

Dartmouth K.O.C. “Get Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs” Fishing Derby was a success!



The Knights of Columbus, Father John F. Hogan Council #14236 in Dartmouth, sponsored the annual Get Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs Fishing Derby on August 9th at Mello's Pond off of Old Westport Rd.

Approximately, 45 kids/young adults plus parents and relatives participated. The derby was for ages 6-16 with trophies awarded to the top three participants in the categories of largest fish, most (number) fish and total weight. The event provided a fun and safe experience for the area youth. Knights and volunteers cleaned and prepared the area around the local pond, assisted the youth, and provided safety and direction. Many made the morning a family event by bringing relatives and friends to fish.

The first fishing derby was held 24 years ago by Lieutenant Ken Cotta (retired) of the Dartmouth Police Department. The Dartmouth Police had taken part in previous derbys and some officers were on hand volunteering. The event has been blessed

with the attendance of many children and residents throughout the years.

The Dartmouth Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the derby again next year and thank all of the wonderful kids and volunteers. Special thank you to the Mello's, Ed Viveiros, Ken Cotta and all sponsors including Main Bait & Tackle, the Stackhouse Club, McDonalds, A1 Home Improvement, Colonial Beverage, BJ's, Catholic Social Services, Patrick Curran, Dartmouth Gifts and Engraving, Bob Peckham, and Jack Conway & Co-the Twomey Team. A full listing of all sponsors is available on the Dartmouth Knights council Facebook page.
