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<b>5th PLACE - \$3,000</b>	<b>9th PLACE - \$1,250</b>
<b>6th PLACE - \$2,500</b>	<b>10th PLACE - \$1,000</b>
<b>7th PLACE - \$2,000</b>	
<b>NEW! Big Fish Day 1 \$1500</b>	<b>NEW! Big Fish Day 2 \$1500</b>

## WELCOME

*At time of writing this letter we are advised rules for fishing will likely be different in 2023. Proposed changes will impact the ability to possess a "Big Fish", therefore it is not possible for us to finalize our rules prior to printing this brochure, so updates will be made in the coming months.*

*Our rules meeting has always been an important way to ensure any adjustments are relayed clearly prior to going fishing, this year will be more important than ever!*

*As always, we are looking forward to welcoming you back to participate in the Lions Prairie Classic for our 19th Annual Walleye Tournament and welcoming you back to our community, we are truly blessed to live where we do and to have the support from a great many people to host this great event. You will also notice a few new names who have come on board with great sponsorship, and we truly appreciate their assistance to make this all possible. Please be sure to mention you're in town for the tournament when visiting any of our local supporters.*

*If this is your first time or your 19th time, remember things get kicked off with our boat parade on Friday afternoon which is a blast for the community to come out and cheer you on! And a chance to win \$500 doesn't hurt either! Refer to our Dates and Times page for all relevant times for your weekend to run smoothly.*

*Being a Lion is about community, helping others and making the world a little better. This event has always been a major undertaking for our Lion's Club and it allows us to help many people and groups in our community. Whether it is youth or seniors, small groups or individuals - all funds raised from this tournament stay in our local community and help others.*

*Thank you! And we look forward to seeing you in June!*














*Kevan McCarthy and Ritchie Davidson, Co-Chairs*

*Russell and Area Lions Club Prairie Classic Walleye Tournament*

*You can catch more Prairie Classic news pictures and information on our webpage or find us on Facebook*



# SPONSORED PRIZES:

Mystery Weight Day 1	\$200	
Mystery Weight Day 2	\$200	
25th Place	A weekend Stay at Barn In The Bush (Fri/Sat) (value \$260) plus fishing supplies (value \$100)	Barn In The Bush (Steve & Bonnie Morris)
60th Place	2 - Fishing Rods	
80th Place	2 - Fishing Rods	
100th Place	2 - Fishing Rods	
Top finishing Local Team	Free entry to 2024 Tournament	
Cool Under Pressure	\$600	
Top Finishing Lund Team	\$500	
Top Mixed Team Not in Top 10	\$500	
Top Finishing Lund Team not in the Top 10 Finishers	\$500	
Highest Finishing Parent/Child Team not in the Top 10 Finishers	Lowrance Fish Finder	
Parade (Winning Team is Drawn, not judged)	\$500	
Top Team using a Honda Motor not in the Top 10 Finishers	\$1,000	 Virden Recreation & Watersports
Top Adult/Youth Team (under 18)	\$250 and custom fishing rod	Sponsored by Darren Ziprick/Century 21"

**19TH ANNUAL RUSSELL LIONS**
**PRAIRIE CLASSIC**

Office Use only:

Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Team# \_\_\_\_\_

Ackn. Emailed: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Card: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEE: \$625.00 PER TEAM**
**Includes "Big Fish Entry"  
for both days.**
**2023 ENTRY FORM**
**January 15, 2023**

deadline for 2022 participants to be guaranteed a  
spot in 2023 tournament

Tournament dates:

**June 10 & 11, 2023**
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THE CONFIRMATION AND ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE SENT TO THE CAPTAIN.

We have read and are familiar with the rules as stated. We hereby release the Russell & Area Lions club, Officials, Volunteers and all Tournament Sponsors, their officers directors, employees, agents and agencies from liability, of death, damage, liability, theft, fire and other loss occurring during the event. ALSO: We hereby give permission to the Russell & Area Lions Club and/or any organization affiliated with the Russell & Area Lions Club to use our name and/or photograph and/or image that may result from our participation in the Russell Lions Prairie Classic Walleye Tournament..

Captain's Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ Partner's Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES:**

ENTRY: **\$625.00**

EXTRA MEALS @ \$40.00 EACH: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 MEALS ARE INCLUDED WITH ENTRY FEE)

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Information must be entered to be eligible for Sponsored Prizes pertaining to make of boat &amp; motor



# 2022 LION'S PRAIRIE WALLEYE CLASSIC

1st Place	\$25,000.00 & Trophies				
	3	Randy Lewis	Brian Cook	22.50	
2nd Place	\$7,500.00 & 2 Humminbird Fish Finders				
	86	Tom McCulloch	Brendan McCulloch	21.82	
3rd Place	\$4,500.00 & \$500.00 GC Russell Video				
	95	Albert Trudeau	Patrick Trudeau	21.23	
4th Place	\$3,500.00				
	21	Jack McLaughlin	Doreen Bilodeau	20.91	
5th Place	\$3,000.00				
	91	Gina Tylerbest	Grant Colli	20.08	
6th Place	\$2,500.00				
	11	Mike Twardoski	Brad Abbott	19.34	
7th Place	\$2,000.00				
	62	Mike Dotoli	Eric Labaupa	18.08	
8th Place	\$1,750.00				
	39	Marty Derbowka	Lindy Kolbida	17.97	
9th Place	\$1,250.00				
	93	Owen Smart	James Harrison	17.93	
10th Place	\$1,000.00				
	85	Graham Edwards	Kris Gaune	17.85	
100th Place	Bait Boyz - 2 Rods				
	26	Eddy Morris	Kolby Chambers	7.38	
80th Place	Bait Boyz - 2 Rods				
	36	Steve Kurenoff	Bruce Kurenoff	15.81	
60th Place	Bait Boyz - 2 Rods				
	24	Tony Lockyer	Bruce Nielson	16.52	
25th Place	Barn in the Bush - Free stay for 2 for 2 nights				
	19	Gordon Fidierchuk	Bradey Fidierchuk	17.22	
Top Honda not in Top 10	Honda Marine & Virden Rec. - \$1000.00				Place
	77	Jayden Steinwalt	Angie Steinwalt	17.45	19
Top Local Finish	Lund - Free Entry to 2023 Prairie Classic				Place
	3	Randy Lewis	Brian Cook	22.50	1
Top Lund Finish	Lund \$500.00				Place
	86	Tom McCulloch	Brendan McCulloch	21.82	2
Top Lund not in Top 10	Lund - \$500.00				Place
	49	Don Planedin	Doug Haberstock	17.80	11
Top Mixed Team not in Top 10	Andrew Agencies - \$500.00				Place
	77	Jayden Steinwalt	Angie Steinwalt	17.45	19
Top Parent/Child not in Top 10	Stickey's Bait and Tackle - Lowrance Fish Finder				Place
	63	Maurice Beatty	Lucas Beatty	16.93	40
Top Adult/Youth Team	\$250.00 & Custom Rod - Clint's Custom Rods				Place
	74	Jay Derkach	Tucker Derkach	17.68	13
Cool Under Pressure	\$600.00 McMunn & Yates				
	91	Gina Tylerbest	Grant Colli	5	
	82	Places Advanced from Day 1 to Day 2		87	
Day 2 Big Fish Pot \$1312.50	50% of paid big fish pot entry money				
	3	Randy Lewis	Brian Cook	7.99	
Day 2 Mystery Weight 9.29	Virden Rec. - \$200.00				
	93	Owen Smart	James Harrison	9.17	
Saturday Night Prizes					
Day 1 Mystery Weight 7.96	Virden Rec. - \$200.00				
	8	Lorne Montague	Brian Hopman	7.95	
Day 1 Big Fish Pot \$1312.50	50% of paid big fish pot entry money				
	95	Albert Trudeau	Patrick Trudeau	5.48	

# OFFICIAL RULES - 2023 PRAIRIE CLASSIC

- 1) ELIGIBILITY:
  - a) All persons 18 years of age or older are eligible to enter. Anglers under the age of 18 must fish with parent or guardian.
  - b) Tournament committee has the right to refuse any entry at their sole discretion.
  - c) The team Captain will "own" the team. Make sure of who is registered as team Captain as it will affect future participation.
  - d) If the Captain of a team that is offered a spot chooses not to fish, the offer will then be made to the qualifying partner who in turn will become the new Captain.
- 2) REQUIREMENTS:
  - a) Each contestant must have in his or her possession a fishing license that is valid on Lake of the Prairies.
  - b) Promoters and organizations assisting in tournament operation, their agencies and agents are not responsible for death, injury, damage, theft, fire or any loss to entrants. Each entrant upon signing an accepted entry form will in effect be signing a waiver form.
  - c) All contestants are required to observe Canadian rules and regulations concerning safe boating.
- 3) FISHING:
  - a) Only those fish caught on a hook and line in normal and usual manner will be accepted.
  - b) Only barbless hooks may be used on Lake of the Prairies.
  - c) Each fisherman will be allowed one line in the water at a time. Spare rods may be carried.
  - d) Live bait and artificial bait and lures are allowed. Electronic or electrical luring or attracting devices are prohibited.
  - e) Only walleye, sauger, or saugeye 30 – 45 centimeters will be accepted by tournament officials, with one fish over 70 centimeters allowed per day.
  - f) Entrants will conduct themselves as true sportsmen and gentlemen when fishing near another boat. No boat may touch another boat. Participants are not allowed to toss or pass any item(s) to another boat or to receive any item(s) from another boat.
  - g) A contestant must not leave the boat to land a fish or untangle lines or lures.
  - h) Daily limit per team shall be (5) five fish. At no time shall there be more than 5 fish in the live well. (NO more than (5) fish per team per day.)
    - i) Putting an un-releasable fish back into the water will mean disqualification and ejection from the tournament.
    - j) The tournament committee encourages use of cotton or wool gloves at all times when handling fish.
    - k) No contestant will be allowed to fish after 3:00 PM on the day before the tournament.
    - l) Only live bait purchased in Manitoba is allowed. Keep your receipts.
- 4) BOATS & EQUIPMENT
  - a) All boats will be required to meet Canadian safety regulations.
  - b) All boats will be required to carry registration in accordance with the regulations of the home, state or province of the contestant owning the boat.
  - c) Boats may be equipped with electronic positioning or trolling motors.
  - d) Electronic and electrical depth finders, thermometers, oxygen meters, etc are allowed.
  - e) In Prairie Classic, live wells must be used by all teams, live well is a covered aerated container used to retain live fish.
- 5) TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES
  - a) From West of the swimming area (Marked with red buoys spanning the river) to the hydro line approx. two to three miles north of Pyott's Point (Hydro line spans river).
- 6) WEIGH-IN - SUBJECT TO FISHERIES PROPOSED RULE CHANGES SEE WELCOME ON PAGE 10
  - a) The weigh-in for entries will be open from 8:00am and will continue throughout the fishing day.
  - b) The determination of stressed or dead fish will be made in the live well before weighing. In the opinion of tournament officials;
    - any fish not swimming upright will be considered stressed.
    - any fish not deemed capable of recovery will be considered dead.
 Stressed fish will receive a penalty of 16 oz. Dead fish are ineligible for weight but must be counted as catch. Any fish considered stressed at dockside or weigh-in shall automatically be the property of the tournament official and be counted as catch.
  - c) Fish will be transported from entrant's boats in a covered tub of fresh water to the weigh-in site.
  - d) Unloading area will be designated immediately in front of the weigh-in area and will be for unloading of fish only.
  - e) **All measurements will be taken with the head to the left, fish belly to umpires belly, tail pinched to the width of the JUDGE Tournament Ruler and mouth closed.** (jaw not in extended position)
- f) Fish will be measured, then weighed and a copy of the official ticket will be issued. Tickets are to be initiated by one of the team members. Once the Weigh Officials take possession of the participant's fish, the participant is no longer allowed to touch the fish. If, in Weigh Officials opinion, the participant is abusing this rule – immediate DISQUALIFICATION will result.
- g) If a contestant who submits a fish that is judged to be within the slot limits illegal size, the contestant will forfeit the whole days catch and 0 will be recorded as total weight for that day. The fish will be released into the holding tank for release by tournament officials.
- h) If a fish is dropped by officials at check in site and as a result is judged dead, there will be no penalty assessed.
- 7) REQUIRED ACTIVITIES
  - a) At least one member from each team **MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE BY 6.30PM** on Friday for the pre tournament rules meeting held at the George P Buleziuk Centre. Only the tournament directors can waive this requirement under exceptional circumstances raised prior to the 6:30pm start time.
  - b) Any contestant involved in a protest must be on call for three (3) hours following the end of the fishing day.
  - c) All contestants are required to cooperate with the press for interviews and photographs.
- 8) FISHING HOURS AND STARTING
  - a) The tournament fishing day will begin at 7:00 am Saturday and Sunday with boats leaving in three flights providing each team an 8 HOUR fishing day. The flight times will alternate for each day. (Shotgun start spanning dam). **See Dates & Times page for flight times.**
  - b) All boats must be inspected and must receive their tags before they will be allowed to leave in their respective flight.
  - c) Contestants who return late will be penalized 1 fish for each minute late. Any boat 5 minutes late will be ineligible for weigh-in and will have no weight recorded for the day. **FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL CONTESTANTS MUST CHECK IN AT THE WEIGH-IN DOCKS EACH DAY END AND REPORT TO A TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL.**
  - d) The boat launch will serve as tournament headquarters and contestants will be required to end each day at this point (Must pass through markers).
  - e) All times are GPS time.
- 9) BOAT IDENTIFICATION AND PATROLLING
  - a) All contestant's boats will be identified with a color decal. Team numbers will be assigned when applicants are notified of their acceptance to the tournament.
  - b) If an emergency exists, patrol boats will be clearly marked for easy identification.
  - c) Boats may be inspected before and during the tournament. Patrol boats will ask to see your weigh-in card.
- 10) PRIZES
  - a) Prizes will be based on total weight during the two day tournament.
  - b) Prizes will be awarded on a team basis and must be accepted as awarded.
  - c) The Committee reserves the right to cancel tournament in the event of insufficient entries.
- 11) SPIRIT OF THE RULE
  - a) All rules have loopholes. It is the intent of the sponsor to provide an honest sportsman like tournament. In the interest of good sportsmanship, contestants are reminded "Spirit of the rule" shall apply.
- 12) PROTESTS
  - a) Any contestant wishing to protest against another contestant will fill out a protest form within one hour of the close of the fishing day. A \$200.00 protest fee will be required to accompany any formal protest. The fee will be returned if the protest is found to be valid.
- 13) ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
  - a) Prairie Classic Meal in 2023 is included in the entry fee. It will consist of dinner on June 10th, 2023 at the George P. Buleziuk Centre at 7:00pm.
- 14) OTHER
  - a) Contingency prizes may be made available by contributors, supporters, and other parties. Rules for these prizes will be stipulated by those offering the prize.
  - b) Only live and releasable fish will qualify for any big fish award.
  - c) The tournament is limited to 120 teams.
  - d) Should total entries be less than 120 paid entries, 1st prize will be guaranteed payout of \$25,000, and the remaining 9 cash prize payouts will be prorated based on the number of paid teams entered.
  - e) If a team wishes to drop out, the place will be filled by the tournament committee and not by the choice of the team that drops out. Entry fee will be refunded only if notice is given two weeks (14 days) prior to the start of the tournament. Refunds are subject to an administration fee of \$50.
- 15) TIE BREAKERS
  - a) In the event of a tie for any prize, the highest rank for the FIRST day of the tournament will be awarded the higher prize.



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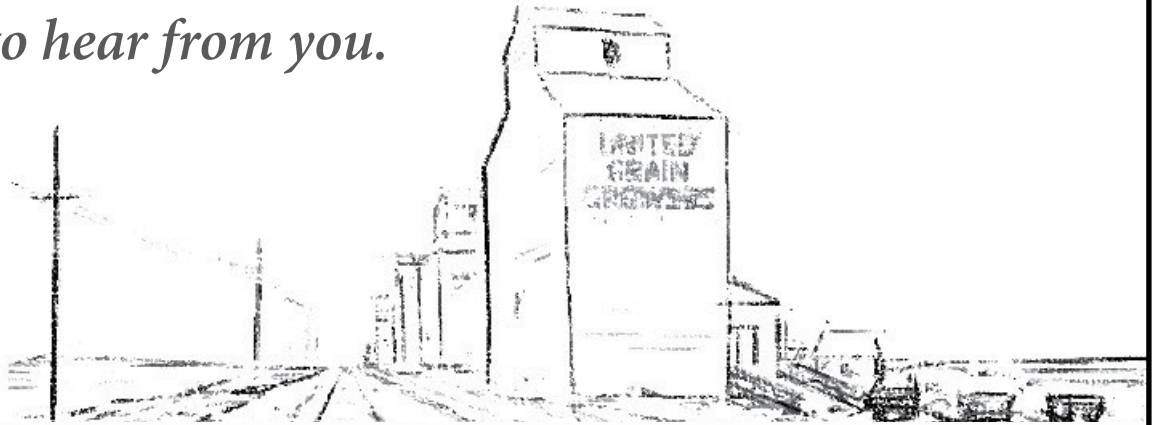


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**JANUARY 16, 2023:**

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June 9, 2023:

3:00 pm: Pre-fishing ends

4:30 pm: Line up for boat parade (line up at north west corner of town)

5:00 pm: Boat Parade begins

**6:15 pm: Registration Closes**

**6:30 pm: Rules meeting**

June 10, 2023:

6:00 am: Live well & boat check begin

7:00 am: First Flight leaves; returning at 3:00 pm

7:30 am: Second Flight leaves; returning at 3:30 pm

8:00 am: Third Flight leaves; returning at 4:00 pm

7:00 pm: Tournament Dinner at George P. Buleziuk Centre

June 11, 2023:

6:00 am: Live well & boat checks begin

7:00 am: Third Flight leaves; returning at 3:00 pm

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6:00 pm: Prize presentation at George P. Buleziuk Centre

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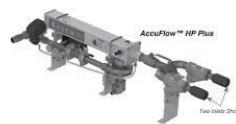
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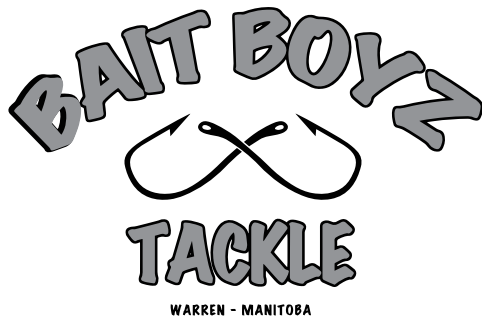
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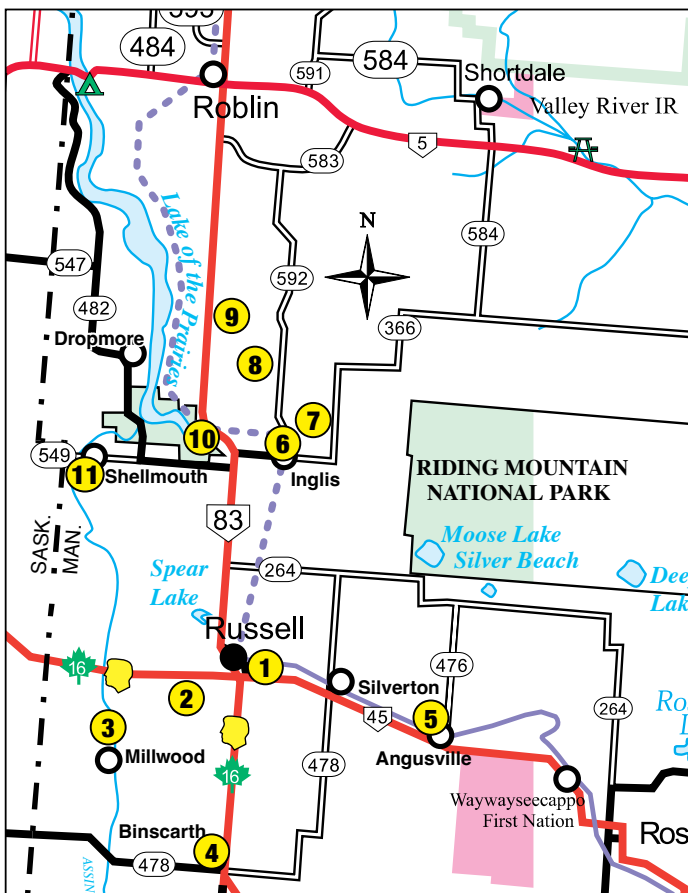
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