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MEREDITH ROTARY FISHING DERBY  
P.O. Box 1210  
MEREDITH, NH 03253

**OUR 41ST YEAR!**  
**YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO FISH TO WIN!**  
**DAILY DRAWINGS FOR BIG CASH PRIZES!**

Scan this code or visit our website  
[www.meredithrotary.org](http://www.meredithrotary.org)  
for online ticket purchases and  
up-to-date Derby information.



**Great Meredith Rotary**  
**Ice Fishing Derby**  
**OUR 41<sup>ST</sup> YEAR!**  
**BRING THE FAMILY!**

**EXTENDED SATURDAY HOURS - SEE DETAILS INSIDE**  
**Over \$50,000 in winnings!**  
**FEBRUARY 8-9, 2020**  
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**NEW EXTENDED WEIGH-IN HOURS AND UPDATES!**

*The Saturday weigh-in line has been extended for one hour, until 5 pm.*

The three top prizes will be drawn from a group of 7 top category prize winners. Keep in mind that if you catch a fish on Saturday and miss the weigh-in deadline of 5 pm, you can still submit your fish on Sunday morning. Eligibility is determined by those who had the largest fish in each category (as defined in the Derby Rules). These are the new rules:

The three top prizes will be awarded to the angler with a valid derby ticket whose name is drawn on Sunday during the Grand Prize Drawing from anglers who are eligible. Eligibility is determined by those who had the largest fish (as defined in the Derby Rules) in each category during the Derby weekend.

The top three prizes will be drawn from a group of **SEVEN** potential top category prize winners.

Each angler's name will be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing only once, no matter how many fish that person has caught.

The five heaviest Black Crappie, Cusk, Lake Trout, Pickerel, Rainbow Trout, Yellow Perch and White Perch will be hung on the board on both Saturday and Sunday for prizes of **\$500, \$200, \$150, \$100** and **\$50**.

**THE WINNING TICKET PRIZES - MORE WAYS TO WIN!**

There will be 14 Derby Ticket stub cash drawings on Saturday for \$100 each, and 32 Derby Ticket stub cash prize drawings on Sunday for \$100 each. Drawings will start on Saturday at 12:30pm and on Sunday at 8am and will be held approximately every 15 minutes. You do not have to fish to win any of these cash drawings! You do not need to be present at the drawings: checks will be mailed to winners if they are not present at time of drawing.

Two Rotary Derby Ticket "Grand Cash Drawings" for \$5,000 will be held. One drawing on Saturday at approximately 4:30 pm and one drawing on Sunday at approximately 3:30 pm at Derby Headquarters in Meredith. You do not have to fish to win one of these cash drawings.

**THE WINNING FISH PRIZES**

**FIRST PRIZE -- \$15,000**  
**SECOND PRIZE -- \$5,000 • THIRD PRIZE -- \$3,000**

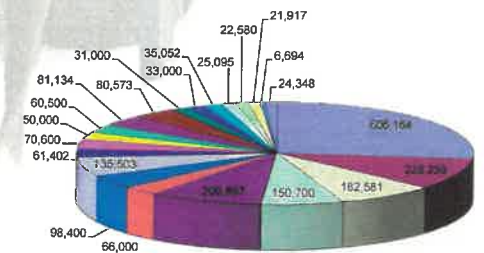


**2019 First Prize Winner - DANIEL DESMARAIS**



**FUN FOR YOUR FAMILY, GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

**Meredith Rotary Contributions**  
**1982-2019 - \$2,281,399**



- Scholarships
- Local Non-Profit Organizations
- Fish Stocking
- Fish and Game Department
- Municipal Projects - Meredith
- Healy Park Renovation
- Youth Programs
- Senior Christmas Dinner
- Rotary Foundation
- Interlakes Highschool
- Meredith Historical Society
- Science Center of New Hampshire
- Miscellaneous Contributions
- Student Exchange Program
- Meredith Public Library
- Meredith Bay Walkway and Dock
- Municipal Projects - Center Harbor
- Municipal Projects - Moultonboro
- Local Fire & Police Departments
- International Relief Projects
- Interact Club
- Environmental Projects

## IS THE ICE SAFE?

All frozen bodies of water are to be considered potentially dangerous. Ice does not form uniformly over the entire surface of a water body. Ice thickness at one location should not be considered to be indicative of ice thickness over a whole water body or geographic region. Persons who are not personally familiar with the ice conditions should systematically and safely check the ice thickness before undertaking any activity on the ice.

## Taking Salmon Through The Ice Is

# PROHIBITED

(Know the difference)



**ATLANTIC/LANDLOCKED SALMON**  
Salmon have limited black spots on body.



**RAINBOW TROUT**

Caudal fin and dorsal fin have profuse rows of black spots along the rays.

## TWELVE QUICK TIPS

- Always test the ice.
- Beware! Wind and current break up the ice.
- Dress in layers, bring food & hot drinks.
- Fish with a partner.
- Do not gather in large groups.
- No fires on the ice.
- Bring blankets and a first-aid kit.
- If you fall in, reach for solid ice, kick & roll to safety.
- Follow all fishing regulations.
- Do not drive cars onto the ice.
- Clean up after yourself! Leave nothing behind.

## 2020 FISHING DERBY RULES

- All anglers must comply with the law set forth by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Ice fishing rules can be viewed on the New Hampshire Fish & Game website: <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/fishing.htm>
- All fish must be legally and freshly caught from any fresh New Hampshire public waters (RSA: 271:20) by the registered Derby ticket holder. Fish must be taken through the ice on Saturday or Sunday of Derby Weekend. All fishermen must ensure that fish being entered in the Derby are dead prior to entering the weigh-in line. Live fish in possession will result in immediate Derby disqualification.
- A valid Derby ticket and a valid New Hampshire Fishing License will be required for identification when entering fish and claiming a prize. Minors under 16 years of age do not need a valid fishing license for ice fishing, but do need a valid Derby ticket when entering fish or claiming prizes.
- The parents or guardians of any individual under 16 years of age who is awarded any prize is responsible for processing and submitting all necessary documents to the Internal Revenue Service, as required.
- Weight at the time of entry determines winners. In case of a tie, length shall be the determinate factor. Earliest entry will be the final tie breaker.
- The following fish are Unacceptable:  
 No Rainbow Trout under 17 inches in length will be accepted  
 No Lake Trout under 22 inches in length will be accepted  
 No Cusk under 22 inches in length will be accepted  
 No Pickerel under 22 inches in length will be accepted  
 No White Perch under 14 inches in length will be accepted  
 No Yellow Perch under 12 inches in length will be accepted  
 No Black Crappie under 13 inches in length will be accepted  
 No Bass, Brown Trout or Salmon will be accepted
- Entered fish become the property of the Derby. All registered fish that are eligible for prizes will be retained until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday of Derby Weekend. Anglers may request the return of their fish after award presentations are finished. All fish not reclaimed by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday of the Derby Weekend will be donated to the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center in Holderness for the feeding of their otters, raptors, bears, and other animals.
- Fish may be registered between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Anglers who catch an eligible fish on Saturday that cannot be registered before the end of the day may register said fish on Sunday. No fish may be registered for Sunday's prize board on Saturday. Times will be recorded on the Official Derby Time Clock at Derby Headquarters. In order to register a fish, all participants must be at the outside weigh-in station no later than the above closing times each day and be acknowledged by a Judge;
- Fish to be entered must be free of all debris such as snow, ice lines, hooks, weights, etc. Meredith Rotary reserves the right to open or x-ray any fish.
- All Angler's entering fish eligible for prizes of \$500 or more will be required to sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury certifying the date, time, lake and person catching the fish.
- Rotarians and Derby Officials are not liable for any injury or loss of life or property. All anglers are responsible for their own safety and knowledge of their surroundings.
- ALL PARTICIPANTS HEREBY ACCEPT THESE RULES. IN THE INTERPETATION OF RULES AND THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES THE DECISION OF THE DERBY JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING.**

## TICKET SALES

- All ticket sales are final. No refunds will be made. In the event of a postponement, tickets will be valid for the postponement date selected by Derby Officials.
- Mail order sales will be returned by first class mail. Orders received after January 31, 2020 will be held at Derby Headquarters at Hesky Park in Meredith for pickup upon arrival. Please make sure your registration is readable. Registrations not readable are ineligible for prizes. **If we can't read it, we cannot award the prize.**
- For multiple orders by mail, please duplicate the registration form for each entrant to ensure they are entered for cash drawings.
- Derby tickets and fishing licenses are available at Derby Headquarters and local bait and tackle shops. Derby Tickets are \$40 per person and are valid for both days. **Tickets sold after 12 noon Saturday of Derby Weekend will be eligible for ticket stub cash drawing prizes only.**
- Advance sales of Derby Tickets are available at many bait, tackle and sportsmen shops throughout New Hampshire. Follow the Fishing Derby link on our website to find a vendor near you or call 603-279-7600. Derby Tickets will also be available to purchase online at [www.meredithrotary.org](http://www.meredithrotary.org) beginning in October.

## NEED TO KNOW

- Minors under the age of 16 must have a valid Derby ticket if submitting fish for consideration. Fishing licenses are not required for minors under the age of 16 for ice fishing. Please refer to the laws set forth by the NH Fish & Game Department.
- Since Cusk are known to feed after dusk, it is permitted for anglers to set lines on the Friday evening of Derby weekend. However, all fish submitted for consideration for prizes must be caught after midnight to be eligible.
- The Derby Headquarters Trailer (in Meredith) is open for Derby ticket sales and NH fishing license sales starting at 8 a.m. the Friday of Derby weekend. The trailer hours are: Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## IT'S THE LAW!

- All anglers must comply with NH Fish & Game Department laws.
- Salmon cannot be taken through the ice! Bass, Brown Trout and Salmon are not allowed to be entered into this Derby. It is the responsibility of each angler to comply with the rules.
- While fishing in N.H. know that there are restrictions when using lead fishing sinkers and jigs. Please refer to N.H. RSA 211:13-b to make sure you are within the law.
- Littering of any New Hampshire lake is a violation of the law and nature. Anything left on the ice will, at some point, be released into the lake. Please keep America clean. Do the right thing! Carry off what you carry on. Be sure to use the bathroom facilities provided at Derby Headquarters in Meredith and in other locations.
- Lake Waukewan is a town water supply and it is a violation to drive any vehicle on this lake. The Meredith Rotary Club highly recommends you do not drive any vehicle onto any body of water.
- The Meredith Rotary Club strongly supports the Catch & Release philosophy. Be realistic in judging whether your fish will make the prize board. If the fish does not look to be of competitive size, release it back into the water. Various radio stations broadcast fish size information during the Derby.

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION**

## REGISTRATION FORM

**PLEASE SEND MY TICKET TO:**

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

ENTRY 1 \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY 2 \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE 1 ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE 2 ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E MAIL\* \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if the above is a new address

**SEND FORM TO:**  
**ROTARY FISHING DERBY**  
**P.O. BOX 1210**  
**MEREDITH, NH 03253**

Mail orders received after February 1, 2020 will be held at Derby Headquarters for pickup upon arrival.  
**(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MEREDITH ROTARY CLUB)**  
 DUPLICATE THIS FORM FOR MULTIPLE ORDERS.

**MY \$40 REGISTRATION FEE  
 (PER PERSON) IS ENCLOSED**

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