

2013 RIVER KING'S CHAMPIONSHIP WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

The Walleye Angler's Trail first ever NO Entry Fee, Catch, Photo, Release Tournament was held on Saturday June 8, 2013 on Pools 11, 12, 13 of the Mississippi River. The tournament known as the River King's Walleye Championship was sponsored by the Dubuque Diamond Jo Casino and highlighted the top 25 Teams of the previous 2012 WAT Tournament season.

The tournament was preceded by a rules/dinner meeting also held at the Diamond Jo and hosted by Miller Electric of Dubuque, Iowa.

On tournament day each of the competitors boats were inspected by the WAT Staff and each team was issued a blank sd card, Judge Ruler, Score Card & Length to Weight conversion chart. The teams were released in order by their 2012 Leader Board results. Each team was instructed to photograph each fish they caught and convert the length to weight from the chart, record the info on the score card & release the fish.

A total of 74 fish were caught, photographed, recorded and released during the tournament.

The Diamond Jo Casino provided the Mississippi Moon Bar and its elaborate stage for the WAT staff to prepare for the weigh-in show that was held between 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM. A special thanks to Ron & Jennifer Tigges and Mike Tilp of WebSavvy/Video Creations of Dubuque that assisted the WAT staff in reviewing the fish photos, preparing the slide show program and providing their camera expertise to our teams.

Tommy Skarlis was the emcee during the weigh-in show and as always provided a great show with his walleye wisdom, humor and keen knowledge of river walleye fishing.

The 2013 River King's Walleye Champions were Doug Schumacher & Jeremy Streif of Dubuque, Iowa weighing in a 6 fish limit totaling 29.84 lbs. with a 7.86 lb. tournament Big Fish taking home checks totaling \$5,240.00.



Doug Schumacher

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Second Place went to the team Of Tom Beck of Genoa, WI & Tom Brie of Westby, WI who weighed-in a 6 fish limit at 27.80 lbs. earning them a check in the amount of \$3,000.00

Third Place went to the team of Harry Miller of Bellevue, IA & Rob Lampman of DeSoto, WI with a 6 fish limit of 27.58 Lbs. earning them a check in the amount of \$2,000.00

Fourth Place went to Galen Bremmer of Avoca, WI & Eugene Faga of LaCrosse, WI weighing in a 6 fish limit at 27.03 lbs. earning them a check in the amount of \$1,000.00

Fifth Place went to the team of Kevin Oyen & Steve Kopp both of Dubuque, IA weighing in a 6 fish limit at 23.65 lbs. earning them a check in the amount of \$800.00

Sixth Place went to the team of Tom Millenkamp of Sherrill, IA & Bryan Morris of Davenport, IA weighing a 6 fish limit 23.60 lbs. earning them a check in the amount of \$700.00

Seventh Place went to the team of Mike Bisdorf & Clayton Freiburger both of Dubuque, IA with a 6 fish basket weighing 15.49 lbs. earning them a check in the amount of \$600.00

Eighth Place went to Bob Thill & Eric Litcheim both of LaCrosse, WI with 2 fish weighing 13.97 lbs. earning them a check in the amount of \$500.00

Ninth Place went to the team of Kevin Withey of LaCrosse, WI & Ed Egstad of Prarie du Chein, WI with a 4 fish basket weighing 13.60 lbs. earning them a check in the amount of \$400.00

Tenth Place went to the team of Steve & Mica Killinger a father/son team from Hillsdale, IL & Port Byron, IL with a 6 fish limit weighing in at 12.05 lbs. earning them a check in the amount of \$300.00

The rest of the field all received a check in the amount of \$120.00 per team.

The staff of the Walleye Angler's Trail is grateful to all the competitors who were all true sportsmen and especially the Diamond Jo Casino & Miller Electric that made this tournament a huge success. We are also thankful to the Bait Shack of Dubuque Iowa, Northern Battery & Hutch's Tackle for their continued support and prizes that were drawn at the tournament.

There is still time to qualify for next year's River King's Tournament. Go to www.walleyeanglerstrail.com and click on registration. We have only two regular season tournaments left this season. The top 25 teams (Leader Board Points) will be invited to the 2014 River King's Tournament. You need to get signed up ASAP.