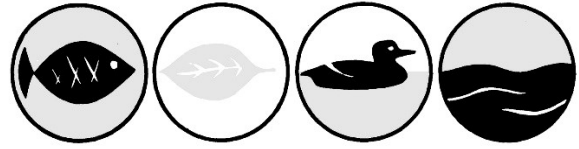


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## March 2015 Newsletter

The weather might have been cold, but despite the wind and low temperatures, there were plenty of fishermen and fisherwomen braving the weather to participate in our 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Fishing Derby and Winter Festival.

The team that organized the event included: Marguerite O'Connell, Ken Golonka, Ross Musumeci, Leonard Dane, Cindy Yelden, Tim Glover, Bonnie & Don Letich. Thank you for helping make this 55<sup>th</sup> Derby a success.

Chairman of ticket sales this year was Bonnie Letich. Ticket sales are a very important part of pre-Derby and the day of the Derby. Thank you NICC members who sold more than 48 tickets as you played an important role in the success of ticket sales. Volunteers at ticket sales at headquarters were Don and Bonnie Letich, Tom Geisler and Linda Krusmark & Laura Golonka.

This year we had 17 bucket raffle items geared for men, women and children. It was a huge success thanks to Ross Musumeci for chairing and Leonard Dane for helping with ticket sales. Ross did a stellar job selecting the donated items for each bucket. Speaking of raffles, Laura Golonka and Linda Krusmark sold 50/50 raffle tickets at the main raffle table main raffle table and a new raffle called "the 52 Card Raffle". Two beautiful cutting boards donated by Lester Szymulewski were won when the winning card was pulled.

Fish judging was held in the tent with Tony Vos as head fish judge and Mike Venet as his assistant. Every year the state regulations change a bit which keeps our fishermen and judges following the rules. This is not always an easy task when you have a fisherman whose big catch is just and 1/8 of an inch shy of being legal. We had a family who had come to our festival last year for the first time but didn't fish. This year they came back to fish.

The Conservation Café chaired by Marguerite O'Connell was busy selling chili, hamburgers, hot chocolate, coffee, pop and snacks. Thank you Marguerite and your crew for a job well done. Thanks for making sure all the workers had hot coffee and donuts each morning before we opened.

But that's not all - now it's time for the LIVE auction where Ross' team included Jack Fields as auctioneer with runners Marguerite O'Connell and Dale Miller who made sure the bidders had their winning bid sheets. Tracking the winning bid prices and accepting payment for auction items were Sue Musumeci and Laura Golonka. Ross Musumeci organized the auction and did a terrific job with the groupings, order and display of items. Those who attended the auction could read the placement card with each item numbered with the description and donor. Now these items just don't magically appear. There was a small group of members who worked very, very hard to obtain these wonderful items. A big, big thank you to Leonard Dane, Ken Golonka, Bonnie Letich, and Fred Scollay.

Thank you to our treasurer Ken Golonka for tracking monies coming in during the derby and paying Derby bills, preparing the banks needed for the weekend, balancing and making the deposits. Thank you goes to Ken for handling the hourly fish prizes in the announcers trailer this year. Ken also was in charge of putting the derby ad book together making sure it was ready to go to print.

The success of the derby is largely due to the continued support of our sponsors – local and national businesses and the many volunteers who worked on committees. There is more to the definition of a successful event - it is measured by the number of families spending time together, by smiles on the children's faces when they bring in their fish to be measured, by four generations enjoying time together, by the laughter, jokes and smiles of all who attend. Thank you everyone for making this a wonderful fun and successful derby.

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### **MAIN RAFFLE WINNERS**

\$1000 Dick Quist  
\$500 Todd Erickson  
\$250 Carol Gillengerten

### **ICE SHANTY CONTEST**

Dale Hangebrauck of Salem, WI

## THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING DERBY VOLUNTEERS

Marguerite O'Connell \* Ken & Laura Golonka \* Bonnie & Don Letich \* Ross & Sue Musumeci  
Cindy Yelden \* Tim Glover \* Tom & Brad Geisler \* Leonard Dane \* Mike Venet \* Tony Vos \* Eric Herum  
Leo Dubrovin \* Jack Fields \* Greg Schroeder \* Keaton & Erynn Schroeder \* Bryan & Linda Krusmark  
Rich Couvion \* Fred & Carolyn Scollay \* Dale Miller \* Don & Donna Lessard \* Rob Christensen

## FISHING DERBY WINNERS

**Musky**-----No legal caught

### Northern Pike

Large 29 3/8 Lucas Holmes Antioch  
Small 25 1/4 Shaun Albeck Round Lake

### Walleye

Large 15 5/8 Jeff Parsons Oregon, IL

### Bass-large and small mouth

Large 19 1/4 Jeff Parsons Oregon, IL  
Small 14 5/8 Patrick Angell Antioch

### Catfish

Large 21 7/8 Parker Seibert Madison, WI  
Small 13 Mitch Yuas Antioch

### Crappie

Large 14 Tim Mastandrea Lake Zurich  
Small 4 7/8 Shaun Albeck Round Lake

### Striped/Bass

Large 12 1/4 Jeff Parsons Oregon, IL  
Small 6 7/8 Pat Siebert Waukegan

### Bluegill/sunfish/rock bass

Large 9 5/8 Jeff Parsons Oregon, IL  
Small 3 1/2 Shaun Albeck Round Lake

### Perch

Large 9 3/4 Jeff Parsons Oregon, IL  
Small 3 3/4 Keewaydin Laws Oakwood Hills

### Sheepshead

Large 12 1/4 Jeff Parsons Oregon, IL  
Small 11 7/8 Jeff Parsons Oregon, IL1

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 9 Board/General Meeting-----7 pm at Antioch Library  
April 13 Board/General Meeting-----7 pm  
May 2 Adopt-A-Highway-----10 am  
May 18 Board/General/Elections-----7 pm  
June 8 Board/General Meeting-----7 pm

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY MAY 3, 2015

This is our 14<sup>th</sup> year to volunteer for Adopt-A-Highway in Lake County. We have been assigned the stretch of road between Rts 59 and 83 on Grass Lake Road. Come on out and join us to see who collects the most unusual item. All volunteers are asked to meet at 10 am at Triangle Sports & Marine just west of Rt. 83.

## ELECTIONS

Elections will be held on **May 18** at the combined Board/General meeting at 7 pm. Nominations are now open until **April 13** for President, Vice President, and two directors positions are 3 year terms and responsibilities include, serving on at least one committee, provide support for club programs and activities and assist any officer as needed.



*Think Spring*