

Kevin J Murray Memorial Tournament

Lewis and Clark Lake

8-24-2019

The Kevin J Murray Memorial Tournament was a huge success. A total of \$14,000.00 was raised for scholarships for Wayne High School. The fishing was also excellent as we had the best total weight to date of all the tournaments taken with a total of 231.56 lbs of walleye caught! The weather cooperated with the exception of the high wind the anglers had to deal with the whole day. In general, it was a great tournament and the third location on the Nebraska Walleye Association Trail.

Congratulations to the winners Jeff Ivey and Chris Cozad with a total weight of 15.14 pounds. Second place team Todd Acheson and Josh Junge had 14.3 lbs. Third place team Jeff Wendte and Jeff Benjamin had 13.87 lbs. Fourth place team Reggie Itochstein and Kent Itochstein had 13.34 lbs. And fifth place team William McGannon and Brian Hunke had 12.42 lbs and also caught the largest walleye at 6.01 lbs.

Walleye could be caught along the dam and along the South Dakota shoreline from Midway beach to the Yankton Marina. The fish were anywhere from 15-25' deep and crank baits were the bait of choice. The top four teams fished on the west end of the lake in the Merkel flats area using either crank baits or bottom bouncing with 1/2 to 3/4 of a worm. They were generally located in the middle of the Merkel Flats.

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