

11th ANNUAL CRAWLING VALLEY ICE FISHING DERBY

The 11th Annual Crawling Valley Ice Fishing Derby will probably be remembered more for the White out conditions that stormed into the area; however the organizers of the derby would still like to think of it as a success. The Derby was sold out with 220 adult fishermen & 30 junior. This year the fish were measured instead of weighed and the organizers were very impressed with the ease of this transition. The fish were also the biggest fish handled in the Derby in several years.

We would like to thank our Sponsor of the Junior Event, Lassiter Brothers & Triple XXX Red Angus, as well as the 17 other prize sponsors. Without them we could not offer the draws that we have at the end of the event. This year we would also like to thank those who stopped or went back to help their fellow fishermen who were stuck in snow drifts that they could not see due to the whiteout conditions on the ice.

1st Place Pike measured 81.9cm brought in by Robert Lytle of Drumheller, earning him a \$2000.00 cheque.

2nd Place Pike measured 79.5cm brought in by Mike Traub of Calgary, for a prize of \$1200.00.

3rd Place Pike measured 73cm brought in by Victor Dyck of Brooks, for a prize of \$800.00.

Ling Cod (Burbot) measured 80.5cm brought in by Steven Toner of Edmonton, for the \$150.00 prize.

Thanks to the Lassiter Brothers & Triple XXX Red Angus we were able to increase the prizes for the Junior Event. The Junior Event winners are as follows:

1st Place Pike measured 70cm brought in by Najim Richardson of Brooks, for \$150.00.

2nd Place Pike measured 64.8cm brought in by Riley Sagmoen of Calgary, for \$90.00.

3rd Place Pike measured 63.5cm brought in by Dante Young of Bassano, for \$60.00.

50/50 Draw was won by Leslie Beebee of Medicine Hat for \$871.35.

Draw Prizes were drawn at the end of the Derby, which was cut short by the weather conditions. Crawling Valley Recreation Society - Eskimo 10" Ice Auger – won by Lorne Lenz of Coalhurst, AB. Evergreen Equipment Ltd. – Weber Portable BBQ & Stand – Winston Fiddler of Calgary, AB. Maverick Inspection Ltd. Of Edmonton – Fish TV7 – Allen Auger of Strathmore, AB. Spin Doctor Power Tongs –

Berkley Classics 12V Fillet Knife – Bill Marshall of Rosemary, AB. Bassano Automotive/Gibeau Repair – Makita Angle Grinder – Ron Schmidt of Medicine Hat, AB. Bassano Pharmacy – Coleman Propane Coffee Maker – Adam Vanderwoude of Calgary, AB. Agcom Petroleum – BBQ Tool Set – Dave McCullough of Airdrie, AB. The Fishin' Hole – Ladies Soft Side Tackle Bag & Hat – Ian Draper of Ralston, AB. The Fishin' Hole – Soft Side Tackle Bag & Hat – Guy Houde of Balzac, AB. Bassano Building Centre – King 3/8's Electric Drill – Dan Wutzke of Calgary, AB. Creaky Floor Hardware Store – Tip Up Kit & \$20 Gift Certificate – Rick Boyd of Calgary, AB. Marken Machining Ltd. – Stormtech Jacket & Beer Steins – Ryan Fodchuk of Calgary, AB. The Fishin' Hole – Pike Tackle Kit – Kevin Farmer of Drumheller, AB. Chinook Credit Union Bassano Branch – Stadium Duffle Pack – Rolando Adriani of Black Diamond, AB. Imperial Hunter Hotel – Steak Pit Meal for 2 – Gary Fiddler of Calgary, AB. Desert Sales Inc. – Jacket & Hat – Jeff Moormen of Airdrie, AB. New West Milling – Fiskar 17" Hatchet – Kelly Salter of Calgary, AB. Chinook Credit Union Bassano Branch – Stadium Duffle Pack – John Kelly of Turner Valley, AB. Imperial Hunter Hotel – Steak Pit Meal for 2 – Dallas Mack of Medicine Hat, AB. A.T.B. Financial Bassano - Polar Fleece Jacket – Verne Miller of Calgary, AB.

Thanks to Fish & Wildlife of Brooks every junior fishermen received an Educational Spoon Kit & a Fishing Rod. Junior Draw prizes were as follows: Crawling Valley Recreation Society – Flambea Fishing Kit – Alyssa Beaupré – Calgary, AB. The Hair Factory - Shakespear Walleye Kit – Mathew Link of Strathmore, AB. Mike & Tracy Anderson of One Cow Ranch – Celsius Tip Ups – won by Preslee Fodchuk of Calgary, AB and Joshua Link of Strathmore, AB. – 137 Piece Tackle Kit – Paige Coton of Calgary, AB. The Fishin' Hole – 76 Piece ice Fishing Kits and Chinook Credit Union – Frisbee's – Wyatt Davis of Brooks, AB and Brady LeBlanc of Drumheller, AB.