

# KEITH SEBELIUS Reservoir News

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## A DAY AT THE CARP DERBY

Twenty-fourth annual  
Busch Carp Derby held July 17-18

The weather was hot but fishing was good at the 24th annual Busch Carp Derby at the Keith Sebelius Reservoir last month. Fishermen divided up into 27 two-person teams to catch 253 pounds of carp or 332 fish.

The top ten teams who snagged the most fish received cash prizes.

Winners were determined by counting the number of fish caught per team. The largest fish per team was weighed each day.

Taking first place this year were Rex and Phil Buford, Colby. They brought in a total of 49 fish, weighing a total of 21 pounds, 8 ounces. Buford and Buford received \$150 for their efforts.

The Bufords took ninth place last year with 23 fish.

Coming in second place for the third year in a row were Curtis Glenn and J.D. Sanderson, Norton. Glenn and Sanderson brought in 40 carp — 19 pounds, 5 ounces — and won \$100.

In third place were Deanna and Danny Carmen. Carmen and Carmen caught 32 fish weighing in at 17 pounds, 9 ounces and took home \$75.

Others in the top ten were — Cherry and Kayla Martin, Hays, 24 carp totaling 13 pounds, 14 ounces, \$70, fourth place; Tim Rabe and Kirk Esplund, Buckland, 23 carp totaling 10 pounds, 9 ounces, \$65, fifth; Bob and July McKnight, Goodland, 21 carp totaling 16 pounds, 5 ounces, \$60, sixth; Gary Williams and Reggie Beckman, Norton, 20 carp totaling 14 pounds, 12 ounces, \$55, seventh place; Michael Coffey, Norton, and Jim Underwood, Eudora, 19 carp totaling 19 pounds, 10 ounces, \$50, eighth; Lynn Harper and Denise Allen, Norton, 12 carp totaling 10 pounds, 6 ounces, \$50, ninth; Steve Sprague,

Norton, and Danny Bell, McPherson, 11 carp totaling 21 pounds, 5 ounces, \$40, tenth.

Buford and Buford brought in the biggest fish on Saturday at 10 pounds, 6 ounces. On Sunday, the team of Sprague and Bell snagged the top carp at 14 pounds, 8 ounces. Both teams received \$100 from First Security Bank and Trust.

A separate prize of \$100 was again established by New Age Industrial for any tagged carp caught by the contestants. Fishermen turning in the tagged carp were to share in the money; however, none of the tagged fish were caught.

The Norton Jaycees, which is in charge of the derby, thank the following people and businesses: Jim Railsback, Jean and Brad McMullen, Staci and Jason Breiner, Randy and Deana Shearer, Clay, Josie, Amy, Jessica, Kayla, and Tyler; Western Distributing, Rural Telephone, D & M Service of Norcat, Adventures in Eating, Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut/Taco Bell, Pamida, Shop and Save, Jamboree Foods, Town and Country Kitchen, Norton Sports Center, Love's, Engel's Sales and Service, City Motors, Sidles, Walter Motor Co., Ruth's Antiques, T & D Bait Shop, New Look, Ward Liquor Store, Gil's Barber Shop, Darkerside, Shear Magic, Carquest, Don's Floor Covering, Dr. Aldridge's office, Hall's Clothing, Brad, Moffet Drug Store, Russ' Jewelry, The Sewing Box, State Farm Insurance, End Zone Office Supply and Sporting Goods, Almema State Bank, Pure Prairie Natural Foods, Here's Your Sign, Prairie Land Electric, Norton Homestore, Norton County Co-op, Kowpoke Supply, McMullen and Wyatt, and Ace Hardware for donating either cash or prizes; and anyone else who donated or helped at this year's carp derby.



Jim Railsback weighs in a carp during the final weigh-in day at last month's 24th annual Busch Carp Derby.

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