

Clearly Champions

The team of Jim Beaty and Manuel Santa Cruz ran away from the field, to earn first place in the ***"2007 IMTT Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World Illinois State Invitational Muskie Championship"*** held November 10 and 11 on Lake Shelbyville. A field that included some of the best muskie fishermen in the Illinois Muskie Tournament Trail battled cool temperatures, chilling winds, passing weather fronts, and the beginning of fall lake turnover in search of the elusive muskie. Fourteen muskie were caught, measured, and released, in the two-day tournament. Beatty and Santa Cruz, of the Shawnee Muskie Club, each landed three of those muskie, for a team total of six. The next closest team, Lenny Goldsmith and Dennis Ledgerwood, from the Chicago area, recorded two. If you could find the fish, they were active and biting, but finding them was difficult.

The following fish were recorded:

Jim Beaty: 37, 36.5, 36,
Manuel Santa Cruz: 30, 32, 39
Lenny Goldsmith: 30
Dennis Ledgerwood: 40
Nick Camoratta: 45
Duane Landmeier: 42
Mike Taylor: 42
Kevin Butler: 39
Jeff Beasley: 37
Robert Taylor: 31

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