

2020

End-of-Year Report



IOWA YOUTH
FISHING LEAGUE
A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

Mission

To support youth fishing among Iowans through educational programs, mentoring and competition, so that Iowa youth develop leadership skills and become stewards of our natural resources.



Creating Opportunities

2020 marked the first year of operation for our nonprofit organization. In an unprecedented year, our sponsors and participants rallied together to make the year a success.

The IYFL in partnership with local and national sponsors, as well as, our Executive Board of Directors worked to bring new opportunities to the youth of central Iowa. This year validated the need for an organization such as ours. This year we served over 50 Iowa youth to pursue their passion for fishing and the outdoors. Our anglers ranged from ages seven to 18.

In 2020, we provided 12 educational events in a virtual setting to ensure the safety of all participants and 12 tournaments to provide competition.



A Note from the Executive Directors

We started this organization with a vision to fill a void for Iowa youth who want to further their knowledge of fishing and pursue new opportunities in tournament fishing. Their passion became our pursuit to start our endeavor last February.

Over the past 10 months we have been able to open opportunities to youth from across Central Iowa. In our first year, the IYFL family has grown and we worked together amidst a global pandemic.

This would not have been possible without our amazing support system of our families, anglers, community advocates, volunteers, and sponsors. We are so grateful to have welcomed so many amazing people into our program.

We have learned a lot in our first year of operation. We are predicting even more amazing opportunities and experiences to come in 2021.

With gratitude,
Justin and Emily Lewis



10
*monthly educational
events*



5.91 lbs
*largest bass caught in a
tournament*



200
*youth served in
community events*



35
*first fish caught by local
youth*



-2020- Year in Review

- **February 2020** - IYFL founded
- **March 2020** - Pandemic hits and Iowa locked down - started our virtual monthly educational events
- **May 2020** - First IYFL Tournament - Educational Events remained virtual for the 2020 season
- **May 2020 to October 2020** - Anglers competed in the IYFL tournament trail (10 tournaments across the state of Iowa)
- **August 2020** - IYFL's first appearance at the Junior and High School Bassmaster State Tournament with 9 teams representing.
- **September 2020** - The Angler of the Year race had several lead changes
- **December 2020** - High School Angler Dylan K. became the IYFL's 1st Angler of the Year

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Tournament Results:

Virtual Tournament:

Juniors: Caleb M. & Eli H.
High School: Jordan D. & Ben G.

Lake Belva Deer:

Juniors: Marshall N. & Reece L.
High School: Jake G. & Grant M.

Black Hawk Lake:

Juniors: Reece L.
High School: Dylan K. & Caleb N.

Rathbun Reservoir:

Juniors: Marshall N. & Reece L.
High School: Henry O. & Tyler L.

Brushy Creek Lake:

Juniors: Grant N. & Charlie M.
High School: Caleb M. & Eli H.

Mississippi River, Pool 10:

Juniors: No scorable fish
High School: Dylan K.

Mississippi River, Pool 10:

Juniors: Marshall N. & Reece L.
High School: Cole S.

State Tournament

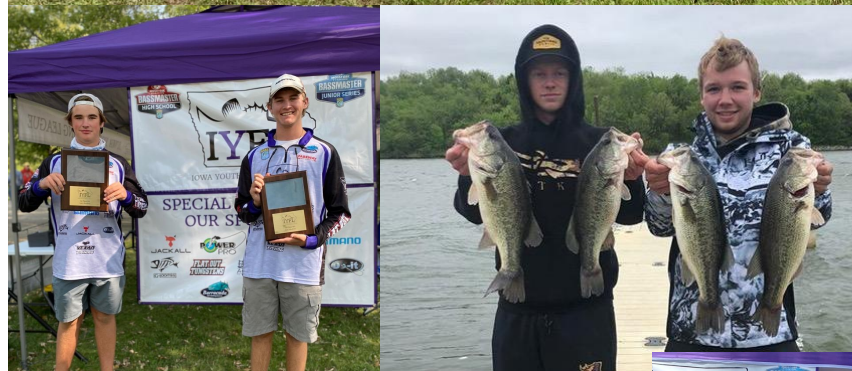
Winners from other Iowa Clubs

Lake Macbride

Juniors: Marshall N. & Reece L.
High School: Cole S. & Henry O.

Brushy Creek Lake

Juniors: No scorable fish
High School: Dylan K.



-2020- Angler of the Year

Dylan K. *High School Angler*

In the inaugural season of the Iowa Youth Fishing League, we are proud to present our 2020 Angler of the Year, Dylan!

Dylan had an outstanding season that was driven by dedication to growing himself as an angler and promoting fishing to the youth of Central Iowa. In his 2020 season, Dylan holds 3 tournament wins and served as an avid volunteer at community events. Dylan's growing knowledge and passion to fish competitively in college inspired his success this season.

Dylan will receive a plaque and prize package at our next event.

Congratulations, Dylan!



THANK YOU to all of our
amazing sponsors!

Local Sponsors:



National Sponsors:



THANK YOU, Volunteers!

The success of this year could not have been possible without your support of our mission. We are grateful for the hours you have spent at tournaments, planning events, hosting events, and furthering our vision for the Iowa Youth Fishing League.





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- 2021 Goals -

- Continue to foster an environment to create learning opportunities for our anglers to become stewards of our natural resources
- Implement new pathway options to provide wider access
- Seek out companies to provide scholarships for anglers
- Create partnerships with collegiate fishing programs and community organizations to provide more opportunities for participants

Board of Directors:

**Justin Lewis
Emily Lewis
Steve Smith
Craig Ver Huel**

