

REPORT ON 2022 STATE TITLES

The 2022 state titles were held on Bribie Island and the Gold Coast from 3rd September to the presentation of trophies on the 10th. In all, we had 60 plus competitors fishing and casting over 6 disciplines in the weeklong event.

The weather was very unkind for the Bribie event! You have heard the old saying, "It would blow the dog off the chain." Thank goodness we had our mid-term meeting Sunday as the wind didn't appear to abate at all and the forecast for Monday (the gazetted offshore day) left us with no option, but to call it off. This caused quite a bit of upset among the deepwater boys. The rest of the week turned out fairly reasonable, weather wise.

Do I believe these titles were a success? Yes, I do, as far as a fishing competition was concerned, but it fell down in other areas, the first being I was extremely disappointed with the overall numbers that competed during the week, especially as we have the greatest concentration of QAFCA's 3500 members in the South East.

The second thing I didn't like about these titles is that all the lead-up work was left to just two people. I guess there is only one person to blame for that and that is myself. In the early days, we had someone in charge of each section and a committee to back them up. I have never felt so exhausted, or burned out, in all my life! My suggestion is to go back to the old way to get more people involved. Perhaps then, you won't burn anyone out and you will run better titles.

Now for the accolades! First of all, I would like to say a big thank you to the Currumbin RSL Fishing Club, especially their President Leanne who couldn't do enough for us. You have heard about footballers being paid a million dollars a season, well Currumbin have one of these in their Treasurer Andy Bostock. He was at HQ every morning with the billy on for a hot cuppa and toast in the toaster. If you wanted something, Andy would get it for you. We can't thank you enough, old friend!

I must also mention our President Ian who was there helping out at every sign-on and weigh-in and in between as well. Last, but not least my dear friend, Geoffrey Richard, who supervised the weigh-ins. Thank you to my wife Pam, who carries me along, on all of these occasions.

The following are the results of all events –

OVERALL CHAMPIONS

Carnival Champion	Todd Payne	451.51%
Runner up	Andrew Curtis	307.90%
Champion Lady	Rachel Bunker	215.54%
Runner Up	Brenda Shelly	115.04%
Champion Veteran	Geoff Richards	176.63%
Runner up	Ron Curtis	172.66%
Champion Junior	Blade Payne	326.09%
Runner up	Taj Lonnie	82.69%



LIGHT GEAR

25 competitors nominated and caught 369 fish for 81.89 kg

Male Champion	<i>Luron Cup</i>	Dave Ikin	33 fish for 8.17 kg	114.7 points
Runner up		Tod Payne	30 fish for 7.175 kg	101.75 points
Ladies Champion	<i>Chas Alvey Cup</i>	Rachel Bunker	20 fish for 3.74 kg	57.40 points
Runner up	<i>Victory Shield</i>	Brenda Shelly	6 fish for 1.00 kg	13.95 points
Junior Champion	<i>Chas Alvey Cup</i>	Blade Payne	31 fish for 7.285 kg	103.85 points
Runner up		Taj Lonnie	4 fish for 0.945 kg	13.45 points

Heaviest fish caught by a lady ***Jessie Mitchell Shield*** Rachel Bunker 0.290 kg whiting

Champion Divisional Team ***QAFCA Trophy*** South Qld AFCA 573.75 points
John Devantier, Gary Devantier, Dave Ikin, Allan Brauer, Tim Lynne, Todd Payne

Runner up team ***Citizens of Gladstone Cup*** Cairns AFCA 44.9 points
Barry Smart, Em Baltrunas

Champion Club Team ***Bluefin Shield*** Blue Fin Fishing Club 339.65 points
Damian Maudsley, Neil Parker, Todd Payne, Blade Payne

FRESHWATER

12 competitors nominated and caught 22 fish for 25.782 kg

Champion	<u>Barry Smart Trophy</u>	Todd Payne	9 fish for 9.346 kg	102.46 points
Runner up		Rachel Bunker	6 fish for 5.945 kg	65.45 points
3 rd		Ron Curtis	1 fish for 4.158 kg	42.58 points
4 th		Andrew Curtis	3 fish for 3.147 kg	34.47 points

Champion Divisional Team **Ipswich AFCA Shield** South Qld AFCA 193.84 points
Todd Payne, Blade Payne, Rachel Bunker, Jackson Dudman, Hudson Dudman

Runner up team Tweed Coast 85.98 points
Ron Curtis, Andrew Curtis, Brenda Shelly

Champion Club Team **Bluefin Shield** Blue Fin Fishing Club 193.84 points
Todd Payne, Blade Payne, Rachel Bunker, Jackson Dudman



BOAT ESTUARY

20 competitors nominated and caught 265 fish for 97.53 kg

Champion	<u>Independent AAA Trophy</u>	Todd Payne	35 fish for 15.154 kg	186.54 points
Runner up	<u>Pitt Family Trophy</u>	Blade Payne	24 fish for 10.635 kg	130.35 points
3 rd		Steven Hunter	28 fish for 10.221 kg	130.21 points
4 th		Neil Parker	32 fish for 9.646 kg	128.46 points

Champion Divisional Team **Mike Lurich Cup** South Qld AFCA 784.11 points
Damian Maudsley, Neil Parker, Steven Hunter, Peter Miller, Todd Payne, Blade Payne

Runner up team Tweed Coast 85.98 points
Ron Curtis, Andrew Curtis, Brenda Shelly

Champion Club Team **Bluefin Shield** Blue Fin Fishing Club 531.55 points
Damian Maudsley, Neil Parker, Todd Payne, Blade Payne



ROCK & BEACH

21 competitors nominated and caught 190 fish for 81.805 kg

Champion	<u>O.N.Hayes Cup</u>	Geoff Richards	32 fish for 10.355 kg	135.55 points
Runner up		Geoff Hill	12 fish for 9.277 kg	104.77 points
3 rd		Todd Payne	16 fish for 8.82 kg	104.20 points
4 th		Jon Felsman	19 fish for 7.675 kg	95.75 points

Champion Lady **Joy Rogers Memorial** Brenda Shelly 48.08 points

Champion Divisional Team **A.N.Robinson Shield** Gold Coast 368.51 points
Geoff Bellwood, John Felsman, Brad Higgins, Ben Lonnie, Taj Lonnie, Graham Guy

Runner up Team South Qld AFCA 338.09 points
Geoff Hill, Damian Maudsley, Todd Payne, Blade Payne, Rachel Bunker, Jackson Dudman

Champion Club Team **Bluefin Shield** Blue Fin Fishing Club 325.64 points
Geoff Hill, Damian Maudsley, Todd Payne, Blade Payne



CASTING

24 competitors nominated for the casting, but only 19 turned up on the day.

Champion	<u>Aberdare Shield</u>	Andrew Curtis	393.85 points
Runner up		Blade Payne	319.53 points
3 rd		Geoff Richards	301.80 points
4 th		Paul Shard	289.97 points

Champion Divisional Team **Aberdare Shield** Tweed Coast 1495.08 points
Andrew Curtis, Ron Curtis, Lurline Curtis, Geoff Richards, Shane Walters, Bon Watson

Runner up Team Ipswich AFCA 1375.50 points
Robert Crepin, Paul Shard, Allan Savage, John Crone, Bob Henderson, John Whyatt

Champion Club Team **Bluefin Shield** Pottsville Fishing Club 1244.58 points
Andrew Curtis, Ron Curtis, Lurline Curtis, Geoff Richards



HEAVIEST FISH

<u>FISH</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>COMPETITOR</u>
WHITING	0.535 kg	Tristan James
BREAM	0.986 kg	Todd Payne
FLATHEAD	1.677 kg	Geoff Hill
TAILOR	1.711kg	Blade Payne
DART	0.671 kg	Geoff Richards
TARWHINE	0.735 kg	Geoff Bellwood
FRESHWATER OTHER	1.623 kg Bass	Todd Payne
HEAVIEST OVERALL	4.158 kg Yellowbelly	Ron Curtis
HEAVIEST OTHER REEF	3.361kg Snapper	Ron Curtis



4.158 kg Yellowbelly

CASTING

LONGEST DISTANCE CAST	182.003 metres	Andrew Curtis
MOST POINTS ACCURACY	130 points	Lurline Curtis