



Trace Union of Fervent Fishermen (T.U.F.F.)

**THE ANNUAL TUFF DERBY RUNS FROM
MARCH 15 TO NOVEMBER 15 AND IS
OPEN TO ALL TRACE RESIDENTS
AND THEIR GUESTS!**

You do not need to be a member of TUFF to enter your fish!

**2012 TUFF Derby Winners:
ADULT DIVISION**

First Place Bass

Bob Massena, 11 pounds, 7 ounces.



A HUGE catch for Bob of North Shore with this big spawning female released March 18. It was 26" long with a girth of 20 inches and was caught on a shaky head jig dressed with a long black worm pitched to the shoreline near Davis dock at Mallard Cove. That's one big bass, Bob. Congrats!

Second Place Bass Al Zulich, 7 pounds, 2 ounces

New North Shore resident Al Zulich landed his **FIRST FISH** out of Lake Trace on a crankbait pitched east of 18 Creek Bridge around 1pm on September 14th near Wedgewood Drive. It measured 23.5 inches long with a 15.5 inch girth.



First Place Catfish

Jeff Popke, 9 pounds, 6 ounces.
This 30 inch long white catfish (with a 16" girth) was caught August 5th at 8:00 PM near North Bridge on a bass minnow. It garnered first place for Jeff who lives in Highland Woods.



All pictures accepted, as long as they are good of the fish! Measure length & girth and call TUFF Director Libby Bibb at 919-499-1300. Send details and picture(s) to gofishin247@gmail.com

Second Place Catfish,

Kendall Crawford, 8 pounds.

September 18th was a good day to fish off Kendall Crawford's dock in Southwind POA. He caught this nice catfish on shad, as well as a 6 pound, two ounce largemouth bass!



First Place Crappie

Buster Harrill, 15 inches

*Second Place Crappie - no 2012 entries-
where have all the crappie gone ?
last year we had three and four pounders
on the TUFF scoreboard !!*

First Place Bream

Mary Salvo, 1 pound, 3 ounces

Another big "waffle" size big 10" by 10" bream was caught March 29th on a worm off Mary's Harbor Creek dock. Note: the Joint Lake Committee has limed the HC/EN area (2008 and 2012) to increase spawning with good results!

2nd Place Bream

Karl Heidinger, 1 #, 1 oz

Karl caught some amazing red-ear sunfish this spring, including a fat 10.25 inch long by 9 inch (girth) bream at Fred Berman's dock in Mallard Cove. (Note: this area was liquid limed this fall to encourage these big breeders to spawn.)

2012 TUFF DERBY YOUTH DIVISION

(ages 16 and under)

FIRST PLACE BASS

Evan Massena, 7 pounds, 3 ounces



Evan reeled in this largemouth while he was fishing with his father. It was 23 inches long with a 16.5 inch girth and Miss Libby took the measurements and picture (above) at Hidden Lake Marina on March 15th, the day the TUFF season opened!

Below: At the TUFF Awards Ceremony at the bus stop turn-around on December 1st, Evan Massena accepts the very special First Place Bass plaque (for Bob & Evan) from TUFF Director Libby Bibb.



SECOND PLACE BASS

Kira Chojnacki

(below) accepts her medal for fishing excellence at a Carolina Trace Kid Casters "Fish for Fun" at Hidden Lake Pond that took place in September when she reeled in a ten inch bass that won her a 2nd Place Medal in the TUFF Youth Division (and First Place in the TUFF Fashion Parade ...)



FIRST PLACE BREAM

Tyler Kerecz, 1 pound, 1 ounce
(Good picture of the fish!)



Tyler caught this bream during the April Spring Break Fish for Fun event along the entranceway, as did Nick below

SECOND PLACE BREAM

Nick Piro, 14 ounces



FIRST PLACE CRAPPIE

Veronica McVey, 10 inches



Veronica caught this crappie on a trout worm while fishing at the CTCC Marina during the evening of June 28th when TUFF members helped Camp Trace participants Fish for Fun.

2nd Place Crappie (youth division) no entries

FIRST PLACE CATFISH

Luke Heidinger, 4 pounds



Luke nailed this fat cat off his Granddaddy Karl's Golf East dock!

SECOND PLACE CATFISH

Sydney Collick

of Hidden Lake reeled in a one pound catfish during the October KCC Fish for Fun at the Country Club Marina dock, while also displaying some great fishing fashion sense!



Official 2012 TUFF Derby Scoreboard:

2012 TUFF FISHING DERBY				
MARCH 15 TO NOVEMBER 15				
BASS		CRAPPIE	BREAM	CATFISH
ADULT				
1 ST	BOB MASSENA 11 # 7 oz	BUSTER HARRILL 15"	MARY SALVO 1 # 3oz	JEFF POPKE 9 # 6oz
2 ND	AL ZULICH 7 # 2 oz		KARL HEIDINGER 1 # 1oz	KENDALL CRAWFORD 8 #
YOUTH				
6 AND UNDER	EVAN MASSENA 7 # 3 oz	VERONICA McVEY 11 INCHES	TYLER KEREZ 1 # 1oz	LUKE HEIDINGER 4 #
1-5K	KIRA CHOJNACKI 14 oz		NICK PIRO 14 oz	SYDNEY COLLICK 1 #

2012 TUFF Youth Fishing Medals and Adult 1st and 2nd Place Plaques



2012 TUFF DERBY WINNERS!



Back row: Evan Massena (NS), 1st Place Bass (Youth Division); Al Zulich (NS), 2nd Place Bass (Adult Division); Jeff Popke (HW), 1st Place Catfish (Adult Division); Nick Piro (HL), 2nd Place Bream (Youth Division); Veronica McVey (SM) 1st Place Crappie (Youth Division).

Front row: Tyler Kerez (HC), 1st Place Bream (Youth Division); Sydney Collick (HL), 2nd Place Catfish (Youth Division); Kira Chojnacki (HL), 2nd Place Bass (Youth Division)

Not present: Luke Heidinger 1st Place Catfish (Youth Division)

Not present (Adult Division):

Bob Massena (NS) 1st Place Bass,
Buster Harrill (NS), 1st Place Crappie
Mary Salvo (HC), 1st Place Bream
Karl Heidinger (GE), 2nd Place Bream
Kendall Crawford (SW), 2nd Place Catfish

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!!

Special thanks to the 36 friends and family members who attended the TUFF Awards Ceremony to support Lake Trace excellence in fishing!

LIBBY BIBB

Director, Trace Union of Fervent Fishermen (T.U.F.F.)
& the Carolina Trace "Kid Caster" Fishing Club (K.C.C.)

But wait ... there's more!

Honorable Mentions in 2012:

TUFF member Ralph Newberry caught a 6.12 pound largemouth on March 5th before the TUFF contest started March 15.



TUFF member Pepe Corello was catching 3-4 pounders off 18 Creek golf cart bridge in early March. Director Libby Bibb caught a 6.8 pound largemouth (below) on March 30th, pitching a nightcrawler to Eric Gressel's dock (HL). On August 26, she landed a 23.25 inch long bass with a 15.75 inch girth on a Texas rig with a black T-MAC plastic worm scented with anise at Mallard cove point which weighed in at 7 pounds, one ounce. Karl Heidinger was pitching a Mepps spinner bait to the brick wall at Captain's Point and hooked a 23 Inch by 14.75 largemouth which equaled 6.5 pounds on the TUFF Fish Calculator http://www.myoan.net/fishing/weight_calc.html

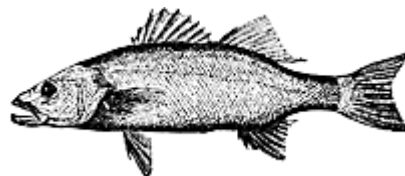


YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TUFF CLUB OR KID CASTERS CLUB TO REGISTER A FISH FOR THE MARCH 15 TO NOVEMBER 15 TUFF FISHING DERBY!

For all the details on how to register, please go to the Carolina Trace Association website which is www.ctaincnc.com and click on Committees and click on CTA-CTCC Joint Lake and go to Tournaments and Updated rules for 2012 – OR TRY THIS DIRECT LINK BELOW:

[http://www.ctaincnc.com/pdf%20files/JLC/2012/Updated rules for 2012 TUFF Fishing Derby.pdf](http://www.ctaincnc.com/pdf%20files/JLC/2012/Updated%20rules%20for%202012%20TUFF%20Fishing%20Derby.pdf)

Always remember to measure length & girth of your entry. TIGHT LINES!
**ANY QUESTIONS, CALL LIBBY BIBB
AT 919-499-1300**



All fish info reported to TUFF is shared with members of the CTA-CTCC Joint Lake Committee