

Longreach Fishing Club Inc.
Longreach Yellowbelly Classic Fishing Competition
August 29 – 30th 2009

A little about our successful competition this year.

750 keen anglers nominated for the Longreach Yellowbelly Classic fishing competition held on the banks of the Thomson River in Longreach. Competitor's numbers once again exceeded committee's expectations with an increase of 70 over the previous year.

Several participants entered the Friday evening entertainment. The yabby's were auctioned and crawled as cautiously as they could toward the finishing line. After 3 heats of the junior roll the swag comp. Joel Gleeson walked away a happy boy with the cash prize. 3 heats were contested to determine the adult roll the swag event and our local physio Justin Griffiths was glorious to the line.

Saturday anglers would have been cursing the persistent wind but still managed to find the fish as a total of 140 were measured throughout the weekend. (There were many more caught and not measured in though)

Saturday evenings yabby auction was successful with a record auction bid of \$56 but to no avail lost the race. After a feed of peas and fresh water the yabby's were fiesty on the race mat too. The yabby's have now retired as breeding stock for next years event.

4 heats were held for junior roll the swag competition with Cody Zahl proving the fastest. He really knows how to roll his swag in a hurry. Josh Duncan was out of breath and in disbelief that he won his heat and the final of the adult roll the swag competition. The junior hand reel casting comp. was hotly contested by 20 entrants. 16 adults tried their hand at the event too with John Penny and Lou Turlan casting for the bucket of money. After 4 heats Lou was winner.

Sunday morning all could see the wind was easing, the heat was warming up the water and fish were on the snap. Record catches were brought in for some, none for others, but by 12 noon our winners had been recorded and travellers had packed up camp ready to head home but not before all the lucky draws.

The drawing of the junior major prize of a Kayak couldn't come quick enough to 15 month old Malakie Devine with ticket no. 104. The drawing of the adults major prize a 3.7m Mako Craft boating package kept the audience captivated at the end of the draws until ticket number 120 belonging to John Hunt of Longreach was called.

The Longreach fishing club would like to express their gratitude to all helpers in assisting to disassemble Apex Riverside Park after the presentations and thanks all sponsors involved in the event.

Thank you for your support.

Below are the winners of the competition for longest species of:

Yellowbelly
Richard Avery

Catfish
Jack Tiller

Bream
Billie Jo Pole

Barcoo Grunter
Brendan Thomas

Heaviest Yabby
Liam Gribble



Brian Taylor



Lou Turlan



Rod Harrison



Adam Burling



Phil Jarvis



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RAFFLE RESULTS

Fish Smoker

Winning ticket number: 153

Name: Josh and Sally Duncan from Blackall

21 Litre Engel Fridge

Winning ticket number: 69

Name: Alan Lowe from Cottswood Hills

Junior results:

Longest Yellowbelly – Richard Avery 51cm (Isisford) →

Prize: Trophy + Daiwa rod combo

Longest Catfish – Jack Tiller 46.5cm (Longreach)

Prize: Trophy + Daiwa rod combo

Longest Bream – Billie-Jo Pole 36.1cm (Longreach)

Prize: Trophy + Daiwa rod combo

Longest Barcoo Grunter – Brendan Thomas 37cm (Longreach)

Prize: Trophy + Daiwa rod combo

Heaviest Yabby – Liam Gribble (Longreach) 494grams (Barcaldine)

Prize: Trophy + Daiwa rod combo

Major Prize: Malakie Divine (Longreach) ticket number 104

Kayak with paddle (valued at \$600)



Adult results:

Longest Yellowbelly: Brian Taylor 53cm (Kinka Beach) →

Prize: Trophy + 38 litre Engel fridge/freezer

Longest Catfish: Lou Turlan 45.1cm (Blackall)

Prize: Trophy + 65 Litre fibreglass Eva Kool esky

Longest Bream: Rod Harrison 34.1cm (Blackall)

Prize: Trophy + 50 litre Down Under Ice Box

Longest Barcoo Grunter: Adam Burling 37cm (Longreach)

Prize: Trophy + 2 rods, a tackle bag and tackle

Heaviest Yabby – Phil Jarvis 388grams (Emerald)

Prize: Trophy + Penn rod with Captive 2000 reel

Major Prize: John Hunt (Longreach) ticket number 120 →

3.7m Mako Craft boating package (valued at \$6,000)

