## a fish of a life time

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WHEN: aug 7th 08 WHERE: red river

I was very excited to go out fishing for the day with citycats for my bachelor party. Myself and my father Lorne my best friend Eric and my future brother in law Josh hooked up with Todd Longley "the rock N roll fisherman" for a day of cat fishing on the red river! The day started early around 6:00am

but got off to a great start with my father pulling in the first master angler of the day and from there they kept rolling in one after another with every one in the boat hooking into master anglers in the first two hours. I was looking to collect my specialist badge for big cats that day and only needed one more hawg to get it! well I saw the tip of the rod slowly go up and down and it took all my restrain not to set the hook to early but with some great coaching from Todd I set the hook hard and stood up to bring the fish in, well after and 20 min fight with the biggest catfish i had ever seen we managed to get the net on it! When Todd lifted the net out of the river we thought it was going to break! the feeling in the boat was electric as we put the beast down to take a measurement. This fish was thirty eight and a half inches long I knew they get a bit longer but the girth on this thing was pretty nuts so we took out the scales and took a reading. Thirty nine pounds! Todd was so excited as was I. Todd told me it was the heaviest catfish he had brought into his boat in the ten years he had been a guide. We took a few photos and let the old guy go.

that fish made my day one i will never for get and i am so glad i could share it with my father and friends. It makes me so proud to be a Manitoban that we have such amazing sport fish right in our back yard!

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