

Thirty years and thirty teams carry on tradition



Participants as well as spectators finish their meal and wait for the results of the carp derby; above. Below are several fishermen giving it their best shot, or cast as the case may be. Michael Coffey, Brent Carlton and Tobi Boller try their hand while onlookers, Carli, Juan and Rudy Perez stop to chat.

—Telegram photos by Dana Paxton



On July 24 the Norton County Shooting Sports Club held a fund raiser by sponsoring the 30th Annual Carp Derby at the Sebelius Reservoir. There were 12 archery teams entered and 18 rod and reel teams for a total of 30 teams.

The fishing started at 9:00 am and all teams were to check in no later than

6:00 p.m. Upon check in, the days catch was counted and the largest fish weighed. The largest carp brought in weighed 12.18 pounds and was caught by the team of Tye Schmidt of Ellis and Josh Fixen of Ellsworth. A total of 296 carp were taken from the lake.

After all the fish were weighed the contestants and their families were treated to pork sandwiches, potato salad and baked beans with a cold tea to wash it down. Door prizes, donated by area businesses, were given out to everyone who entered their name.

New 2010 T-Shirts were given out to Kendra Baker for having the oldest derby shirt from the 11th annual derby. The last new shirt was given to the most recent derby shirt being one from the 23 annual worn by Gary Stabb.

The evening's festivities ended by awarding the prizes and trophies. In the archery division third place went to the team of Brandon McChesney and Rusty Goss with 20 fish. Second went to the father son team of Jon Sloan and Jered Sloan with 28 and first place was won by the team of Danny Carmen and Justin Wolf of Colby with 38 fish.

In the rod and reel division third place went to the team of Lynn Harper and Denise Harper with 15 fish. Second place was taken by Brett McChesney and Doug Smith with 31 fish and last but not least, the first place rod and reel team were father and son Doug Daniels and Dustan Daniels of T & D Bait Shop with 32 fish.

This is a growing event so get entered next year for your chance to win.



Angeler, Cody Land, waits for a bite during the carp derby.

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