

WBFN Junior State Championship and State Kids Casting Championship July 27, 2007



On July 26 and 27, 2007, twenty-four kids from youth clubs all over the state of Wisconsin gathered for the annual Wisconsin B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Junior State bass fishing championship in Delafield, Wisconsin on Lake Nagawicka. Clubs represented this year were La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Northern Illinois and Oshkosh.

The highlight of Friday's pairing meeting was an encouraging message from National B.A.S.S. Youth Manager Stacy Twiggs. Many thanks go out to Stacy for his attendance and participation in Junior State Championship. The young anglers and families also enjoyed a pizza party and were given merchandise from event sponsors.

Tournament day launch (July 27) was 6:30pm. The contestants met up with their partners and adult boaters, loaded gear, and staked out strategies. At sunrise, all the young anglers blasted off on a beautiful sunny day. Unfortunately, for two days prior there was a big storm and fishing changed for the kids that had been pre-fishing. Mother Nature did her job at leveling the playing field and needless to say the bite was tough for the second year in a row.

At 12:30pm the boats were scheduled to the weigh-in site. Many of the junior anglers had serious looks on their faces and had found the bite to be EXTREMELY tough. Many hoped one or two bass might be enough. In total, only 15 bass were weighed in. In the 11-14 age group, Max Brovarney weighed in an impressive 4-fish bag for a total of 6.94 pounds. Second place was defending State Champion Jonny Schultz, with 5.62 pounds, including Big Bass in the age group with a nice 2.52 lb Smallmouth.

In the 15-18 age group, John (JP) Weber pulled out the win with a nice largemouth weighing 3.13 lbs. His one fish was enough, and again showed how tough the bite really was. Second place in the age group went to Nick Gums, also from the Northern Illinois Junior club, with one bass weighing 2.63 lbs.

Congratulations to Max and JP, as both will be heading to South Carolina in February 2008, to participate in the BASS Junior World Championship.

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Angler</u> | <u># Of Fish</u> | <u>Big Bass</u> | <u>Total Weight</u> | <u>Club</u> |
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| Age Group 10 to 13 | | | | | |
| 1 | Max Brovarney | 4 | 2.08 | 6.94 | Milwaukee |
| 2 | Jonny Schultz | 3 | 2.52 | 5.62 | Milwaukee |
| 3 | Brenann Bowman | 1 | 2.07 | 2.07 | La Crosse |
| 4 | Alex Noedel | 1 | 1.89 | 1.89 | Oshkosh |
| 5 | Jared Larue | 1 | 1.53 | 1.53 | La Crosse |
| 6 | Broc Bina | 0 | | 0 | La Crosse |
| 6 | Alexander Salas | 0 | | 0 | Northern, IL |
| 6 | Shane McQuitty | 0 | | 0 | Milwaukee |
| 6 | Brandon Smith | 0 | | 0 | Northern, IL |
| 6 | Tyler Runde | 0 | | 0 | Madison |
| 6 | Ben Meyerhofer | 0 | | 0 | Oshkosh |
| 6 | Matt Weber | 0 | | 0 | Northern, IL |
| Age Group 11 to 18 | | | | | |
| 1 | John Weber | 1 | 3.13 | 3.13 | Northern, IL |
| 2 | Nick Gums | 2 | | 2.63 | Northern, IL |
| 3 | Ryan Meyerhofer | 1 | 2.01 | 2.01 | Oshkosh |
| 4 | Cade Laufenberg | 1 | 1.52 | 1.52 | La Crosse |
| 5 | Ryan Welch | 0 | | 0 | La Crosse |
| 5 | Alix Kaiser | 0 | | 0 | Madison |
| 5 | Jeremy Walenhorst | 0 | | 0 | Madison |
| 5 | Eric Vosters | 0 | | 0 | Oshkosh |
| 5 | Josh Stein | 0 | | 0 | Northern, IL |
| 5 | Wells Kaiser | 0 | | 0 | Madison |
| 5 | Tony Hundt | 0 | | 0 | La Crosse |
| 5 | Rolando Tuazon | 0 | | 0 | Milwaukee |