
Longreach Fishing Club Inc.
Longreach Yellowbelly Classic Fishing Competition
August 28th & 29th 2010

743 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 the committee's expectations. 2009 attendance was 749 entrants.

Several participants entered the Friday evening entertainment. The yabby's were auctioned and crawled as cautiously as they could toward the finishing line, some even walking along the line holding its audience captivated and frustrated as the yabby's were oblivious to the screams from owners to cross the line to win them their prize \$\$\$\$

Daniel MacNamara crossed gloriously in the final heat for the junior roll the swag event and Luke Beard in the adults event showed his sprinting and rolling ability to be extremely accurate compared to some other swag rolling competitors.

Friday's lucky draw of a sports bag and fishing accessories went to Daniel MacNamara in the juniors and Gary Petkie in the adults.

Saturday saw a slow start for fish being measured in but by 10am the sun was out and many fish were on the bite. A total of 84 fish were measured in for their longest lengths and a total of 30 yabbies were weighed. These numbers have no bearing on the total amount of fish caught during the weekend.

Yabbies were in big demand at Saturday's auction before the race. Everyone wanted a piece of the prize money. 2 races were held and once again the audience was screaming with enthusiasm and words of encouragement at their racing yabby. Race 1 was won by number 6 for the Thallon family and Race 2 saw another Number 6 yabby make Chris Zahl smile with a winners grin.

After several heats and re-runs in the junior roll the swag event Dawn King-Trail showed the boys how it was done running victoriously to the finish line and Jeff Clews of Alpha was victorious for the adults from 14 competitors.

The junior hand reel casting competition saw skilled Aimee MacNamara the winner. 15 Adults tried their skills at the hand reel casting competition with the final 3 heats being a showdown between Hayden Forbes and Josh Morris. Concentrating extremely hard Josh cast victoriously into the bucket with confidence.

Saturday night junior lucky draw was won by Billie-Jo Pole and Adults went to R.E.Wemyss.

The competition came to a close at 12pm and entrants gathered for the presentations. After a weekend of fishing these are the winning results.

Junior category: Longest Yellowbelly – 50.7cm Miss Charlie Wilson (Aramac)
Longest Catfish – 49.5cm Joshua Cooper (Charters Towers)
Longest Bream – 34.2cm Gary Cutting (Longreach)
No Barcoo Grunters were recorded
Heaviest Yabby - 416 grams Miss Charlie Wilson (Aramac)
Adult category: Longest Yellowbelly – 53.1cm Brendan Williams (Winton)
Longest catfish - 45.4cm Leon Taylor (Augathella)
Longest Bream – 34.7cm Rita Wallis (Charleville)
Longest Barcoo Grunter – 38.3cm Daniel Johns (Charleville)

The drawing of the junior major prize of a Kayak couldn't come quick enough to Beau Turlan of Blackall. The drawing of the adults major prize of a boating package kept the audience captivated at the end of the draws until ticket number 388 belonging to Mrs Tanya Morton of Longreach was called. The Longreach Fishing Club would like to express their gratitude to all who assisted in disassembling Apex Riverside Park after the presentations and thanks all competitors and sponsors involved in the event.

Raffle results:

Jumbuck BBQ: Quentin Scott (Longreach)
and
Primus 3 way Cooler: Alissa Coleing (Longreach)



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Leon Taylor



Longest Bream 34.7cm
Rita Wallis



Heaviest Yabby
510grams David Carr



Longest Grunter 38.3cm
Daniel Johns



Junior Longest Bream
34.2cm Gary Cutting



Junior Heaviest Yabby
416 grams Miss Charlie Wilson



Junior Longest Yellowbelly
50.7cm Charlie Wilson



Junior Longest Catfish
49.5cm Joshua Cooper

Thank you
