

## 2007 Year End Totals

Wow, what a year for the SOB's. You know when January's Luncker of the Month, caught by Nick Cammarata, is 49.5" that it's going to be a good year. From June through November the smallest LOTM was a 53", we had two, one caught by Greg Marino and the other by Robert Christensen, the largest was a whopping 56" caught by Linda Rice. Talk about your Big Fish, the SOB's registered a total of 13 fish 50" or better.

Here are the details for 2007. We had 408 muskies released with an average size of 38.16", that's an 8.5% increase over last year. **By Divisions:** Juniors had 1 muskie with the biggest being 49". Womens had 48 muskies with the biggest being 56". Mens had 209 muskies with the biggest being 54.75". Masters had 150 muskies with the biggest being 49.5". **By Size:** 50's – 13, 40's – 134, 30's – 261. The SOB's caught fish in every month except February & December, in 6 different States, from 43 Lakes, on 64 Lures. Illinois produced the most muskies with 196 and the Fox Chain had the most muskies with 145, the largest being a 48.75" caught by John Splitt. The top 5 producing Lures were a Crank Bait – 69 muskies with the biggest being 49", a Buck Tail – 38 muskies with the biggest being a 52", a Jake – 35 muskies the biggest being a 54.75, a Top Raider – 29 muskies the biggest being a 54" & a Cow Girl – 27 muskies the biggest being a 56". Impressive numbers there, you can see the full list of 2007 stats on our website.

Well we finally got our fish. Due to the new laws regarding transporting fish across State lines we had to wait a year to get the proper permits for the fish we bought for our Fox Chain stocking program. On 11/14/07 the Minnesota Muskie Farm delivered our fish. A bunch of SOB's members showed up to help stock these little guys into their new home. I guess I shouldn't call them little guys, since the average size was something around 20". Below are some photos taken during the stocking. Thanks to all the SOB's who showed up to lend a hand, Lenny Szulc, Tom Geryol, Frank Walter, Dave Pikel, Nick Cammarata, Ben Modica, Joe Pudlo, Ed Kukulski & Jim Stella.



**One last reminder:** We have decided to hold our Annual Fund Raiser every other year now. This helps us by giving our sponsors a year off in between our constant requests for donations. So we'll have a regular meeting at the Moose Club this March.

**Now it's on to 2008, may your Muskies be Big & Plentiful.**

**And always remember – It's good to be an SOB.**

## **Muskies Inc / South of the Border / Chapter 14**

### **SOB NEWSLETTER Winter 2008**

#### **Upcoming Club Outings/Meetings**

**October Meeting 10/24/07:** Speaker: **Steve Worrall** – WI Muskie Guide & Owner of MuskieFIRST.com  
**November Meeting 11/21/07:** Speaker: **Ty Sennett** – Chippewa Flowage Guide  
**December Meeting 12/19/07: Annual Christmas Party** – Please bring a new wrapped lure for grab bag  
**January Meeting 1/16/08:** Speaker: **Tony Grant** – Kentucky, Wisconsin & Minnesota Guide  
**February Meeting 2/20/08:** Speaker: **Gregg Thomas** – Kentucky & Minnesota Guide  
**March Meeting 3/19/08:** Speaker: **Tom Dietz** – Gander Mountain Pro Staff & Ohio Guide  
**April Meeting 4/16/08:** Annual Awards Presentation – Speaker: **Rob Manthei** – N. Wisconsin Guide

#### **2007 Release Information**

The SOB Release Chairman is Jim Stella; you can register your fish on-line on the new Muskie Inc website [www.muskiesinc.org](http://www.muskiesinc.org) or mail your release to Jim at 607 E. Hackberry Dr., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Please turn in all release forms within 30 days of your catch. Also send your fish photos to Jim, especially Lunker of the Month fish. He will post them on our website and some may be used for the newsletter. **You can submit fish to the Lunge log anytime, but to qualify for SOB release points and Lunker of the Month, fish must be submitted within 30 days of catch, unless arrangements have been made ahead of time for those who will be away for more than 30 days. Fish can still be registered after 30 days, but won't count for release points or Lunker of the Month.**

#### **SOB Web Site**

Don't forget to check out the SOB web site at [www.muskiessob.com](http://www.muskiessob.com), you can see the current Release Standings and Lunker of the Month on the Release Standings Page, see photos of members fish and find out what's going on with the club. We decided to restrict access to specific fish catches & stats info to SOB members only. To access those pages the username and password is provided below. You can email the webmaster at [info@www.muskiessob.com](mailto:info@www.muskiessob.com) if you have any questions or comments on the web site. Remember this is your club, so if there is something you would like to see changed or if you have any comments please fill out the Feedback form on the Home Page to let the Board Members know what you think.

##### **Website Restricted Page Access Info**

**Username:** 14sob

**Password:** sobmoose

#### **Merchandise**

Our Merchandise Director is Tom Geryol. SOB merchandise can be purchased at any of our regular meeting or by contacting Tom at 847-244-4448.

#### **Membership**

Our Membership Director is Jeff Fernhout if you have any questions or have a friend you would like to sign up or would like more information please contact Jeff at 847-731-2889.

## SOB 2007 Release Standings

Year 2007 Final

	<u>JUNIORS</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
	Jake Eldrup	1	23

	<u>WOMENS</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	Linda Rice	33	583
2	Kathy Cammarata	9	115
3	Diana Nuyttens	3	52
4	Louise Mitten	2	29
5	Jessica Shopiro	1	9

	<u>MENS</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	Greg Marino	36	654
2	Robert Taylor	41	467
3	Robert Frechette	16	143.75
4	John Arrigoni	12	142.25
5	Bob Matusek	13	116.5
6	Tim Wallies	13	109
7	David Lirgameris	8	92
8	William R Nuyttens	4	76
9	Jeff Fernhout	5	61
10	Mark Kisselburg	3	52
11	John Splitt	5	51
12	Scott Bjornson	4	48
13	Gene Simpson	2	34
14	Ryan Stochl	3	32.5
15	Richard Shopiro	3	29
16	Robert R Christensen	1	27
17	Tom S Geryol	3	21
18	Ed Piotrowski	2	15
19	Jefferson Batt	1	11.5
20	Bill Kilimnik	1	10

	<u>MASTERS</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	Nick Cammarata	46	479.75
2	Ben Modica	41	416.25
3	John Arndt	16	180.5
4	Scott Jenkins	7	97
5	James R Stella	7	82.25
6	Frank A. Walter	7	80
7	William Pilarski	7	79.5
8	Lonnie Eslinger	5	56
9	John W Risius Jr	4	34.25

## SOB Lunker of the Month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Final (X)</u>	<u>Lake</u>	<u>State</u>
Jan-07	Nick Cammarata	49.5	X	Crystal Lake	IL
Feb-07	X	X	X	X	X
Mar-07	Robert Frechette	43.5	X	Kinkaid	IL
Apr-07	Ben Modica	48.5	X	Fox Chain	IL
May-07	Kathy Cammarata	47	X	Green Bay	WI
Jun-07	Linda Rice	55.25	X	Lac Seul	ON
Jul-07	Greg Marino	54	X	Lac Seul	ON
Aug-07	Linda Rice	56	X	Lac Seul	ON
Sep-07	Robert R Christensen	53	X	Vermilion	MN
Oct-07	Greg Marino	54.75	X	Lac Seul	ON
Nov-07	Greg Marino	53	X	Lac Seul	ON
Dec-07	X	X	X	X	X

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