

WALLEYE ANGLER'S TRAIL

Walleye Challenge

April 7, 2013

Genoa, Wisconsin

The first regular season WAT tournament of the 2013 season was held at Genoa, WI on April 7, 2013 with 36 teams competing for more than \$5,000 in cash & prizes.

The conditions were a challenge for the teams as they battled the wind, cold temperatures, and frequent rain especially during the pre-fish period. Tournament day brought an end to the rain with temperatures hovering around 38 degrees at takeoff. The temperature moderated during the day and brought sunshine & 50 degrees at weigh-in time.

All forms of presentations were employed by the anglers (Pulling raps, jigging, pitching & rigging).

We didn't know the tournament champion until the last boat pulled up to the scale. In that boat was Maury Schmerbach & Mike Glynn both of Dubuque, IA. They had a 5 fish limit weighing an impressive 21.15 lbs. & took home a check in the amount of \$2,290. They overtook the team of Tommy Skarlis of Waukon, IA & Jeff Lahr of Dubuque, IA who had an equally impressive weight of 20.35 lbs. & received a check in the amount of \$1,150. Placing 3rd. was the team of Don Pape & Paul Pankowski both of Dubuque, IA weighing a 4 fish basket at 15.85 lbs. & receiving a check in the amount of \$572. Don & Paul also brought the Big Fish to the scale 8.10 lbs. to earn them \$360.

The WAT pays back to 30% of the field. Teams 4th thru 10th all received a check in the amount of \$244:

4th Place – Steve & Angie Haugen, Marion, IA – 9.80lbs.

5th Place – Marty Berns & Jason Hancock, Dubuque, IA – 9.55lbs.

6th Place - Tom Millenkamp, Sherrill, IA & Jeff Steuer, Dubuque, IA – 9.20lbs.

7th Place – Tim Moenck, LaCrescent, MN & Jeremy Shulze, New Richmond, WI – 8.90lbs.

8th Place – Galen Bremmer, Avoca, WI & Eugene Faga, LaCrosse, WI – 8.70lbs.

9th Place – Kevin Oyen & Steve Kopp, Dubuque, IA – 8.60lbs.

10th Place – Tim Ware, Dubuque, IA & Gerry Oberbroeckling, Holy Cross, IA – 7.85lbs.

Sponsor awards went to the following:

2 Northern 3100 batteries – Mike Glynn

Lamiglass custom rod – Troy Loeckle

Hutch Tackle award – Maury Schmerbach & Mike Glynn

Hutch Tackle first out of the money – Sam Willett & Darin Shulista

Also, the teams were competing for a spot in the WAT - Diamond Jo River King's Championship to be held in June of 2014. The top 25 teams (based on leader board points) at the conclusion of the 2013 season will be invited. This is a no entry fee tournament with in excess of \$16,000 in prize money. All places will receive a check (Everyone wins). Catch, photo, release format. **There is still time for you to compete for a spot!** The WAT has 3 three tournaments left in the 2013 season. Get registration forms at www.walleyeanglerstrail.com

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