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Burkholder and Erb Twice Crowned "Champions" at OWF Two Day Event

Cortland, Ohio-The Ohio Walleye Federation held its final tournament of the In-Land Lake Circuit (ILC) on Saturday 6/30/18 at Lake Milton and Sunday 7/1/18 at Mosquito Lake. Twenty-three teams competed in the two-day event. Weights from each day are added together to crown a 2018 ILC Champion. With Championship honors at stake, teams pre-fished diligently hoping to claim bragging rights and their fair share of the \$5000 in prize money up for grabs.

The team of Marion Erb of Dundee, Ohio and Robert Burkholder of Sugarcreek, Ohio earned the title of 2018 ILC Champions with a 1st place finish and two-day total of 24.95 lbs. They finished on top of the leader board on both days of the event. On Saturday, the tournament seasoned team trolled slow death rigs in the river channel at Lake Milton to the weight of 11.09 lbs. On day two at Mosquito Lake, trolling leadcore netted them 13.86 lbs. Flicker shads and Rapala Shad Raps in the size 7 series in white colorations proved to be the winning tactic on this day. Both fishermen adapted to the lakes and the conditions of each day, proving versatility was the key to success.



Second place went to Erick Williams and Sammy Capelli with a two-day bag of 23.95 lb. bag. The team trolled on day one and jigged on day two. Third place was taken by Steve Booher and Donnie Burns with a weight of 20.00 lbs. The team threw jerkbaits over weeds on day two to bump up their overall finish. Robert Honaker and Kevin Kalinowski brought 19.56 lbs. to the scale and the team of Mark Drotar and Travis Bowen claimed the fifth spot with 18.74 lbs. Day 1 Big Fish belonged to Chris Bradway and Kody Hill at 3.35 lbs. working mid lake humps with a slow death rig. Williams and Capelli took Day 2 Big Fish honors with a 3.67 lbs. The duo are the 2017 Cabela's National Team Champions and are always competitive in any tournament situation.

The OWF ILC series also crowned 2018 Points Champions for the year. Points are accumulated for each of the 5 events; one event can be thrown out. Marion Erb and Robert Burkholder again earned top honors with 392 out of a possible 400 points good for a \$500 check. Second place honors good for \$300 were awarded to Jim Gwynn and Matt Whitacre. \$200 for third place went to the team of Mitch Shipman and Rick Mulraney.

The Ohio Walleye Federation will hold its annual Vic's Open Lake Erie event at Geneva, Ohio on Saturday 7-14-18. The OWF events are made possible because of our sponsor support from Ravenna Marine, Vic's Marine, Haine's Marine, Worldwide Marine Insurance, Warrior Lures, and Goschinski's Fin Feather and Fur along with many others. For more information please visit www.fishowf.com or e mail fishowf@gmail.com.

The general public is welcome to attend our weigh-ins beginning at 3 pm the day of the event. The OWF promotes "Fishing, Family, Friends and Fun!"

Ohio Walleye Federation-Mosquito Lake Tournament:

1st Place \$1800 Marion Erb and Robert Burkholder
2nd Place \$900 Erick Williams and Sammy Capelli
3rd Place \$600 Steve Booher and Donnie Burns
4th Place \$500 Robert Honaker and Kevin Kalinowski
5th Place \$400 Mark Drotar and Travis Bowen
Day One Big Fish \$200 Chris Bradway and Kody Hill
Day Two Big Fish \$200 Erick Williams and Sammy Capelli

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