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FISHING TOURNAMENT

Young bassmasters strike

Springs pair grabs top hardware

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The competition was fierce and fun at the same time.

A pair of Pine Creek High School seniors, Trevor Carpenter and Peter Decker, came away with the top hardware Saturday at Lake Pueblo in the 2012 Student Angler Federations Colorado and New Mexico high school fishing state championships.

"We had 24 teams from 11 different high schools," said Sam Heckman, tournament director. "The biggest western showing was here in Colorado. We doubled our teams from last year and the best thing was all but two teams caught fish."

Carpenter and Decker qualified for the FLW Outdoors/TBF high school fishing conference championship held in conjunction with a National Guard FLW college fishing conference championship. Those winners advance to the FLW Outdoors/TBF high school fishing national champion-



ship held in conjunction with the National Guard FLW college fishing national championship in the spring of 2013.

Each team that qualifies for a conference and/or national championship will receive a travel allowance to help offset expenses. The

national champions also will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to use at the university of their choice. letofsky@chieftain.com



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(LEFT) Sean Hinton measures the legality of a bass last Saturday during the high school fishing tournament at Lake Pueblo. (TOP) Ryan Bass, 15, from Arvada High School shows off a small mouth bass he caught during the competition.

CALENDAR

- Thursday—Lake Pueblo boat safety course, visitor center, 14-over, 5-8 p.m., information/registration: 303-791-1954.
 - Friday—Eleven Mile Crawfishin Expedition, 7:30 p.m., amphitheater.
 - Saturday—Eleven Mile family fun hike, 10 a.m., Coyote Ridge Trail-head.
 - Saturday—Eleven Mile fashion-a-fish, 2 p.m., amphitheater.
 - Saturday—Eleven Mile fly fishing the dream stream, 7:30 p.m., amphitheater.
 - Sunday—Bluegrass Marathon, 26.2M, 8 a.m., Salida.
 - Sunday—Eleven Mile birdwatching for beginners, 10 a.m., amphitheater.
 - Sunday—Eleven Mile Colorado birds of prey, 2 p.m., amphitheater.
 - Sunday—Eleven Mile introduction to fly fishing, 7:30 p.m., amphitheater.
 - Monday—Bolder Boulder, 10K, 7 a.m., Boulder.
- To get your event in the outdoors calendar, email to letofsky@chieftain.com.