

42nd GLSA Great Lakes Benefit Salmon Derby--A Great Success



Seventy-nine fishermen on 20 fishing vessels, provided by Michigan City Charter Association at reduced rate for our hospital, launched the 42nd Annual Great Lakes Shrine Association Benefit Salmon Derby, May 19-21, out of Michigan City, IN, harbor (photo, left). Fishing at about 100-foot depth in Lake Michigan, they enjoyed splendid catches of Coho and king salmon, steelheads, lake and brown trout, and chi-



nook (photo right). The average weight of each fish is 10 lbs.; the best of this year's catch was a 19-lb. lake trout.

The first salmon derby was held in May 1975, under the leadership of Bob Drake, GLSA president, and Dr. Dan Bowers of Shriners International. The largest attendance for one year was 426 Nobles. More than 27 Shrine Temples have participated in the event, including 12 Imperial officers. Over the years this event has raised more than \$500,000 for our hospital.

2016 GLSA president, Murat Noble Phil Thrasher, attended the opening launch but did not fish this year. Organized and directed by Mizpah Shrine, Mizpah Nobles Sam Winebrenner, Larry Chapel, Owen Wade, Dave Hollenbach, and Frank Nordman (in photo, right) presented this year's gift of \$4,000 to Yours Truly at a recent luncheon at the hospital.



We are grateful for the vision and consistent commitment of Nobles from so many Temples for their support over the years. They take advantage of our unique and beautiful setting on Lake Michigan, to enjoy several days of fishing, fellowship, and fundraising, to benefit children.

Friends of Nicky Randazzo Remember Him Fondly at SHC - Chicago



Nicholas Randazzo (left) used to ride the commuter train past our hospital each day, from his home in Elmwood Park to the Mercantile Exchange in Chicago, where he was a trader. He often commented about the great good SHC - Chicago does for kids. A tragic auto accident in Chicago, took 36-year-old Nicky from us on July 8, 2010. Desiring to create a memorial to him, his family and friends began an annual golf outing in his honor, the proceeds from that outing being given to our hospital in his memory.

Nicky was a cousin of Frank "Hot Dog" Faruggia, Medinah Shriner, a generous soul, devoted to children, our hospital, and the welfare of people everywhere. We are honored that Nicholas Randazzo is memorialized in our hospital. We are both blessed and honored by the gifts of friends and family, of approximately \$10,000, to benefit children and sustain our marvelous pediatric hospital.

