

Cooma Monaro Carp Comp 2016 Information

Why a carp comp?

Carp are a major pest fish in the Upper Murrumbidgee catchment. Carp thrive in degraded river habitats, create further habitat disturbance and compete with our native fish species. Carp breed as the water warms up in spring and summer. Carp numbers can increase rapidly each season. A mature female carp can release up to 0.5million eggs for every kilogram of body weight. By fishing in early summer, we can take large breeding fish out of the system. By recording fishing sessions via an angler diary, we can also gain information about where there are carp hot-spots to help us better target our fight against carp in the future.

When is the Comp on?

The competition runs from the 19th Nov to the 17th Dec, 2016. You need to be registered before you start fishing. Registrations are accepted until the 17th Dec. The prize presentation and a free sausage sizzle will be held on Sunday, 18th Dec, 2pm at the Alpine Hotel, Cooma.

Who can enter?

Entries are open to everyone. Everyone receives an angler diary and brag mat with their entry. If you have a brag mat and diary from last years, please use them for the competition (as long as you have enough room in your diary).

Entry fees

- \$10 adult
- \$5 junior (13 years and under)

Registrations are available from the Alpine Hotel (Cooma) and Snowy Mountains Gourmet Foods (Bredbo). An entry form can be downloaded from upperbidgeereach.org.au/cmcarpcomp

How does the comp work?

- Remember to register before you start to fish.
- Go fishing! :)
- Record each fishing session in your angler diary, including time spent fishing and what you catch
- To enter Carp-place fish on brag mat & measure length from nose to inside of fork on tail. Write date, time and length on brag mat with pen provided. Take a photo. Send photo to 0429778 633 or email to cmcarpcomp@gmail.com
- Hand in Angler diary at end of comp. Diaries will be returned to you after copying.
- Let us know if you would like to continue to fill in your angler diary and submit your carp fishing data after the competition ends

What if you catch a tagged Carp?

31 Carp have been tagged with a thin yellow tag near their dorsal fin in the competition area. These fish are being used for research to track where these fish go. Please **RELEASE TAGGED CARP UNHARMED**. Report the catch to the number on the tag. A reward will be given for making a report. Please take a photo of the fish (but not on the brag mat to minimise harm to the fish).



Cooma Monaro Carp Comp 2016 Rules

1. To enter fish place it on the brag mat with the date, time and length, take a photo and send to 0429 778 633 or email to cmcarpcomp@gmail.com
2. Fish length is measured from tip of nose to the inside fork of the tail
3. Each carp caught can be submitted once only. Photos submitted after 12pm on the 17th Dec will not be judged
4. Competitors must fill out an Angler diary entry for each fishing session, including details of catch
5. Carp with a long thin yellow tag must be RELEASED UNHARMED. Please report catch to number on the tag. Reward given for making a report. Please take a photo if possible (not on the brag mat)
6. Competitors must bring their angler diary for validation and copying prior to the prize presentation (18th Dec). Angler diaries will be returned after copying
7. You must submit your angler diary to be eligible to receive prizes
8. Fishing is allowed from the Upper Murrumbidgee River and its tributaries, south of the ACT border- see map of the upper Murrumbidgee catchment (southern section) in the Angler diary
9. Fishing begins at (12am) on the 19th November and finish at 12pm on the 17th December, 2016
10. All competitors must be registered before they start fishing
11. Only registered competitors will be eligible for prizes
12. Prize presentation will be at 2pm, 18th Dec, 2016 at the Alpine Hotel, Cooma
13. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:
 - Longest fish- 1st, 2nd and 3rd places (adults),
 - Longest fish- 1st, 2nd and 3rd places (Junior, 13 years and under),
 - Mystery length (all ages),
 - Longest Mirror carp (all ages),
 - Longest fish overall (all ages),
 - Comp trophy for overall longest fish caught by club member.
14. The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into
15. All persons competing and participating in any competition associated activities do so at their own risk
16. Competitors agree to abide by the Conditions of Entry
17. Competitors agree that photos and diary information submitted as part of this competition can be used by the Upper Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach and the fishing clubs for project reporting, promotion and research purposes
18. Competitors are encouraged to release unharmed all native fish to the water in a careful manner. Please dispose of caught up fishing tackle responsibly as it can entangle platypus and other wildlife.
19. Competitors are encouraged not to release carp (unless they have a yellow tag). If carp are to be dispatched, they must be killed quickly and humanely upon capture. For more information on humane killing of carp go to www.ikijime.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/ikijime_brch_freshwater.pdf
20. Please dispose of dispatched carp thoughtfully- leaving dead fish on the bank can be unpleasant for other river users and attract feral pests such as foxes and cats
21. When fishing in NSW waters, you are required by law to carry a receipt showing the payment of the NSW Recreational Fishing Fee. Payment of this fee is the responsibility of the competitor and is not covered by the entry fee for this competition. For more info about NSW Recreational Fishing Fees or to purchase a Recreational Fishing License go to www.onegov.nsw.gov.au/new/categories/recreational-fishing or call 1300 369 365
22. Fishing methods are to comply with NSW Fishing Regulations
23. Any competitor breaking the competition rules, fishing regulations or otherwise engaging in unlawful conduct will be disqualified from the competition from that point on
24. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure they have appropriate access rights to the areas where they fish and do not unlawfully trespass
25. Competitors are responsible for the security of their personal belongings, where personal belongings include vehicle, boat and all equipment, boat motor, camping gear and all other belongings

26. Campers are reminded to abide by relevant camping-ground rules, regulations and fire restrictions
27. All competitors using boats must abide by the regulations governing the use of these vessels. This includes appropriate licences, safety equipment and conditions of use