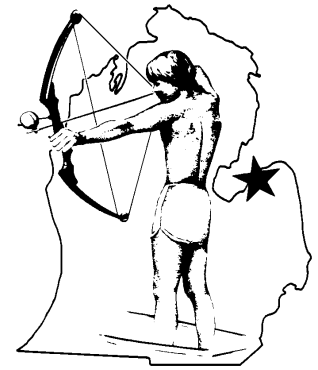


# GREAT LAKES BOWFISHING CHAMPIONSHIP



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## *25<sup>th</sup> Annual Event Celebrated*

### *232 Teams Arrow 42 Tons of Rough Fish on Saginaw Bay!*

CASEVILLE, MI – As police chief Brody in the movie *Jaws* so eloquently understated, “*You’re going to need a bigger boat.*” That seemed to be the underlying theme to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes Bowfishing Championship (GLBC).

232 two-man teams from all across the country converged on the shallows of Saginaw Bay on May 31 and June 1 to remove as many carp and other rough fish as possible using the tools of their trade – bow and arrow. It’s not that the annual onslaught of spawning carp was heavy this year. In fact, the fish were rather difficult to find on this particular weekend.

The blowing winds present throughout the tournament hours were a blessing to some and a curse to others. They typically cool off the carp’s annual spawning ritual and make for difficult bowfishing conditions. On the other hand, the winds have the ability to raise and lower the bay’s water level rather quickly often trapping isolated pockets of highly-concentrated fish along the shoreline, making for non-stop bowfishing action.

From its humble beginnings in 1984, the GLBC has grown to become one of the largest, most prestigious bowfishing tournaments in the nation. The great bowfishing potential, local hospitality, and the unparalleled camaradery of the participants continues to draw this fine group of sportsmen back to Caseville each year.

Over the past 24 years these participants have broken the previous World Record set out in California for the most fish by a bowfishing tournament sixteen times. They currently hold the world mark at an astounding 278,871 pounds!

Many teams arrived a day or two early to scout the tournament waters. Reports came from everywhere that the fish were in big time and expectations were set high.

Early Saturday morning near Bayport at the **Wallace Stone Quarry**, the tournament’s weigh-in site, the crowd of 464 bowfishermen assembled to prepare for the tournament start. A thunderstorm had rolled through just a few hours earlier, but skies had cleared and only pesky winds remained.



*Chuck & Kyle Becker of Deckerville, MI accept their **Great Lakes Bowfishing Championship** trophies from tournament Director **Bob Easterbrook, Sr.** Chuck, a 25-year veteran of the tournament, and his son, who was 4 months old during his dad’s first GLBC, arrowed anew tournament record 6,412 pounds of fish to take top honors.*

The teams were well prepared for the task at hand of harvesting rough fish such as carp, garpike, and dogfish with their archery equipment and assorted bowfishing rigs, some looking more like UFO’s than boats.

Shortly after the 8 a.m. start, the teams were scrambling about Saginaw Bay’s shoreline from Caseville to Bay City in search of these non-indigenous “trash” fish. They worked the bay’s shallows as well as the adjacent canals & rivers attempting to haul in as many fish as possible prior to the 5 p.m. deadline.

As luck would have it, the storms had changed the bowfishing landscape quickly. It was either feast or famine for most of the teams. Most of the spawning grounds were vacant of the fish that were so abundant less than 24 hours ago. The majority of fish remaining were those trapped in shallow pools by the rapidly receding tide brought about by the winds. Those

teams that found them feasted; those that didn't, well... it turned into more of a scavenger hunt than a typical fishing tournament.

Several of the successful teams had trouble hauling their take back to the scales due to the tremendous weight. A couple teams had managed to shoot and transport over 4000 pounds! But they were the lucky ones. The unlucky ones had nothing. And the *really* unlucky ones, well... they shot fish, but didn't quite make it back to the scales in time.

Simple physics demands that one cannot put twenty gallons of you-know-what in a ten gallon hat. When you put a ton or so of fish in a modest-sized boat, coupled with 2 to 3 foot waves, you pretty much get a roofless submarine. A few teams nearly met this fate, but one team did manage to sink their boat in the shallows when overtaken by the waves. As only the best of men will do, the team sponsored by **River's Edge Productions** of **Larry Sims** and **Brian Ball** from Knoxville, Iowa forfeited their daily catch to stay on the water late into the day to try to pull the troubled team's boat from the bottom with their powerful airboat. Though unsuccessful, their noble efforts displayed commendable sportsmanship to the highest degree!

After nine hours of competition, the teams rolled back into the weigh-in site and had their catches tallied. In that time the participants managed to arrow, retrieve and transport back to the scales a whopping 48,828 pounds of rough fish – 99% of these being carp. Tons of fish were loaded into dump trucks and on their way to become quality fertilizer.

According to Michigan DNR wildlife biologists removal of these fish from the bay provide many benefits. These non-native invaders to Michigan's waters destroy and damage critical spawning and nesting habitat for other game fish and waterfowl. Thinning out the carp's prolific numbers provides a boost to the area's native wildlife species.

Each year the local Caseville & Bayport area businesses sponsor cash awards for the two largest carp taken each day – a big favorite with the shooters. Saturday's winners were **Gary Provencher** of Carleton, MI with a tournament-topping 28.35-pound "hawg" sporting a \$10-per-pound prize; and **Wade Thompson** of Schoolcraft, MI with a nice 26.25-pounder taking the \$5-per-pound second-place prize.

To wind down the day and help celebrate the tournament's 25th year, the Caseville Chamber of Commerce hosted a free outdoor concert for the bowfishermen and townspeople at the Caseville County Park. Tournament participants were also treated to a terrific chicken barbeque and door prizes. The pleasant weather, beautiful setting and great music made for the perfect evening. Still many others enjoyed the nightlife and offerings of the local communities before gearing up for day-two of the big event.

Sunday morning greeted the contestants with marginal weather as they prepared for another seven hours of bowfishing. They took to the water with high expectations, but the wind refused to settle down all day long, making for difficult conditions. Yet another team took on water and managed to park their overloaded boat on the bottom of Saginaw Bay's shallows. Chief Brody would have been proud.

By the 3 p.m. deadline the weary archers managed to haul in another 34,975 pounds. This brought the weekend's grand total to 83,803 pounds – slightly below typical GLBC standards, but still far more than any other bowfishing tournament in history.

Claiming the title of Great Lakes Bowfishing Champions and setting the all-time record for the most fish harvested were the father-and-son team of **Chuck** and **Kyle Becker** of Deckerville, MI. The pair, sponsored by **Becker's Legacy Ranch**, managed to arrow an incredible 6,412 pounds of rough fish in two days! Chuck is one of two veterans who have shot all 25 years of the tournament and this was his first championship. His son Kyle was all of 4 months old when Chuck first participated. The pair were also awarded a set of Oneida compound bows donated by last year's reigning champions, **Joe Svoboda** and **Bryan Woodard** and their sponsor **Oneida Eagle Bows** of Marion, MI.

Taking second place with an amazing 5,562 pounds was another father-and-son duo, **Ron Miller** of Dorr, MI and **Rob Miller** of Byron Center, MI. Third place honors went to the uncle-nephew tandem of **Ted Schulz** of Cass City, MI and **Jason Schulz** of Ubyly, MI with 4,743 pounds. Cash prizes were awarded to the top 20 teams.

Sunday's "Big Fish" honors went to **Ron Gave** of Macomb, MI with a big 23.70-pound carp. Second place went to **Brian Woodard** of Durand, MI with a nice 21.75-pounder.

Prizes were also awarded for other rough fish species taken during the tournament. **Jason Frame** of Sterling Heights, MI landed Largest Dogfish honors scoring on a huge 8.20-pound bowfin, easily breaking the longest standing all-time GLBC record of 7.81 pounds set twenty years ago by **Dan Bruder** of West Branch back in 1988.

**Jeremy Steinman** of Pigeon, MI nabbed the Largest Goldfish cash prize arrowing a 3.15-pound specimen. **Dustin Curry** of Montrose, MI claimed the Largest Gar Pike prize, tipping the scales with a big 5.25-pounder. Last, but not least, champion **Chuck Becker** was honored for the Smallest Carp of the tourney with a tiny 0.70-pound fish.

Aside from providing a lot of recreational fun for hundreds of sportsmen and ridding the bay of tons of unwanted, destructive "trash" fish, the tournament's primary goal was met. Organizers raised thousands of dollars for the Wildlife Education Foundation – a non-profit organization whose primary mission is to get kids involved in the great outdoors.

Over the past 24 years, the foundation has been responsible for putting over 60,000 campers through the Sleeper State Park Outdoor Center. The vast majority of these campers were kids from all over Michigan who got to experience the great outdoors, learn about environmental respect and wildlife conservation, and experience shooting sports and firearms safety. Thanks to the success of this tournament and the generosity of its supporters, the foundation will continue to ensure that kids who want to experience Michigan's great outdoors will have that opportunity.

"I would like to thank our generous supporters", said tournament Director Bob Easterbrook, Sr. "Our sponsors **Bohning Co.**, **Muzzy Products**, **AMS Bowfishing**, and **Cajun Archery**; the local area businesses, the **Caseville Chamber of Commerce**, **Wallace Stone Quarry**, our donors, and our very supportive tournament participants. The foundation and the kids who benefit from it are extremely grateful. It's great to see so many people come together, have this much fun and do so much good. I thank you all for your incredible 25 years of outstanding support!"

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual event is slated for May 30 & 31 of 2009.

**By Bob Easterbrook, Jr.**  
(Reprints are permitted)

# 2008 G.L.B.C. OFFICIAL RESULTS

TEAM	WGT	TEAM	WGT	TEAM	WGT	TEAM	WGT	TEAM	WGT	TEAM	WGT	TEAM	WGT
117	6412	116	481	12	148	87	84	18	40	4	8	173	0
128	5562	112	460	213	148	238	82	<b>97</b>	<b>40</b>	170	8	176	0
142	4743	106	452	56	144	103	79	<b>115</b>	<b>40</b>	72	4	177	0
140	4383	108	442	68	<i>143</i>	37	78	134	40	75	4	180	0
43	4145	114	432	244	140	55	78	123	38	131	4	186	0
202	3252	48	414	217	134	120	76	129	38	14	3	191	0
5	2817	226	388	28	130	11	74	174	38	211	3	192	0
224	2659	<b>54</b>	<b>366</b>	236	130	98	74	9	35	2	0	193	0
100	2609	196	326	249	114	205	74	16	35	6	0	195	0
135	2165	156	324	189	<i>113</i>	194	64	59	32	8	0	206	0
144	2082	158	310	64	112	239	64	78	32	10	0	212	0
89	1940	157	309	248	112	1	62	130	32	13	0	219	0
82	1904	190	308	145	110	40	62	137	32	19	0	228	0
153	1736	171	298	70	108	60	62	127	30	20	0	231	0
183	1725	200	265	52	105	223	62	222	26	26	0	240	0
118	1472	227	264	67	104	235	62	246	26	27	0	247	0
23	1440	126	262	90	104	143	60	149	25	39	0		
163	1432	102	261	162	104	133	59	109	24	49	0		
185	1187	36	245	214	102	42	58	210	24	56	0		
74	1172	3	232	99	101	242	57	44	23	71	0		
187	1108	243	214	22	100	146	56	50	21	80	0		
119	1094	107	212	178	99	215	56	84	20	83	0		
24	1012	197	204	104	98	69	54	169	20	94	0		
41	996	<i>181</i>	<i>185</i>	168	98	122	52	233	17	95	0		
34	928	232	182	245	98	207	52	45	16	96	0		
151	892	<i>161</i>	<i>174</i>	93	95	88	49	76	16	105	0		
148	799	208	174	209	95	25	48	230	16	111	0		
63	779	203	171	218	93	73	48	47	14	124	0		
62	741	17	168	225	92	201	48	57	14	132	0		
53	722	110	166	31	90	125	47	141	14	139	0		
35	627	154	164	164	89	155	45	85	12	150	0		
147	616	184	164	<b>86</b>	<b>88</b>	30	44	77	11	159	0		
136	539	46	162	<b>250</b>	<b>88</b>	121	44	234	11	160	0		
204	529	32	160	15	86	66	42	81	10	165	0		
33	516	7	154	113	85	101	42	152	10	167	0		
38	482	166	152	182	85	199	42	229	10	172	0		

Listed in order of total weight. *Italics* indicate weight not eligible for prizes due to disqualification or late weigh-in. **Bold-Underline** indicates "Average Joes". **Bold** indicates Bohning Second Chance Award (see page 6 for details).

**OFFICIAL 2008 GRAND TOTAL: 83,803 POUNDS**

# 2008 GREAT LAKES BOWFISHING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL STANDINGS



PLACE	TEAM	NAME	FROM	SPONSOR	WEIGHT
1st	# 117	Charles Becker Kyle Becker	Deckerville, MI Deckerville, MI	Becker's Legacy Ranch Deckerville, MI	6,412 Lbs.
2nd	# 128	Ron Miller Rob Miller	Dorr, MI Byron Center, MI	R & K Building Dorr, MI	5,562 Lbs.
3rd	# 142	Ted Schulz Jason Schulz	Cass City, MI Ubly, MI	Charlie's Pub & Grub Argyle, MI	4,743 Lbs.
4th	# 140	Joe Svoboda Bryan Woodard	Byron, MI Durand, MI	Oneida Eagle Bows & Backwater Bowfishing	4,383 Lbs.
5th	# 43	Doug Curey Travis Curey	Nashville, MI Nashville, MI		4,145 Lbs.
6th	# 202	Michael Goad Brent Sorge	Millington, MI Otter Lake, MI	Goad's Kennels Millington, MI	3,252 Lbs.
7th	# 5	Judd Hill Greg Robb	New Carlisle, IN New Carlisle, IN	Cajun Archery New Iberia, LA	2,817 Lbs.
8th	#224	Brandon Newby Steve Beres	Custer, WI Randolph, WI	River's Edge Productions Norris City, IL	2,659 Lbs.
9th	# 100	Chris Cass Dan Reilly	Janesville, WI Portage, WI	Shaggy Dog's Marinade Janesville, WI	2,609 Lbs.
10th	# 135	Todd VanerKley Jack VanderKley	Schoolcraft, MI Mendon, MI		2,165 Lbs.
11th	# 144	Rick Russell Derick Russell	Sparta, MI Sparta, MI	Strickly Bowfishing Sparta, MI	2,082 Lbs.
12th	# 89	Roger Rasmussen Dan Rasmussen	Stanton, MI Lakeview, MI	Goldstar Outdoors Edmore, MI	1,940 Lbs.
13th	# 82	Dave Donley Darrell Maggert	Riverdale, MI Alma, MI	Donley Painting Riverdale, MI	1,904 Lbs.
14th	# 153	Chad Carr Chris Gocha	Fowlerville, MI Swartz Creek, MI	Dream Season Taxidermy Fowlerville, MI	1,736 Lbs.
15th	# 183	Jack Heppe Ron Miller	Holland, MI Hamilton, MI	Miller Sound & Comm. Hamilton, MI	1,725 Lbs.
16th	# 118	Todd Glover Roger VanHouten	Orion, MI Fenton, MI		1,472 Lbs.
17th	# 23	Michael Cheeseman Frank White	Nashville, MI Nashville, MI		1,440 Lbs.
18th	# 163	Rob Kok Doug Pastoor	Hopkins, MI Dorr, MI	South Kent Alignment Grand Rapids, MI	1,432 Lbs.
19th	# 185	Ross Boots Mark Travis	St. Johns, MI St. Johns, MI		1,187 Lbs.
20th	# 74	Preston Bovee Al Pope	Coleman, MI Coleman, MI		1,172 Lbs.

**THE TOP 20 TEAMS SHOT 54,837 POUNDS OF ROUGH FISH!**

# 2008 GREAT LAKES BOWFISHING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL STANDINGS



## 2008 SPONSORED TEAMS COMPETITION

1ST PLACE	BECKER'S LEGACY RANCH	DECKERVILLE, MI	6,412 Lbs.
2ND PLACE	R & K BUILDING	DORR, MI	5,562 Lbs.
3RD PLACE	CHARLIE'S PUB	ARGYLE, MI	4,743 Lbs.

The top three sponsored teams receive trophies for their sponsors

## 2008 INDIVIDUAL FISH AWARDS

Largest Carp Saturday	28.35 Lbs.	Gary Provencher	Carleton, MI	Team #201
	26.25 Lbs.	Wade Thompson	Schoolcraft, MI	Team #164
Sunday	23.70 Lbs.	Ron Gave	Macomb, MI	Team #208
	21.75 Lbs.	Brian Woodard	Durand, MI	Team #140
Largest Gold Carp	--	--	--	--
Largest Goldfish	3.15 Lbs.	Jeremy Steinman	Pigeon, MI	Team #217
Largest Gar Pike	5.25 Lbs.	Dustin Curry	Montrose, MI	Team #239
Largest Dogfish	8.20 Lbs.	Jason Frame	Sterling Hgts., MI	Team # 88
Smallest Carp	0.70 Lbs.	Chuck Becker	Deckerville, MI	Team #117

The two largest carp each day receive awards of \$10 and \$5 per pound, respectively.  
All other categories each receive a \$100 award.

## G.L.B.C. ALL-TIME RECORD BOARD

Largest Carp	42.75 Lbs.	MARTY KIDD	Millington, MI	1998
Largest Gold Carp	13.97 Lbs.	CHRIS CASS	Janesville, WI	2004
Largest Goldfish	4.00 Lbs.	DUSTEN WELLS	Newaygo, MI	2007
Largest Gar Pike	9.65 Lbs.	KEN MOINETTE	Akron, OH	1997
Largest Dogfish	<b>8.20 Lbs.</b>	<b>JASON FRAME</b>	<b>Sterling Hgts., MI</b>	<b>2008</b>
Smallest Carp	0.10 Lbs.	MIKE LEONARD	Fenton, MI	2003
Team Best	<b>6,412 Lbs.</b>	<b>CHUCK BECKER</b> <b>KYLE BECKER</b>	<b>Deckerville, MI</b> <b>Deckerville, MI</b>	<b>2008</b>
Tournament Best	278,871 Lbs.	250 TEAMS	Caseville, MI	1996



▲ Jason Frame of Sterling Hgts., MI with his record Dogfish.  
Gary Provencher of Carleton, MI shows off his GLBC Big Carp.▶



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## G.L.B.C. Notables

### AVERAGE JOE'S

A \$400 prize is awarded each year to the team that harvests closest to the average weight per team. The average for 2008 was 361.2 pounds per team. The run-of-the-mill duo of **Tom Hedke** of Caledonia, MI and **Dan Schollaart** of Hudsonville, MI arrowed a total of 366 pounds of rough fish – earning them the honors as the “Average Joe” team of 2008. That’s still a lot of fish, so congratulations on your hard-fought “average” performance guys!

### BOHNING SECOND CHANCE AWARD

Sponsored by Bohning Co., the winners were determined via the “Lewis Class System”, where all prize-winning teams and teams that did not record any fish at all, were excluded from the field, then the remaining teams are run through the Lewis Class formula resulting in two divisions. The two top teams in each division were awarded first and second place prize money as follows.

<u>Div 1:</u>	\$150 Team 86	Patrick & Eric Hitt	88 lbs.
	\$100 Team 250	Royal & James Clark	88 lbs.
<u>Div 2:</u>	\$150 Team 97	Shane Arnold/Krystle Maynard	40 lbs.
	\$100 Team 115	Jack & Bob Hoover	40 lbs.

### 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Caseville Chamber of Commerce and its supportive community helped the tournament celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> year by hosting a free outdoor concert at the Caseville County Park. The weather was nice and the music fantastic as bowfishermen and local supporters enjoyed a great evening in the park. The event was highlighted by a mouthwatering chicken barbeque by Rod Heck. Later in the evening *Hersel's On The Bay* treated bowfishermen to a huge private room with an 8-foot projection screen so they could enjoy the Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup Playoff victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins. Caseville sure knows how to throw a party!

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

We owe a great deal of gratitude to a fantastic cast of supporting people, businesses, and organizations.

- ☞ Our generous sponsors, **Bohning Company**, **Muzzy Products**, **AMS Bowfishing**, and **Cajun Archery**, who all helped make this year’s event the premier bowfishing tournament anywhere!
- ☞ **Ralph Bronson**, **Ron Aldridge** and the great people at the **Wallace Stone Quarry** who shared their great facility with us and put up with our little bit of chaos for a couple of days. We couldn’t have done it without their help and support!
- ☞ The **Caseville Chamber of Commerce** & president **Steve Louwers** for their help in pulling off another successful event.
- ☞ Dozens of **Caseville / Bayport Area Businesses** that pledged a dollar-per-pound for the largest carp of the tournament to sponsor the Big Fish Awards -- a huge favorite with many of our repeat contestants!
- ☞ Our exceptional **GLBC Staff** of 20 hard working, efficient and helpful volunteers.

Without all of these fine, generous people and companies, this great bowfishing tournament would be just another carp shoot. We’re looking forward to working with everyone next year and doing things up even bigger and better!



## 20-Year Tournament Veterans

*This may seem like a lot of handsome for one photo, but these guys are the cream of the GLBC crop. In this, the 25th year of the tournament, there were thirty-three (33) participants who had competed in at least 20 of the events! Two of these gentlemen, **Judd Hill** of New Carlisle, IN and **Chuck Becker** of Deckerville, MI, have participated in all 25 contests! **Ted Schulz** of Cass City, MI and **John Mack** of Lexington, MI are close behind them as the only 24-year veterans of the shoot. This is truly one incredibly dedicated group of bowfishermen!*

## G.L.B.C. HISTORY BOOK

Year	Weight	Teams	Avg. Wgt.
1984	4,959 lbs.	20	248 lbs.
1985	13,639 lbs.	38	359 lbs.
1986	14,338 lbs.	123	117 lbs.
1987	72,119 lbs.	175	412 lbs.
1988	41,377 lbs.	177	234 lbs.
1989	121,181 lbs.	189	641 lbs.
1990	79,364 lbs.	200	397 lbs.
1991	56,548 lbs.	225	251 lbs.
1992	134,000 lbs.	230	583 lbs.
1993	161,997 lbs.	230	704 lbs.
1994	129,280 lbs.	250	517 lbs.
1995	61,731 lbs.	250	246 lbs.
1996	278,871 lbs.	250	1,114 lbs.
1997	15,724 lbs.	250	63 lbs.
1998	17,571 lbs.	250	70 lbs.
1999	84,822 lbs.	250	339 lbs.
2000	94,621 lbs.	250	378 lbs.
2001	27,320 lbs.	250	109 lbs.
2002	242,604 lbs.	228	1,064 lbs.
2003	52,265 lbs.	250	209 lbs.
2004	96,175 lbs.	250	385 lbs.
2005	78,399 lbs.	250	314 lbs.
2006	85,694 lbs.	245	350 lbs.
2007	60,769 lbs.	234	266 lbs.
2008	83,803 lbs.	232	361 lbs.
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,109,171 lbs</b>	<b>5,290</b>	<b>399 lbs</b>

**BEAT THE RUSH!** Past tournament participants wishing to register for next year's event may fill out and return the form below with a check or money order made payable to the **Wildlife Education Foundation**, and mail to **32045 Dequindre Rd., Madison Hgts., MI 48071**. You will receive updated rules, maps, and all other 2009 tournament info in early May of 2009. Payments are refundable up until May 11, 2009. Regular applications will be mailed out to past participants and others in early April of 2009. Any questions, please call Colleen at (248) 583-4863.

## 2009 GREAT LAKES BOWFISHING CHAMPIONSHIP EARLY-REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$80.00 for entry fee in the 2009 Great Lakes Bowfishing Championship at Caseville, Michigan on May 30 & 31. We agree to abide by the official rules, which will be forwarded prior to the tournament (very similar to 2008 rules). We further voluntarily waive and release the sponsoring and/or hosting organizations and their employees and volunteers from all claims of injury and/or damage in connection with this event.

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 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- ENTRY FEE:** \$80.00 per two-man team ..... \$
- SPONSORED TEAM:** (Info may be provided at a later date)  
Sponsor's Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- ACCOMODATION PACKAGE:** Please check here if you are interested in the accommodation package at the Outdoor Center. We will send you updated info on this as details become available to us.

# GREAT LAKES BOWFISHING CHAMPIONSHIP

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SEE YOU IN CASEVILLE!**



## Great Lakes Bowfishing Champions

Year	Team	Wgt.	Year	Team	Wgt.
1984	Dennis Phillips (Caro, MI) & Doug Don (Fairgrove, MI)	685 #	1997	Chad Gembarski & Ray Simmons (Port Austin, MI)	859 #
1985	Judd Hill & Don Bessler (New Carlisle, IN)	1,292 #	1998	Butch Donley (Vestaburg, MI) & Alan Whaley (Alma, MI)	765 #
1986	Dave Wille & George Putze (Port Huron, MI)	946 #	1999	John Musacchia & Mark Land (Cartersville, GA)	2,187 #
1987	Benny Wright (Cinci., OH) & Arnold Akers (Berea, KY)	2,082 #	2000	Brant Gnagey & Thad McGathy (Bayport, MI)	2,842 #
1988	Dennis Phillips (Caro, MI) & Doug Don (Fairgrove, MI)	1,448 #	2001	Brant Gnagey & Thad McGathy (Bayport, MI)	2,059 #
1989	Bill Thiele (Appleton, WI) & Clyde Thiele (Menasha, WI)	3,516 #	2002	Dan Rasmussen (Lakeview) & Roger Rasmussen (Stanton, MI)	4,478 #
1990	Dave Wille & George Putze (Port Huron, MI)	4,131 #	2003	Marty Kidd (Millington, MI) & Ron O'Connor (Beaverton, MI)	2,924 #
1991	Alan Whaley (Alma, MI) & John Allen (Crystal, MI)	1,746 #	2004	Alan Yedor (Merrer, LA) & Harold Speed (Duncan, OK)	3,116 #
1992	Bruce Langley (Casevl.) & Darin McGathey (Bayport, MI)	4,231 #	2005	Chris Lockard & Victor Charlie (Perry, MI)	4,008 #
1993	Chris Tuszke & Tom Rutta (Stevens Point, WI)	4,882 #	2006	Michael Goad (Millington, MI) & Brent Sorge (Otter Lake, MI)	3,688 #
1994	Chuck Hoag (Vassar, MI) & Dennis Phillips (Caro, MI)	3,440 #	2007	Joe Svoboda (Byron, MI) & Bryan Woodard (Durand, MI)	3,358 #
1995	Dan Schude & Pat Shibilski (Stevens Point, WI)	2,354 #	2008	Chuck Becker (Deckerville, MI) & Kyle Becker (Deckerville, MI)	6,412 #
1996	Doug Currey (Battle Crk) & Rick Sanders (Berrien Spgs.)	3,855 #			