

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Winners of the 25th Annual Waukegan Park District Fishing Derby

Waukegan, IL (June 6, 2015) Bevier Pond was stocked with 850 pounds of catfish for the 25th Annual Waukegan Park District Fishing Derby held Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Bevier Park from 8am to 10:30am. This family event brought over 370 participants who spent the morning trying to catch the “big one.”

Age group winners for the biggest fish caught were:

4 years and younger: 1st – Sophia Pena (22.5”), 2nd – Jayden Flowers (19.25”), 3rd – Xander Cardaropoli (18”)

5-8 years: (Three way tie all at 24inches, in order of time caught) 1st – Oswaldo Olivares (24”), 2nd – Carlos Lara (24”), 3rd – Camila Pena (24”)

9-12 years: 1st – Brardal Johnson (24”), 2nd – Marcus Ortiz (23”), 3rd – Xander Ehright (23”)

13-16 years: 1st – Ojay Serano (25.25”), 2nd – George Herrera (25”), 3rd – Koby Martin (23”)

17 years and older: 1st – Roslyn Borne (27.25”), 2nd – John Plewka (27”), 3rd – Darnell Hentz (26”)

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, an outdoor swimming pool, disc golf course, dog exercise area, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball and tennis. A full range of programs and services are offered year

round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 59 full-time and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), the Illinois Association of Park District (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and sustains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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Winners in the 9-12 Age Category



Pictured are the 17 and over winners, left to right: Darnell Hentz who caught a 26 inch channel catfish with Parky the Waukegan Park District mascot, Roslyn Borne who caught the largest fish at 27.25 inches and John Plewka who caught a 27 inch catfish.



Second year winning the raffle grand prize bicycle