

2008 Wrap-Up!

Now with winter upon us, let's look back and see how we did in 2008. The 2008 season has been on fire this year. The SOB's release ratio grew 18.63% from last year. Here are the Top 5 Releases in 2008, just to show how good this year was you needed better than 53.5" to make this list.

Linda Rice leads off with a 55.5" monster taken from Lac Seul caught on a Grandma, Greg Marino has 55.25" & 55" pigs from Lac Seul caught on a Top Walker & a Bucktail, Nick Cammarata nailed a 54" beast from Lake Bemidji caught on a DC-10 & Linda Rice rounds out the Top 5 with a 53.75" from Lac Seul caught on a Top Raider.

Let's get down to the details. In 2008 we had **484 muskies** released by 35 SOB members with an average size of 38.34". By Divisions: **Juniors** had 2 muskies, **Womens** had 47 muskies, **Mens** had 244 muskies & **Masters** had 191 muskies. By Size: **50's** - 15, **40's** - 152 & **30's** - 317. Our members released muskies in 6 states, **Illinois** - 272, **Ontario** - 124, **Wisconsin** - 68, **Minnesota** - 11, **Kentucky** - 7 & **Indiana** - 2. From 42 different lakes on 65 different lures. The Top 5 Lakes were the **Fox Chain** - 202 muskies with the biggest a 48", **Indian Lake Chain** - 50 muskies with the biggest a 44", **Lac Seul** - 39 muskies with the biggest a 55.5" **Lake of the Woods** - 29 muskies with the biggest a 53.5", & **McMaster** - 18 muskies with the biggest a 48". The Top 5 Lures were **Crank Bait** - 97 muskies with the biggest a 50.5", **Bucktail** - 70 muskies with the biggest a 55", **Live Bait** - 29 muskies with the biggest a 45.5", **Rizzotail** - 21 muskies with the biggest a 43" & a **Double Cowgirl** - 18 muskies with the biggest a 49.5". 2008 was quite a year.

On to 2009, we have some new changes to go over for 2009. First, we are breaking the fish submission releases into two main categories. Local & Non-Local, the Non-Local category will be appraised of any of our members who reside more than 100 miles driving distance from Antioch, IL. This new division will not be subdivided into other divisions, such as Juniors, Womens, Mens & Masters, it will just be categorized by the members name & fish caught by each member, also this new division will not be part of our clubs Release Contest. The reason for this also has to do with our next change. Plaques for our Release Contest will only be given out for the Local section and then only if you attend or make arrangements to have someone attend in your place at our Annual Awards Ceremony, which is held on the third Wednesday in April every year. Any member who will be awarded a plaque for that year's Release Contest will be sent a letter in January informing them of the plaque they will be receiving that April. They will then have two weeks to contact the release chairman and let them know if they will be attending or will have someone attend in their place at the Awards Ceremony in order to receive their plaque. Anyone who does not respond will not receive their plaque. There are a couple reasons for these new changes. First is the cost of having the plaques made and then, if they are not picked up, having to mail them out or the hassle of arranging to drop them off, the other is out of fairness to the other club members who come to this Ceremony to show their support for the club. These new changes will begin with the 2009 Release Contest, but if you are going to be receiving a plaque for 2008, please show your support for the club and come to the Ceremony this April to receive your plaque in person. All old plaques will be mailed out or given to those members as time allows. These new changes do not affect Patches and Annual or Individual Certificates or for Muskies Inc. International fish submissions; they only apply to 1st thru 3rd place for Juniors, Womens, Mens & Masters Divisions along with Lunker of the Month & Fox Chain Lunker plaques for our own club Release Contest.

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Upcoming Club Outings/Meetings

February Meeting 2/18/09: Speaker: **Chad Cain** – Southern IL & MN Guide
March Meeting 3/25/09: Speaker: **Biennial Fund Raiser** – Maravela's Banquet Hall
April Meeting 4/15/09: Annual Awards Presentation – Speaker: **Mike Keyes** – Keyes Outdoors TV Show
May Outing 5/20/09: Meet at 5pm until dark at Thirst Turtle on Channel Lake
June Outing 6/17/09: Meet at 5pm until dark at Thirst Turtle on Channel Lake
July Outing 7/15/09: Meet at 5pm until dark at Thirst Turtle on Channel Lake
August Outing 8/19/09: Meet at 5pm until dark at Thirst Turtle on Channel Lake
September Outing 9/16/09: Meet at 5pm until dark at Thirst Turtle on Channel Lake

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 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, 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 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.

South of the Border 2008 Final Release Standings

<u>JUNIORS</u>		<u>FISH</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	Lexy Frechette	2	29
<u>WOMENS</u>		<u>FISH</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	Linda Rice	13	259
2	Kathy Cammarata	18	231.25
3	Louise Mitten	6	68
4	Dianna Napolski	6	61
5	Diana Nuyttens	4	50.5
<u>MENS</u>		<u>FISH</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	Tim Wallies	55	583
2	Robert Taylor	48	547
3	John Arrigoni	27	354.5
4	Scott Bjornson	24	275
5	Ryan Gottschalk	24	243.25
6	Ryan Stochl	10	133
7	Tom S Geryol	9	110
8	Jim T. Benson	7	97
9	Jefferson Batt	8	95
10	Peter Kica	5	75.25
11	Bob Matusek	5	62.5
12	Terrence Napolski	4	49
13	William R Nuyttens	4	43
14	John Splitt	3	42
15	Richard Shopiro	3	28
16	Chris Zeien	3	27
17	Robert Frechette	2	23
18	Bill Kilimnik	1	16
19	Michael Kurklis	1	14
20	Lawrence Fabian	1	10
<u>MASTERS</u>		<u>FISH</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1	Nick Cammarata	51	647.25
2	Greg Marino	27	518
3	Ben Modica	46	452.25
4	Scott Jenkins	20	308
5	William Pilarski	19	181
6	James R Stella	9	112
7	Frank A. Walter	12	108
8	Len Szulc	5	87
9	Lonnie Eslinger	2	33
Total Muskies Caught		484	
Last Year		408	
Increase Over Last Year		18.63%	

<u>Fox Chain Traveling Trophy</u>			<u>Fox Chain Lunker</u>		<u>Size</u>
<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>			
1	Bob Matusek	37.5	Winner	Lexy Frechette	48
2	Nick Cammarata	30.5		Kathy Cammarata	48
3	Tim Wallies	26			
4	Scott Bjornson	18			
5	Kathy Cammarata	11.5			
6	Bernie Loonsfoot	11			

<u>Lunker of the Month</u>					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Final (X)</u>	<u>Lake</u>	<u>State</u>
Jan-08	X	X	X	X	X
Feb-08	X	X	X	X	X
Mar-08	Robert Taylor	39	X	Evergreen	IL
Apr-08	Lexy Frechette	48	X	Fox Chain	IL
Apr-08	Kathy Cammarata	48	X	Fox Chain	IL
May-08	Nick Cammarata	49.5	X	Green Bay	WI
Jun-08	Peter Kica	49.25	X	Lake Of The Woods	ON
Jul-08	Greg Marino	55.25	X	Lac Seul	ON
Aug-08	Greg Marino	55	X	Lac Seul	ON
Sep-08	Robert Taylor	46	X	Detroit River	ON
Oct-08	Nick Cammarata	54	X	Bemidji	MN
Nov-08	Linda Rice	55.5	X	Lac Seul	ON
Dec-08	Robert Taylor	34	X	North Spring	IL

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