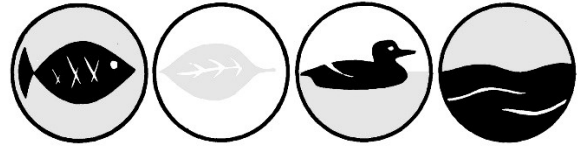


# N.I.C.C.



## March 2016 Newsletter

Even with single digit temperatures fishermen came out to our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Fishing Derby on February 13-14. No matter what the weather brings us at derby time, there are always diehard anglers who will brave the frigid weather to fish for hours. In early December, the thought of having ice in time for the derby was questionable considering we were having record high temperatures. Mother Nature came through for us.

The team that organized the event included: Ross Musumeci, Leonard Dane, Ken Golonka, Marguerite O'Connell Bonnie and Don Letich. Many thanks for helping make this 56<sup>th</sup> Derby a success.

Chairman of the 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 48 tickets as you played an important role in the success of ticket sales. Volunteers at ticket sales at headquarters were Don & Bonnie Letich, Tom Geisler, Laura Golonka and Linda Krusmark.

Fish judging was held in the tent with Tony Vos as head fish judge and Mike Venet as his assistant. It's an exciting moment when a fisherman comes in to register a fish and it's tail is sticking out of the bucket. 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 an 1/8 inch short of being legal.

Being outside all day increased appetites sending you inside the tent to the Conservation Café, where you could place your order for hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate, coffee, pop and snacks. Thank you Marguerite O'Connell and your crew, Cindy Yelden, Greg Schroeder and Rich Couvion for a job well done. Thank you Marguerite for making sure all the workers had hot coffee and donuts each morning before we opened.

We had 18 buckets raffles this year geared for men, women and children. Thank you goes to Ross Musumeci for chairing the bucket raffles. Also, thank you Ross for selecting the donated items for the bucket raffles and Leonard Dane for helping with ticket sales.

The derby wrapped up with the live auction. Ross Musumeci organized the 23 adult auction and 5 kids auction items. He 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. Ross' team included Jack Fields as auctioneer with runner Marguerite O'Connell 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. These items just don't magically appear. There was a small group of dedicated members who worked very, very hard to obtain these wonderful items. Thank you Ken Golonka, Leonard Dane, Bonnie & Don Letich.

Thank you to our treasurer Ken Golonka for tracking monies coming in during the derby and paying Derby bill, preparing the banks needed for the weekend, balancing and making deposits. Thank you goes to Ken for handling the hourly fish prizes in the announcer's 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 the 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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### **THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING DERBY VOLUNTEERS**

Ross & Sue Musumeci \* Ken & Laura Golonka \* Bonnie & Don Letich \* Marguerite O’Connell  
Cindy Yelden \* Tim Glover \* Tom & Brad Geisler \* Leonard Dane \* Mike Venet \* Tony Vos  
Eric Herum \* Leo Dubrovin \* Jack Fields \* Greg Schroeder \* Linda Krusmark \* Dale Miller  
Rob Christensen \* Rich Couvion \* Joe Bubel \* Vinny Haywood

### **MAIN RAFFLE WINNERS**

**\$1000** Van Mathews  
**\$500** Marty Dschida  
**\$250** Don McGrain

**FISH JUDGING WINNERS**

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

**Northern Pike**

Large 34 1/4 Billy Learsch Antioch  
Small 25 1/8 Ryan Arrus

**Walleye** none caught

**Bass-large and small mouth**

Large 19 3/8 Shaun Albeck Round Lake  
Small 15 3/8 Hunter Moseley Antioch

**Catfish**

Large 32 1/2 Kyle Dunn Zion  
Small 16 5/8 Kyle Dunn Zion

**Crappie**

Large 12 1/2 Rich Cheterbok Spring Grove  
Small 3 3/4 Raoy Fett

**Striped/bass**

Large 12 3/34 Dave Wittmer  
Small 8 1/2 Rich Cheterbok Spring Grove

**Perch**

Large 10 1/8 Pat Seibrert Waukegan  
Small 3 7/8 Rick Thompson Wonder Lake

**Sheepshead**

Large 16 1/8 Jacob Seibrert Madison, WI  
Small

**Bluegill/sunfish/rock bass**

Large 9 1/8 Jeff Parsons Oregon  
Small 3 3/4 Tom Kiesgan Antioch



## **ELECTIONS**

Elections will be held on May 23 at the combined General/Board meeting at 7 pm. Nominations are now open until April 11 for President, Vice President and two directors' positions. 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.

### **Adopt-A-Highway May 1**

This year marks our 15<sup>th</sup> year to volunteer for the Adopt-A-Highway program in Lake County. Have you watched the Discovery channel on cable TV and wished you could be there when they find a rare artifact? Well, here's your chance to do it right here in Antioch! Have you seen the clubs name on the two Adopt-A-Highway signs on Grass Lake Road? For the past 14 years NICC has been assigned the stretch of road between Rt. 59 and 83 on Grass Lake Rd. Sometimes we even find loose change. Come on out and join us for the find of your life. Our next archeological find will be on Saturday, May 1. All volunteers are asked to meet at 10 am at Triangle Sports & Marine, just west of Rt. 83 on Grass Lake Rd. So grab your gloves and head for the highway. Any loose change goes to the finder. It was the decision of the board to use this day as a good opportunity to come back to the club grounds and so some grounds cleanup.

## **PASSING OF A MEMBER**

NICC is saddened by the death of one of our longtime members Don Lessard on January 31, 2016. Don and his wife Donna joined NICC in 1985. When NICC bought the property, Don helped with the renovation of the kitchen. He was instrumental in running fish boil fund-raisers for several years. He renovated trailers that were used at our derby, one of them is still being used as our announcer's trailer. When Don retired, he and Donna moved to Hayward, Wisconsin in 2005.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

March 14	General/Board Meeting at Antioch Library 7 pm
April 11	General/Board Meeting at Antioch Library 7 pm
May 1	Adopt-A-Highway 10 am NICC Grounds Cleanup
May 23	General/Board Meeting and Elections 7 pm at NICC
June 13	General/Board Meeting 7 pm