

7th Annual WALTER & MARY'S ICE FISHING DERBY RESULTS

Another recorded year of sporting hard water ice fishing at Lake Wallenpaupack, Wayne County, PA helped contribute to the financial balance and dedicated efforts of [The Unified Sportsman of Pennsylvania](#) toward their caring deer management crusade with and overall tally of \$346.00! In this challenging year of 2021, a total of 32 participants could not be stopped by the Pandemic or 32 inches of drifting snow in pursuit of honored fame, modest fortune or fillet table fare. New Champions were crowned, and titles were defended with fury. [Chris Fortese Jr.](#) became the first repeat division leader in the Junior category with 1st & 2nd place honors and \$150.00 in cash with doubles in healthy chain pickerel. Both fish hovered around the 2-foot mark. His largest predator once again receiving a free fish mount by our largest cash contributor, [MIERZEJEWSKI TAXIDERMY](#) of Dickson City, Pa (570-955-6722). The new Senior Division title comes from the same freshwater fishing bloodline as [Mark Fortese](#) dragged in an obese 26" chain pickerel worth a crisp one-hundred-dollar bill and etching his name into Keystone plaque fame. [Gerry Miller](#) nearly passed on a \$50 payday when his fishing comrade shorted his catch by nearly 2" using a metric tape, but with his keen fishing eye and request for a calibrated rule his saw-toothed catch earned 2nd place prosperity. Somehow some way former Champion [Ed Rojek](#) manages to profit from nearly every W&M derby. His final hour 23" pickerel was well worth \$25 and covered his fixed costs for the event. But the day belonged to our first Grand Master's Champion ever, [Ron Gillar](#)! Beating the timed legal age affiliation by a few months the new title holder pocketed \$150.00 in the winner take all division with yet another cloned fish that would not have ranked in any other division! Upon presenting positive identification and testimony by accountable witnesses Mr. Gillar was cleared of any doubt for his yearlong supreme recognition. Our reliable co-sponsor [ONE STOP SPORT SHOP](#) on Luzerne Street,

Scranton, Pa fortified the Junior Division with a variety of ice fishing tackle and excited the fishing crowd as well as the curious spectators with their renowned abundant generosity. Also, as always are loyal fishing fans Joann, Mireck and Debbie warmly contributed to our sporting cause with exceptional amounts financial support. Adding to the just cause WEIGHTSWOMENWHITETAILED.COM the driving force behind the derby acknowledge its pledged commitment of donating \$1.00 from every hunting book sold to date with a check of \$300.00. With endless hope the money will be used to educate The Pennsylvania Game Commission on properly managing our state animal! Thus, our grand total elevates to \$646.00!!! Thanks again to the [Unified Sportsman of Pennsylvania](http://UnifiedSportsmanofPennsylvania) for defending our hunting interests, focusing on factual management and strengthening our hunting heritage.