

Kevin Murray Memorial Tournament and Nebraska Walleye Association Open Walleye Tournament

Lewis and Clark Reservoir

Crofton, NE

08/29/20 – 8/30/20

The Kevin J Murray tournament consisted of 60 boats and was a huge success. All together the anglers raised \$16,000.00 in scholarship money to the Wayne High School. The Murray family is greatly thankful to all the anglers for their continued support to their tournament.

Saturday was a beautiful day for the Murray tournament and anglers were remarkably successful. In all, 136 walleyes were caught for 314.9 lbs. Mike and Nick Hamsa won the tournament with 21.29 lbs. and the big walleye award with a walleye weighing 7.16 lbs. Second place team Tom Seiburg and Jake Mallow had 19.03 lbs. Third place team Arlyn Schwaninger and Paul Wiebelhause had 17.54 lbs. Fourth place team Todd Acheson and Josh Junge had 13.39 lbs. Fifth place team Richard McShane and Steve Freese had 13.01 lbs.

Sunday a cold front moved in and brought in a lot of high winds. As a result, anglers struggled and only brought in 49 fish for 112.18 lbs. In total, Nebraska Walleye paid five positions. First place paid \$1240. Second place paid \$860. Third place paid \$586. Fourth place paid \$410. Fifth place paid \$344.

First place team Steve and Jeremy Hankla weighed in 13.88 lbs. Second place team Adam Pederson and Taylor Portillo weighed 10.62 lbs. Third place team Marie Wadas and Curt

Baker weighed 9.18 lbs. Fourth place team Doug and Jim Hesse weighed 9.07 lbs. Fifth place team Tom Sammons and Randy Stamp weighed 8.79 lbs.

Some fish were caught along the Walker Valley region east of Weigon. Others were caught in the “Cabelas” hole and in front of the ever-changing center chute. You must be careful in this region as it can go from eight feet deep to one foot in an instant. Crank baits including #4 Salmos, Walleye Nations Creations Shaky Shads, and #5, #7 Flicker and jointed flicker shads were the ticket. The fish did not seem too picky as they were caught on a variety of colors, but red crawdad seemed to be one of the favorites.

Thanks for all the contributions to the Kevin Murray Memorial Tournament and the anglers for helping abide by the extra rules in place because of the covid requirements. We would not be able to do this without your help.

Tournament Directors

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