



Neal Taylor Nature Center

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PRESS RELEASE

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Big Winners!

Neal Taylor Nature Center's

24th Annual Fish Derby

- **\$5,000 in Cash Prizes**
- **Over \$40,000 raised for the Nature Center**
- **\$15,000 in Merchandise Prizes Awarded**
- **782 men, women and children registered**

Neal Taylor Nature Center's 24th Annual Fish Derby

The Derby **began on April 27th at 6 a.m. and ended at 12 noon on April 28, 2019.**

782 contestants of all ages fished Cachuma Lake during the tournament hours and were also able to fish from shore at any time during the Derby including Saturday night. Nature Center volunteer, retired Battalion Chief Mike Marlow, fired the flare off at 6 a.m. at the harbor to start the Derby on Saturday and Tim Burmood, son in law of Neal Taylor, fired the flare off to end the Derby on Sunday at 12noon.

This year's event was attended by anglers of all ages with 782 registered to fish in the Derby and many others along for a glorious weekend of perfect weather for camping and fun at Cachuma Lake & the Nature Center.

The contest was held on Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th with 782 kids and families registered! The weather was perfect and lots of BIG fish were caught making for many happy anglers of all ages.

The Fish Derby is a benefit fund raiser for the Neal Taylor Nature Center which is located at Cachuma Lake and offers programs and exhibits on the Santa Ynez River Watershed.

Over 76 volunteers planned and operated the derby, raffle and children's activities with over \$40,000 in cash and sponsorship and \$15,000 in merchandise sponsorship.

The Awards program held on Sunday, April 28th at 1 PM was emceed by the Tim Burmood – son in law of Neal Taylor. Tim did a fantastic job with Barbara & Dave Hale, Carolyn & Kylee Dougherty, Barbara Gutmann and Lila Waterfall on stage to help pass out raffle & door prizes. A highlight of the program was when Charlie Alva, a Gold Sponsor of the event, was thanked and honored for his ongoing and tremendous support of the Nature Center over many years. Charlie is so loved by all the Derby goers and has been a fixture and foundation of the Derby for over a decade. Charlie was given a standing ovation and then he stayed on stage to help hand out the cash awards to this year's winners.

Beautiful Custom Rod and Fishing Trip for Two:

Another highlight of the ceremony was when Captain Tiffany Vague (manager of local fishing & tackle shop - Hook Line & Sinker) came on stage to donate a high-performance rod that she handcrafted for the event. The rod was hand crafted by Tiffany and made for fresh water and/or ocean fishing. This beautiful rod along with a day of deep-sea fishing for two aboard Truth Aquatics was auctioned off and the winning bid was made by Joe Belluz from Lompoc, California.

Thank you to Captain Tiffany Vague and her husband Shaun for making this special donation in tribute of their son Kaiden and to Sea Landing and Truth Aquatics for their donation of the fishing excursion for two.

Top Prize Winners

\$599 Heaviest Trout Caught

Winner: James Foschaar, age 63 from Los Alamos
Trout / 5.28lbs / 23 ¼ inches

Donated by

Harry DeWitt

In Memory of Neal Taylor

\$300 2nd Heaviest Trout Caught

Winner: Zack Eggleston, age 22 from Goleta
Trout / 4.56 lbs. / 23 inches

Donated by

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\$599 Heaviest Bass Caught

Winner: Scott Parrish, Age 48 from Lompoc
Bass / 6.82 lbs.

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Jim & Barbara Gutmann & Lowell & Shirley McLellan

\$300 2nd Heaviest Bass Caught

Winner: Richard Rowland, Age 54 from Ventura
Bass / 3.74 lbs.

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\$599 Heaviest Crappie Caught

Winner: Martin DeLeon, Age 80 from Arroyo Grande
Crappie / 1.78 lbs. / 16 inches

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In Memory of Mike Buck

\$300 2nd Heaviest Crappie Caught

Winner: Richard Rowland, Age 54 from Ventura
Crappie / 1.76 lbs. / 15 ¼ inches

Donated by

Harry DeWitt

\$599 Heaviest Catfish Caught

Winner: Angel Maldondo, Age 53 from Santa Barbara
Catfish / 7.06 lbs. / 24 inches

Donated by

Greg Donovan

\$300 2nd Heaviest Catfish Caught

Winner: Boomer Owen, Age 6 from Solvang
Catfish / 4.78 lbs. / 22 inches

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\$100 THE Neal Taylor “Young Angler Award”

First Catch by an angler 15 years or younger on
\$50 Sat.

Winner: Mercer Pringle age 11 from Dana Point
Crappie / 0.8 lbs. / 12 inches

\$50 Sun.

Winner: Olivia Wang age 11 from Camarillo
Bass / 1.26 lbs. / 14.5 inches

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\$100 Visit the Nature Center Raffle

Winner: Joseph Snow from Arroyo Grande

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Carpinteria Creative Arts group

\$75 Heaviest Fish caught by Girl 11-15 yrs.

Winner: Ella Klosek age 12 from Orcutt

Bass / 3.4 lbs. / 19.5 inches

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Jeney McCoy

\$25 2nd Heaviest Fish caught by Girl

Winner: Alyssa Valdez age 12 from Goleta

Trout / 2.16 lbs. / 18.5 inches

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\$75 Heaviest Fish caught by Boy 11-15 yrs.

Winner: Taylor Swing age 12 from Buellton

Trout / 2.78 lbs. / 19 ¼ inches

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\$25 2nd Heaviest Fish caught by Boy 11-15 yrs.

Winner: Sebastian Jacob age 13 from Santa Ynez

Bass/ 2.64 lbs. / 17.5 inches

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\$50 The Dutch Wilson Prize (the fish caught by the oldest angler)

Winner: Jasso Diaz age 82 from Santa Maria

Trout / 2.78 lbs. / 19.5 inches

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\$100 for Heaviest Carp Caught

Winner: Becky Dasis, Age 47 from Lompoc

Carp / 7.32 lbs./ 27 inches

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Dwight & Beverly Morey

\$50 for 2nd Heaviest Carp Caught

Winner: Jalen Siegel Age 20 from Goleta

Carp / 6.22 lbs. / 25 inches

Donated by

Dick & Lois Cofiell

\$25 each plus Rod & Reel to 5 kids 10 yrs. & under for Heaviest Fish Caught

Winner #1: Boomer Owen - age 6 from Solvang
Catfish / 4.78 lbs. / 22 inches

Winner #2: Bronwyn Waterfall age 6 from Santa Barbara
Trout / 3.46 lbs. / 21 - 1/8 inches

Winner #3: Jayden West age 7 from Lompoc
Bass / 3.24 lbs. / 20 inches

Winner #4: Herbie Gerfen age 6 from Santa Maria
Trout / 3.10 lbs. / 20 ½ inches

Winner #5: Anthony Soares III age 8 from Nipomo
Trout / 2.46 lbs / 19 ¼ inches

Rod & Reel to the next 5 kids 10 yrs. and under for Heaviest Fish Caught

Winner #6: Aiden Flores age 10 from Santa Barbara
Trout / 2.32 lbs. / 18 ½ inches

Winner #7: Dominic Gheno age 11 from Los Olivos
Trout / 2.30 lbs. / 17- 5/8 inches

Winner #8: Freddy Martin age 6 from Lompoc
Trout / 2.24 lbs. / 18 inches

Winner #9: Brody Hamilton age 6 from Paso Robles
Trout / 2.16 lbs. / 18 1/4 inches

Winner #10: Dylan Thomas age 7 from Lompoc
Trout / 2.10 lbs. / 17 3/4 inches

Donated by

**Dick & Lois Cofiell; George Krebs
& Mike Lum, Fred Hall Show**

The Fish Derby is the major fundraiser for the Neal Taylor Nature Center which is a non-profit organization that operates the Nature Center

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A Fundraising Benefit for the
Neal Taylor Nature Center
a Nonprofit Organization, and in Cooperation with Cachuma Lake Recreation Area

Major Derby Sponsors

Gold - \$10,000

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In memory of
Vera Ralston Alva

Bronze - \$2,500

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Harry DeWitt

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Thank you to our volunteers and many generous donors!

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About the Neal Taylor Nature Center

Neal Taylor Nature Center (NTNC) is located within Cachuma Recreational Area in a picturesque old ranch house. Developed and operated by a corps of committed volunteers, it offers exhibits on the local valley and mountain environment for all ages, emphasizing hands-on exhibits for children of all ages

Nature Center & Gift Store Hours

Wednesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sundays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Nature Center Admission: Free

(There is a \$10.00 County Park Admission Fee per vehicle)