

Cece Catches Record Salmon, Snags Top Spot in St. Ignace Derby

Rod Hesselink Jr.
Tops Youth Division

The team of Lucky Two lived up to its name as Terry Cece of Epoufette and Jimmie Miller of St. Ignace took the top spots in the 4th annual Moran Salmon Derby Sunday, August 27. Mr. Cece's 24.60-pound salmon is the largest fish ever caught during the St. Ignace Salmon Derby, said event coordinator Pete Everson.

"I battled with it for 20 minutes," Mr. Cece said about his prize catch, which he caught at noon. "It put up a good fight."

Mr. Miller caught his 19.18-pound salmon 20 minutes later. It earned him second place.

The two also won the Boat Division with the three heaviest fish combination contest with a combined weight of 50.42 pounds, ahead of Les McFarland's second place team, which weighed in at 45.12 pounds.

The Lucky Two team won a combined \$5,500. Mr. Cece was awarded \$3,000 for his first place finish in the largest fish event. Mr. Miller's second place finish earned him \$2,000. The team was awarded \$500 for finishing first in the Boat Division contest.

The total pay-out for this year's Salmon Derby was \$8,855. This year, the event awarded cash awards to 30 contestants.

The Straits Area Sportsmen's Club awarded Rod Hesselink Jr.



Above: Terry Cece of Epoufette, with his seven-year-old son, Jared, holds up his 24.60-pound salmon, the largest fish ever caught in the St. Ignace Salmon Derby. He won \$3,000 for first place for largest fish. His team, Lucky Two, also won first in the Three Heaviest Fish contest.

\$100 for his 9.76-pound salmon for the youth angler contest. Finishing second was Brian Horn, who caught a 9.02-pound salmon. Mr. Horn did not walk away empty-handed though, as he was the winner of the 50/50 raffle, which gave him \$335.

Jim Gahn won the Mystery Weight contest, winning \$50 with his 8.78-pound fish.

The rain on Saturday, August 26, forced the event to be held only on Sunday, which prevented some out-of-town anglers from participating, said Mr. Everson. The number of boats this year, 33, was the lowest since the event's inception four years ago.

Despite not making a profit, and considering the low number of participants, there was a fair number of fish caught, said Mr. Everson.

"The sizes of the fish were probably the best we had," he said.

Board members of the derby will look to improve the participation next year, said Mr. Everson, who, along with fellow board member Jimmie Miller, talked with anglers after the award ceremony to gather ideas on how to improve the derby for next year.

"This year, we were able to pay out more to anglers and usually we are able to generate enough money to support things like the fish cleaning station, which we finished last year, and equipment for the high school football team," said Mr. Everson. "The board is going to have to rethink the event. We want to keep it going, but we need to generate enough money to support the event itself, the St. Ignace Sports Boosters Club, and the Straits Area Sportsmen's Club."



Jimmie Miller of Moran finished second in the largest fish category with this 19.18-pound salmon. He was teamed with Terry Cece.



Tamyra Kueger of Alanson finished third in the St. Ignace Salmon Derby, with her 18.78-pound salmon earning her \$1,000.



Results of the 2006 St. Ignace Salmon Derby

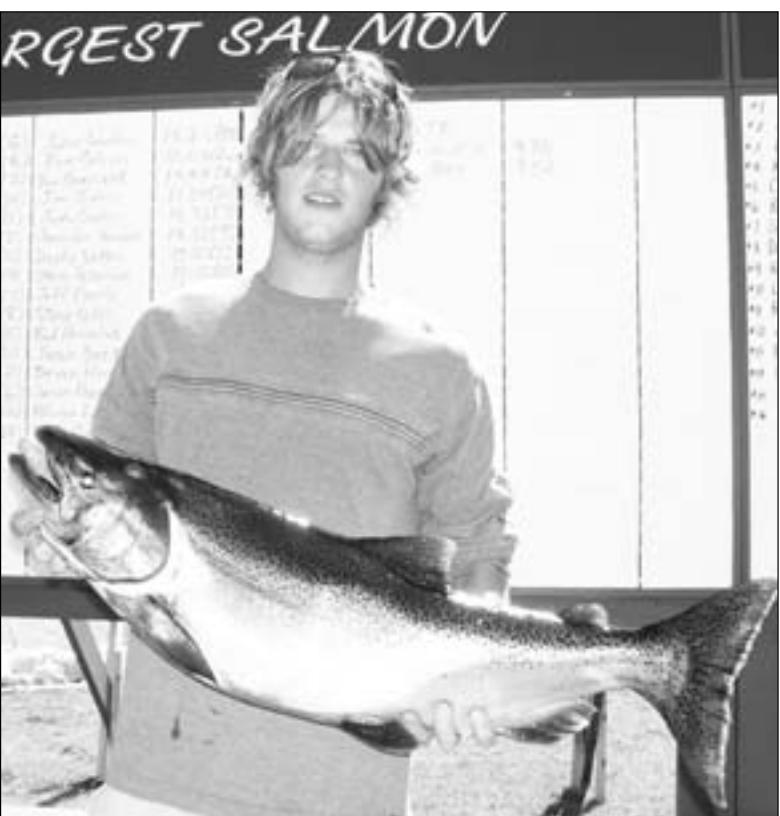
Individual Winners:

1. Terry Cece, Epoufette, 24.60, \$3,000
 2. Jimmie Miller, Moran, 19.18, \$2,000
 3. Tamyra Kueger, Alanson, 18.78, \$1,000
 4. Jon Kamyszczek, St. Ignace, 17.44, \$150
 5. Barry Beck, St. Johns, 16.62, \$100
 6. Chad Fox, Escanaba, 15.98, \$90
 7. Judy Gahn, Cheboygan, 15.72, \$80
 8. Beth Sliwinski, Saginaw, 15.54, \$70
 9. Jennifer Howard, Cheboygan, 15.32, \$60
 10. Lance Williams, Cheboygan, 13.98, \$55
- 10 anglers were awarded \$50 and 10 were awarded \$25.
 - Dusty Saker and Steve Peterson donated their winnings, \$50 and \$25, respectively, back to the event.

Team Boat Winners

1. Jimmie Miller, 50.42, \$500
2. Les McFarland, 45.12, \$400
3. Jim Gahn, 42.38, \$300
4. Nathan Beck, 41.20, \$100
5. Dave Sliwinski, 39.54, \$50

At left: Rod Hesselink Jr. (middle) won the youth angler contest with his 9.76-pound catch. He was awarded \$100 from the Straits Area Sportsmen's Club's Louie Colegrove (right). Brian Horn finished second. He won the event's 50/50 raffle contest, winning \$335.



Jon Kamyszczek of St. Ignace caught this 17.44-pound salmon, earning him \$150 for fourth place.

Portage Twp. Turns Down Municipal Pay Raises

By Paul Gingras

The Portage Township board, meeting Tuesday, August 15, voted against pay raises for the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer and authorized expenditures for badges to identify township firefighters.

Motions failed to increase the supervisor's salary from \$7,200 to \$10,000, the clerk's salary from \$12,100 to \$15,000, and the treasurer's salary from \$12,100 to \$12,500 a year. Both township trustees and the treasurer voted against all three motions. The clerk and supervisor voted yes on all three motions.

A raise for the clerk's position was voted down in July when Clerk Marcia McDonald abstained from voting. In response, the board chose to revisit the issue in August.

Treasurer Nancy Kister said she was originally in favor of pay raises, but after the board voted against raising the clerk's salary at the July 11 meeting, she felt it was inappropriate for the matter to be brought up again. Therefore, she voted against all three motions in August, she said.

Although trustee Mark Devereaux voted against raises, he told *The St. Ignace News* that he agreed with some of the reasoning for increasing salaries, in particular, the feeling that these positions are becoming full-time jobs.

The township should pay enough to generate sufficient

interest to keep the positions filled, he said, but added that both the treasurer and the clerk have received pay raises in recent years. The August meeting was too soon to increase salaries again. Mr. Devereaux said the positions are not yet full-time, and he feels the supervisor needs to put in more effort.

Prior to the vote, Supervisor Donald Ferris noted that the treasurer and the clerk were working a lot of time and he reminded the board that they hold regular office hours. As supervisor, he said he is able to do much of his work from home.

Mrs. McDonald agreed that the responsibilities and workload of township officers are increasing, owing to new state and federal requirements like the Social Security Privacy Act, the Help America Vote Act, and Michigan's Zoning Enabling Act.

The Social Security Number Privacy act affected 55 employees in Portage Township and requires all employers in the United States with access to Social Security numbers to read and sign agreements stating that they will not reveal anyone's private information.

To comply with this, Mrs. McDonald said, she was charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all township employees had access to the new policy, understood it, and signed a form. Township officials, deputies, board of review members, ambulance corps personnel, and fire

department workers all had to be informed, and Mrs. McDonald said this meant she also had to set up and maintain files regarding the matter for all of them.

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 also led to substantial work for township employees, she added. The federal government provided free, high-tech voting machines to municipalities throughout the country to help handicapped voters participate in the democratic process, but getting Portage Township's voting machine ready in time for the August 8 primary "left everyone scrambling," Mrs. McDonald said.

The first time she became aware of the machine was June 14. Training for township employees took place June 26. The first chance she had to train election workers was August 3. Problems with the machine occurred, and it was not ready until August 7, one day before the election.

Mrs. McDonald said she even had difficulty using the machine for her own vote.

The state Zoning Enabling Act combined county, city, and township zoning acts and took effect July 1. Although Portage Township does not have a zoning board, townships with zoning boards had to make adjustments to ensure that their boards were in compliance with the new regulations, a process which led to significant work by township

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