



Good day Anglers.

Here are the results from the Adult-Child Fishing Tournament held today on Saturday August 12th, 2023. We had a total of 11 teams fishing the tournament, with a total of 37 anglers comprising the teams.

The anglers experienced a fishing day with clear sunny skies, temperatures at the start-up were in the mid 60's rising to the mid 70's by the 3:00 PM finish time. The morning winds were in the 10 to 13 mph range, gusting to 21 mph, lightening up toward the end of the fishing day. The teams found the majority of their fish at differing depths, with many different presentations proving effective. Most of the teams used a number of presentations to boat their fish, presentations included a combination of slip-bobbers, casting of jigs tipped with plastic or live-bait, pitching crank-baits in the shallows, using bottom bouncers with spinners, long line trolling crank-baits and trolling crank-baits using lead-core.

The teams after the 3:00 PM finish time trailered their rigs up into Graham's Island Sivert Center area for the weigh-in, the awards ceremony and a meal. The anglers enjoyed a meal of 1/4 lb. outside the bun hot dogs, chips and enjoyed ice cream sandwiches for dessert. The anglers were treated to Pepsi products supplied by Craig Reiersen and North Dakota grown Honey based drinks supplied by Absolute Honey representatives Cory Schwarz, Candace and Oaklee Molitor. An enjoyable afternoon of fellowship was experienced amongst all the anglers.

2023 Adult-Child Fishing Tournament Champions - Levi & Brady Holden

1st Place - 33.20 lbs. - Levi & Brady Holden

2nd Place - 19.83 lbs. - Hudson & Ella Chisholm

3rd Place - 15.87 lbs. - Ty, Max & Lydia Volk

4th Place - 15.50 lbs. - Jake Riggan & Kash Kouba

5th Place - 14.84 lbs. - Blake Klein

6th Place - Braydon Sundeen

7th Place - Jaxon & Jolie Leapaldt

8th Place tie - Billy Jorgensen & Axle Rue

8th Place tie - Brodyn Greening

9th Place - Oaklee Molitor

10th Place - Nickayla Beston & Nova Belgarde

Largest Walleye - 5.15 lbs. - Braydon Sundeen

Largest Northern Pike - 5.32 lbs. & Largest White Bass - 3.51 lbs. - Levi & Brady Holden

Robert J. Ecker Memorial Award - Offered in Memory of Robert J. Ecker by Bev & Joe Mueller

Robert truly loved the sport of fishing, enjoyed fishing with family, his children, his grandchildren and taking out neighbors, friends of the family and their children fishing. Robert's spouse Mary stated that Robert would be so happy to have a Memorial shared in Robert's name, in knowing that a youthful angler, one he so enjoyed taking fishing would be receiving such an award.

Robert J Ecker Memorial Award Recipient - Rod & Reel Combo - Nova Belgarde

Here are the Walleye Widow Classic Tournament, Catch / Harvest totals; 1) total number of fish caught, 2) total number of pounds of weight of fish caught, 3) the average @ round weight of each fish;

Walleye: - 47 Walleye caught @ 77.58 lbs. - an average weight of 1.65 lbs. per fish

Northern Pike: - 7 Northern Pike caught @ 19.81 lbs. = an average weight of 2.83 lbs. per fish

White Bass: - 27 White Bass caught @ 48.57 lbs. = an average weight of 1.80 lbs. per fish

We wish to extend a special thank you to our Adult-Child coordinator, Jay Hagen for organizing and running this tournament, to his wife Joycelyn for preparing and serving up the food and to Vince Bechtold for grilling the 1/4 lb. outside the bun hot dogs. Congratulations to all of these folks for putting together such a fun event.

This concludes our LRAA Fishing Tournaments for the 2023 season. The Executive Officers and Board of Directors and our Tournament Coordinators all wish to thank all of the members who participated in our fishing tournaments this summer. We ask if you enjoyed fishing our tournaments that you consider suggesting to additional members to come out and join us in 2024 at our fishing tournaments. Join us and enjoy a day of friendly competition and shared fellowship. We hope to see even more of our members fishing these events next year!!!

Our next activity as an organization will be cooking fish at the Community Fish Fry and Corn Feed scheduled to be held at the Burdick Arena on Thursday August 17th, 2023. Additional information will follow regarding the timing of this event.

The Executive Officer and Board of Director meetings will once again start-up in the month September following the summer months off. The Officers

and Board meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month (September through May) at the Devils Lake Elks Lodge starting at 7:00 PM. Come join us at one of our meetings as we are always looking for input from the members of LRAA.

Once again, a special thank you to all our members for making LRAA's summer activities such a success. Congratulations to you all!!!

"Wishin You Good Fishin"

Executive Officers: President: Jay Hagen - Vice President: Cory Everson - Secretary: Jamie Lehmann - Treasurer: Vince Bechtold

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