

Immediate Press Release

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### **Honaker/Kalinowski "Jig" up win at Lake Milton**

MILTON TOWNSHIP, Ohio -The Ohio Walleye Federation held its fourth and final tournament of the 2017 season on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>. Twenty six teams took the water on Lake Milton, located in Mahoning County near Youngstown, Ohio for what again proved to be a difficult bite. Teams dissected the small scenic lake looking for the 5 key bites that would earn them \$4000 in prize money.

The team of Robert Honaker of Newton Falls, Ohio and Kevin Kalinowski of Akron, Ohio found those key bites. The team earned 1<sup>st</sup> place weighing in 5 fish at 9.65 lbs., including big fish of the day at 2.93 lbs. Their jigging efforts earned them \$1800 in prize money. The team jigged up their fish in the river channel on the south end of the lake. Even though they won the day, the team worked hard to catch their creel and Kalinowski noted the tough bite by announcing that "My partner caught all the fish".

Second place honors were earned by Marion Erb and Robert Burkholder with 9.31 lbs. Third place went to Jon Siembor and Keith Whitlatch with a creel of 8.80 lbs. The team of Steve Booher and Donnie Burns 7.15 lbs. and the team of Terry Hovance and John Rubesich 6.87 lbs. completed the top five. The second big fish of the day belonged to Jon Siembor and Keith Whitlatch weighing in at 2.81 lbs.

Once again, the bite was slow and disappointing for most anglers. Only five teams weighed a full 5 fish creel. Teams exited the water exhausted and dumbfounded that a walleye willing to bite their lines was not found. Most teams reported catching a few keeper walleyes pre-fishing, but dominant patterns were not emerging.

The top five teams reported catching their fish jigging, pulling slow death rigs or trolling, mainly on the south end of the lake. The winning team caught their fish using green jigs tipped with crawlers in the river section of the lake. The second place team pulled slow death rigs tipped with crawlers. The third place team of Siembor and Whitlatch trolled an 8-10 foot flat using Rapala Shad Raps trolled at speeds of 2.5 mph. The team reported catching 4 of their fish in the first 10 minutes of the morning.



The OWF concluded the 2017 season by crowning 2017 In Land Lake Points Champions. This award goes to the team with highest point finishes in 3 of 4 in land lake tournaments. The team of Steve Booher and Donnie Burns took tops honors in 2017 and earned \$1000 for their efforts. In addition, the OWF paid out an additional \$1000 to the team that weighed the largest fish over the course of four tournaments. 2017 "Big Fish Bonanza winners were Steve Booher and Donnie Burns who recorded a 7.65 lb. walleye on Pymatuning Lake.

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**Ohio Walleye Federation-Lake Milton Tournament:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place \$1600	Robert Honaker and Kevin Kalinowski	9.65 lbs
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place \$800	Marion Erb and Robert Burkholder	9.31 lbs
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place \$600	Jon Siembor and Keith Whitlatch	8.80 lbs
4 <sup>th</sup> Place \$400	Steve Booher and Donnie Burns	7.15 lbs
5 <sup>th</sup> Place \$300	Terry Hovance and John Rubesich	6.87 lbs
Big Fish \$200	Robert Honaker and Kevin Kalinowski	2.93 lbs

**Raffle Prizes:**

Raffle prize money and personal donations were donated to the Family of Charlie Robinson who lost his courageous battle with cancer. You will be remembered.

**Other:**

\$50 Gift Card for 2<sup>nd</sup> Big Fish

\$150 "Thank You for fishing" random draw prize for non money winners

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