

Best of Midwest Recap

Well that's a wrap. Our first Best of the Midwest event has come to an end. We really appreciate all the teams that came out to support the event. Overall there were 73 teams from various states and everyone was pretty well behaved 😊. A big thank you to all the teams doing what they could to keep those fish alive, it can be difficult in the heat of the summer. Also, a big thank you to the Nebraska Game and Parks that had several people at the event to help answer questions and monitor the weigh in. They were very good to work with and had a common goal with the organization.

Place	TEAM#	TEAM	Day 1 # fish	Day 1 big	Day 1 Total	Day 2 # fish	Day 2 big	Day 2 total	Total Weight
1	65	bliven/bliven	5		13.13	5	8.18	19.57	32.70
2	66	cates/Henderson	5		16.4	5		14.37	30.77
3	53	Wissing/Crom	3		11.07	5		19.36	30.43
4	56	Mueller/Mueller	5	5.78	17.51	5		12.48	29.99
5	9	Muir/Skov	5		11.61	5		17.56	29.17

Overall the fishing was good at Harlan for the event with the majority of fish coming trolling crankbaits in 15-20 foot of water. There was some success with live bait and slabbing, however cranking ruled the weekend. There were many nice fish over 22 inches being caught, but the difference makers were the 18-20 inch fish. As far as catching in general the drum and white bass made sure you weren't bored between catching walleye. There were fish being caught throughout the lake, but many of the nicer fish were coming from prairie dog bay.

Now let's talk sponsors. Events like these don't happen without the sponsors behind them and we can't thank all of ours enough for jumping on board a new event. Waconda boats donated a paid spot to the NTC for the 1st place boat, towtecor provided 1 towtecor, ram rod mounts supplied 8 rod holders, Hoo-Rag provided a Hoo-Rag for every angler in the event, Cabela's/Bass Pro had all types of products from reels, rods, smokers, etc. Airwave pedestal for providing an airwave seat guaranteed to make great days better on the water, Lowrance for providing a 50% off unit, Walleye Nation Creations for providing product, and gift cards from Allens, Cabela's, Pump and Pantry, The Boat Dock. It was a great showing of support and it didn't go unnoticed by the anglers.

A big thank you to the outcast bar and north shore marina as well for letting us run the weigh in at their locations.

Tournament Directors.

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