

## **Picatinny Arsenal National Hunting and Fishing Day September 22, 2012**

The weather was right, the trout were hungry and the children and grandchildren of Picatinny's employees, military, retirees and guests were prepared to do some great fishing during the annual children's fishing contest sponsored by the Picatinny Rod and Gun Association (PR&GA). Around 300 trout to include some twenty trout in the 5 to 10 lb range were stocked courtesy of the PR&GA and the Civilian Welfare Council in Lynn's Pond where the contest is normally held. The trout were very cooperative which made all for more excitement for the children, every child caught at least one trout and then some!

Prizes were awarded to the children in three age groups. The 6 and under group was won by **Adelise Longo**, 5 years old from Banger, PA, .75 Lbs., followed by **Connor Kelly**, 6 years old from Kinnelon .75 Lbs, and **Jordan Anderson** 6 years old from Dover, .61 Lbs. The 7 – 11 group was lead by **Alec Rybarski**, 10 years old from Long Valley, 1.00 Lbs, followed by **Jalen Anderson** , 8 years old from Dover, 1.00 Lbs, and **Nick Thomas**, 10 years old from Roxbury, .99 lbs. In the 12 – 15 age group **Lewis Galdieri**, 12 years old from Morristown, .94 Lbs took the honors with **Drew Walker** 14 from North Haledon following a close second .90 Lbs. **Kyle Barrow** 12 from Bloomfield tied Drew for second place, .90 Lbs. Winners received rod & reel combo's, tackle boxes, nets and lures. Each child that participated in the contest received a small prize. Everyone went away a winner! The prizes were presented by LTC Mark Thane, President Picatinny Rod & Gun Club Association. There were 48 children that attended the event. In addition to the trout contest the children were also given the opportunity to learn safe handling of firearms with Chuck Horvath using pellet guns and using a bow & arrow on archery target range by the Dover Sportsmen's Club members. There was a display of "Bucky's" photo's and shed's by his "daddy" John Rogalo Sr. and a fly tying techniques and demonstration by Al Wagnecz. Again this year John Rogalo's Jr. labrador retriever (Dory) demonstrated her waterfowl retrieving techniques

The following were recipients of the door prize drawing: Mike La Pera, Picatinny Salt Water Club, Kyle Barrow, Joseph Guerrier, Major Morris, Leann Patrick, and Angel Gonzales. Congratulations!

A special thanks to those who helped prepare the pond for stocking, stocked the fish, assisted the children in fishing and those who prepared lunch and to all the sponsors and volunteers that made this year's National Hunting and Fishing Day a great success, without them this annual event would not have been possible!

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