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6th PLACE - \$2,500	10th PLACE - \$1,000
7th PLACE - \$2,000	
Catch of the Day Prizes for each day's best total weight (per day) \$6000 Total Value	1st Place - \$1000 & \$1000 in FXR Gift Cards
	2nd place - \$500
	3rd place - \$500

WELCOME

Welcome! We are looking forward to welcoming you back to participate in the Lions Prairie Classic. 2024 marks our 20th Anniversary year and is set to be another great day out on the lake! 2023 was a year of change with regulations removing the ability to bring big fish in-to the weigh in station changing Tournament fishing in Manitoba forever! Our tournament is nothing without you, its competitors. So, to better understand what the future direction should be, we asked you in a survey at the 2023 event. Our results were a resounding yes! to continue as a slot only tournament. Plus - Added to this year's tournament are New prizes for best catch on Day 1 and Day 2, again something born from your feedback. (Survey is published in the brochure for you to see)

Welcome! 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. Looking through our brochure you will 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 20th 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! Last year was hugely popular- there were so many kids! And a chance to win \$500 doesn't hurt either! Refer to our Dates and Times page for all relevant times to make 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	\$500	
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	 Virten Recreation & Watersports
Top Adult/Youth Team (under 18)	\$250 and custom fishing rod	Sponsored by Darren Ziprick/Century 21

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ENTRY FEE: \$700.00 PER TEAM
Includes New
Catch of the Day Prizes

2024 ENTRY FORM

January 15, 2024
 deadline for 2023 participants to be guaranteed a spot in 2024 tournament

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June 8 & 9, 2024

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Captain's Signature: X _____ Partner's Signature: X _____

FEES:
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2023 LION'S PRAIRIE WALLEYE CLASSIC

1st Place	\$25,000.00 & Trophies			
	79	Layne Renard	Alex Renard	22.41
2nd Place	\$8,000.00 & 2 Humminbird Fish Finders			
	62	Matthew Terleski	Derek Robins	21.88
3rd Place	\$5,500.00 & \$1000.00 Pro Fishing Gear Russell Video			
	32	Jered Reiss	Rob Grimes	21.75
4th Place	\$4,000.00			
	111	Marlin Hovrisko	Brad Koch	21.67
5th Place	\$3,250.00			
	51	Rory Wiebe	John Armitage	21.55
6th Place	\$2,750.00			
	56	Harvey Friesen	Daniel Black	21.55
7th Place	\$2,250.00			
	17	Gordon Fidierchuk	Bradey Fidierchuk	21.52
8th Place	\$2,000.00			
	107	Robert Turner	Darren Wojcik	21.38
9th Place	\$1,500.00			
	7	Scott Stewart	Dimitry Stewart	21.30
10th Place	\$1,250.00			
	64	Evan Wiebe	Mercedes Wiebe	21.28
100th Place	Bait Boyz - 2 Rods			
	101	Louie Drielich	Brent Drielich	12.54
80th Place	Bait Boyz - 2 Rods			
	35	Craige Madden	Monica Madden	18.42
60th Place	Bait Boyz - 2 Rods			
	69	Steve Morris	Bonnie Morris	19.41
25th Place	Barn in the Bush - Free stay for 2 for 2 nights			
	9	Lyndon Hicks	Cliff Warlow	20.56
Top Honda not in Top 10	Honda Marine & Virden Rec. - \$1000.00			Place
	50	Norman Murray	Scott Gerrand	19.51 57
Top Local Finish	Crosstown Motors - Free Entry to 2024 Prairie Classic			Place
	62	Matthew Terleski	Derek Robins	21.88 2
Top Lund Finish	Lund \$500.00			Place
	79	Layne Renard	Alex Renard	22.41 1
Top Lund not in Top 10	Lund - \$500.00			Place
	47	Tom McCulloch	Brendan McCulloch	21.26 11
Top Mixed Team not in Top 10	Andrew Agencies - \$500.00			Place
	5	Greg Haga	Audrey Haga	20.80 21
Top Parent/Child not in Top 10	Stickey's Bait and Tackle - Lowrance Fish Finder			Place
	47	Tom McCulloch	Brendan McCulloch	21.26 11
Top Adult/Youth Team	\$250.00 & Custom Rod - Clint's Custom Rods			Place
	7	Scott Stewart	Dimitry Stewart	21.30 9
Cool Under Pressure	\$600.00 McMunn & Yates			
	91	Julian Drouillard	Jayare Gardiner	40
	38	Places Advanced from Day 1 to Day 2		78
Day 2 Mystery Weight 8.23	Virden Rec. - \$200.00			
	\$100	57 Darcy Ripa	Don Brezinski	8.17
	\$100	59 Ken Pearce	Ed Pearce	8.17
Saturday Night Prizes				
Day 1 Mystery Weight 7.90	Virden Rec. - \$200.00			
	57	Darcy Ripa	Don Brezinski	7.33

OFFICIAL RULES - 2024 PRAIRIE CLASSIC

- 1) ELIGIBILITY**
- All persons 18 years of age or older are eligible to enter. Anglers under the age of 18 must fish with parent or guardian.
 - Tournament committee has the right to refuse any entry at their sole discretion.
 - The team Captain will "own" the team. Make sure of who is registered as team Captain as it will affect future participation.
 - 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**
- Each contestant must have in his or her possession a fishing licence that is valid on Lake of the Prairies.
 - 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.
 - All contestants are required to observe Canadian rules and regulations concerning safe boating.
- 3) FISHING:**
- Only those fish caught on a hook and line in normal and usual manner will be accepted.
 - Only barbless hooks may be used on Lake of the Prairies.
 - Each fisherman will be allowed one line in the water at a time. Spare rods may be carried.
 - Live bait and artificial bait and lures are allowed. Electronic or electrical luring or attracting devices are prohibited.
 - Only walleye, sauger, or saugeye 30 – 45 centimeters will be accepted by tournament officials.
 - 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.
 - A contestant must not leave the boat to land a fish or untangle lines or lures.
 - Daily limit per team shall be (6) six fish. At no time shall there be more than 6 fish in the live well(s). (No more than (6) fish per team per day).
 - Putting an un-releasable fish back into the water will mean disqualification and ejection from the tournament.
 - The tournament committee encourages use of cotton or wool gloves at all times when handling fish.
 - No contestant will be allowed to fish after 3:00 PM on the day before the tournament.
 - Only live bait purchased in Manitoba is allowed. Keep your receipts.
- 4) BOATS & EQUIPMENT**
- All boats will be required to meet Canadian safety regulations.
 - 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.
 - Boats may be equipped with electronic positioning or trolling motors.
 - Electronic and electrical depth finders, thermometers, oxygen meters, etc., are allowed.
 - In Prairie Classic, live wells must be used by all teams, live well is a covered aerated container used to retain live fish.
 - If a contestant cannot get back to the weigh station under their own power, then the catch for that day will be disqualified.
- 5) TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES**
- From West of the swimming area in the Shell River (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**
- The weigh in for entries will be open from 8:00 am and will continue throughout the fishing day.
 - 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.
 - Fish will be transported from entrant's boats in a covered tub of fresh water to the weigh-in site by a team member.
 - Unloading area will be designated immediately in front of the weigh-in area and will be for unloading of fish only.
 - 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)
 - 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 participants are no longer allowed to touch the fish. If, in Weigh Officials opinion, the participant is abusing this rule – immediate DISQUALIFICATION will result.
- If a team brings a fish to the weigh-in station and the Weigh Official deems that fish to have a "snipped tail", whether it happened that day or not, then their total catch will be disqualified for that day.
 - 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.
 - 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**
- At least one member from each team must be in attendance by 6:30pm on Friday for the pretournament rules meeting held at the George P. Buleziuk Centre. Only the tournament directors can waive the requirement under exceptional circumstances raised prior to the 6:30 pm start time.
 - Any contestant involved in a protest must be on call for three (3) hours following the end of the fishing day.
 - All contestants are required to cooperate with the press for interviews and photographs.
- 8) FISHING HOURS AND STARTING**
- The tournament fishing day will begin at 7:00 am and end at 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday with boats leaving in three flights. These flights will alternate each day. (Shotgun start spanning dam). Please see Dates & Times page in Brochure for all the event times.
- | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 1st Flight leaves at 7:00 AM returning at 3:00 PM | 3rd Flight leaves at 7:00 AM returning at 3:00 PM |
| 2nd Flight leaves at 7:30 AM returning at 3:30 PM | 2nd Flight leaves at 7:30 AM returning at 3:30 PM |
| 3rd Flight leaves at 8:00 AM returning at 4:00 PM | 1st Flight leaves at 8:00 AM returning at 4:00 PM |
- All boats must be inspected and must receive their tags before they will be allowed to leave in their respective flight.
 - 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.
 - The boat launch will serve as tournament headquarters and contestants will be required to end each day at this point (Must pass through the markers)
 - All times are GPS time.
- 9) BOAT IDENTIFICATION AND PATROLLING**
- 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.
 - If an emergency exists, patrol boats will be clearly marked for easy identification.
 - Boats may be inspected before and during the tournament.
- 10) PRIZES**
- Prizes will be based on total weight during the two-day tournament.
 - Prizes will be awarded on a team basis and must be accepted as awarded.
 - The committee reserves the right to cancel tournament in the event of insufficient entries.
- 11) SPIRIT OF THE RULE**
- 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 minded "Sprit of the rule" shall apply.
- 12) PROTESTS**
- 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**
- Prairie Classic Meal in 2024 is included in the entry fee. It will consist of dinner on June 8th, 2024 at the George P. Buleziuk Centre at 7:00 pm.
- 14) OTHER**
- 15) CONTINGENCY PRIZES**
- Contingency prizes may be made available by contributors, supporters, and other parties. Rules for these prizes will be stipulated by those offering the prize.
- 16) THE TOURNAMENT IS LIMITED TO 120 TEAMS.**
- 17) 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 "AND CATCH OF THE DAY" WILL BE PRORATED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PAID TEAMS ENTERED.**
- 18) 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**
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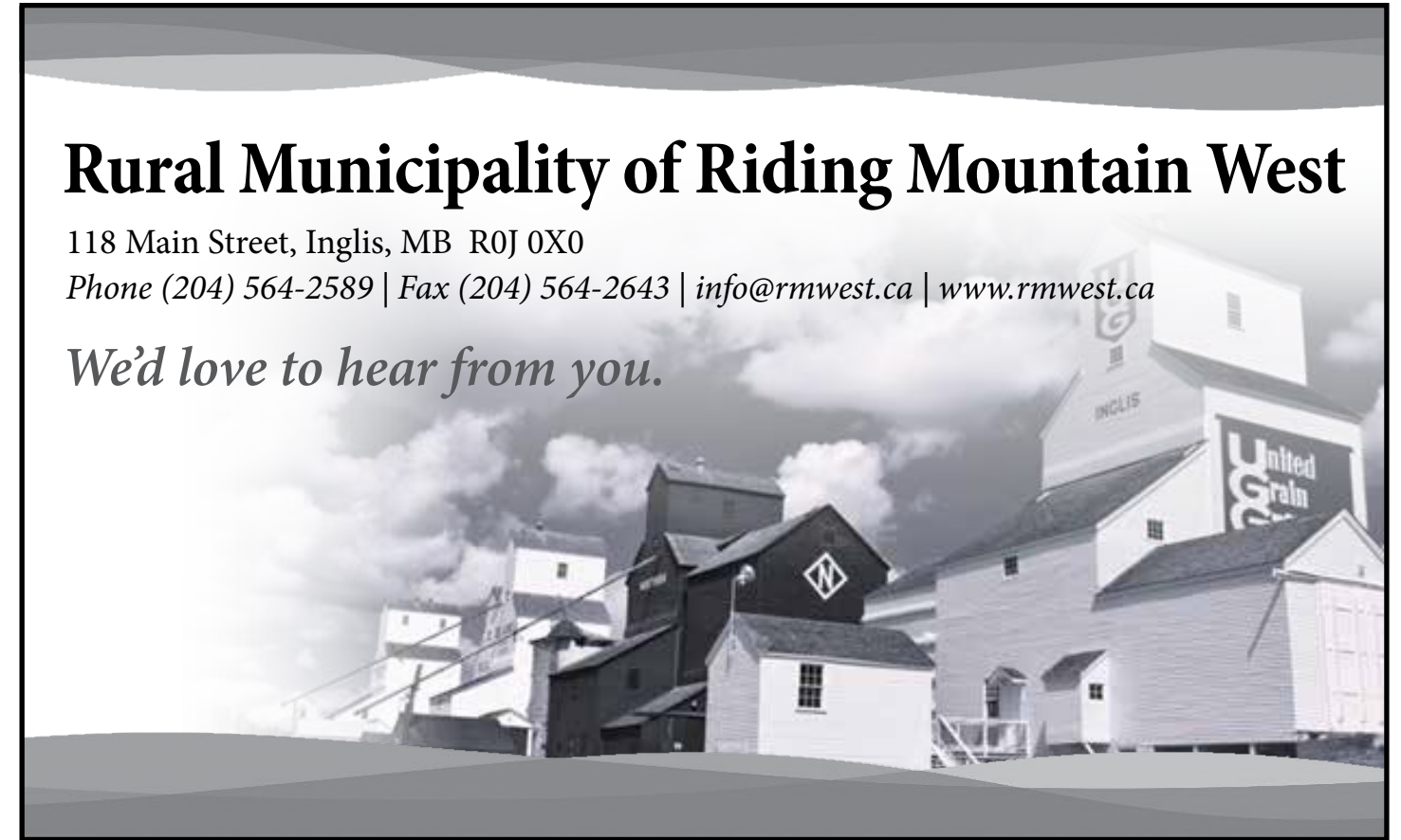
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June 7, 2024:

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 8, 2024:

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 9, 2024:

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

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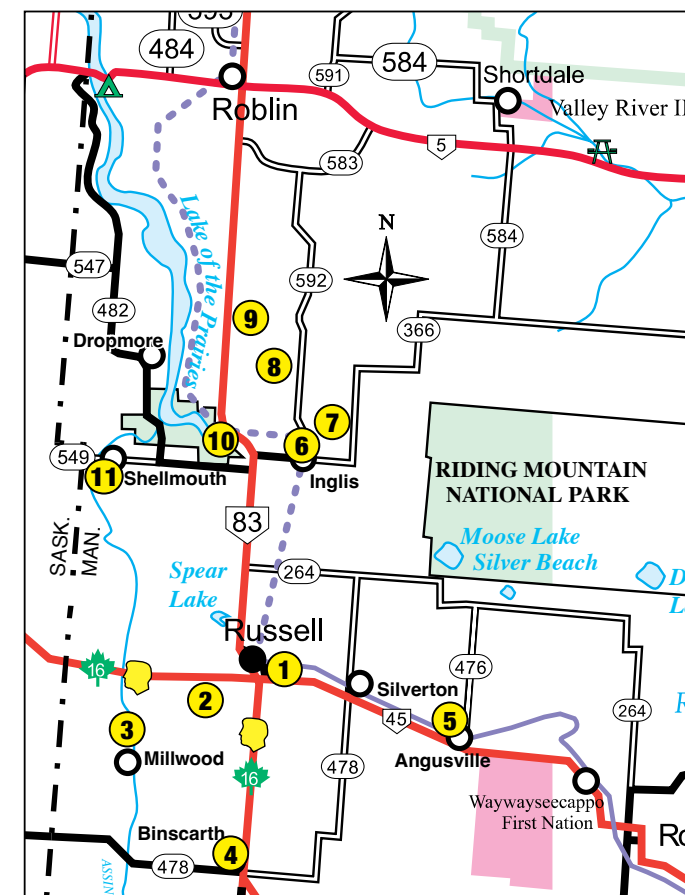
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