

**Mattagami
First Nation**

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WORDS FROM THE CHIEF



**Chief
Walter
Naveau**
Mattagami
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I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Mattagami First Nation for believing in me and granting me another term of Chief. Our community is growing and we are all walking the good path. Our council has added one more member so that now we have five councillors on the basis of our increase in population. These are exciting times we are living in with all of the development and business opportunities becoming available to us.

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My vision as Chief has not changed over the years and more and more I am committed to moving Mattagami First Nation to the point where we will become self sufficient and sustainable. We have come a long way over the years and in particular over the past decade or so with our inclusion and involvement in resource development opportunities on our lands. I continue to work with our Elders, leaders and all our community members at large to shed off any old colonial mentality and through a renewal of our traditions and culture become enlightened to a new way of thinking as rulers of

our own destiny. Although we need to work with government as we change things we need not feel subservient to all those bureaucrats that depend on us for their living. This is a time of change and it is a time long coming.

We have a strong voice in that we as Mattagami First Nation stand together with five other First Nations in this part of the province as part of Wabun Tribal Council. We are also one of 49 First Nations that make up Nisnawabe-Aski Nation (NAN) and that gives us an even stronger voice, so long gone are the days when First Nation people could be swept aside. Every month it seems there is some new and terrible realization about systematic abuse done to our people. The most recent news has to do with experiments the government did on us to deprive us of proper nutrition so they could study the affects of doing so. The government can pretend to apologize as much as it wants but it is up to us to pry ourselves away from their paternalistic grip and stand on our own two feet. We know what we need and want as First Nation people and we have the leaders and expertise in place to run our own lives.

Things are not going to change overnight but I know that with our return to the teachings of our ancestors and a renewal of our traditions and culture we are becoming stronger. Our Pow Wow has returned to the community and has become a very exciting traditional event that makes us all proud to be First Nation people. We are fortunate to have great people on Council, a dedicated staff, strong Elders and solid administration. Our Band Manager, Juanita Luke is putting us on the right track when it comes to administration and she is a big believer in training and education so good things continue to happen in our First Nation.

In this issue make sure to read the story about Chad Boissoneau who developed our Fish Hatchery

project. When I first mentioned this idea to him he jumped at the opportunity based on his past experience and put together a first class project that the entire community benefited from. We are giving back to the land with Chad's hard work and I hope that this project grows so that we can assist other First Nations to do the same.

You can also read about the great work Jennifer Constant and her team has done in producing the Walleye Fishing Tournament and of course our annual Beaverfest that was created by Elder Leonard Naveau and continues with the efforts of Larry Naveau. By the way we want to let Leonard know that we are all very thankful that he has recovered from a recent health problem and we wish him renewed good health. He is a pillar of strength for our First Nation.

As a testament to change in our community I need only to point to the recent Swearing In Ceremony. This traditional event harkens back to our ancestors and the way they did things with a healthy body, mind and spirit. This was a very emotional time for many of us to stand before our community members and take an oath of office to serve them. So, you see, all of these things that are coming back into our community having to do with our traditions and culture like the Pow Wow, the Swearing In Ceremony and the teachings of our Elders makes our circle stronger. We are on the good path.

Front Cover

The front cover photo was taken by Chad Boissoneau, Project Manager of the Mattagami First Nation Walleye Hatchery. Pictured are project volunteers and supporters Leonard Naveau Jr (left) as he is helping Gilles Paradis release juvenile walleye into Lake Mattagami at the end of the two month project. See page 7 for full story.

Elder Leonard Naveau Passes On Knowledge To Youth

The featured Elder for this edition of the Mattagami Drum is Elder Leonard Naveau, a long time political member of the community who is active in preserving and promoting Aboriginal culture and history. In the past decade, he has been on Council for six consecutive terms and he has also held the position of Chief for several terms in the 1970s and 1980s. He is a co-founder of Beaverfest, an annual springtime festival celebrating Aboriginal trapping culture in the Mattagami area. Naveau is also involved as a traditional Elder advisor for environmental issues regarding the Hollinger Tailings Pond in Timmins.



**Elder
Leonard
Naveau**
Mattagami FN

At 70 years of age, he holds a strong connection to his past and his family's traditional lands around Lake Mattagami. He enjoys taking the time to pass on his experience and knowledge to the younger generation.

"It is important for us to pass on our traditional ideas and cultural history to our young people. There are always young people within our community who are willing to learn about their past," said Elder Naveau.

He is a life long traditional trapper from Mattagami First Nation, who grew up on the land learning from his father George Naveau and his grandfather Thomas Naveau. They trapped primarily on their family's traditional grounds in the Kemp and Natal townships in the Grassy River area. He spent most of his early life living on the land. As a young man he also worked with forestry companies, exploration companies and he was involved in forest fire fighting.

Over the years, he has passed on much of his knowledge of traditional life and trapping to his son Larry Naveau.

"Trapping is more or less a hobby for me now as I don't have the strength anymore to go out on the land for long. It has been a pleasure for me to spend time with my son and grandchildren on our

traditional hunting grounds where I grew up. They are not only learning about how to trap and prepare animal skins but also the traditions and teachings that go with living on the land. Much of the life lessons on the land has to do with respect and gratefulness for the land and the animals," explained Elder Naveau.

In addition to trapping, he also teaches young people how to survive on the land and activities such as fishing and traditional fish netting.

He is a co-founder of Beaverfest, an annual springtime gathering celebrating Aboriginal trapping culture in the Mattagami area. This past April the community hosted its fourteenth Annual Beaverfest. Larry Naveau took over the coordination and management of the event from his father for the first time this year.

"It feels good to see that Beaverfest continues to grow every year and to know that it is being managed by a new generation of trappers," said Elder Naveau.

He continues to visit the land to travel, fish and trap whenever he can. He had planned to do a trip in mid August to lead a two night canoe excursion with local youth and visitors onto Lake Mattagami and on the Grassy River where his family's traditional lands are located. However, that trip and adventure will have to be done at a later date considering that Elder Naveau had a health problem in late July that he is recovering from.

"This is a trip that I was asked to take part in as a way to pass on some of our people's history but also my family's connection to this land. There is thousands of years of history of our people's lives here. There are pictographs, historical sites and burial areas. The trip at some point will be an opportunity for me to share some of the stories and legends that I grew up learning from my father and grandfather," said Elder Naveau.

Chief Walter Naveau pointed out that Elder Naveau is an important link to the past for Mattagami First Nation and that he continues to share his knowledge and expertise with the community.

"I know that Leonard has had a little set back with his health recently and now he is recovering very well. We are all thankful that he is getting strong and healthy again and we look forward to

his continued positive presence in our community," said Chief Naveau.

In April 2013, Elder Naveau was re-elected to a new term as First Nation Councillor. He was grateful to take part in a newly established swearing in ceremony for the elected Chief and Councillors.

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"The swearing ceremony was a good and meaningful event for our people and for me as well. It shows we have a strong connection to our traditional past. The event made me feel proud and it reinforced our people's goal of sharing and celebrating our traditional and cultural heritage," said Elder Naveau.

He continues to encourage youth in his community to learn about their past and to lead healthier full lives in a modern world.

"The reason why I want to teach and show youth about our history is that it gives our young people something to be proud of and connected to. I am proud to see traditional events such as a Pow Wow taking place every year now. Ever since we have reintroduced these cultural activities and allowed our youth to learn about their people, I have seen a great change. Our youth are happier and they show it through the amount of respect they have for others and for themselves," said Elder Naveau.

He is active in his work with Chief and Council and he continues to work on projects that promote traditional knowledge and culture. He is working with Elders from Garden River First Nation in establishing a teaching lodge in their communities. Elder Naveau also continues working in preserving historical Aboriginal culture through his collaborations with archeological survey work and mining companies that are working in the Mattagami Lake area.

He takes as much time as possible to be on the land and on Lake Mattagami. Elder Naveau has two sons, Leonard Naveau Jr and Larry Naveau and a daughter Kelly Naveau.

History Is Made With Swearing In Ceremony Of New Chief And Council

On June 22, Mattagami First Nation leadership took part in the first ever Swearing In Ceremony before community members in the wake of the recent election in April 2013. The event was facilitated by Jake Agoneh, Traditional Healer and Teacher from Wikwemikong First Nation.

The ceremony was developed through the recommendation of community members gathered through the Harmony Project, an ongoing initiative that is allowing community members to take an active part in First Nation governance.

The Swearing In Ceremony featured a public oath by the Chief and by each member of Council. The ceremony included re-elected Chief Walter Naveau, re-elected Councillors Jennifer Constant, Leonard Naveau and James Naveau and newly elected Councillors Bruce McKay and Larry Naveau. Each member of Chief and Council also signed a declaration to serve the community. The document was later prominently displayed at the community's administration office.

Mattagami First Nation leadership also took another step in its development by increasing the size of its Council. First Nation Council membership has increased from four members to five. The increase is due to the growth of the community population since the previous elections held in 2010.

"This was an important step for our First Nation leadership. It was one of the most beautiful events I have ever participated in. Speaking the oath in front of our fellow community members shows that we are committed to them. It also serves to remind us of the importance of our positions and our responsibility to our people," said Chief Walter Naveau.

He added that it was a very emotional experience for many people as it was also a ceremony that celebrated traditional values and culture.

"A ceremony like this has never been done here before. It was important because it was another event that affirmed the control we have of our own government and it also reminded us the importance of our cultural heritage. No words could describe how I felt. It was spiritual, beautiful and humbling at the same time. It brought us closer together and let us see that we are all on the right path to our future. I am thankful to our community members, our Elders and everyone that attended the event," said Chief Naveau.

Councillor Jennifer Constant who

has been elected to her sixth term and has been part of Council for the past decade was honoured to take part in the ceremony. She explained that the event was an inclusive ceremony that respected the beliefs and customs of everyone that attended.

"It was a very moving experience for me as it allowed our Chief and his Council to stand together as a unified group before our community. A public pledge to serve our community affirms to our members and to us as well what our role and responsibility is," said Councillor Jennifer Constant.

Councillor and Elder Leonard Naveau, who has been part of Chief and Council for almost four decades, saw the ceremony as making a stronger connection between the leadership and its members.

"It was a very important event for all of us. We all felt good about taking part in this ceremony. It was also another event that celebrated our heritage and that is always important for our people to remember, especially our youth," said Council and Elder Naveau.



Jennifer Constant
First Nation Councillor



Leonard Naveau
First Nation Councillor



James Naveau
First Nation Councillor



Bruce McKay
First Nation Councillor



COUNCILLOR LARRY NAVEAU is pictured here lending a hand in the management of the first ever Walleye Hatchery in Mattagami First Nation.

Youth Role Model Sydney Constant



Sydney Constant is the featured youth of the issue for this edition of the Mattagami Drum. She has learned to put an importance on her education and has set goals to continue her schooling in the future. Constant is a recent secondary school graduate from O'Gorman High School in Timmins.

She plans on continuing another semester of secondary school to gain enough educational background to enter into post secondary studies in the natural sciences and marine biology.

"I think education is an important part of life and I would like to achieve as much as I can in my future. I enjoy studying nature and my dream is to work and study in marine biology," said Constant.

At her graduation in Timmins, Constant received a \$500 bursary from the Timmins Native Friendship Centre.

"I am so thankful for the support I got from the Friendship Centre when I graduated. It feels good to know that people are there to support our education achievements," said Constant.

She also hopes to work in her community some day and start a small business that could support her work and provide a service for her First Nation.

She has taken opportunities to volunteer for her community in several events and gatherings. Recently, she was involved with the Timmins YMCA to take part in volunteer work in her

community where she was worked on landscaping and environmental projects. She also coordinated youth activities and took part in other youth gatherings in the Wabun territory including the annual Wabun Youth Gathering in Elk Lake. As part of the Wabun Youth Gathering, it was Constant's second opportunity to work as a Junior Chaperone to assist organizers in looking after younger participants.

"It feels good to be part of the gathering and work with younger people. The gathering is special as it is a place where we can learn about our culture and heritage. We also get to make new friends and meet old ones from other communities. The event allows us to learn and gives us a boost to our confidence," said Constant.

She has also had the opportunity to experience work in the mining industry as a summer student with Iam Gold where she worked closely in core sampling projects.

Constant is hopeful for the future of her community. She is looking forward to seeing the continued development of her First Nation as the population grows and more support services become available.

"It is great to see everything that is happening with our community. I would like to see more activities and events that could involve young people. I enjoy taking part in events and projects with others as a group where I can feel part of our community," said Constant.

At 17 years of age, she is the only child to Joanne Naveau and Christopher Constant. Constant lives in the First Nation and dreams of travelling in the future. She has gone as far as Mexico for holidays but hopes to some day see more of the world to vacation and work in her own country and internationally as well.

Community Events Abound In Mattagami First Nation

Mattagami First Nation has developed several major annual events and the community continues to expand the activities list in the calendar every year. These events are maintained by First Nation members, volunteers and organizers.

Third Annual Mattagami FN Traditional Pow Wow:

On August 24 and 25, Mattagami First Nation will host its third annual pow wow for the community. The event is being organized by Dana Cosgrove, Pow Wow Coordinator.

Drum groups for this year's event include the High Ridge Singers as host drum, Iron Stone Singers as co-host drum and White Stone Creek as invited drum. Traditional dancers include: Championship Men's Smoke Dancer Adrian Harjo, Championship women's traditional dancer Kristol Abel, Head male youth Tyler Paul and Head Female Youth Janelle Golinowski. The event will be led by MC Marc Hunter, Arena Director Dawn Recollet and Elders - Grandfather Alec Jacobs and Grandmother Clair Prince.

"I would like to thank Chief and Council for allowing our community to host the event. We are also grateful to all our sponsors. We are all excited to see how this year's pow wow goes," said Cosgrove.

Sponsors for the event include: Gold Corp; The Venture Centre, CasinoRama, Compass Carriers, Ontario Power Generation, Lakeshore Gold Corp, RBC, Wabun Tribal Council and Mining and Exploration Inc.

Please contact the community for more information or visit the website at www.mattagami.com Coverage of this year's event and photos will be featured in the next edition of the Mattagami Drum.

Mattagami FN Walleye Classic:

On September 7 and 8, 2013, Mattagami First Nation members will organize the first ever Mattagami Walleye Classic. The event was created to expand on the popularity of walleye

fishing on Lake Mattagami, which has become well known through the Annual Mattagami First Nation Walleye Tournament which takes place every June.

The new Mattagami Walleye Classic is being organized by Councillor Larry Naveau, Cindy McKay and Jessica Echum. The event is being developed as a fund raiser for the Mattagami Eagles, a local midget level hockey team for young boys who take part in the annual Little NAN Hockey League, more popularly known as the Little NHL.

Participants are asked to contact the First Nation for more information or to visit the community website at www.mattagami.com

Beaverfest

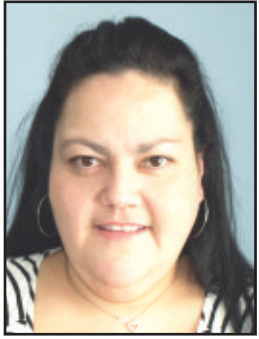
On April 27, 2013, the annual Beaverfest event was held in the community. The event, which was co-founded by Elder Leonard Naveau, was the fourteenth annual. This year's event brought together 400 participants and it was coordinated for the first time by Larry Naveau, First Nation Councillor and Elder Leonard Naveau's son.

"Everyone was happy to take part in the event and it shows a lot of pride in our community because it celebrates an important part of our heritage and traditional culture," said Councillor Larry Naveau.

The event was sponsored by Caron Equipment Construction, Lakeshore Gold, Iam gold, Compass Carriers, Wabun Tribal Council, Mattagami FN, Dr. Raymond (a family physician in Timmins), Debastos & Sons, Ontario Power Generation, Eacom and the Ojibway Cree & Cultural Centre.

"This year's event was another great success and we look forward to our next one. We want to say thanks to all our volunteers for helping with the event and to everyone for attending. We are especially grateful to our sponsors for their contributions," said Councillor Larry Naveau.

Keeping In Touch by Juanita Luke, Band Manager



**Juanita
Luke**
Band
Manager

Mattagami First Nation is a community that is experiencing growth in more ways than one. In terms of population we have grown to the point where we have added another position on Council. Of course most of you probably already know that Chief Walter Naveau was re-elected to head a vibrant and dedicated Council. Under Chief Naveau many good things have been happening in Mattagami First Nation and that path continues for the community.

I believe we have to give many

thanks for all of the positive things happening in our community. This has to do in a large part to our efforts to be inclusive with our membership and in particular through the Harmony Project. More than ever I see our members joining in at every opportunity to make their voices heard and to help our leadership make good decisions for the community. I am very grateful to everyone for coming out to our public meetings and sessions we hold. Your voice is important to us and helps us to make the fabric of our First Nation strong.

It is obvious to myself and many others that our people are really realizing that they can play an important role in determining how the community is developed and how leadership operates. After all we have to remember that our First Nation is only as good as the people who make up our community.

I was so happy to see the wishes of our members come true with the

Swearing In Ceremony held in the community as our Chief and Councillors stepped up to give their oath of service. Our people want the traditions and cultural teachings and values to return to Mattagami First Nation and that is happening. Thankfully we also have some very strong and knowledgeable Elders to help us on our path.

We have so many interesting and useful projects and events going on in our First Nation and we must thank all of those people who take the initiative to step forward to set up our fishing derbies, Beaverfest, Pow Wow and Fish Hatchery just to name a few. I also want to remind others and especially our youth that they are more than welcome to come forward and assist in these events and projects. They can even develop their own. Mattagami First Nation is all about moving forward and accomplishing great things for ourselves and I am proud to be part of this movement.

Youth Develop With Right To Play



**Andrea
Naveau**
Community
Mentor,
Right To Play

Mattagami First Nation has partnered with the Right To Play organization to support and encourage local youth to develop life skills through educational and fun activities in the community. The community is taking part in the Promoting Life-skills in Aboriginal Youth (PLAY) program, a year long program which was started in April 2013, to develop and strengthen essential life and leadership skills for Aboriginal Youth.

"We were excited and happy to get the PLAY program established in our community for our youth. It is a program that will provide our young people with valuable life skills, as

well as support and encourage their growth and development," said First Nation Councillor Jennifer Constant.

Andrea Naveau, a member of Mattagami FN, will act as the Community Mentor for the program in the community. She will be working with local youth between the ages of four to 17 through physical activities and play to provide hands on education and training in life and leadership skills. The program is designed to train older youth so that they can lead the physical activities and play with younger children. These activities include running events, relay races and team play.

Naveau, who has completed an Early Childhood Education program at Canadore College in North Bay also worked in education in her community as a Teachers Assistant. At 23 years of age, she is grateful for her new role and hopes to continue working with youth as a career into the future.

As part of the start up of the program in the spring, two Mattagami FN youth were sponsored by Right To Play to attend a week long sym-

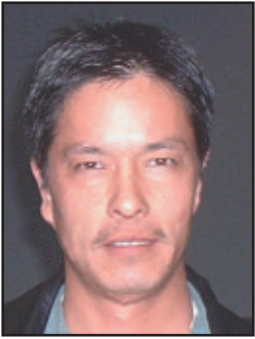
posium hosted by the organization in Parry Sound. Ethan McKay, 12 years of age and Nolan Naveau, 11 years of age, attended the event to receive education and skills training in organizing activities and events with others.

Emily Gibson, Program Officer for the PLAY program, visited the community in July for a week to provide support and assistance to Naveau. She communicates with Community Mentors such as Naveau in eight Aboriginal communities throughout Ontario on a regular weekly basis and as well makes two annual visits to each First Nation.



**Emily
Gibson**
Program
Officer,
Right To Play

Mattagami FN Develops Walleye Hatchery



Chad Boissoneau
Mattagami
FN

Mattagami First Nation has developed 'Hatching For Our Future', a Walleye Hatchery project aimed at protecting the fish population in Mattagami Lake. Chad Boissoneau, Entrepreneur and former Chief, headed up the project which lasted from April to June 2013. The outcome of the initiative saw the release of over 300,000 fry or juvenile fish into the Mattagami Lake area.

"Everyone was very happy and supportive of this project and we were all excited about the outcome of seeing so many fry going into the lake. It was special because the project is mostly community driven and it will benefit our First Nation and others who fish the lake in the long run. Our Elders were especially interested in the development and they enjoyed coming out to see how the fish were doing," said Boissoneau.

He has been involved in numerous projects for the community over the years related to forestry, job training

and business development. Boissoneau has an extensive background working for natural resource organizations for the province and for his community. During his career in organizations dealing with natural resources, he also completed three years of training and education as a forestry technician. As Chief of his community from 2001 to 2004, he helped to direct his community towards resource development initiatives and job creation. Boissoneau has also worked in walleye hatchery projects in the past with the Ministry of Natural Resources. The walleye hatchery is a process that breeds walleye eggs in a controlled environment so that they can be later released. Boissoneau explained that six walleye fish were caught during their spawning period in April and from these specimens, over 300,000 eggs or fry were incubated. A small building was constructed near the waters edge in the community to feed natural lake water to the incubators as Boissoneau and other volunteers monitored the progress of the fish. The 20 to 30 day incubation period required constant monitoring in order to maintain proper water temperature and create as natural a water environment as possible to ensure the proper growth of the juvenile fish or fry.

"After hatching the fry, we took over 300,000 juvenile fish and relocated them at different points around the Mattagami Lake area. This allows the fish to have a greater chance of survival to adulthood and eliminates most of the predation that would lower the population of young juvenile walleye. We placed them right in their natural feeding grounds to ensure that they will grow to become mature walleye," said Boissoneau.

Over the past several years, local Elders and traditional people had noticed a drop in the number of walleye in Lake Mattagami. The lower population was a result of traditional fish harvesting as well as growing sports fishing activity on the lake.

The project was funded and led by the First Nation. The project was also made possible with the funding contributions of area mining companies. Boissoneau added that the project would not have been as successful without the support of Walleye Hatchery of Ontario, an organization that specializes in fish management,

which was instrumental in supplying specialized equipment and materials to start the project.

During the incubation cycle, Boissoneau invited community members including Elders and young students from the Mary Jane Memorial Elementary School to view the fish as they developed on a weekly basis.

The community now has plans to build a more permanent building to house a walleye hatchery near the community's boat landing on the shores of Mattagami Lake. Boissoneau is hoping that in the a second year the project will produce as much as two million eggs.

"I want to give my thanks to our Chief and Council for supporting this project. It felt great to see this project completed with the help of the community and to give our young people an opportunity to see something like this for themselves," said Boissoneau.

Chief and Council were also grateful to see the hatchery being developed after years of discussions.

"As stewards of the land, the success of this project has demonstrated that we are showing our respect to our environment and we are helping to put life back into the lake. I can't say enough for the positive work and contribution that Chad has brought to our community through the walleye hatchery. It is a great addition to our community and we hope to grow the project into the future," said Chief Walter Naveau.



Walleye Tournament Draws Hundreds

The big winners at the 2013 14th Annual Mattagami FN Walleye Tournament held in Mattagami First Nation were Craig Salmonson and Tory Garneau who took first place prize of \$10,000 with a total weight of 30.65 pounds. The two day event, which was held June 1-2 was hosted by the Mattagami Recreation Committee and drew 104 teams.

Second prize of \$3,000. went to Jamie Robinson and Terry Bernath; third prize was taken by Mike Daoust and Dan Gauthier; fourth went to Rick Guillemette and Steven Guillemette; fifth prize was fished by Jim Patry and Jason Patry; sixth went to Paul Ethier and Rock Bouchard; seventh was taken by Yves Boissoneault and Tim Caron while eight prize went to Denis Martin and Luc Rainville. Major sponsors included: IAM Gold Corp, Compass Carriers, Mikey's General Sales & Repairs, Debastos & Sons, Wabun Tribal Council, Quality

Food Hampers, Caron Equipment and Speedy Lube. Other sponsors and support was provided by: Princecraft, Mattagami First Nation, Ednysian Camps & Logistics, Dumoulin's, Pro Tackle, Gold Corp, Crazy Crazy, Soucy Salo, Midas, Nasco Propane, Days Inn, McKane Motors, Boston Pizza, Montanas and The Cache.

Winners of the \$1000 Early Bird Draw were Jayme Richer and Phil Croteau. A Young Anglers award was presented to Noah Basaraba. Many draws were set up for the weekend, with great prizes that were won: Big Fish for Day 1 weighed 6.71 lbs and went to Craig Salmonson and Tory Garneau and Big Fish of Day 2 was 8.47 lbs caught by Chris Porteous and Tim Martel each team taking home \$940. Suzanne Naveau won the Team #1 Draw and Patrick Calhane won the Team #2: which includes full team registration & 5 minute

lead start for the 2014 Tournament. The 14' Princecraft boat draw (\$2900 value) was won by Pauline Wesley.

Registered participants were permitted camping, which made for a nice weekend for anglers to share a little get away with their family or fishing partner. Events such as a bingo and penny table draws were also held during the day at the Mattagami Complex Hall for those not fishing in the tournament.

The Mattagami tournament kicks off the Northern Ontario Walleye Trail circuit each year (nowt.ca) with next year's tournament set for June 7 & 8, 2014. Registration is \$250 per Team. For pictures of this year and future events go to the Mattagami Annual Walleye Tournament - Facebook Group Page. For information on the tournament and full results please log onto nowt.ca. For other coverage check out wannabefisherman.com.

(Story and Photos by Jennifer Constant)

FIRST PLACE TROPHY WINNERS FROM L-R ARE: TONY GARNEAU (LEFT) AND CRAIG SALMONSON



YOUNG ANGLER AWARD WINNER NOAH BASARABA (CENTRE) WITH EVENT ORGANIZERS DEANNA HEYDE (LEFT) AND JESSICA ECHUM (RIGHT)



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