



WYOMING WALLEYE CIRCUIT

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The third stop on the Wyoming Walleye Trail took us to the small town of Shosoni Wyoming, home of Boysen reservoir. Boysen is also home of the Walleye state record, 17.4 pounds.

As we were soon to find out Boysen reservoir is live and well. The Walleye are healthy and heavy. The rules meeting began at six o'clock Friday evening, as Anglers began to arrive so did the Walleye reports. Many Walleye being caught and the weights were heavy. Everything from two to twelve pounds plus. The excitement was growing as team numbers and shoot-out competition were drawn.

Day one began as always with the playing of our national anthem, upon the conclusion team number one was called and unlike last year Anglers seem to go in all directions, to the rocks, weeds, to sloping sandy banks. The Walleye were being caught in many areas around the reservoir. As I made my way around the lake I saw Anglers cranking off of sloping shorelines, jigging rocks and weeds, pulling live bait rigs off of mid lake structure, A little of everything. But as the weights began to come in it would be crankbaits producing the heavy weights. The team of Walt and Tracy paddock of Wyoming came in with a remarkable weight of 29.38 pounds. Just behind them were the team of Bill and John Mueller of Colorado with a weight of 27.28 pounds, this was also the team that landed the big Walleye for day one with a weight of 9.38 pounds. Hot on there heels was the team of Ross Coates and Dale Andreen of Casper Wyoming with a weight of 24.62. Ounces behind them were the team of John Snell and Frosty Williams of Gillette Wyoming with a weight of 24.42 pounds. Finishing up the top five was the team of Cary and Terry Uhrich with a day one weight of 22.92 pounds.

Day two brought even more excitement as Anglers knew big Walleye were hot, as they staged for the launch lined up and engines running eagerly waiting for the signal for competition to begin. As boat number seventy eight was called off they went with hopes and excitement of boating that tournament winning Walleye.

As day two came to a close it was the team of Walt and Tracy Paddock staying on there game and finishing what they started coming in with a weight of 22.12 pounds giving them a tremendous two day weight of 51.50 pounds. Earning them top honors taking the title of Boysen Summer slam Champions and a check for \$6,000.00 dollars. Also to sweeten there pot even more they received a check from Lund boats for \$500.00 dollars as the highest finishing Lund Boat, to add even more they took home a check for the highest finishing family team for \$575.00 dollars, plus they won there shoot-out worth \$200.00 dollars for a total of \$7,275.00. Second went to the team of Cary and Terry Uhrich of Casper Wyoming with a total weight of 49.22 pounds which earned them a total of \$3,200.00 dollars including there shoot-out. Third place went to the team of Ross Coates and Dale Andreen with a total weight of 48.98 pounds earning them a check for \$2,200 including there shoot-out. Forth place went to the team of Tim James and Brad Berg of Shosoni with a total weight of 47.66 pounds and a check for \$1,800.00 dollars. Finishing up the top five was the team of Brian Hilbert and Gregg Moon with a two day total of 45.88 pounds. This team also caught the heaviest one day weight of the

tournament with 29.80 pounds caught on day two which carried them to there fifth place finish and a check for \$1,500.00 dollars.

All five of these teams have also advanced to the Wyoming Walleye Circuit Championship to be held at Glendo reservoir on September the 14th and 15th.

Congratulations to all on a very successful tournament. Boysen once again has proved herself to be one the greatest Walleye fisheries that Wyoming has to offer. Our next stop takes us to the legendary reservoir known as Seminoe. As in seasons past the Anglers of the WWC put there skills to the test and bring to the scales many great Walleye from Seminoe and I'm sure this season will be no different. I hope to see all of you there.

GOOD LUCK...

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