

31st Annual Elephant Butte Junior Open

June 14-15, 2008 Elephant Butte Lake, New Mexico

Sponsored by the

Elephant Butte BASS Anglers

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92 junior anglers participated in this year's event. They were greeted by an explosion of crappie, white bass, and walleye as higher water levels have improved fishing conditions for most species. The anglers were backed by over 62 supporters or donors from other New Mexico BASS Federation Nation clubs and the surrounding areas including Truth or Consequences, Elephant Butte and Willamsburg. Anglers, and/or their families, came from as far away as New York, Tennessee and Arizona. One supporter came from Iraq and was a military soldier on leave. Each junior was awarded a great prize thanks to the generous donations of sponsors such as Kyle Reynolds who donated \$100 for big fish overall, Socorro Valley Bass for the bicycle, Sun Country Bass Association for 12 fishing rods, Coke and Sonic for ensuring each participant received a shirt to remember the event and the many other sponsors who made this event a success.

Results:

Division 1

Trinton McDaniel	14.34 lbs
David Beltron	9.95 lbs
Shelbi Polvadone	9.76 lbs

Division 2

Autumn Reynolds	14.66 lbs
Wesley Smith	14.53 lbs
Scott Straley	13.46 lbs

Division 3

TJ Bell	16.94 lbs
Katie Kendall	15.16 lbs
Kyle Edwards	12.64 lbs

Many contestants were repeat anglers, some coming for 10 yrs. More anglers keep showing up every year, taking the place of anglers who have grown older...one family had 4 generations represented with a 95 yr. old grandmother attending in support of the juniors. Big fish overall was a 7.16 lb walleye caught by Carena Lefevre. Big Bass for a female was awarded to Isabelle Allison with 4.3 lbs. Big Bass for a boy was awarded to Clayton Ramsey with 3.34 lbs. Replicas of both Big Bass of the event were

offered to the contestants as a trophy by Miller Taxidermy of Silver City, NM. During both days, each angler was interviewed and many answers made for some great laughter. The kids were very excited to get on stage and be interviewed. Lewis McWhorter, President of the Elephant Butte BASS Anglers, had Ron Gilworth MC the event which had an additional 25 Elephant Butte BASS Anglers out to make sure the event was a complete success.