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### Family and friends enjoy Castin' for Cash on Lake Despair



Team #6 – Josh Sigurdson and Alex McQuarrie waited to weigh their second day's catch.



Nolan Mann and his dad, Mike Mann showcase three of the five fish they caught on Day 2 for a total of 12.27 pounds giving them a top 25 finish.



Mike Wilson and Zack McBride sat in the hot seat as the team to beat with five teams left to weigh in.



"Nice Bass" – Bryan Gustafson hoisted a couple of the bass him and his teammate Brian Gustafson brought in on Day 2. Unfortunately, their five fish didn't weigh quite enough for them to take over the hot seat.



Carson Curtis hoists his bag of loot filled with candy and treats.



This little guy helped his dad hoist a small mouth bass as he came through in the boat with Jake Boettcher and Jade Maynard.



Brett Meyers and Nathan Brigham take over the hot seat and anxiously await the next three teams.



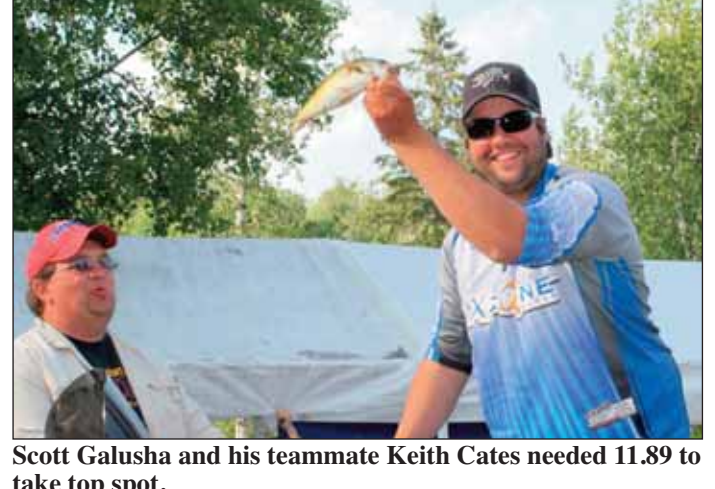
Larry Foss holds up a couple of bass to show the audience before making his way to the stage with teammate Joel Pagnac for the final weigh-in.



Jaden Cooper picked up a few treats from the top five anglers.



Nell and Bill Godin, owners of Lake Despair Lodge and hosts of the Castin' for Cash Bass Fishing Tournament.



Scott Galusha and his teammate Keith Cates needed 11.89 to take top spot.



2014 Castin' for Cash Winners, Brett Meyers and Nathan Brigham!!!



Nice rack! Kelvin Caul showcases his delicious smoked ribs.

By: Teresa Hazel

Two thousand and fourteen marked the 14th year for the Castin' for Cash Bass Tournament on Lake Despair. Hosted by Bill and Nell Godin, owners of Lake Despair Lodge, the annual fishing tournament draws sixty teams from the District and other areas too.

"We have teams from Maple Grove, Minnesota and Kenora", noted Nell Godin who was once again pleased with the turnout of teams and spectators.

Family is definitely a theme in the tournament with fathers fishing with their sons. Mike Mann and his son Nolan came up to weigh their Day 2 catch of five bass.

"I had two in before he got his line in the water", quipped the younger team member who was fishing for the first time in the tournament with his dad. The excitement was evident as he held up a fish on stage with his dad hoisting up two more.

It was a beautiful day out on the lake for the anglers as they waited to be called in to weigh their fish.

Emcee Mark Allen kept the audience entertained as he coaxed the mostly microphone-adverse fishermen to tell a story or two while on stage.

The audience was also treated to burgers, fries and poutine from the food booth on site, which included delicious smoked ribs prepared by



Emcee Mark Allen asks Nathan Brigham if he thinks Galusha and Cates have enough???

Kelvin Caul.

Before the top five anglers from day one paraded to the front of the stage with their boats, it was Mike Wilson and Zack McBride who got to sit in the hot seat as the team to beat with a two day weight of 27.91 pounds of bass.

Bryan Gustafson and Brian White were the first to come through and took over the seats, although a slight mathematical error saw them have to forfeit the seat and Wilson and McBride were brought back up to await the next team.

Emcee Mark Allen quipped that it was Devlin math and McBride, although a bit confused over what had just happened was pleased, "Right on", he said.

Nathan Brigham and Brett Meyers came in next and needed 13.06 to beat McBride and Wilson.

"That amount is for sure", Allen reassured the teams and audience. "The numbers are all figured out".

The weigh master, Turk Hickman, signalled a basket of 13.57 pounds putting Brigham and Meyers as the new team to beat with three teams left to weigh in.

When asked by Allen if they wanted to thank anyone, Brigham said, "Thanks to the fish for biting".

It was Larry Foss and Joel Pagnac who came through next tossing candy and treats for the kids who were lined up to catch it.

They were hoping their five fish was enough to overtake Brigham and Meyers. They needed 13.24 pounds and would have had it but faced a half pound deduction for two dead fish in their live well that resulted in a total of 12.87 pounds with the deduction.

"We had problems with the live well. Sometimes that happens", said Joel as he looked for his wife in the crowd and blew her a kiss, noting that he missed her during the week of

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### Photographers' showcase



This little Bambi and its twin paid a visit to our backyard on June 26th. While the past winter was hard on many animals it is heartwarming to see many of their offspring thriving. Bambi's visit was a nice change from all the sandbagging.

Photo by Frank Bruyere, Fort Frances



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