMTT, Ranger World Championships on Fox Chain of Lakes, IL 11-05-06
- 7th Place- PMTT, Eagle River Chain of Lakes, WI 06-27-04
- 7th Place- WMT, Lake Waubesa, WI 05-15-05
- 9th Place PMTT, Overall Top Gun Standings 200

Notes From The Prez

Wow! Did this summer go by quickly or is it my imagination? I know that I have really enjoyed myself a great deal. From Muskie fishing to guiding a father and his son to bluegills, it has all been very rewarding. The warm water season is not over yet, and I plan on packing as much in as I can before the lakes start to skim over. There are many opportunities available to us, and I plan on taking advantage of them.

Now I need to change direction. As much as I want to talk about fishing, we all need to understand how important the next couple of months are going to be for our club. I only have two more club meetings to run. The election of the new Board is at the October meeting and the transition starts at the November meeting with the election of new officers and setting up committees and duties.

There are going to be about six openings on the Board available. I have been calling for nominations for two months. I have not received any. I am calling again for nominations for the Board. Someone can nominate you with your permission or you can nominate yourself (this is personally fine and would show me great initiative). I am stepping down as my term will be completed. I am expecting someone to step forward to take the Presidency of this club and continue the progress we have made over the last three years. I will do whatever I can to help this person with the transition. I would also expect enough people to be nominated to fill all of the positions. REMEMBER – WE ELECT THE NEW BOARD AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.

I am also calling for nominations for the Pete Froland Award. Contact any Board member and give them the nomination, which must consist of a paragraph or two explaining the contributions that person has made to our club over a long period of time. These nominations can be made on a piece of paper or via email.

October 17th is the day for our next outing. It will be on Mendota and will be lead by Larry Mothershead. He is going to target large pike and will have the details somewhere in the newsletter. We need as many members with boats at this outing as possible. We are conducting this outing in conjunction with the UW Fishing Team. These kids love getting out on the water and they need you there with your boat to get them out.

In the near future you need to keep the fishing contest (ends on Nov. 30), Madison Fishing Expo and Kids Ice Fishing Day in mind.

I need to adapt to two situations. I need to transition out of the Presidency of the club and also from going out fishing pretty much whenever the hell I want to being limited to weekends like most normal people. Hope to see you on the water.

Fishing Season Never Ends,
Duffy Kopf - Prez

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From the Muskie Seminar Duffy gave at Gander Mountain.



WDNR Important fishing dates for 2009

September 5

Hook-and-line lake sturgeon season opens on designated waters through Sept. 30. See current Guide to Wisconsin Hook and Line Fishing Regulations.

September 30

Trout season closes on inland waters and on rivers flowing into Lake Superior from their mouths to the first impassable permanent barrier (unless listed otherwise in trout regulations).

Lake trout season on Lake Superior closes.

Set or bank pole and setline fishing season on specified waters in the Wolf and Fox river basins closes. Check the current Setline, Set or Bank Pole Regulations for open waters.

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In the town of Genoa and the vicinity there is a variety of places to stay, eat, and purchase tackle and bait. There are also several activities that the whole family can enjoy. We would be happy to recommend lodging and events. Just give us a call or email us at clements@mwt.net



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Test results show VHS fish disease hasn't spread

Weekly News Article Published: August 14, 2009 by the Central Office

Disease found in Green Bay in 2009 but no new waters

MADISON – Results are in from several dozen waters tested in 2009 for VHS fish disease and the news is good.

No new waters have been found with this year the deadly fish virus. VHS has also been ruled out as the cause of a large fish kill of carp in June on Chequamegon Bay on Lake Superior. The fish disease was detected in smallmouth bass from Green Bay, but the virus had previously been identified as being at that location.

VHS, or Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia, is a deadly fish virus and an invasive species that has caused large fish kills in lakes Huron, St. Clair, Erie, Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River. It's not a threat to people who handle infected fish or want to eat their catch, but it can kill more than 25 fish species. It was first documented in Wisconsin in May 2007 in the Lake Winnebago system, and was also detected in June of that year, and in 2008, in fish from Green Bay and other parts of northern Lake Michigan.

"It appears that the efforts we've taken to contain the VHS fish disease are working," said Department of Natural Resources Secretary Matt Frank "We're very grateful for the cooperation we've gotten from people in protecting our waters."

"Anglers, boaters, bait harvesters, fish farmers and our own fisheries management staff have done a great job in keeping this disease from spreading," he says.

In 2009, the DNR conducted "surveillance" testing on more than two dozen waters to continue to assess the prevalence of VHS. In addition, four hatchery water supplies and all wild fish DNR uses for brood stock for its hatcheries were tested for VHS to make sure fish stocked from state fish hatcheries are VHS-free.

None of the fish or water supplies tested as part of these surveillance or hatchery programs were found to have VHS, according to Mike Staggs, DNR fisheries management director. "All clear," he says.

The only positive VHS results in 2009 were in three smallmouth bass from Green Bay that were tested after anglers and DNR staff observed and reported skin lesions, one symptom of VHS.

The waters tested are popular and highly trafficked waters by anglers and boaters, increasing the chances of VHS being spread by the movement of water and live fish, Staggs says. Mendota Lake in Dane County, Geneva Lake in Walworth County, Castle Rock Lake in Juneau and Adams counties, and Butternut Lake in Price County were among those tested.

While fisheries officials are relieved no new waters tested positive for VHS, they say the results showed that the virus is still active in Wisconsin and that anglers need to remain vigilant in following rules to prevent the spread of VHS fish disease and other aquatic invasive species.

"VHS remains a serious fish health threat and there are other invasive species and fish diseases already in the Great Lakes that we want to keep out of Wisconsin and our inland lakes," Staggs says.

National expert: VHS on the Move

In fact, Dr. Jim Winton, the nation's leading expert on VHS fish disease on Aug. 12, 2009, briefed a Congressional committee on "VHS, a Deadly Fish Disease on the Move" and earlier this month told an audience at a national wildlife disease conference in Washington that VHS and other emerging diseases are affecting entire populations of North American fish and that the problem threatens to increase in the future with climate change and other stresses on aquatic ecosystems.

Winton, a fish disease specialist at the U.S. Geological Survey Western Fisheries Research Center in Seattle, said that recent studies in natural aquatic systems have shown that wild fish populations have suffered catastrophic losses after non-native diseases like VHS fish disease and whirling disease were first introduced into a water body.

In addition to being a cause of natural death, Winton said, such infectious and parasitic fish diseases can produce significantly greater mortality in altered habitats leading to population fluctuations, extinction of endangered fish, reduced overall health and increased susceptibility to predation.

More information about the VHS fish disease, the distribution and testing of VHS fish disease in Wisconsin can be found online.

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Fish of Minnesota Quiz

Answers page 7

See the complete quiz at

<http://www.cloudnet.com/~edrbsass/mnfish.htm>

1. You probably know that the Walleye is the Minnesota state fish, and you might even know that in Canada it's often called a "pickerel." However, do you know to what fish family the Walleye belongs?
 - A. Pike
 - B. Bass
 - C. Trout
 - D. Perch
2. Here in Minnesota we usually just use the generic term "sunfish" to refer to any fish from this genus. However, there are actually many different species of sunfish in Minnesota. Of the sunfish species listed below, which is the largest and most popular variety in our state?
 - A. Pumpkinseed
 - B. Bluegill
 - C. Green Sunfish
 - D. Longear Sunfish
3. Though often thought of as a southern fish, this bass has become quite popular with Minnesota anglers. Particularly at home in the shallow, weedy lakes of central and southern Minnesota, this fish is often taken on plastic worms, spinners, and other artificial baits. Which of the following is it?
 - A. Largemouth Bass
 - B. Smallmouth Bass
 - C. Rock Bass
 - D. White Bass
4. Of the following species, which is the only member of the temperate or "true" bass family?
 - A. Smallmouth Bass
 - B. Warmouth Bass
 - C. Rock Bass
 - D. White Bass
5. Of the species listed below, which has the potential to attain the largest size?
 - A. Lake Sturgeon
 - B. Muskellunge
 - C. Freshwater Drum
 - D. Longnose Gar
6. Which of the following trout species is native to Minnesota?
 - A. Rainbow Trout
 - B. Brown Trout
 - C. Brook Trout
 - D. Cutthroat Trout
7. A favorite food of larger trout, this inhabitant of clear, rocky streams is sometimes called a "muddler minnow" by trout fishermen. However, it is actually a:
 - A. Creek Chub
 - B. Stonecat
 - C. Mottled Sculpin
 - D. Hornyhead Chub
8. Minnesotans call them eelpout, ling, or lawyer. But which of the names below is the "real" name for this not-so-attractive fish?
 - A. Burbot
 - B. Bowfin
 - C. Freshwater Drum
 - D. Bigmouth Buffalo Fish

9. Which of the following catfish species is native to Minnesota?

- A. White Catfish
- B. Redtail Catfish
- C. Channel Catfish
- D. Sharptoothed Catfish

10. The crappie is a popular panfish in Minnesota, and many anglers don't know that there is more than one species of crappie that inhabit our state's lakes. Which of the crappie species is the most common and widely distributed in Minnesota?

- A. White Crappie
- B. Silver Crappie
- C. Black Crappie
- D. Striped Crappie

11. These members of the catfish family are common and widely distributed in Minnesota. The three species found in our state are named for colors (black, brown, or yellow) though they are often not distinguishable on that basis. All are edible and relatively popular with anglers. To which of the fish below does this description apply?

- A. Bullhead
- B. Stonecat
- C. Buffalo Fish
- D. Stickleback

1. D. 2. B. 3. A. 4. D 5. A. 6. C 7. C. 8. A. 9. C. 10. C. 11. A

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The next meeting is on **Tuesday, September 8th**, at the Lakeside VFW Hall (John Nolen Rr. & Lakeside St.)
The Board Of Directors meet at 6:00 pm, The **General Membership meeting starts at 7:00 pm.**

Speaker: Adam Oberfoell

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September Events

September 8th - September Monthly Meeting at the VFW hall. See Page 1
Adam Oberfoell will speak on catching muskies at night.

October Events

October 13th YFC October Monthly Meeting at the VFW hall.
October 17th YFC outing - on Mendota, lead by Larry Mothershead.

The Yahara Fishing Club's doors are open to **EVERYONE**, so invite a friend to the meeting!

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