



Rich Gross (l) was a popular guy as he got ready to hand out the fishing derby trophies at the Willis Nowell Memorial Kids Ice Fishing Derby this year. Photo: Gordy Ordway

Dozens of Kids Enjoy AF&G Ice Fishing Derby

20" pickerel takes top prize

By Amanda Gross, AF&G volunteer

The Andover Fish and Game Club (AF&G) held the Willis Nowell Memorial Kids Ice Fishing Derby this year on February 23. It was a nice day on Eagle Pond in Wilmot, and 33 kids and their families were ready to have some fun. Besides fishing, the kids were treated to free hot dogs and drinks, lucky prizes, and trophies for the longest fish. Seventeen pickerel and six perch were caught. Trophy winners for each type of fish were:

Pickerel

- Logan Farley, 19 3/4"
- Nathaniel Hatch, 18 1/8"
- Marcus Gamblin 17 1/8"
- Astoria Campbell 16 1/2"

Perch

- Logan Heino, 11 5/8"
- Miles Hurlbutt, 9 1/8"
- Jason Lewis, 9"

The AF&G would like to thank this derby's sponsors, Jake's Market of Andover, Smith River Trading Post of Danbury, and the Park & Go Market in Wilmot, for providing supplies. We would also like to thank everyone who attended the derby and our other fundraising events throughout the year, all of which make it possible for us to



Logan Farley won first prize in the kid's ice fishing derby for a 19 3/4" pickerel. Photo: Gordy Ordway

host the kids fishing derbies and other community activities.

Rabies Clinic

There are two upcoming events in the spring. The AF&G will be hosting a Rabies Clinic at the East Andover clubhouse on Channel Road on Saturday, April 20, from 1 to 2 PM. The cost is \$13 per pet.

The Kids Spring Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 18 on the Highland Channel. More information will be provided for these events in the next issue of the *Beacon*. 

Rabies Clinic in Franklin; Rabies and Microchip Clinic in Bow

Press releases

A rabies clinic is being offered by the City of Franklin and the Franklin Veterinary Clinic on Saturday, March 30, from 2 to 4 PM at the Franklin Fire Station, 59 West Bow Street, Franklin. All dogs *must* be on a leash, and all cats *must* be in a carrier.

The fee for a rabies shot is \$12 (cash only). Dog licensing will also be available for Franklin residents.

For more information, call 934-3109 or visit FranklinNH.org.

Rabies and Microchip Clinic

The Concord-Merrimack Coun-

ty SPCA is offering a low-cost rabies and microchip clinic at Blue Seal, 520 Hall Street, in Bow on Saturday, April 13, from 12 to 2 PM. The cost is \$20 for a microchip and \$10 for a rabies vaccination.

Please bring a record of previous rabies vaccinations; this helps determine if your pet receives a one-year or three-year rabies vaccine. Concord dog licenses will be available at this time, too.

Dogs must be leashed and under their owner's control at all times. Cats must be safely in carriers. For more information, please call 753-6751. 



Ed Hiller is one of the many volunteers who made the Northern Rail Trail possible. In this photo, Ed freshens the paint on one of the old milestones. This one marks 46 miles to White River Junction, Vermont.

Photo: Peter Southworth

Rails-To-Trails Highlights Northern Rail Trail

Press release

The Northern Rail Trail is receiving national attention these days, not only for its recreational value to the people of the Northeast but as a model of grassroots organization and trail-building.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC), the nation's largest rail trail organization, this month featured the 52-mile rail trail through Grafton and Merrimack

counties as its Trail of the Month. Written by RTC writer Laura Stark, a story about the Northern Rail Trail and the groups and individuals that helped build and now maintain the trail is featured at RTC's Web site at RailsToTrails.org/news/recurringFeatures/trailMonth/archives/1303.html and was e-mailed to the group's more than 500,000 news subscribers

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