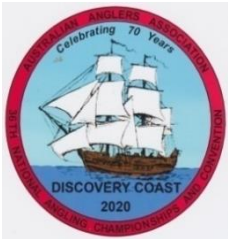




AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

DISCOVERY COAST NEWSLETTER NO 5



Well we have had our State Titles, the dust has settled and from our end, we have had time to clear up a few loose ends. Now it's time to settle down and get serious about the National Championships.

The whole concept of running the State Titles on the Discovery Coast was, to be sure that we had everything as precise as possible for the main event, which is the 36th National Angling Championships and Convention. I know you can't please all of the people all of the time, but we are looking to please the majority of people most of the time. Yes, I can say we need to change a few things, but as a whole, apart from the wind, the State Titles were very successful.

We will be having a full day committee meeting on the 20th October to get everything sorted. I am not sure whether you are all interested in the results, but I can tell you others were, as there were faces from outside Queensland popping up all over the place having a look. Somebody was telling me that the accommodation was getting fairly difficult to acquire. I think there is plenty still there; all you need to do is look around.

STATE TITLES

90 competitors nominated for our State Titles on the Discovery Coast from the 7 to 14 September. The dates coincided with the moon, but I didn't think carefully about the tides. There were some reasonable catches of fish, although the whiting proved fairly small. If only the government had lifted the restrictions on live worms from Moreton Bay, it could have been quite different.

Once again, it was quite a pleasant week with most people enjoying themselves. There were 289 separate nominations over all the events and in total, 1389 fish for 340.904 kg were caught. On the last occasion we were on the Discovery Coast, some quite large catches came from the mouth of Middle Creek, but those who went to that area this time were confronted only by blankets of weed. In the rock and beach, a lot of competitors tried all over the place before the event with very little result. You would never guess that during the actual competition, two guys went to a place for the first time and loaded up. I just couldn't believe it! A number of people had tried there before the event and didn't go when it counted!

We had that lovely sunny Queensland weather, beautiful one day, perfect the next, and never before have I got my hands sunburnt, but by the end of the week, they were peeling. I forgot to mention in that 'perfect' weather we had around a 20 knot South-Easter at the beginning, changing to a 20 knot North-Easter by the end of the week. The prediction was for it to drop off Thursday night and Friday would be perfect, so at a captains' meeting, we changed the Boat Estuary to Monday, the Rock and Beach to Thursday and the Offshore to Friday. God bless them, as this time they got it right and we finally went to sea.

There were some nice fish weighed in by those who went wide. However some idiots got all bugged up with the Coral Reef Fin Fish, which has a collective bag of 20. So you guys from south of the border make yourself aware of this rule - some fish are in and some are out, so beware! Needless to say, I scored a big fat zero in the offshore - the less said about it the better!

One thing, we did agree on - it is easier to have the stamp out at the boat ramp during the AAA Championships, as I believe the charter boats will have a problem crossing the bar if it is too shallow. I have looked at the tides and we are ok, if we stay on the dates we have at present. If the dates change due to bad weather, anything could happen.

So, in the AAA carnival booklet, the offshore will read like this -

Friday 21st August Offshore Championship
 5.30 am Registration at the boat ramp
 7.00 am Lines down
 1.00 pm Lines up
 3.00 pm Weigh-in commences
 4.00 pm Presentation of Trophies



Friday 22nd August Offshore Championship
 5.30 am Registration at the boat ramp
 7.00 am Lines down
 1.00 pm Lines up
 3.00 pm Weigh-in commences
 4.00 pm Presentation of Trophies

I see no reason to change the times of rock and beach or estuary at this stage, so we will be staying with those currently set. In October, our committee is having a meeting to discuss all that took place in the State Titles to see if we can make any improvements. I have quite a long agenda, so we will see what we can do.

We found the Discovery Coast Sport and Recreation Club volunteers a wonderful bunch of people, just as good as on the last occasion we were there. They were always helpful and we received friendly service and a nice drop of cold ale, when needed.



OVERALL CHAMPIONS

MALE	Steven Hunter	321.94%
Runner up	Geoff Richards	261.56%
FEMALE	Jane Clark	167.95%
Runner up	Zoe Hague	99.49%
VETERAN	Ron Curtis	254.22%
Runner up	Mick Horan	144.22%
JUNIOR	Blade Payne	78.82%
Runner Up	Ezekiel Bullard	61.57%

HEAVIEST FISHES

Whiting	Ian Roberts	0.318 kg	
Bream	Ron Curtis	0.754 kg	
Flathead	Steven Hunter	1.399 kg	
Dart	Andrew Curtis	0.590 kg	
Trevally	Barry Counter	0.889 kg	
Coral Trout	Barry Counter	4.190 kg	
Fresh water	Geoff Richards	0.215 kg	Gar a new record
Tuskfish	David Shepherd	3.070 kg	
Estuary fish	Glenn Neill	4.794 kg	Morwong
Offshore fish	Todd Payne	7.333 kg	Goldspot cod
Most points accuracy	Rachel Bunker	141 points	a new Qld record
Longest distance cast	Andrew Curtis	180.19 metres	



LIGHT GEAR

74 Competitors participated in the Light Gear competition, and caught 411 fish for 76.925 kg;

Luron Cup

Champion Angler	Ron Curtis (Tweed)	17 fish for 7.490 kg	91.90 points
Runner up	Les Clark (SQ)	27 fish for 5.644 kg	83.44 points

Chas Alvey Cup

Champion Lady	Zoe Hague (CQ)	30 fish for 4.500 kg	75.00 points
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Victory Shield

Runner up	Jane Clark (Tweed)	7 fish for 3.068 kg	37.68 points
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ChasAlvey Cup

Champion Junior	Jackson Dudman (SQ)	2 fish for 0.391 kg	5.91 points
Runner up	Ezekiel Bullard (Bundy)	1 fish for 0.145 kg	2.45 points
3 rd Place	Aaron Bell (CQ)	32 fish for 4.490 kg	76.9 points
4 th Place	Mike Black (SQ)	32 fish for 4.294 kg	74.94 points

Jessie Mitchell Shield

Heaviest fish caught by a lady	Jane Clark (Tweed)	0.830 long tom
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OAFCA Trophy

Champion Divisional Team	Central Queensland	224.54 points
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Paul Newton, Melissa Newton, Aaron Bell, Barry Counter, Zoe Hague, Glenn Neill

Citizens of Gladstone Cup

Runner up team	Mackay	182.36 points
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Michael Roberts, Greg Camilleri, John Hunt, Jonathon Hunt, Shane Hamill, Phillip Woolmer

Bluefin Shield

Champion Club Team	Keppel Light Gear	198.67 points
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Aaron Bell, Zoe Hague, Barry Counter, Glenn Neill

BOAT ESTUARY



63 competitors participated in the Boat Estuary event and caught 404 fish for 69.095 kg

Mike Lurich Cup

Champion Angler	Glenn Neill (CQ)	10 fish for 6.530 kg	75.30 points
Runner up	Ian Roberts (Mky)	25 fish for 3.940 kg	64.40 points
3 rd Place	Michael Roberts (Mky)	19 fish for 3.540 kg	54.40 points
4 th Place	Matt Reberger (SQ)	23 fish for 2.895 kg	51.59 points
Most Points Veteran	Neil Reberger (SQ)	15 fish for 1.760 kg	32.60 points
Most Points Ladies	Melissa Newton (CQ)	6 fish for 0.925 kg	15.25 points

Pitt Family Shield

Most Points Junior	Brook Teague (Bundy)	6 fish for 0.760 kg	13.6 points
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Independent AAC Trophy

Champion Divisional Team	South Queensland	200.38 points
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Damian Maudsley, Steven Hunter, Todd Payne, Barry Weimar, Matt Reberger, Les Clark

Runner up team	Mackay	118.80 points
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Michael Roberts, Ian Roberts, Dan Murphy

Bluefin Shield

Champion Club Team	Redcliffe City	143.07 points
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Dave Reberger, Neil Reberger, Matt Reberger, Mike Black

CASTING



33 competitors participated in the casting event.

Aberdare Shield

<u>Champion Caster</u>	Andrew Curtis (Tweed)	369.50 points
Runner up	Tod Payne (SQ)	364.07 points
3 rd Place	Ron Curtis (Tweed)	319.31 points
4 th Place	Geoff Richards (Tweed)	312.74 points
Most Points Veteran (other than 1- 4)	Rob Crepin (Ipswich)	262.39 points
Most Points Ladies	Rachel Bunker (SQ)	268.39 points
Most Points Junior	Blade Payne (SQ)	230.26 points

Aberdare Shield

<u>Champion Divisional Team</u>	Tweed Coast	1714.01 points
Geoff Richards, Ron Curtis, Andrew Curtis, Jane Clark, Brenda-Lee Shelly, Shane Walters		
<u>Runner up team</u>	South Queensland	1442.82 points
Steven Hunter, Todd Payne, John Russo, Dave Reberger, Rachel Bunker, Les Clark		

Bluefin Shield

<u>Champion Club Team</u>	Pottsville	1277.54 points
Ron Curtis, Andrew Curtis, Geoff Richards, Shane Walter		

FRESHWATER



27 competitors nominated for the Freshwater, but except for one, could not find weighable fish. Plenty of fork-tailed catfish were caught; however only 3 gar were presented for weigh-in at 0.5kg

Barry Smart Trophy

<u>Champion Angler</u>	Geoff Richards (Tweed)	3 fish for 0.5 kg	8.0 points
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Ipswich AFCA Shield

<u>Champion Divisional Team</u>	Tweed	8.0 points
Geoff Richard, Toni Richards, Ron Curtis, Jane Clark, Brenda-Lee Shelly, Adam Garbett		

Bluefin Shield

<u>Champion Club Team</u>	Pottsville	8.0 points
Geoff Richards, Toni Richards, Ron Curtis, Jane Clark		



ROCK & BEACH

54 competitors participated in the rock and beach event and caught 243 fish for 47.995 kg

O.N.Hayes Trophy

<u>Champion Angler</u>	Steven Hunter (SQ)	32 fish for 6.030 kg	92.30 points
Runner up	John Russo (SQ)	35 fish for 5.350 kg	88.50 points
3 rd Place	Andrew Curtis (Tweed)	16 fish for 5.174 kg	67.74 points
4 th Place	Chris Jacobsen (Bundy)	22 fish for 2.405 kg	46.05 points
Most Points Veteran	Neil Reberger (SQ)	10 fish for 2.45 kg	34.50 points
Most Points Ladies	Jane Clark (Tweed)	6 fish for 1.52 kg	21.20 points
Most Points Junior	Ezekiel Bullard (Bundy)	7 fish for 0.704 kg	14.04 points

A.N.Robinson Shield

<u>Champion Divisional Team</u>	Tweed	154.31 points
Ron Curtis, Andrew Curtis, Geoff Richards, Toni Richards, Brenda Lee Shelly, Adam Garbett		
<u>Runner up team</u>	South Queensland	141.07 points
Damian Maudsley, Steven Hunter, Todd Payne, Barry Weimar, Dave Reberger, Les Clark		

Bluefin Shield

<u>Champion Club Team</u>	City Hall	180.80 points
Steven Hunter, John Russo		

OFFSHORE

35 competitors participated in the offshore event and caught 328 fish for 146.389 kg.

Peter Day Trophy

<u>Champion Angler</u>	Steven Hunter (SQ)	15 fish for 27.80 kg	293.00 points
Runner up	Gavin Shepherd (Cairns)	15 fish for 15.305 kg	168.05 points
3 rd Place	Todd Payne (SQ)	7 fish for 12.184 kg	128.84 points
4 th Place	John Russo (SQ)	9 fish for 11.430 kg	123.30 points
Most Points Veteran	Wayne Ivers (CQ)	11 fish for 7.660 kg	87.60 points
Most Points Ladies	Jane Clark (Tweed)	8 fish for 7.150 kg	79.50 points

E.Bryce Shield

Champion Divisional Team South Queensland 686.56 points
Steven Hunter, John Russo, Matt Reberger, Dave Reberger, Neil Reberger, Les Clark

Runner up team Cairns 323.81 points
Barry Smart, David Shepherd, Gavin Shepherd

Bluefin Shield

Champion Club Team City Hall 416.30 points
Steven Hunter, John Russo



There would probably be some surprises amongst these names, as there are some the AAA people have not heard of before, and from what I've been told, they are all coming to the National Championships. Unfortunately, we are not as organised as other states and have no idea what our teams might be at present, but we'll get there eventually.

We fished the out tides on our State Titles and in some places it doesn't make any difference, but it seems to on the Discovery Coast. I fished on the up tide this time and you wouldn't believe the difference it made, so I would say that is why our catches were down a fair bit on the last time we held a State Title there. If you would like to see the full results of the state titles you could go to the QAFCA Face Book Page - it's all there.

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We had the Annual Meeting of the Australian Anglers Association on September 6 and delegates from all states attended; unfortunately, New Zealand delegates were unable to come along. It was fairly quiet and there were minor changes to our constitution, but nothing major. Queensland submitted the full proposal for the upcoming National Championships and it was accepted without change, so you are going to have to put up with me until after September 2, 2020, as President General.

One last thing - there are now 9 and half months (291 days) to go before the 36 th National Angling Championships and Convention begins and at this stage, I have only 15 intention to attend forms filled out and returned. It would be an enormous help if we could get them filled out and returned before the carnival starts and we can do what we have to do from our end e.g. preparing ID tags, assembly sample bags, ordering badges, etc. etc. I am not overly concerned about the money at present, (but it would be nice to get it). It will save a great deal of time on registration day if your paper work is completed and your name and bag tags are already printed. So please help us to help you make this a smooth process.

*John A Crone OAM
President General*