

CATCH LIGHT, BUT 48-INCHER TOPS 42ND WORLD MUSKY HUNT

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Lake Tomahawk, Wis. — This little Oneida County town, perhaps best known as the home of snowshoe softball, hosted the 42nd World Musky Hunt, Aug. 23-25. Seven teams, each consisting of three contestants, fished area lakes for two days under difficult conditions and boated just three muskies.

Steady rain hampered the first day of the competition, when no competitors caught a muskie.

The largest muskie was a 48-incher, caught by Josh Scriver, with the help of guide John Farrow. Scriver's team, Esox Entourage, which included his brother Jake and Brad Witczynski, won the team competition.

At next year's event, Scriver will receive a replica mount of his winning fish by Antigo taxidermist Joe Fittante. Winning team members received a muskie rod and reel, along with a trophy.

Founded in 1976 and patterned after the Lander, Wyo., One-Shot Antelope Hunt, the World Musky Hunt was the brainchild of Harold Mares, of Appleton. The goal of this annual event is to popularize the pursuit of the muskies and help promote the Lake Tomahawk area.

Anglers may participate in the WMH once as contestants, but are invited to return in subsequent years as "past hunters." Past contestants have included: Wisconsin governors Warren Knowles, Tony Earl and Tommy Thompson; astronauts Deke Slayton, Jim Lovell and Gene Cernen; Lombardi-era Packers Doug Hart, Ron Kostelnik and Jerry Kramer; and well-known anglers Babe Winkelman and Al Lindner.

Fifty-two past hunters fished for three days and caught 12 muskies in all, the largest a 43½-inch fish caught by Lucas Walz.

"It's encouraging to see so many past hunters returning each year for this event," said WMH president Ron Rickman. "They are the life blood that keeps it going."

Donna Rickman received the Peggy Driessen Sportsman Award for her behind-the-scenes efforts to keep the WMH running smoothly. Lake Tomahawk artist Rodd Umlauf was named this year's WMH Honorary Guide, in recognition of his 58 cover paintings for *Musky Hunter Magazine* and the design for the new Musky Clubs Alliance of



Josh Scriver holds the 48-inch muskie he caught to take top individual honors at the World Musky Hunt at Lake Tomahawk.

Photos courtesy of the World Musky Hunt



Esox Entourage was the winning team at this year's WMH. Pictured are (l-r): greeter Don Ladubec and team members Brad Witczynski, Jake Scriver, and Josh Scriver.



Artist Rodd Umlauf, of Lake Tomahawk, was named honorary guide for this year's WMH.

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Other awards included: Master Caster, Mike Bogard; Dead Fish, Ed Casper; Contestant Guide, John Farrow; and Past Hunter Guide, Mike Driessen.

Proceeds from raffles and

WMH entry fees support muskie management and research, provide scholarships for area high school graduates who plan to study fisheries biology, and contribute to local charities. Last year, WMH donations totaled \$9,485, according to Rickman.

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