

BERRY & OSWALD WIN 3RD ANNUAL CITY AUTO GLASS BASS CLASSIC!

On Saturday, September 16th, 2023, the team of Tom Berry and William Oswald emerged victorious on central Minnesota's Lake Mille Lacs to win the 3rd annual 'City Auto Glass Bass Classic, presented by Heartland Tire', held out of Eddy's Resort.

Berry and Oswald scored a tournament-record weight of 26.22 pounds of smallmouth bass on a mild and slightly breezy day, which created perfect morning conditions and a challenging mid-day and afternoon bite. Berry, from Forest Lake, and Oswald, of Hudson, WI, brought home the first-place champion's purse of \$10,000, and will have the chance to defend their title in 2024!

2nd place this year went to the father-son team of Troy and Mike Peterson of Brainerd, with 25.45 pounds of smallmouth entered. Chayse Barrett of Zimmerman and Dustin Bliss of Brooklyn Park were 3rd with a catch of 25.12 pounds. '22 runners-up Austin Felix of Eden Prairie and Andy Young from Isle finished 4th, while last year's champions, Troy Groskreutz of Minnetrista and Jeff Ziermann from Chaska, rounded out the Top 5.

Two anglers tied for tournament big-fish honors, with both Barrett and Felix recording a 21.75-inch smallmouth. Those fish weighed just under 6 pounds.

The City Auto Glass Bass Classic is a catch-record-release event, with all fish measured, photographed, and immediately released utilizing the Reel LiveWell tournament app.

41 boats fished the 2023 tournament, including anglers from 7 states. 183 smallmouth were recorded at tournament's end, totaling more than 733 pounds. All tournament activities, including the Friday evening rules meeting dinner and tournament headquarters on Saturday, were held at Eddy's.

The tournament was produced by The CAG Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization founded by City Auto Glass. Besides City Auto Glass and Heartland Tire, other partners included PGW Auto Glass, Dupont, Enterprise Fleet Management, Tidholm Productions, Nick Signs, Scheels Sporting Goods, WDIO-TV, Casey's General Stores, Reel LiveWell, and Super One. Proceeds from the tournament enable The CAG Foundation to make donations to local organizations that uplift, educate, and improve the lives of area kids.

Volunteer help was provided by folks from City Auto Glass, along with family members and friends.

Complete tournament results are available on Facebook, and at www.cityautoglassbassclassic.com.