

Busch Carp Derby set for July 17 and 18

The 24th annual Busch Carp Derby is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18 at the Sebelius Reservoir west of Norton.

The weekend activities will center around the carp contest, as two-man teams of "archers" or "fishermen" attempt to bring in the legendary "Western Kansas Golden Trout".

A total of 554 carp were caught at last year's derby. The derby attracted 40 two-person teams from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

The team of Travis Kohlrus, Ellis, and Roy Aschenbrenner, Ellis, won the championship by bringing in 88 carp for the two days and earning the first place \$150 cash prize.

The second place cash purse of \$100 went to Curtis Glenn, Norton and J.D. Sanderson, Norton, for bringing in 56 carp.

The team of Garry Staab, Hays, and Jeff Roberts, Concordia, placed third with 50 carp and received \$75 for their efforts.

Derby rules

The winners will be determined by counting the number of fish per team. One largest fish per team will be weighed each day. The combined weight of the big fish on Saturday and Sunday will be used for tie breakers.

Prize money

Approximately \$900 in prize money is being offered to the successful teams in the derby. The top 10 places will receive money.

Fishermen will be competing for a \$150 first place prize. The second place team will earn \$100 in cash and the third place team will take home \$75 in cash.

The additional cash awards per team are: \$70, fourth place; \$65, fifth place; \$60, sixth place; \$55, seventh place; \$50, eighth place; \$45, ninth place; \$40, tenth place.

The contestants will hit the water at 9 a.m. each morning of the two-day event. A weigh-in will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday with the final weigh-in taking place at 3 p.m. on Sunday. No fishing will be allowed from 6 p.m. on Saturday until 9 a.m. on Sunday.

More prize money

A separate prize fund of \$100 has again been established by New Age Industrial Corporation, Inc., for any tagged carp caught by the contestants.

Fishermen turning in the tagged carp will share the fund. The color of the tag will be announced prior to the contest starting time.

In addition, a cash prize of \$50 will be awarded for the largest fish caught each day. The First Security Bank and Trust Company of Norton and Lenora is awarding this daily

prize. Many other prizes donated by supporting area businesses will be drawn after weigh-in both days.

Barbecue Saturday

A whole hog barbecue for contestants only will be held on Saturday after the weigh-in. Additional meals may be purchased for family members: \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased prior to going through the food line.

The 23rd annual Busch Carp Derby is being sponsored by the Norton County Jaycees, New Age Industrial Corporation, Inc., First Security Bank and Trust Company, Norton Conventions and Visitors Bureau, Norton

Area Chamber of Commerce, Western Distributors, Inc. (Busch beer distributors of northwest Kansas) and other area businesses.

Entry fees and forms

The advance entry fee will be \$35 per team by July 16. After July 16, the entry fee is \$40.

Entries may be mailed to: Norton County Jaycees, c/o Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, 109 S. State, Norton, KS 67654 or dropped off at the Chamber office. The Chamber office is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closes at 2:30 p.m. on Fridays.

If you have questions, contact Michelle Railsback at 877-5394.

Park to have Prairie Dog Christmas in July

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is sponsoring the first annual Prairie Dog Christmas at Prairie Dog State Park on Saturday, July 24.

Campers at the park are encouraged to decorate their campsites in a Christmas theme. Campers need to register at the park office by 1 p.m. on July 24.

Campsites will be judged between 9 and 10 p.m. Saturday night, and prizes will be

awarded at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 25 at the camp hosts' campsite (No. 8).

If you decide not to enter the contest, the park staff would still like to invite you to "think cool", join in the fun, and come out to view the creativity of others.

A vehicle permit is required. Daily permits are \$6.50, and annual permits are \$45.50.

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