



The Lake Region Anglers Association would like to congratulate LRAA members Bob Gibson and Brad "BJ" Larson for winning the 2011 Spirit Lake 11th Annual Marina Walleye Classic Tournament. The Gibson, Larson team was in fourth place after day one weighing in a 5 fish limit of 18.78 lbs of walleye. They followed their day one weight with another 5 fish limit of 14.34 lbs for a winning weight of 33.12 lbs. In talking with the team they stated their preferred method of catching walleye of slip-bobbering was not producing the results they desired so they went to an age old Devils Lake presentation for catching walleye pitching crank-baits to wind-blown points in the shallow backwater bays on Devils Lake. Congratulations to the 2011 "CHAMPIONS" Bob Gibson and Brad Larson.

The 3rd Place finishing team was none other than last year's Spirit Lake Walleye Classic Champions of Ben Mack and Matt Taylor. Interesting note here the Mack-Taylor team weighed in only 6 walleyes over two days to attain their 3rd Place finishing weight of 29.95 lbs. The average weight per each of the 6 walleye that Ben and Matt were able to bring to the scale was 4.99 lbs. which brought the team to within 3.18 lbs of accomplishing a second consecutive first place finish.

The 2010 LRAA "Team of the Year" Travis Clemens and Jason Ramberg followed up their 2010 Spirit Lake Casino runner-up 2nd Place finish by finishing in 4th Place this year. The Clemens and Ramberg team has showed remarkable consistency with now 6 consecutive Top 5 finishes in the 2010 and 2011 LRAA and other local fishing tournaments they have fished in. The Clemens, Ramberg team stated the weather conditions on day two were brutal with winds gusting at times up to 30 mph which hampered all of the team's ability to execute on their plans. The team stated overall things went well as they were able to weigh a limit of 5 walleyes each day but they are re-playing a 6 plus pound walleye that came unbuttoned right at the boat before they were able to get into the net while fighting the windy conditions.

The following is a list of LRAA members who placed with Top 25 finishes in this weekend's Spirit Lake Casino Walleye Classic Tournament along with photo's of those members who finished in the TOP 10.

Spirit Lake Casino Walleye Classic Champions - Bob Gibson - Brad "BJ" Larson - 46.50 lbs.



3rd Place - Ben Mack - Matt Taylor - 29.95 lbs.



13th Place - Tim Rutten 22.74 lbs.
15th Place - Jon Dircks - 22.52 lbs.
16th Place - Jacob - Don Denning - 22.35 lbs.
17th Place - Tom Stoe - Cory Haugen - 20.71 lbs.
21st Place - Kelly Bakken - Chad Haberstroh - 17.17 lbs.
22nd Place - James Rusten - 17.04 lbs.

LRAA extends our congratulations each one of these members. Great job everyone!

"WISHING YOU ALL GOOD FISHING"