

Annual Carp Derby set for July 16 and 17

The 25th annual Busch Carp Derby is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17 at the Sebelius Reservoir west of Norton.

The weekend activities will center around the carp contest, as two-man teams of "archers" or "fishermen" attempt to bring in the legendary "Western Kansas Golden Trout."

A total of 332 carp were caught at last year's derby. The derby attracted 27 two-person teams from across Kansas.

The team of Rex and Phil Buford, Colby, won the championship by bringing in 49 carp for the two days and earning the first place \$150 cash prize.

The second place cash purse of \$100 went to Curtis Glenn, Norton, and J.D. Sanderson, Norton, for bringing in 40 carp.

The team of Deanna and Danny Carmen placed third with 32 carp and received \$75 for their efforts.

Derby rules

The winners will be determined by counting the number of fish per team. One largest fish per team will be weighed each day. The combined weight of the big fish on Saturday and Sunday will be used for tie breakers.

Prize money

Prize money is being offered to the successful teams in the derby. The top 15 places will receive money.

Fishermen will be competing for a \$150 first place prize.

The contestants will hit the water at 9 a.m. each morning of the two-day event. A weigh-in will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday

with the final weigh-in taking place at 3 p.m. on Sunday. No fishing will be allowed from 6 p.m. on Saturday until 9 a.m. on Sunday.

More prize money

A separate prize fund of \$100 has again been established by New Age Industrial Corporation, Inc., for any tagged carp caught by the contestants.

Fishermen turning in the tagged carp will share the fund. The color of the tag will be announced prior to the contest starting time.

In addition, a cash prize \$50 will be awarded for the largest fish caught each day. The First Security Bank and Trust Company of Norton and Lenora is awarding this daily prize. Many other prizes donated by supporting area businesses will be drawn after weigh-in both days.

Barbecue Saturday

A whole hog barbecue for contestants only will be held on Saturday after the weigh-in. Additional meals may be purchased for family members: \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased prior to going through the food line.

Entry fees and forms

The advance entry fee will be \$35 per team by July 15. After July 15, the entry fee is \$40.

Entries may be mailed to: Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, 104 S. State St., Norton, Kan., 67654. The Chamber office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closes at 2:30 p.m. on Fridays.



Herndon's Chelsey Schissler used nightcrawlers to catch her 10 pound, 28 1/2 inch carp on March 27. Chelsey was a April and May winner in the largest fish contest. She won a gift certificate in April and a cash prize in May.



Danny Carmen, Colby, used a bow and arrow to bring in this 31 1/2 inch, 16 pound, 1 ounce grass carp on May 8.

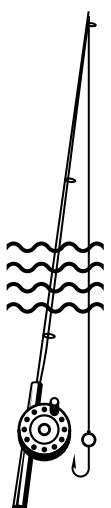
CATCH the BIG ONE!

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