

Crappie Anglers of Texas 6th Annual Crappiefest on Lake Fork

CAT recently held its **6th Annual Crappiefest Tournament on Lake Fork on March 30, 2019**, and even with high winds and a little rain, we had total of 304 anglers (277 Adult Anglers & 27 Junior Anglers) participate in what has become one of the biggest crappie tournaments in the country! Crappie anglers from **Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Texas** participated in a great day of fishing filled with fun, fellowship and plenty of excitement! Crappiefest is a “big fish” tournament, so each angler weighed-in only one big crappie. Here are the results:

First place was a “tie” this year with Raul Sandoval (Ft.Worth, TX) and Doug Broadway (Joshua, TX) both weighing in a 2.39 pound crappie, netting them each a check for \$4,000. Doug was the top finishing CAT member and received a second check for \$1,250 bringing his total to \$5,250! Jeff Schwieterman (Parker, TX) came in 3rd place with a 2.33 pound slab worth \$2,500. Jerry Hancock (McKinney, TX) and Daniel Barrick (Quinlan, TX) tied for 4th place and each took home a check for \$1,750 for each of their crappie weighing in at 2.31 pounds. Cody Standerfer (Gunter, TX) brought in a 2.30 pound crappie and took home 6th place and \$1,000. Mike Vallentine (Clinton, MO) netted 7th place and \$750 for his 2.20 pound crappie. Allen Dyer (Mabank, TX) took home \$700 for his 8th place crappie weighing in at 2.17 pounds. Mark Standridge (Canton, TX) and Dillon Stocking (Clinton, MO) tied for the 9th and 10th place each weighing in a 2.13 pound slab worth \$625 each.



Cash prizes were also awarded for 11th through 20th place.

Much excitement was generated by the ever popular “Exact Weight Bonuses” and the **“Bass Printing Mystery Weight Awards”**. Seven anglers weighed in crappie weighing exactly (or closest to) 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00 pounds and received a total of \$2,900 in cash from the Exact Weight Bonuses and Bass Printing Mystery Weight Awards gave away another \$1,000 that was split between six lucky anglers.



Junior Angler 10 & under division:

Not to be outdone by the adults, the youngest crappie anglers in the contest really put on a show. First place was won by Adam Lopez with a monstrous crappie tipping the scale at 2.15 pounds. Adam won a \$100 Amazon gift card. Staton Robinson took home second place and a \$75 Amazon gift card for his 1.08 pound crappie. Alex Lopez rounded out the top three with his crappie tilting the scale at 1.06 pounds.

Junior Angler 11 – 17 division:

The older kids cashed in as well. Cole Wall won first place and a \$100 Amazon gift card with a weight of 2.07 pounds. Preston Morrison came in 2nd place and netted a \$75 Amazon gift card with his crappie weighing 1.65 pounds. Noah Rinehart took third place and a \$50 Amazon gift card with his 1.58 pound crappie.

All of the Junior Anglers took home tackle goodie bags valued at over \$25.00 each and a trophy. Our Junior Anglers took home awards and prizes valued at over \$1,300!

Crappie Anglers of Texas would like to thank our **2019 Crappiefest Sponsors** for your support. We really appreciate YOU! This year's sponsors were: Star Industries; City of Emory; Stitches Galore; Aflac Insurance; Allied Employer Group; AmeriGas; Bass Printing; CE-DFW; Fin and Bones Taxidermy; Frost Bank; Flywheel; Graystone Insurance Agency; Insurica; Kloeckner Metals; Spectra Bank; WasteQuip; YRC Freight and Potts Feed Store.

A GREAT BIG thank you to Shannon Winters and the NOCC volunteers for their tremendous help!! We will be sending the NOCC a check for \$7,485!!! This includes the tournament fees, donations, silent auction and profit from t-shirt sales!!

We'd also like to say thank you to the other volunteers – Don and LaVon Reeve, Bud and Tammy McLain, Christopher Howell, Brittany Hopkins, Clint Ferguson, Jaleigh Hopkins, Payton Reeve, Enoch Basnett and Chris Webb.

Great Sponsors and volunteers make Successful Events and CAT has the best of the best!!!

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