

World Walleye Tournament Results



Brian Wilson and Joe Baron won the recent World Walleye Association tournament held on the Fox Chain of Lakes. The pair bested John Nuebel and Ross Hosking who finished second.

Haling's Resort hosted the tournament at its Grass Lake location, just like it did for the prestigious Professional Walleye Trail tournament held in April of this year.

The Nuebel/Hosking team caught four legal 'eyes, more than any of the other 43 teams. Wilson/Baron caught only two fish but one was over six pounds, which gave them the most weight and almost \$2,000 of prize money. Second place paid \$1,030.

The smallest walleye was probably caught by Dan Roanhaus, who managed to land one about three inches long.

'It was a tough bite,' he said in an understatement. Roanhaus and partner Steve Popko managed to "zero" along with many of the other teams.

Zero is the term used by tournament anglers when they come to the weigh-in with no fish.

"I have to give all the credit to John," said Hosking. "He pre-fished a couple of days while I had to work, and he found some active fish."

Three-way rigging with one-eighth ounce green and orange Whistler Jigs in the river current did the trick. "We tipped 'em with a piece of crawler or a minnow," added Nuebel.

The tournament was formerly known as the Chain Walleye Series but earlier this year was taken over by the World Walleye Association, whose website is www.worldwalleye.com. Jeff Miller of Fox Lake is the local tournament director.

"We coulda won it," Hosking lamented. "We caught a dandy 22-incher, but it was in the protected slot, so it had to be released."

On the Chain, walleyes that are from 18 inches to 24 inches cannot be kept and must be released.

That cost the Nuebel/Hosking team about a thousand bucks. Ouch. Congratulations to the winners.