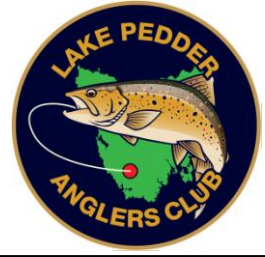


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## Back to Pedder Competition January 2014

Anglers had a great Australia Day long weekend at Lake Pedder for the 38<sup>th</sup> Back to Pedder Trout Fishing Competition. The competition is one of the largest and longest continually running trout fishing competitions in Tasmania.

Each year the small town of Strathgordon swells to over 400 people during this event. Lake Pedder Anglers Club was formed by Hydro Electric families in 1976, and Hydro Tasmania has been a major sponsor supporting the angling club every year since.

This year the major sponsors came together once again to offer competitors a boat package as the major prize draw. Each competitor went in the draw to win a 4m dinghy donated by Hydro Tasmania with a Mercury outboard donated by Channel Marine, and a trailer donated by Dunbier and Kings Towbars and Trailers.

The major prize was won by Robert Thompson of Hobart who said it's the first time he had been to the competition and he would be coming back every year as his family had had a great time.

This year the Rapala donation of \$1000 Rapala lures was won by Dion Taylor.

A charity Auction is held on Saturday night and the club raised \$3,000 for charity, adding to the many thousands of dollars which it has donated to Tasmanian charities over the past 12 years. The club is supporting Able Australia and Camp Quality, in addition to providing charity fishing events at the club pond established near Ouse, and supported by Petuna Seafoods.

525 brown trout were caught during the competition. Competitors were generously rewarded with prizes donated by Wigstons lures, Rod and Range Sports, Daiwa, The Fishing Connection, Tasmanian Marine Distributors, Tas Fishing Supplies, Tackle 1, TackleUs, JM Gilles and Wigstons Sport Store.

The heaviest fish landed was 1.298 kilos cleaned, by Martin Exel and the heaviest fish by a junior weighed in at 1.154 kilos cleaned, caught by Jack Inglis. The best bag of 6 fish for an individual (sponsored by PMM Real Estate) was won by John Hall, and best team bag was won by Sebile Old Fellows with 67 fish. Members were Martin Exel, Laurie Harrison, Tom Woolley and Cec Archer.

An interclub challenge is also held during the event with four clubs competing. We are very pleased to announce Lake Pedder Anglers Club won this year, with the winning team members being Laurie Harrison, Dylan Loh and Martin Exel. Thanks to all members who fished hard on behalf of LPAC to break the winning streak that the New Norfolk Anglers Club has held over this award in recent years.

Lake Pedder Anglers club President Matthew Mallinson said the event was a success for angling, plus the promotion of Lake Pedder as a great fishery and family destination. The Club would like to thank its sponsors for supporting the club over so many years, and

would like to welcome its newest Major Sponsor, the local Hobart company Fly and Dry Waders. Accommodation and food at the Lake Pedder Chalet was again of a high standard, and a great time had by all.

Background information and media contacts:

For more information on the Lake Pedder Anglers Club and future events at Lake Pedder please visit [www.lakepedderanglersclub.com](http://www.lakepedderanglersclub.com)

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Lake Pedder Anglers Club and all its competitions are organised by a Committee of volunteers, dedicated to the promotion of angling at Lake Pedder and the beauty of the Southwest National Park.

The Club has a strong emphasis on encouraging children into the sport of fishing and has competitions throughout the year for its members, and provides support for families and Charity groups wherever possible.

Photos from competition have been published on the club website please visit <http://lakepedderanglersclub.com/index.asp?ID=49> and facebook site. For copies contact Sharon Mallinson (Secretary) 0408 853 273