

Keding wins 2010 Hawghunters kickoff tournament

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North East, MD



Brad Keding with two of his three winning fish.

Brad Keding is making a habit of starting the tournament year off with a win. For the second consecutive year he has won Hawghunters kickoff tournament, this year on the Northeast River in Maryland. It only took Brad less than 15 minutes of the 9 hour tournament to land his three keepers. He landed two quality fish on back to back casts, and when his owner Bill Butensky turned the boat around for him, he landed his largest of the three, 4.27 lbs. Those three fish weighed 10.22 lbs and proved to be the winning bag on a tough tournament day of fishing. Brad's win last year was on Lake Nockamixon on April 5th.

Second place for the tournament went to Steve Corrow with 2 fish for 5.74 lbs. Jon Hardenberg was fortunate enough to land one quality fish that secured 3rd place and lunker for the tournament, a 4.47 lb largemouth. Rounding out the top 6 places for points

was Kim Unangst with 2 fish for 3.87 lbs; prospective member Jim Raabe with 1 fish for 2.6 lbs in his first tournament; and Luis Jimenez with 1 fish for 2.17 lbs.



Jon Hardenberg with the tournament lunker, 4.47 lbs.

There were 12 anglers fishing the tournament with 7 of them bringing in a total of 11 fish weighing 30.96 lbs. It was tough conditions to say the least with a massive cold front that arrived two days earlier dropping air temps 15 – 20 degrees. Tournament conditions were sunny skies early followed by partly to mostly cloudy with winds drastically exceeding the forecasted 10-15 mph.

Hawghunters next stop will be a first for the club, Monksville Reservoir in New Jersey on May 2nd. As with the Northeast tournament, there are 12 anglers in the draw to attend this event.