

## ***AL STAIR MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT 2023***

### **AM SESSION:**

Girls Winner: Kensington F - 3 fish - Total Weight 4 lbs. 5 oz

Boys Winner: Eli R - 3 fish - Total Weight - 5 lbs. 8 oz

Largest Single Fish: Hannah M - Weight - 2 lbs. 8oz

Palomino - Tanner L

### **PM SESSION:**

Girls Winner: Kora C - 3 fish - Total Weight - 4 lbs. 10 oz

Boys Winner - Mikey B - 3 fish - Total Weight - 4 lbs

Largest Single Fish: Antonio P - Weight - 1 lb 12 oz

Palomino - Izzy S

### **Largest Fish of the day, which wins the prize of getting it mounted for FREE (Estimated \$400-\$500 value)!!**

Rowan B - Palomino - Weight 4 lbs



Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful sunny day for fishing. At registration you get a goodie bag and T-shirt. Inside at the **food concession**, Rob and Linda always do a great job making sure no one goes hungry! They have been with the fishing contest for all 16 years. There was a hot dog roller and even a pretzel warmer including various snacks. Best of all, was the happy face of Ellie Fenner who always has a smile.



Darlene laminated the colorful sponsor signs which were on display. Notice the lantern bobber she also made. Amazing. The board was filled with community names which we are thankful for. Thanks to all our T-shirt sponsors who made it possible for all the kids to get a FREE T-shirt! Please take a minute to look over the sponsor boards or the back of the t-

shirt for these businesses and individuals and say thanks! And in the future please consider passing some business their way as a way to say thanks as well. DO YOUR BEST TO WEAR THESE SHIRTS OUT!!!



"I'd Mount That Taxidermy", John Kunigus mounts the largest fish caught every year as a donation. This year's winner was Rowan B with a 4 lb Palomino. That is a wonderful gift! Their business shows their love for the sport in making kids very happy. The fish hanging this year was caught by Alainah K in 2022.



If a fish has a tag on the mouth, the child gets a free **prize** from the table. They even had a trout necklace for the fisherwoman. Contestants catch 3 fish which are weighed, measured, and recorded.





AJ did you put the worm on the hook? NO! I asked **AJ and Grayson** if they were going to eat the fish and they said YES. Beyond catching we can learn now to clean and cook our fish. Palomino, Brook and Rainbow Trout fish were stocked in the creek. Springtown Co-op Fish Hatchery donated 222 fish and we purchased 300 from Muskey Fish Hatchery in NJ.

There is a **walking bridge** across the stream that was used by spectators. This was the observation deck. The spectators can see the fish from above and give tips to the young anglers. Downstream was a 40 foot fence to keep the fish corralled.



The **Bait tent** even had loaner equipment to supply poles if anyone needed. Klotz's Bait shop donated night crawlers, minnows, power bait, butter worms, red worms, and meal worms for the kids. They could come up to the table and choose what they want.

The Saucon creek is a Class A trout stream. That means the trout are reproducing in the stream.

**Danger** and hazards from fishing can be injuries caught by the hook. Don got a hook in his shoe and when he bent over to take it out everything fell out of his pocket..... Sometimes you really get lucky. But there is a first aid kit located at the prize table.





Joe's granddaughter **Kensington F** caught a 3lb trout. You know when a fish is on by all the commotion bringing it in. She was very happy! It's nice when all the volunteers get to see these kids get so excited and happy to catch fish.



Jonathan oversaw the **Filet station**. Kids and parents came over to get their fish filleted, bagged, and ready to go.

I interviewed the Davis family. A gang of 10 adults and 7 kids. They come back every year and make a family weekend. Out of town members say it is very easy to register. The kids love getting together and have so much fun at our event. The Lakits family also attended and are active in conservation of the outdoors.

Try to make a point to get the kids in next year's event! Hope to see you at the club!