

2012 GOVERNOR'S CUP:

On June 23rd and 24th at the Kettle Falls Marina, the Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club hosted the 19th Annual Governor's Cup Walleye tournament with 66 two-man teams. Tournament Directors Ken Martin and Clyde Reneman along with Walleye club volunteers have spent the past 6 months preparing for this huge community event promoting our outstanding fishing resource.

This year, Hewes Craft and Clark's All-Sports were approached by the Walleye club to be additional tournament sponsors and the partnership has been well received. Gary Clark and Dave Hewes have been very supportive of the Walleye club and have recognized the economic impact the Governor's cup brings to the local economies and the support needed from the local community. Cabela's and Tripp Distributing are also our Tournament Sponsors.

As part of the tournament, the Walleye club holds a Rifle Raffle, a Cabela's Gift Card Raffle and a dollar raffle. The winners of the Rifle Raffle were Spike LaBrode, Minnesota for the Henrys .17HMR; J. R. Hunnicut, Colville for the Ruger 10/22; and Vie Pierre, Kettle Falls for the Savage 223. The Cabela's Gift Card winners were Dan DePonte, Nevada for 500.00; Alan Walker, Spokane Walleye Club for 300.00; and Yogi Smith, Omak for the 200.00 gift card. The monies generated from these raffle ticket sales support the club activities and donations to Horizons, Kettle Falls Food Bank, Kettle Falls Youth Center, Senior Citizens Center, City of Kettle Falls, Operation Life Jacket, Save the Kettle Falls Pool, etc.

Despite the rain storms that plagued the areas north and south of tournament headquarters at Happy Dell Park, tournament anglers were anxious to test their knowledge in the pursuit of walleye. At 6am each day teams were sent out to search for those big walleye in hopes of catching either the largest fish of the day or heaviest stringer of 6 fish without accruing penalties for dead fish.

Results for Saturday Big Fish were: Stan Romig & Jerrad Romig 6.06 pounds. Heavy Stringer 1st Greg and Kathy Goodnight 18.10 pounds; 2nd Stan and Jerrad Romig 17.86 pounds; 3rd Gerald Marco and Rod Sly 14.06 pounds. Results for Sunday Big Fish were Don Ghramm and Craig Bircher 5.88 pounds. Heavy Stringer 1st Don Ghramm and Craig Bircher 17.24 pounds; 2nd Ron Charlton and Jeb Race 15.62 pounds; 3rd Dave Harrell and Sam Grant 14.62 pounds. Also noted that 2nd place Big Fish went to Gerald Marco and Rod Sly and Ron Charlton and Jeb Race. These additional categories provide substantial financial benefit to the teams.

Uncle Wait's Tackle and Hewes Craft provided the Cool Under Pressure Award to the team that advanced the most places from Saturday to Sunday. Ron Charlton and Jeb Race won the award for advancing 12 places. Lowrance provided a fishfinder for the Lucky Dog Award. True sportsmen, Rod Hewitt and Jeff Dickinson, firefighters from Monroe, WA should also be commended for helping the team of Gerald Marco and Rod Sly get their bag of walleye turned in by check-in time which helped them earn 3rd place. Unfortunately, outboard problems strike when least expected on the walleye circuit.

This year there were 5 Governor's Cup teams representing the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and New York. The Oregon team of Stan and Jerrad Romig will have their nameplate added to the bronze walleye sculpture which resides in the Kettle Falls Chamber of Commerce. The top 10 money award placement standings for the tournament weekend are:

Rank	Team	Angler 1	Angler 2	Day 1 Weight	Day 2 Weight	Total Weight
1	35	Greg Goodnight	Kathy Goodnight	18.10	12.86	30.96
2	34	Don Ghramm	Craig Bircher	13.70	17.24	30.94
3	36	Gerald Marco	Rod Sly	14.06	11.96	26.02
4	1	Stan Romig	Jerrad Romig	17.86	7.60	25.46
5	57	Jeb Race	Ron Charlton	8.54	15.62	24.16
6	47	James Mareth	Chris Whitten	10.92	12.86	23.78
7	7	Dave Harrell	Sam Grant	8.20	14.62	22.82
8	27	Chad Owens	Austin Owens	11.16	9.68	20.84
9	21	Ken Priddy	John Turney	7.80	12.40	20.20
10	25	Rick Sutherland	Tom Morrow	9.88	9.68	19.56

Tournament winning, team of Greg and Kathy Goodnight will be the 2013 Governor's Cup team representing, the state of Washington. Four out of the top 5 teams are local area teams.

The Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club would like to express a special Thank You to the Tournament Sponsors, Businesses supporting our Advertising Booklet, Stevens County commissioners, Kettle Falls Chamber of Commerce, George and Linda Allen and Chuck DeBruin Spokane Walleye Club, TJ's Bar & Grill, Fairchild Air Force Volunteers; National Park Service, Tournament anglers, the businesses and individuals that donated raffle Items, and the Tournament Committee and volunteers.