

Anglers from seven states gathered at Carlyle Lake for the 2015 TBF Northern Divisional Bass Tournament held on September 8-11. A total of 84 anglers from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and South Dakota participated in the event. After weeks of hot, dry, and humid weather, a sizable storm front moved through the area just as the tournament got underway. More than three inches of rain, gusty winds and cloudy skies greeted the anglers during the three days of competition creating less than favorable conditions.

After the final weigh in, anglers brought 117 largemouth bass to the scales with a cumulative weight of 283 pounds 7 ounces. Justin Parrott from Maroa, IL took home first place with seven bass weighing 16 pounds 14 ounces. Team Indiana topped the team leader board with a three day total of 24 bass weighing 62 pounds.

The event was a huge success for the City of Carlyle and the surrounding area as the majority of anglers were in the area for several days prior to the tournament. Local motels and resorts were at full capacity and the local businesses welcomed the anglers to the community. The event was made possible through a partnering effort between the TBF, the City of Carlyle, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the Carlyle Lake Project Office.



Justin Parrott of Maroa, IL accepts the first place trophy at the 2015 TBF Northern Division Championship held at Carlyle Lake.



The top 12 anglers from the tournament advance to the TBF National Championship to be held in the spring of 2016.

The 2015 TBF/FLW High School Central Conference Championship was held at Carlyle Lake on September 12, 2015. The tournament field consisted of 17 two man teams from 10 states located in the Central U.S.

The Wisconsin team of Colin Steck and Nathan Lorenz as well as the Ohio team of Cole Wessner and Daniel Hechler claimed the first two spots and will lead four additional conference qualifiers to the National Championship at a location to be announced for next spring's event. All the teams will be competing for the grand prize of a \$10,000 scholarship and national bragging rights at the annual event which will coincide with the TBF Adult National Championship and an FLW Tour event.

While a variety of baits were used by the 17 team field, crank baits and spinner blades seemed to dominate the conversation on how to catch fish on Illinois' largest inland lake.

Steck and Lorenz battled through a very tough bite on their way to catching two fish that weighed in at 4lbs 12oz to take the win. Wessner and Hechler used one big bite to catch a 3lb 5oz keeper that sealed their ticket to the big dance as all the teams battled through tough weather and constantly changing conditions during the day.



First place team of Collin Steck and Nathan Lorenz display their trophies at the TBF/FLW Central Conference Championship.



The tournament field consisted of 34 anglers from 10 states located throughout the Central U.S.