

## **Picatinny Junior Bassmasters Take to the Lake**

### **William Riehle and Tori Hartigan Emerge on Top in Bassin' Kids Tourney**

The largest field ever to compete in the annual Bassin' Kids Tournament showed up around 6am Sunday the 12 of July for the ninth such contest on Picatinny Lake. 25 children showed up for this year's event sponsored by the Picatinny Rod and Gun Association (PR&GA) the Civilian Welfare Council and Keitech USA Baits. This year's participants included 15 newcomers to the Bassin Kids Tourney. And if you think the same kids win year in and year out you'd be wrong. As none of last year's trophy winners repeated the feat this year. At the start of the tourney each family was provided with a tackle pack generously donated by Keitech USA Baits and the CWC, which included a shallow running crankbait, some plastics worms, stickbaits and Keitech swimbaits, hooks, weights and Keitech Bait literature.

8 year old William Reihle was competing in his first ever bass tournament. But that didn't stop him from bringing in 2 largemouth bass and posting the heaviest weight of the tourney, over 3 ½ pounds, anchored by his 2.09-pounder which stood up for tourney lunker and earned him first place in the Junior division of 9 and unders. William's fish hit a plastic worm weighted with a split shot. Gwen Cakerri was also competing in here first ever fishing contest, along with her twin brothers Jason and Ryan and older brother Dayne. Gwen managed to coax a 1.36 lb bass to inhale the Bass Pro Shops Sticks bait from her tackle pack, which stood up for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Junior Division. Not far behind in third place was Benjamin Erickson, who showed his younger brother Jacob how to land a .93 pound bass also on a Sticks, which is a Senko type bait fished weightless with the hook in the middle (wacky style) or through the end and then turned back into the body to make it weedless. Also competing who didn't manage landing a keeper bass but had some fun with Picatinny's Chain Pickerel, Crappies, Bluegills and Yellow Perch were Josh Aarsen, Erica Lynn, Elena LoPrete, Allison MacDonald, Tyler Shorr, Anthony and Michael Thompson.

In the highly contested Senior Division of 10-15 year olds, it was 14 year old Tori Hartigan who was able to land two keepers and take home the trophy for first place. Tori's first fish came on a 6" weightless Sticks rigged weedless. Her second fish was on a Texas-rigged 4" red shad ringworm with a 3/16oz bullet weight pegged above the hook to drag it down into the weeds in the middle of the lake not far from the ramp. Matt Corsello, no stranger to the Bassin Kid's tourney was competing in his 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive event. This year his luck turned and his 2 pound bass on a wacky rigged Senko earned him second place in the upper age bracket. He wasn't done there. He also landed a 2.76 lb Pickerel earning him a second trophy for the largest toothfish of the tourney. Finally Mike Horishny took advantage of one of the sponsor's Keitech swimbaits to land a 1.48 pound bass good for third place. Subroto Sinha and Dillon a Prendergast also landed a largemouth bass that left them just short of the podium. Also competing in the Senior Division were CJ Barella, Dayne Cakerri, Anthony LoPrete, Anthony Lynn, Ryan MacDonald and Eric Sheng.

Once again, thanks go out to our generous sponsors - the Civilian Welfare Council, Keitech USA Baits, and the Picatinny Rod and Gun Association. Special thanks to Jennifer Cakerri for taking pictures of the great event, Jim Huff, Tim Cassidy and Brian and Vance Chase for taking time to host some young anglers on their boats, Hans Karlsen and Chris Brown and the guys at the Weld Shop for helping maintain and prepare boats.

As you can see, Picatinny Lake offers a healthy and plentiful variety of fish for all anglers. The fishery has never been healthier, thanks to the catch-and-release practices of so many of the Picatinny anglers young and old. And it's available to all military and civilians employees working at Picatinny Arsenal, as well as their parents, spouses and children. See the

PGR 200-1 for the exact eligibility rules. All it takes is a NJ fishing license and a Picatinny fishing permit. You can even use the MWR boats on the arsenal lakes and ponds for free by signing up for the PR&GA. And check out the new dock and piers refurbished by a group of PR&GA volunteers. You don't have to wait until next July for another fishing contest. On Saturday, 12 September the PR&GA will sponsor its annual National Hunting and Fishing Day Trout Contest. The contest will begin at 10:00 am in the stream below Bucky's. This is one your child will not want to miss. Watch for more details of all the day's festivities.

**Picatinny Rod & Gun Assoc.**  
**Bassin' Kids Invitational Bass Tournament**  
**When: Sunday 12 July 2009, 0600-1000 hrs**  
**Where: Picatinny Lake**

***RESULTS***

	<u># Bass</u>	<u>Total Weight</u>	<u>Big Bass</u>	<u>Other Fish</u>
<b>9 AND UNDER:</b>				
1. William Riehle, 8	2	3.56 lbs	2.09	
2. Gwen Cakerri, 9	1	1.36 lbs	1.36	
3. Benjamin Erickson, 8	1	.93	.93	
4. Jason Cakerri, 7	1	.91	.91	
5. Josh Aarsen, 8	-	--	--	1.9 lb Pickerel
5. Ryan Cakerri, 7	-	--	--	
5. Jacob Erickson, 5	-	--	--	
5. Erica Lynn, 9	-	--	--	
5. Elena LoPrete, 8	-	--	--	
5. Allison MacDonald, 6	-	--	--	
5. Connor MacDonald, 9	-	--	--	
5. Tyler Shorr, 8	-	--	--	1.75 lb Pickerel
5. Anthony Thompson, 8	-	--	--	
5. Michael Thompson, 8	-	--	--	

**AGE GROUP 10-15:**

1. Tori Hartigan, 15	2	2.74 lbs	1.61	Pickerel, Crappie
2. Matt Corsello, 13	1	2.0	2.0	2.76 lb Pickerel
3. Mike Horishny, 12	1	1.48	1.48	
4. Subroto Sinha, 13	1	1.22	1.22	2.2 lb Pickerel
5. Dillon Prendergast, 1.21	1	1.21	1.21	
6. CJ Barella, 12	-	--	--	2.43 lb Pickerel
6. Dayne Cakerri, 10	-	--	--	
6. Anthony LoPrete, 10	-	--	--	
6. Anthony Lynn, 13	-	--	--	
6. Ryan MacDonald, 12	-	--	--	
6. Eric Sheng, 11	-	--	--	1.99 Pickerel

Lunker Bass – William Riehle, 2.09 lb Largemouth

Lunker Toothfish – Matt Corsello, 2.76 lb Chain Pickerel