



The Lake Region Anglers held their annual Spring Northern and Walleye Outing on Sunday, May 20th, 2012 out of Pelican Lake. The tournament was moved from Saturday to Sunday due to inclement weather and forecasted 40 mph winds. While the weatherman's wind forecast for Saturday was far from accurate, the anglers were greeted with a much nicer fishing day on Sunday.

Twenty two person teams took part in the Spring Northern Pike & Walleye Outing with lots of fish caught by the teams. A total 111 Northern Pike weighing 480 pounds were brought to the scales with the Northern Pike averaging approximately 4.3 lbs each. The largest Northern Pike was a 13.64 lb. giant caught by the team of Travis Klein and Merle Nelson. Most of the Northern Pike were caught by casting a variety of artificial baits into shallow water areas. Some anglers reported catching a hundred or more Northern Pike, but the average size of these fish were small.

For the first time in the history of the LRAA Spring Outing the anglers were allowed to weigh in Walleyes in addition to Northern Pike. The teams caught a total of 70 walleyes that weighed nearly 200 lbs. with the average weight of the Walleye's being 2.75 lbs. The Outings winning team of Jon Dircks and Jay Hagen caught the largest Walleye of the Outing weighing in at 6.84 lbs. The anglers used a variety of methods to catch their Walleye from live baiting with slip bobbers to the casting of crank-baits and jigs. In interviewing the anglers they all seemed to agree that was definitely a morning bite with the Walleyes.

The top five finishers in the Spring Northern and Walleye Outing were:

Champions - Jon Dirks and Jay Hagen ----- 53.59 lbs.  
2nd Place - Travis Klein and Mearl Nelson ----- 51.61 lbs.  
3rd Place - Aaron McQuoid and Quince Hambeck ---- 44.86 lbs.  
4th Place - Matt Taylor and Ben Mack ----- 42.28 lbs.  
5th Place - Cory Anderson and Ken Remmen ----- 42.04 lbs.

The Lake Region Anglers Association would like to thank all of the members who volunteered their time in organizing and with cleaning the fish after the Outing. A special thank you goes out to Brenda Barstad and Ben & Jessica Mack for acting as coordinators of this Outing.

**LRAA would like to remind the membership that the next Outing will be the EAST BAY OUTING scheduled to for Saturday June 2nd, 2012 out of Estenson's South End R and R on HWY 20.**

**We look forward to seeing everyone at the next LRAA Outing. Come out and join us, share the in Fellowship of LRAA and enjoy the fabulous fishing that Devils Lake has to offer.**