Saukville angler lands top prize with lake trout in Port Lions' annual Lake Michigan fishing derby

Tom Sanden reeled in the top award in the Port Washington Lions Club's annual Lake Michigan fish derby last weekend.

Sanden, a Saukville resident, won the grand prize of $1,500 in a drawing between anglers who had the first-place catches in each of five categories.

He won the lake-trout category with a catch that weighed 14.7 pounds.

The top finishers by category follow.

Chinook salmon — First place, Dennis Bartelt, Grafton, 20.2 pounds; second, Ryan Barsch, Port Washington, 19.9; 3, Jordan Schwanz, Port Washington, 19.5; fourth, Leroy Sydow, Columbus, 18.8.

Coho salmon — First, Jeff Visser, Waupun, 7.2; second, Bryan Johnson, West Bend, 6.9; third, Mark Kleppin, Jackson, 6.3; fourth, Dan Kropidlowski, Cedarburg, 6.3.

Brown trout — First, Ken Schlosser, Mequon, 14.9; second, Jerry Booth, Mazomanie, 12.0; third, Larry Lorenz, Port Washington, 11.1; fourth, Joe Kaberleton, Germantown, 8.2.

Lake trout — First, Tom Sanden, Saukville, 14.7; second, Jeff Watzlawick, West Bend, 13.3; third, Chad Andree, Port Washington, 11.9; fourth, Mark Kleppin, Jackson, 10.7.

Rainbow trout — First, Jeff Siira, Oak Creek, 9.7; second, Jim Brooks, Fredonia, 8.4; third, Mark Arle, Port Washington, 8.2; fourth, Ken Carter, Mazomanie, 7.5.

In each category, $300 was awarded to the first-place finisher, followed by $200 for second, $100 for third and $50 for fourth.

A total of 199 anglers entered this year's derby, which was held Saturday and Sunday. The event is part of the club's annual Lionsfest celebration.

Image Information: FOUR OF THE FIVE category winners in this year's Port Washington Lions Club fishing derby posed with their catches. Shown above (from left) are Tom Sanden, lake trout; Dennis Bartelt, chinook salmon; Ken Schlosser, brown trout; and Jeff Siira, rainbow trout. Missing from the photo is Jeff Visser, coho salmon. Each received a $300 prize for their first-place finishes. Sanden also won a $1,500 grand prize in a drawing between the category champions. Photo by Sam Arendt