

# 2019 SUBLIME WEAR, USA OAK LAWN HIGH SCHOOL BASS TOURNAMENT

September 28, 2019 - Braidwood Lake



Tournament winners Ryan Kouchoukos and Ryan Laper of Naperville Central High School with their winning bag of 10.69lbs.  
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On September 28, 2019, over 150 high school anglers from across Illinois participated in the annual Sublime Wear, USA - Oak Lawn Community High School Bass Tournament on Braidwood Lake. The tournament featured over 50 boats from 30 high schools with anglers eager to put their fishing skills to the test. After the Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation weighed in all the fish, Naperville Central High School anglers Ryan Kouchoukos and Ryan Laper took home the first-place trophies.

After nearly six inches of rain fell the night before and overcast conditions, 104 largemouth bass were brought to the scales. Winning Naperville Central High School angler Ryan Kouchoukos said, "The day started out kind of slow. My partner, Ryan Laper, started us off with a keeper after a couple of hours of fishing. Then we found a spot that had potential for multiple good size fish for the rest of the day. It was especially fun having my dad fish with us as he has captained our boat for the fourth year now and he helped contribute with our final culled fish in the last five minutes of the event." Kouchoukos and Laper weighed in a five fish limit for a total of 10.69lbs to bring home the victory. This is the tenth year that Oak Lawn Community High School has hosted this tournament and the Naperville Central duo set a tournament record with that weight!





Second place Hunter Petrovic & Wyatt Pazdro (Minooka HS).  
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Third place Grant Olsen & Ryan Olsen  
(Gardner South Wilmington HS) Photo courtesy of Jill Wijangco



Eddie Gad of Reed Custer HS with the new tournament record bass (3.72lbs)



Creature fish winner Marek Lekarczyk of Oak Lawn HS with his 5.42lbs carp.

Rounding out the top five teams were second place finishers from Minooka High School, Hunter Petrovic and Wyatt Pazdro (10.45lbs); third place went to Gardner South Wilmington anglers Grant Olsen and Ryan Olsen (9.89lbs); fourth place went to Reed Custer anglers Blake Gad and Eddie Gad (9.17lbs); and fifth place finishers were Minooka anglers George Buss and Kerry Warzinger (8.58lbs). For their accomplishments, each angler was given a trophy presented by Sublime Wear, USA and the boat captains were awarded a \$50 gift card to Basa's Marine in Bolingbrook, IL. Shimano awarded the top two teams with Shimano SLX reels and Fox River Rods awarded the top three finishing teams with a fishing rod for each angler.

The big bass of the tournament was caught by Eddie Gad of Reed Custer High School. Eddie enthusiastically explained, "I caught my bass on a custom painted 1.5 crankbait that my dad painted, owner of Shur-Set Tackle. My brother netted the fish and the hook came right out in the net." Eddie's bass weighed 3.72lbs, eclipsing the former tournament record which was set in 2013 by Hinsdale Central's Jeff Hopkins (3.14lbs).

In an effort to get more kids involved in competitive fishing, a creature fish tournament was held for shoreline anglers. The creature fish tournament is an opportunity for kids who excel in other fishing techniques to showcase their talents by catching any fish that is not a bass. The creature fish award went to Oak Lawn Community High School freshman angler Marek Lekarczyk who caught a chunky 5.42lbs carp.

Sublime Wear, USA provided each participant with a gift bag filled with a Sublime Wear, USA towel, stickers, and a lanyard. Frank Hyla, youth fishing coordinator for Shimano, provided baseball caps, patches, and stickers. Basa's Marine in Bolingbrook provided \$50 gift cards to the top five finishing teams along with a Crestliner catalogue and an Angling Acesneck gaiter. A very special thank you to the Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation for bringing their aerated fish tanks, computerized weigh in system, and the Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation trailer. The Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation offered the student anglers a unique opportunity to weigh in the fish just like to professional bass fishermen do. Capitol Outdoors streamed the event live on Facebook and parent Jill Wijangco took some amazing photo's at the event for all the teams to enjoy.

This tournament is hosted on the last Saturday of each September. If you would like information about next year's tournament, please email Coach Kuchyt at [ckuchyt@olchs.org](mailto:ckuchyt@olchs.org).

Place	School	Anglers	Number of Fish	Big Bass	Total Weight
1	Naperville Central 1	Ryan Kouchoukos, Ryan Laper	5	2.36	10.69
2	Minooka 1	Hunter Petrovic, Wyatt Pazdro	5	2.44	10.45
3	Gardner South Wilmington 1	Grant Olsen, Ryan Olsen	5	2.3	9.89
4	Reed Custer 4	Blake Gad, Eddie Gad	5	3.72	9.17
5	Minooka 4	George Buss, Kerry Warzinger	5	2.59	8.58
6	Morris 1	Grant Yurkovich, Tristen Zink	5	2.86	8.38
7	Reed Custer 1	Jon Selock, Landon Markle	5	1.8	8.19
8	Coal City 1	Riley Prodehl, Nathan Butz	4	2.69	7.34
9	Off the Hook	Careter Wijanco, Caden Petrille	5	1.6	6.51
10	Minooka 3	Blake Beckwits, Andrew Kay	5	1.9	6.26
11	Huntley 2	Adam Raclawski, Zach Lowe, Brandon Czesak	4	1.83	6.25
12	Lincoln-Way Central 4	Jackson Gray, Linden Boyce, Ryan Leonard	3	2.23	5.16
13	Oak Lawn 1	Mike Jensen, Trevor Marchi, Matt Paplawski	3	1.75	5.03
14	Brother Rice 2	Gavin Bowen, Will Eastman	2	2.1	4.82
15	Team Skole	Kaleb Skole	2		4.67
16	Huntley 1	Tom Carter, Arik Rauagnie, Jeremy Raymond	2	2.97	4.15
17	Coal City 3	Cody Hazzard, Kaelan Natyshok, Garrett Keeley, Sean Rentauskas	3		3.98
18	Wethersfield	Cody Mosley, Schuyler Melton, Colton Mosley	3	1.55	3.9
19	Reed Custer 2	John Koerner, Tyler Warner	2	1.79	3.77
20	Oak Lawn 2	Andy Washack, Matt Carpenter, Ryan Wierzgac	2	2.5	3.75
21	Reed Custer 3	Jackson Lambert, Jacob Lambert	3		3.6
22	Coal City 2	Jim Martis, Zennon Shain, Hunter Killion	2	2.24	3.22
23	Riverside Brookfield 1	Danny Kawieki, Dylan Meehan	1	1.41	2.98
24	Hampshire 1	Landon Anderson	2		2.64
25	Minooka 2	Tyler Pointer, Jack Sergennt	2	1.51	2.64
26	Andrew 1	Armando Avalos, Ethan Mikulec	2	1.39	2.48
27	Sandburg 2	Jason Sokol, Szymone Piton	2	1.41	2.35
28	Reavis 1	Jakub Kukulak, Ethan Hurtado	2	1.33	2.27
29	Gardner South Wilmington 2	Cameron Carpenter	2	2.22	2.22
30	Newark 1	Jare Slivka, Elie Hauge, Cole Reibel, Jason Clauson	1	2.14	2.14
31	Nazareth Academy 2	Adam Korinek, Michael Pijanowski	2		2.12
32	Brother Rice 1	Collin Rice, Harry Mabs	2		2.1
33	Andrew 2	Tyler Krohn, Steve Guzik	2	1.17	1.98
34	Nazareth Academy 1	Alex Luna, John Pilarz	1	1.81	1.81
35	Lincoln-Way Central 2	Mitch DeGroot, Billy Erdakos	1	1.68	1.68
36	Reavis 2	Wojciech Rychtaroczyk	1	1.43	1.43
37	Lincoln-Way Central 3	Jake Vukelic, Jack Stapleton, Dylan Wood	1	1.32	1.32

Total:

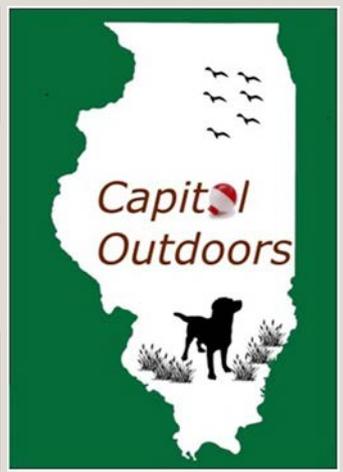
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Creature Fish Winner: Marek Lekarczyk (Oak Lawn HS) - 5.42lbs carp



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