

2022 NFLCC HONORARY MEMBER

We honor those who have made fishing lures which we collect, cherish, display and honor. Their innovation, vision, craftsmanship and artistry are long lasting evidence of their skill and devotion to attract and catch fish.

Today I am pleased and honored to nominate John Grek for Honorary Membership in the National Fishing Lure Collectors Club. Born April 24th, 1935, becoming a dedicated Muskie fisherman John decided to begin making these baits in 1978.

He had fished with other lure makers and guides including Russ Smith, Cecil Stein who inspired him to make Musky Lures and compete in their tournaments for 30 years.

He liked the Bass-O-Reno so made a much larger type for Musky. Taking 500 dowel rods to a wood worker's machine shop he had a scoop lip and tail trim performed then added paint and hardware naming them the MAULER.

In his first World Musky Hunt he was paired with Rich Schultz and they became Musky fishing partners for 30 years.

Just before serious back surgery he and Rich went after them again on October 10, 2007 and Grek took the largest two Muskies of his life, the biggest was by far his biggest and was his last Musky. Due to after affects of the surgery he was never able to Musky fish again.

He still likes to mess with his lures painting, repainting and reminiscing. His car license plate is MAULER which his wife was concerned about until she realized no one cut her off anymore while she was driving.

Please join me in recognizing now and forever, John Grek as an Honorary Member of the NFLCC!