



Lake Hotline: 919-499-1300

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"Kid Casters" Fishing Club (KCC)

**THE 2013 TUFF FISHING DERBY  
RAN FROM MARCH 15 TO  
NOVEMBER 15 AND WAS OPEN  
TO ALL TRACE RESIDENTS,  
THEIR FAMILIES AND GUESTS.**

***Congratulations to our  
2013 Winners (Adult Division):***

**First Place Largemouth Bass  
Libby Bibb, 7 pounds, 3 ounces**



On Sept. 7 at 3:30 p.m. Libby tossed a Texas rigged green pumpkin trick worm towards the docks near the Berman house in Mallard Cove. After a huge hit that snapped off her line, she quickly tied on the same tackle and caught (and released) this lunker that measured 23 inches long with a fat girth of 16.25 inches!

**Second Place Bass  
Gale Watson, 6 pounds, 8 ounces**



Gale moved here recently from South Carolina and quickly discovered the bass hotspots. This fat bass measured 22 inches (by 16 inch girth) and was caught on a large spinnerbait tossed in the cove near the Southwind pump station.



Honorable Mentions: Pepe Corello landed a 22 inch (by 14.5 inch girth) largemouth on April 13<sup>th</sup> fishing a crappie rig off the shore to the right of the 18 Creek Golf Cart Bridge. Jay Jordan (above) pitched a huge topwater Super Spook to the same area on October 16 and landed the same bass perhaps? It had the exact same measurements and also weighed **six pounds, four ounces!**

**First Place Crappie**  
**Libby Bibb, 2 pounds, 11 ounces**



Caught while trolling a Mepps spinner blade with a white & red feather in the 14' deep river channel near Hidden Lake cove on November 15<sup>th</sup>, Libby's fifteen inch crappie had a 12 inch girth. After a two year decline due to droughts, lake draw downs and cold winters which killed the shad, the Lake Trace crappie are back - now that our shad population (main food source for bass and crappie) has also rebounded. (See last page!)

**Second Place Crappie**  
**Alicia Albini, 1 pound, 14 ounces**



New Hidden Lake neighbor Alicia Albini who was fishing with Libby that day reeled in a 15 inch (10 inch girth) crappie by tossing a minnow colored small plastic swim bait toward the brick wall at Captain's Point. Very excellent! Alicia and her family are really enjoying Lake Trace fishing!



**Honorable Mention: Crappie**  
**Gary Hendricks, 1 pounds, 8 ounces**



Alicia's dad Gary caught this 13 by 9 inch crappie on a red wiggler close to the Country Club dock around 6:00 pm on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Gary held the 1<sup>st</sup> Place position for two and one-half months on the TUFF Scoreboard at the Gatehouse, until two entries were received November 15<sup>th</sup> - the final day of the TUFF Derby.

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## First Place Bream

Pepe Corello,  
10 inches x 8.5 inches  
14 ounces

A good-sized Redear Sunfish was caught by Pepe on August 22<sup>nd</sup> while trolling a worm in the channel near the 18 Creek Golf Cart Bridge.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place Bream: No entries.*

## First Place Catfish

William Umphlette  
10 pounds, two ounces



The biggest fish in the 2013 TUFF Derby season was caught by William who recently moved to Southwind. This big cattie was 28 inches long, had a girth of 17 inches and was caught on a gizzard shad near South Traceway Bridge at 4:00 a.m. (Now THAT'S a dedicated fisherman!)

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place Catfish: No entries.*

**Congratulations to our  
2013 Winners (Youth Division):**

**First Place Bass**  
Autumn Owenby,  
Nine inches, six ounces



Sunday, May 26, was a big day for this first-time fisherman during the Military Appreciation Memorial Weekend TUFF Children's Fishing Derby! Not only did Autumn catch her first fish ever, but, in the final half-hour of the contest, she landed the biggest bass of the event!

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place Bass: No entries*

## First Place Bream

Micah Graves  
11inches long by ten inch girth  
One pound, six ounces

Micah Graves (below) has been posted on the TUFF scoreboard at the Gatehouse since April 3, when the TUFF Club held a "Fish For Fun" event at the Country Club dock during Spring Break. *Unfortunately, we have been unable to reach Micah. If anyone knows this family, please call 919-499-1300, so he can get his TUFF gold medal!*



## Second Place Bream

James Tucker Sessoms

10 inches long by nine inches girth = 1 pound



On August 24<sup>th</sup>, James, grandson of Harbor Creek residents Judy and Aaron Garrett, was fishing with a night crawler near the CTCC dam and landed this noteworthy bream, which unfortunately was just out of range of the cell phone's camera! However, we have witnesses, and congrats to James!

## First Place Catfish

Evan Massena

Six pounds, three ounces



Measuring 22 inches by 15 inch girth, Evan's cat was caught on a black plastic worm near the dam on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Second Place Catfish

Chandell Howe

Five pounds, 14 ounces



Ten year old Chandell was fishing off her folks Cardinal Bay (Harbor Creek) dock and used live bait to drag in this 24 " by 14 inch girth catfish!

# JOIN THE FUN!

*For more information about fishing lessons with the Carolina Trace "Kid Casters' Fishing Club (KCC) or the Trace Union of Fervent Fishermen (TUFF), please call Director Libby Bibb at the Lake Trace Hotline: 919-499-1300.*

*You can also e-mail Libby at [gofishin247@gmail.com](mailto:gofishin247@gmail.com) and get your e-mail on the Lake Trace TUFF or KCC database to receive updates on future tournaments or "Fish For Fun" events!*

# BIG FISH CAUGHT BEFORE AND AFTER THE TUFF DERBY SEASON!

March 10, 2013  
13 Pounds, seven ounces  
Largemouth Bass: 27.25 inches



Being a fair weather fisherman, Libby launched the *Minnow* for the first time in 2013 when the afternoon was warm and calm. While trolling a deep diving purple shad crankbait in the 14 foot deep river channel between Hidden Lake Cove and the dam, she thought she was hung up on a log again. What a surprise when this spawning female came up! Her girth measured almost 22 inches and she was released unharmed.



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*Report your catch to learn how to register for the 2014 TUFF Derby and get posted on the TUFF Scoreboard at the Gatehouse. (You do not need to be a member of TUFF.) The contest is open to all Trace residents, their families and guests. Length & Girth measurements are needed on the entry form.*

November 16, 2013  
Eight pounds, one ounce  
Largemouth Bass: 23.5 inches



Gale Watson of North Shore said he only had two bass bites the morning of Saturday, November 16, as he was tossing giant swimbaits near the North & South Traceway Bridges. He landed a seven plus and this eight plus pounder (which was too big to fit in the above picture!)

November 23, 2013  
Four Pounds, six ounces  
Black Crappie: 18 inches



Walker Zeck of Hidden Lake was fishing near the "Cormorant Branch" across from the Mallard Cove flag poles when he nailed this fat crappie. After a two year hiatus, big Lake Trace crappies are back!