

On Sunday June 21, the Bass Finatics 1st Annual Family Day was held at Grand View Campground on Baxter's Lake in Rochester, NH. The day started off with a 3 hour kid's fishing Derby in which 20 children between the ages of 3 and 16 competed for prizes as they learned how to cast, land fish, and proper catch and release techniques. Rain was the forecast, but the kids were not discouraged and came out in their rain coats and ponchos, ready to compete. Every child was allowed to bring to the scales two fish of any species and any size, the only request made from club president Mike Lytle was to try to keep them alive!



Alive they were! Every participant caught fish and all 30 fish that were brought to the scale were successfully released! Various species were caught including sunfish, yellow perch, pickerel, smallmouth bass, and largemouth bass. Aly Maynard, 6, won the title of Largest Fish with a 3.16lb largemouth bass, while Kylie Army, 5, won the title of Smallest Fish with a .08lb yellow perch and Brittney Church, 8, had the most total weight with 4.71 lbs.



After the weigh-in was completed everyone enjoyed a BBQ lunch that was sponsored in part by Arthur's Market and Hannaford Supermarket.



Family Day activities resumed after the BBQ and included arts and crafts projects, where some of the children painted and decorated their own sun visors and collage fish, then a water balloon tossing contest in which every child was paired with an adult. Stephen Cunio and his daughter Ali Cunio won this year's competition, which ultimately ended in a free for all water balloon fight!

Next on the agenda was sack racing, children and adults of all ages lined up to race against others in their age group. Sponge Bob Square Pants made a guest appearance and competed in the sack races and entertained the smaller kids. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded for each age group. Following the sack races, the kids took a swing or two at a candy filled "fish" piñata.



This annual family event for Bass Finatics concluded with an awards ceremony in which 18 trophies and 15 medals were awarded. Every participant also received a door prize donated by Fox Ridge Outfitters and a grab bag full of fishing surprises.



Kids Fishing Derby - 2009			
Biggest Fish	Aly Maynard	3.16 Largemouth Bass	
Smallest Fish	Kylie Army	.08 yellow perch	
Most Weight	Brittney Church	4.71 lbs combined weight	
1st Place Winners	2nd Place Winners	3rd Place Winners	4th Place Winners
Kailey Lytle	Carissa Coburn	Bryan Lytle	Jeremy Ledger
Brittney Church	Jesse Lacasse	AJ Doyle	Zachary Garland
Ali Cunio	Jasmine Church	Connor Bridges	Michael Bridges
Conner Cunio	Navaeh Deal	Ashlyn Lytle	Brian Hamrick

Sack Race - 2009		
Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Metal
Kailey Lytle	Ashlyn Lytle	Kylie Army
Connor Bridges	Brittney Church	Jasmine Church
Michael Bridges	Bryan Lytle	Jesse Lacasse
Conner Cunio	Brian Hamrick	Jeremy Ledger
Mike Deal JR	James Coburn	Mike Lytle

**2009 Water Balloon Toss Champions**  
**"Stephen & Ali Cunio"**

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