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2012 NATIONAL CASTING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN GREATER CINCINNATI, OHIO

Many incredible casts, in terms of distances or accuracy, will be made by some of the world's finest casters, but no fish will be caught for this is a tournament that will decide the 2012 North American casting champions.

The 104th American Casting Association (ACA) National Casting Tournament will take place in Greater Cincinnati, Ohio July 30 through August 4, 2012 and will be hosted by the Cincinnati Casting Club.

Casters will come from all over the United States and Canada to compete for trophies, medals and prizes in distance and accuracy events in the traditional ACA competition that dates back to the mid 1800s.

Several of the champs can cast a fly cast more than 200 feet using specialized equipment. That's two-thirds of a football field! One of the most incredible distance casting accomplishments was when Steve Rajeff cast a 1/4 oz. weight 325 feet with a spinning outfit at the 2002 National Tournament.

For the accuracy events, 30-inch floating targets are placed at various distances. It often takes a perfect score, or close to it, to win some events at a National Tournament. For the plugaccuracy games targets are placed 40 to 80 feet. In the fly-accuracy events the targets are from 20 to 50 feet. The Bass Bug targets are from 20 to 70 feet.

The accuracy games will be held at Cincinnati Central Turners Lake, whereas the distance events will take place at Lebanon Sports Complex. Springhill Suites by Marriott in Fairfield is the host hotel.

The schedule is as follows:

July 30 – Practice Day.

July 31 and August 1 – Distance Events.

August 2, 3 and 4 – Accuracy Games.

August 4 (evening) – Awards Banquet at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Many of today's tackle advancements and casting techniques can be directly attributed to tournament casting. It was the tournament casters who developed aluminum spools for casting reels, weight-forward fly line tapers, shooting lines, the double-haul fly casting method, feathering an open-face spinning reel for pinpoint accuracy, the fly line calibration system, hook size standards and many other features that are commonly used by anglers today.

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