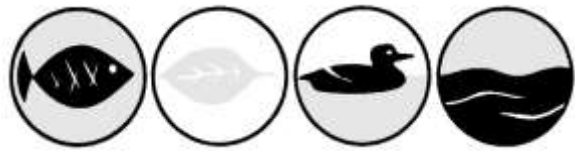


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March 2021 Newsletter

NICC Membership,

I am writing today to provide you all with an update on the 61st Ice Fishing Derby. As you know this year's event was restructured due to the ongoing pandemic. The changes included a contactless fish registration, no onsite raffles or auctions, and a single registration fee. We also reduced the number of volunteers onsite during the event. Another change was we were headquartered at the boat launch for Musky Tales. The registration was set up in a toasty warm 10 x 10 ice shanty donated for our use by the boss of one of our members. Fish registration was set up in a pop-up canopy (with tarped sides) on Saturday and then in Time2Bite's summer hotdog stand (a former pontoon boat).

This year the weather was much colder and snowier than we have seen in recent years, but not the worst we have ever had. Saturday, we had snow and cold while Sunday we just had cold. Turnout was much less on Sunday; I blame the cold and the fact that it was Valentine's Day. It also didn't help that the fishing was not fast and furious. I can hear the morning discussions already; "Honey would you rather go fishing, catch nothing and freeze or spend the day with your sweetie and be warm?"

The event still brought in over 100 people to partake in the fishing fun. Each person that paid the registration fee was issued a number and their name was also put into a drawing to win one of two guided fishing trips. The numbers issued to each fisherperson allowed for the contactless fish registration. They just dropped off their bucket of fish outside the registration area and the judges measured the fish and recorded their number. No more freezing your fingers filling out tickets for each fish you want to register. This new procedure went over really well with the judges and participants.



The guided fishing trip on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage was won by Nicole Karlove while the guided ice-fishing trip was won by CJ Johnson. All of the feedback I have received has been positive for this year's event.

As you also know the main raffle this year was much different. We gave away a prize a day throughout the month of February. We sold 1000 tickets (000-999) and each day whatever the evening Illinois Pick 3 lotto number was would be our winner. This raffle was a big hit and a really good way to offset the loss of funds normally generated from our derby and winter festival.

We are in discussions for doing some type of hybrid event next year that combines things from the past with stuff we did this year. Please feel free to reach out to me with any suggestions you may have for future events.

I can't thank you all enough for helping to sell all 1000 tickets, spreading the word about the raffle and ice-fishing event, and being able to help pull this off. Stay tuned for an announcement of a picnic type event coming to the NICC Grounds once we are given the all clear to have social gatherings again.

Thank you again,

Len Dane
President

Fish Winners

Species		Length	Winner
Northern Pike	Big	29 3/4	Colton Albeck
	Small	-	-----
Bass	Big	15 7/8	Colton Albeck
	Small	14 3/4	Colton Albeck
Catfish	Big	21 5/8	Nick Ingoglia
	Small	15 1/4	Nick Ingoglia
Crappie	Big	9 1/8	Jeff Geldmyer
	Small	5	Eli Welch
Perch	Big	8 7/8	Pat Angell
	Small	4 1/4	Dean Brewer
Bluegill	Big	8 7/8	Pat Angell
	Small	3 5/8	Eli Welch
Walleye	Big	27 1/2	Tyler Braswell
	Small	-	-----
Striper	Big	15 1/2	Patrick Siebert
	Small	3 7/8	Kyle Dunn
Sheephead	Big	14	Pat Angell
	Small	-	-----
Carp	Big	-	-----
	Small	-	-----

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Thank you to our Derby volunteers! Organizing and hosting an event such as this would be impossible without our dedicated members and Derby volunteers. Thank you to this year's Derby crew: Leonard Dane, Ken & Laura Golonka, John Mathatas, Jessie, Maddie and Andy Szmegalski, Mike Venet, Tony Voss, Paul Yucus, Holly Kim, Bill Burns, Jordan Marcelain, Mark Fini and Kristal Larson.



ELECTIONS

Elections will be held on May 10th at the combined General/Board meeting at 7:00 pm. Nominations are now open until April 13 for; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer 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.

If you are interested in learning more about serving on the board, or in filling one of these positions, please contact Laura Golonka at LGOLONKA2@GMAIL.COM.



Bill Burns
Joseph Nottoli
Doug Zimmerman

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 8 General/Board Meeting @ 7 pm
April 12 General/Board Meeting at
May TBD Adopt-A-Highway and
NICC Grounds Cleanup
May 10 General/Board Meeting and
Elections 7 pm at NICC
June 14 General/Board Meeting @ 7 pm

