

ANGLERS HOST FISHING DERBY

23-year ALCA tradition continues strong

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It's no surprise that this long-standing event is one of the most popular for volunteers and children alike! On July 15th and 16th, the Arrowhead Anglers hosted the 23rd Annual Youth Fishing Derby. This year 98 kids participated in the angler education stations set up around the Island. To date, 2,418 children have attended this event.

The event was broken into two fun-filled days. On Saturday, the kids stocked fish and attended age-appropriate educational activity stations. Numerous topics were covered to provide a well-rounded program for all angler interests. Fishing skills, knot-tying, lures and bait, environmental stewardship, aquatic insects and fly-tying stations were guided by volunteers. Water rescue equipment and rescue techniques were presented by the Lehighton Fire & Rescue Company.



New for 2023 - Professional dog trainers/handlers, George and Kate Abraham, brought two highly trained water rescue dogs, Oakley and Kelby, for one of the education stations. Kids learned how these dogs can assist in rescuing distressed swimmers, and boaters in a variety of situations in lake, river and ocean environments. Unfortunately, due to recent heavy rains, Oakley was unable to perform the water rescue demonstration in the lake.

Due to the forecast of severe thunderstorms on the Sunday of the Derby, it was decided to cancel the fishing portion of the contest. Kids gathered at the Lodge for participation prizes.



Water rescue dogs Oakley and Kelby pose with Derby participants and trainers George and Kate. Follow @thatnepanewfie on Facebook to see what local event they will be at next!



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