

## JEFF ZIERMANN & TONY GROSKREUTZ WIN '22 CITY AUTO GLASS BASS CLASSIC

On Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, bass anglers Jeff Ziermann and Tony Groskreutz topped a field of teams competing on Lake Mille Lacs to win the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 'City Auto Glass Bass Classic, presented by Pine Insurance Agency & Auto Owners Insurance'.

The Ziermann/Groskreutz team....5<sup>th</sup> place finishers in last year's inaugural tournament...weighed in 24.89 pounds of smallmouth bass on a Saturday filled with a mixed-bag of weather that generally cooperated with the fishermen. Ziermann, of Chaska, and Minnetrista's Groskreutz took home the \$10,000 first place prize and the honor of defending champions for 2023.

2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2022 went to Austin Felix and Andy Young of Eden Prairie, 4<sup>th</sup>-place finishers last year. The pair finished with 23.91 pounds of smallmouth bass recorded. The champs from '21, Mike Hansen of Osceola, WI, and John Amrhein of Centuria, WI, finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place this year, and did take home Big Fish honors with a 6.12 pound smallmouth.

Rounding out the top 6 teams, all finishing in the money, were Gordon Fothergill and Steve Mattson of Grand Rapids in 4<sup>th</sup> place...Chayse Barrett of Zimmerman and Dustin Bliss of Brooklyn Park in 5<sup>th</sup>....and Jamie Davis of Hutchinson and Kurt Karbowski of Moorhead finishing 6<sup>th</sup>.

The City Auto Glass Bass Classic is a catch-record-release event, with all fish measured, photographed, and immediately released utilizing the Reel LiveWell tournament app.

38 boats fished the 2022 tournament, with 155 smallmouth being weighed, totaling almost 608 pounds. The Friday rules meeting was held at McQuoid's Inn in Isle, while all tournament boats were checked and launched from Nitti's Hunter's Point Resort on the east shore of Mille Lacs, which served as tournament headquarters on Saturday.

The tournament was produced by The CAG Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization founded by City Auto Glass. Partners included PGW Auto Glass, Dupont, Mygrant Glass, Tidholm Productions, Nick Signs, Scheels, R & J Broadcasting, WDIO-TV, and Northwood Hills Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to fund scholarships for area students.

Volunteer help was provided by folks from City Auto Glass, Pine Insurance Agency, and family members and friends.

Complete tournament results are available on Facebook, and at [www.cityautoglassbassclassic.com](http://www.cityautoglassbassclassic.com).

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