

# Busch Carp Derby comin' back for the 26th year

The 26th annual Busch Carp Derby is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16 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 508 carp were caught at last year's derby. The derby attracted 22 two-person teams from across Kansas.

The team of Curtis Glenn and J.D. Sanderson, Norton, won the championship by bringing in 56 carp for the two days and earning the first place \$150 cash prize.

The second place cash purse of \$100 went to John Baker and Justin Baker, Norton, for bringing in 52 carp.

The team of Garry Staab and Wade Ditter, Hays, placed third with 49 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.

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.

Contestants arriving after check-in will be docked one fish per minute. Those who are over 30 minute late will have that day's catch disqualified.

## Prize money

Prize money is being offered to the successful teams in the derby. The top 10 places will

receive money.

Fishermen will be competing for a \$150 first place prize. Other prizes are second place, \$100 and a trophy; third, \$75 and a trophy; fourth, \$70; fifth, \$65; sixth, \$60; seventh, \$55; eighth, \$50; ninth, \$45; and tenth, \$40.

## More prize money

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

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

In addition, a cash prize of \$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 \$30 per team and must be postmarked no later than July 12 or received by the Sebelius Lake Association by July 14. After July 14, the entry fee is \$35.

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.

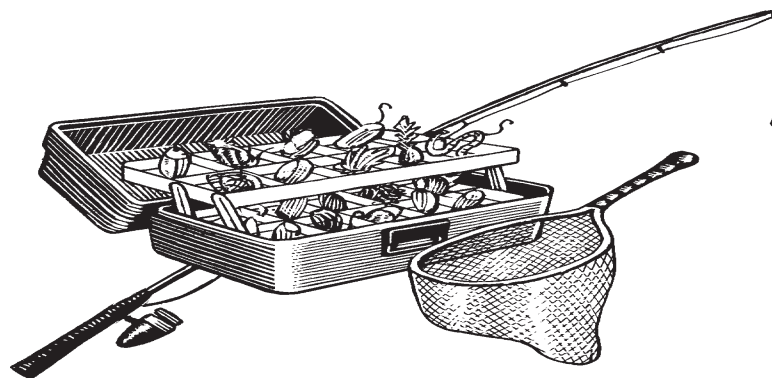


Everybody loves a good carp, but not as much as John Tacha, Norton, as he proved at last year's derby with a quick kiss.

—Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

# Fishing Tournaments

Location	Start Date	End Date	Organization	Launch Site	Time
Prairie Dog State Park	July 15	July 16	26th Busch Carp Derby	Leota Cove	9 a.m.-6 p.m. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Prairie Dog State Park	July 15	July 16	Denver Bassmasters	Leota Cove	6 a.m.-4 p.m.
Prairie Dog State Park	Oct. 8	Oct 8	Angling Nebraska	Leota Cove	6 a.m.-4 p.m.



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