

# BOWFISHING ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## 2019 NEWS

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**2019 BAA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRAP UP**  
Winona, Minnesota  
June 29, 2019  
Tournament Director: John Laska



Thanks to all of you for making this year's Worlds a stand out event. Ya'll were a class act on and off the water and you showed more integrity as competitors than any other sport that has touched down in Winona. You guys made an positive impact overall.

The Winona Police Department would gladly escort us again saying, "In all of the events and stuff like this we have done over the years, we have never been so accepted, thanked and welcomed as much as we have been by the bowfishing community and this event. We would gladly do it again for you guys."



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**Tournament by the #'s**

We had 104 teams of the 108 original registered teams launch on June 29, 2019 in 12 minutes flat, with only curbs stopping it from being under 7 minutes. A big helping hand was lent by the Winona Police Department and with the direction of Justin Wilke and Josh Ring the launch activities went very smooth. We had just shy of 400 participants and roughly 100 spectators from the surrounding area on the grounds, as well as onlookers who set up on the roadsides like a parade to watch the launch commence.

We had 11 vendors, a Rubios Food Truck, representatives for the State Invasive Species team, and 3 conservation officers with a booth Representing the National Wildlife Refuge of the Upper Mississippi River.

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Weigh In for the 91 returning teams started at the cut off time of 8:00am was done at 10:27am. Roughly 6,200 fish were shot during the tournament, with the majority of the species being common carp. Additional species included quillback, sheepshead(drum), gar (both short and long nose), suckers, a few buffalo, and bowfin (dog-fish). The river conditions deteriorated on Thursday night due to heavy rains on the upstream pools. This caused a lot of chaos for teams as they scrambled to deal with water clarity issues and fluctuating water levels. The Mississippi River is a beast. It can be rewarding, but can also leave you wondering why you bothered to scout at all. After talking with many teams it's pretty fair to say it's one of the most challenging bodies of water to fish in the country.

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**World Champions:**

**Big 20: 1st Place - "Carpnado" Alexandria, MN - 336.27#  
4 custom belt buckles and \$8,025 in prize money**



Team Carpnado - 1st Place Big 20

- 2nd Place - Chasin Gars - 311.74# (\$3,210)
- 3rd Place - Chasin Males - 304.88# (\$2,407.50)
- 4th Place - Damn Yankees - 294.03# (\$1,605)
- 5th Place - DeathWish - 281.54# (\$802.50)



Team "You Already Know" - 1st Place Numbers

**World Champions  
Numbers: 1st Place - "You Already Know" (TX) - 440 fish  
4 custom belt buckles and \$3,712.50 in prize money**

- 2nd Place - KillinTime (MN) - 390 fish
- 3rd Place - Team JYPE (WI) - 333 fish
- 4th Place - Southern Style Bowfishing (LA) - 328 fish
- 5th Place - Damn Yankees (ND) - 304 fish

*4 of top 5 teams broke the regional record of 312 fish, which was the upper Mississippi River Tournament Record.  
Exceptional shooting to these teams, you all should be very proud!*

**Big Fish and Special Categories:**

- Biggest Overall Fish - 33.77# Buffalo - Tony Bulitz - \$1,775 (\$500 extra contributed by Josh Knutson, [Knutson Roofing, LLC](#))
- Longnose Gar - 15.07# - Seth Jacobs - \$1,275 and Outrigger Flashlight
- Shortnose Gar - 4.29# - Dave Wilhelmson - \$1,275 and Outrigger Flashlight
- Biggest Dogfish (Bowfin) - 10.58# (new state record) - William Larson - \$1,275 Pot and Outrigger Flashlight
- Average Joe (Common Carp closest to 21# without going over from AMS) - 20.81# - Jason Piekerski - E-Rad
- Smallest Dogfish (Bowfin) - 1.82# - Shawn Comstock - \$200 credit for online purchases courtesy of Innerloc.



Worlds has truly set a bar of excellence and proper organization while spreading our love to those unaware or uneducated about our sport. We opened doors working with governments and media outlets and shined our lights to a more accepting public, while continuing to grow our sport.

*"The BAA World Championship is where the best of the best in our sport come to compete on a national level, the crown of the Bowfishing World. The excellence and integrity of the sport as a whole, the representatives of what bowfishing is and can be to the public eye. We set the bar high and will expect nothing less." - John Laska 2019 Worlds Host*

**Our Vendors**

Thank you to the following on-site vendors - AMS Bowfishing (and thanks for the PA system), Andalusia Marine, Big Mac Grips, Bneil Bowholders, Fire in the Hole, F&D Archery, Gale Marine, Impale Archery, Marewk Boats, Megamouth Reels, Muzzy Bowfishing and Outrigger Outdoors. Between door prizes and on-site donations for expenses, these companies helped generate increased interest from the hundreds of participants and spectators.

Additional Thanks to our many Door Prize contributors - TJE Shoot-Thru Rods - Tim Escott, Fred Christen of F&D Archery, Innerloc and Corey Brossman, Jeff Beall of GarGod, Bill and Penny @ QuickDraw, Onyx Lifejackets, Mud Creek Outdoors, Lumenoc Archery and TruGlo Bowfishing.

Finally, thank you to ALL YOU GUYS AND GALS for helping me make this shoot the incredible success that it was. A true testament to the dedication to bowfishing between Minnesota & Wisconsin Bowfishing organizations, and the BAA. I could not have done it without each and everyone of you. Thank You.



Clockwise from Upper Left: Tony Bulitz, Seth Jacobs, Dave Wilhelmson, Jason Piekerski and William Larson. Not pictured: Shawn Comstock

## BAA World Championship 2020

Locations have been submitted and **voting will run from October 1 - October 7, 2019**. The winner will be announced on October 8, 2019. Voting is available to members only and there are 2 voting options.

1. Free members must pay \$10.00 to submit their vote. The link is found in the store on our website: [bowfishingassociation.com](http://bowfishingassociation.com).
2. Premium Members that have a paid membership in 2019 can submit one vote at no additional cost.

### Bid #1: South Dakota - Tournament Hosts: Lance Wheeler



**Bodies of Water:** Missouri River (Lake Francis Case and Lewis and Clark Lake), Roy Lake, Blue Dog Lake, Bitter Lake, Waubay Lake, Lake St. John, Lake Albert, Lake Thompson, Lake Sinai, Whitewood Lake and Lake Henry

**Special Considerations:** No Game Fish will be accepted for the tournament.

### Bid #2: Tennessee River (MS, TN & AL) - Tournament Hosts: Jeremiah Hayes and Jeff Neiball

**Bodies of Water:** Tennessee River - South of the New Johnsonville Bridge to the Kingston Bridge on I-40 (subject to alteration)

**Special Considerations:** No limit on Shad.

## Records in 2019

We are having another banner year for records in 2019. Records have been certified for 32 states so far, with that number expected to increase. Here is a breakdown of the records submitted:

- **New State Records (Adult): 120**
- **New World Records (Adult): 32**
- **New Youth Records: 49**
- **Youth World Records: 17**

As a reminder, we have the following rules in place to ensure consistency with the record submission process:

1. Fish must be weighed on a certified scale in the presence of a witness. Pictures/video should be provided of the scale's certification sticker.
2. A picture with the fisherman holding the fish should be provided for inclusion on our website.
3. If using the KLAU scale (links on the website), the hanging of the 2.5# weight should be a part of the process prior to hanging the fish with all captured on video. Here is a link to an instructional video using the KLAU scale and 2.5# weight.

### [Video On How to Weigh a Fish for a Record](#)

For a full rundown of the rules please visit the link below:

[Link to the Records/Rules Page](#)



**Clockwise from upper left:** Beau Sampson - WR Butterfly Stingray; Tim Walstad - ID SR Koi; Nick Scarla - OR SR Common Carp; Todd Downs - WR Spotted Tilapia; Bradley Britt - TN SR Grass Carp



## Bowfisher of the Year

Bowfisher of the Year is a competition available to Premium Members who shoot in BAA sanctioned events and/or harvest a new state, or world record. Points are awarded based on a where the shooter finishes in the tournament and the number of boats participating. All tournament points need to be self-reported by the member no later than 30 days from the end of the tournament. Submissions for records are automatically calculated based on membership status and added to overall totals. Final Awards and prize money will be distributed at the annual Spring Meeting. For a full list of rules please visit our resources page on our website: <http://bowfishingassociation.com/resources/>

### Standings as of 8/15/2019

Top 10 - Bowfisher of the Year	Youth Bowfisher of the Year
1. Josh Knutson - 7,690 points	1. Logan Gregoire - 1,480 points
2. Jody Bigalke - 4,520 points	2. Gabe Henry - 150 points
3. John Laska - 3,470 points	3. Ethan Rogge - 100 points
4. Heidi Laska - 3,440 points	4. Camryn Brossman - 70 points
3. Hunter Puterbaugh - 2,400 points	5. Noah Gadberry - 50 points
6. Pete Gregoire - 2,300 points	6. Zackery Spencer - 40 points
7. Logan Gregoire - 1,480 points	7. Nick Rought - 20 points
8. Gabe Henry 150 points	
9. (Tie) Todd Downs - 130 points	
9. (Tie) Corey Brossman - 130 points	
8. (Tie) Todd Downs - 130 points	
10. Ethan Rogge - 100 points	

**Bowfisher of the Year Award - \$1,000**  
**Youth Bowfisher of the Year Award - \$100**



Left to Right: Josh Knutson and Logan Gregoire

## BAA Sanctioned Events - 2019

Compete for Bowfisher of the Year in 2020 by taking part in some of these great events hosted by BAA members across the country.

*Dates/Locations Subject to Change*

Name of Event	Date of Event	city	state
2019 ABA Big Fish Tournament	3/16/2019	Roosevelt	Arizona
Eufaula Extermination	3/16/2019	Eufaula	Alabama
Texas State Championship	3/16/2019	Hemphill	Texas
Clarks Hill Classic	3/30/2019	Lincolnton	Georgia
St. Patricks Day Shoot	3/30/2019	Moses Lake	Washington
Bass Pro US Open	4/6/2019	Bossier	Louisiana
ABA Big 20	4/13/2019	Roosevelt	Arizona
Ice Out Scramble	4/27/2019	Winona	Minnesota
Mud and Chub - Wisconsin Bowfishing Assoc.	4/27/2019	Watertown	Wisconsin
Retake The Lake	4/27/2019	Juneau	Wisconsin
South Carolina State championship	4/27/2019	Columbia	South Carolina
Washington Bowfishing Assoc. (WBA) Season Starter	4/27/2019	Othello	Washington
ABA Big 10	5/4/2019	Roosevelt	Arizona
WBA Petenwell and Castle Rock 1	5/4/2019	Arkdale	Wisconsin
Carp-O-Rama	5/18/2019	Blair	Nebraska
Georgia State Bowfishing Championship	5/18/2019	Macon	Georgia
Moses Lake Carp Classic	5/18/2019	Moses Lake	Washington
Royal Rumble	5/18/2019	Winona	Minnesota
TN state shoot	5/18/2019	New Johnsonville	Tennessee
WBA Petenwell and Castle Rock 2	5/18/2019	Arkdale	Wisconsin
WI Open Bowfishing Tournament	5/25/2019	Weyauwega	Wisconsin
Sportsman's Warehouse Ironman	5/30/2019	Williston	North Dakota
BKIII Archery Big 5 Bowfishing Tournament	6/1/2019	Waterford	Wisconsin
Carp Shoot	6/1/2019	Merino	Colorado
Springfling Bowfishing Tournament	6/1/2019	Stillwater	New York
WBA Green Bay	6/1/2019	Suamico	Wisconsin
Upper Missouri River Shootout	6/8/2019	Wynot	Nebraska
AMS Big 20	6/8/2019	Marshfield	Wisconsin
2019 Bowfishing for Heroes	6/22/2019	Jasper	Indiana
Johnson Lake and Canal Shoot	6/22/2019	Johnson Lake	Nebraska
11 Mile Thin Air Tournament	6/29/2019	Lake George	Colorado
2019 TFO Big 10	6/29/2019	Booneville	Indiana
BAA Worlds	6/29/2019	Winona	Minnesota
Muzzy's 20th Annual Muzzy Classic	7/12/2019	Eddyville	Kentucky
Big Mac Shootout	7/13/2019	Lemoine	Nebraska
Wyoming Bowfishing Association 3rd Annual State Bowfishing Tournament	7/13/2019	Casper	Wyoming
Summertime Shootout	7/20/2019	Winona	Minnesota
WBA State Championship	7/20/2019	Burbank	Washington
Wildwood Sports Center Big 10 Carp Tournament	7/20/2019	Elbridge	New York
Captains Scrambled Scramble	7/27/2019	Oshkosh	Wisconsin
Grand River Monster Bowfishing Tournament	7/27/2019	Pryor	Oklahoma
Atchafalaya Basin Bowfishing Tournament	7/27/2019	Breaux Bridge	Louisiana
WBA Mississippi River 8, 9, 10	8/3/2019	Prairie du Chien	Wisconsin
Anything Goes Fun Shoot	8/10/2019	Ashland	Nebraska
Paul Bunyan Classic	8/10/2019	Winona	Minnesota
Salute To Service Veterans Bowfishing Tournament	8/10/2019	Warsaw	Missouri
Summer Mayhem	8/17/2019	Lomira	Wisconsin
Copperhead Outdoors Bowfishing to Beat Cancer	8/24/2019	Union Grove	Alabama
Ladies Night	9/7/2019	Dodge Center	Minnesota
Murder mitten outdoors grand river big 10	9/7/2019	Belmont	Michigan
1st Annual Keith Kennedy Big 20 Memorial	9/7/2019	Redfield	Arkansas
Fat Girls Big 13	10/5/2019	Winona	Minnesota

## Expense Report

Net Revenues - January 1, 2019 - August 15, 2019	
Worlds Registrations	\$29,075.00
Premium Memberships	\$15,080.00
Texas GG T-Shirts	\$2,839.00
BAA Leather Patch Hats	\$800.00
Fish Records	\$360.00
Membership Stickers	\$140.00
Bow Raffle (Muzzy Vice)	\$100.00
BAA Hats (White)	\$75.00
Outrigger Outdoors Flashlight Raffle	\$30.00
BAA Koozies	\$15.00
Sponsorships	\$3,750.00
Worlds T-Shirts	\$1,380.00
Worlds Donations	\$650.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$54,294.00</b>

Expenses - January 1, 2019 - August 15, 2019	
Worlds Payouts	<b>\$29,075.00</b>
Worlds Expenses (Belt Buckles and Set Up)	<b>\$2,092.27</b>
Worlds Refunds	<b>\$2,038.27</b>
Shipping and Handling (T-shirts and merchandise)	<b>\$5,673.24</b>
Insurance for Sanctioned Events	<b>\$4,543.70</b>
Marketing (Email, ATA, Membership Drive)	<b>\$1,065.24</b>
Merchandise Orders	<b>\$3,718.05</b>
PayPal Fees	<b>\$1,245.73</b>
Annual Meeting (Springfield, MO)	<b>\$1,764.25</b>
GG Meeting and Associated Expenses (Austin, TX)	<b>\$2,355.37</b>
Legal Fees	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Bowfisher/Youth Bowfisher of the Year (2018)	<b>\$1,100.00</b>
Memorial Flowers	<b>\$68.97</b>
Web Expenses	<b>\$16.80</b>
Bank Fees	<b>\$10.70</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$55,767.59</b>

<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-\$1,473.59</b>
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<b>Account Balance</b>	<b>\$20,077.97</b>
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## Special Thanks to our Sponsors in 2019



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