

## Krasaway & McPherson Win 18th annual City Auto Glass Walleye Classic!!

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.....Steve Krasaway and Mike McPherson weighed a big early-morning walleye, helping them to capture the title at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual City Auto Glass Walleye Classic, presented by First National Bank of Gilbert & Hoyt Lakes, on Saturday, May 20th, 2023, out of Fortune Bay Resort Casino on Lake Vermilion.

Krasaway, from Hermantown, and McPherson, of Rochester, Michigan, weighed a 6-fish total of 14.53 pounds, including the morning fish, a 6.45 pound, 27.5-inch walleye that also won big-fish honors on the day. The champions won the first-place purse of \$17,000, plus big fish money. Their catch was just .23 pounds more than the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team of Johnny Neisen of Woodbury and Mike Neisen of North St. Paul, who won \$5,000. The Neisen's also took 2<sup>nd</sup> place honors in 2017, and were 4<sup>th</sup> place in last year's tournament.

3<sup>rd</sup> place this year went to Jamen Lewis and Dustin Olson of Princeton, with a catch of 9.44 pounds. Pat Noonan of Keewatin and Jeremy Dasovich from Nashwauk finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place at 9.08 pounds, while John Cochems of Mt. Iron and Justin Chromy of Brainerd rounded-out the top 5 with their catch of 8.01 pounds.

A full-field of 125 boats entered this year's tourney, held out of the marina at Fortune Bay Resort Casino. A total of 433 walleyes were weighed and released this year, with beautiful weather conditions not leading to the strong bite that some had expected. More than \$50,000 in cash and prizes were once again awarded this year.

Proceeds from this non-profit event produced by The CAG Foundation are used to provide support for students throughout northeastern Minnesota.

Volunteers included members of the Hibbing Kiwanis Club, City Auto Glass employees, members of the Rock Ridge baseball program, and friends and family.

City Auto Glass is a Minnesota-based, employee-owned auto glass company, with shops located throughout Minnesota and parts of Florida, featuring mobile service and complete windshield calibration services.

Next year's tournament will be held on Saturday, May 18th, the second Saturday of the Minnesota fishing opener for walleye.

Complete results are available on Facebook and at [www.cityautoglasswalleyeclassic.com](http://www.cityautoglasswalleyeclassic.com)

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