

STATE TITLE RESULTS 2014

State Titles in the Light Gear, Rock & Beach, Boat Estuary and Offshore were conducted in 2014. Full results of these competitions can be found by clicking on the links.

Q.A.F.C.A. Inc. ROCK & BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The State Rock & Beach and Light Gear Championships were hosted by the South Queensland Division and held on Moreton Island on the weekend 29th to 31st August.

Leading up to the weekend, we had a low out to sea with some very inclement, windy weather and to be truthful, I wondered just how we were going to run a rock and beach event based on this forecast, but sanity prevailed and the decision was made to fish the northern part of the island at Yellow Patch, so the wind would be at your back. I think this met with approval by all, for after looking at the outside beach covered in white foam whipped up by the wind, I would have said it was unfishable.

41 competitors nominated and 32 weighed in 248 fish for a total of 64.56 kg. The results were as follows –

CHAMPION TEAM	South Queensland Steve Hunter, Matt Russo, Adam Evans, Ian Williams, Peter Miller, Robbie Miller	241 points
RUNNER-UP TEAM	Ipswich Allan Savage, John Crone, Rachel Bunker	83.6 points
CLUB TEAM	Redcliffe City No 1 Neil Reberger, Noel Brauer, Matt Russo, Adam Evans	164.8 points
CHAMPION ANGLER	Steve Hunter (City Hall)	74.9 points
RUNNER-UP	Dave Reberger (Redcliffe City)	58.6 points
3rd	Neil Reberger (Redcliffe City)	56.5 points
4th	Peter Miller (Blue Fin)	46.3 points
Most points Veteran	Noel Brauer (Redcliffe City)	54.7 points
Most Points Lady	Rachel Bunker (Marburg)	26.4 points
Most Points Junior	Nick Edwards (Blue Fin)	30.1 points

Q.A.F.C.A. Inc. LIGHT GEAR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The State Light Gear Championships were held on Saturday, 30th August, in almost perfect weather conditions, except for a slight SE wind. The results were as follows –

MALE 42 competitors nominated and 39 weighed in 262 fish for a total of 55.71 kg.

CHAMPION TEAM	South Queensland Steve Hunter, Mark Brauer, Jim Mackenroth, Neil Reberger, Ian Williams, Noel Brauer	260.3 points
RUNNER-UP TEAM	Near North Coast Ross Norman	12.6 points
CLUB TEAM	Redcliffe City No 1 Mark Brauer, Noel Brauer, Matt Russo, Adam Evans	174.7 points
CHAMPION ANGLER	Mark Brauer (Redcliffe City)	95.8 points
RUNNER-UP	Steve Hunter (City Hall)	91.4 points
3 rd	Peter Miller (Blue Fin)	59.4 points
4 th	Barry James (Redcliffe City)	46.2 points

Most Points Veteran	Jim Mackenroth (Virginia Nundah)	46.5 points
Heaviest Fish	Peter Miller Squire	0.78 kg

FEMALE 3 competitors nominated and fished, weighing in 8 fish for 2.14 kg

CHAMPION TEAM	South Queensland Jody Reberger	12.9 points
RUNNER-UP TEAM	Tweed Coast Brenda- Lee Shelly	12.1 points
CLUB TEAM	Blue Fin Jody Reberger	12.9 points
CHAMPION ANGLER	Jody Reberger (Blue Fin)	12.9 points
RUNNER-UP	Brenda- Lee Shelly (Tweed Heads)	12.1 points
3 rd	Rachel Bunker (Marburg)	4.4 points
Heaviest Fish	Brenda- Lee Shelly Dart	0.6 kg

JUNIOR 7 juniors nominated and 6 caught 36 fish for 8.23kg

CHAMPION TEAM	No competition; only one division participated	
CLUB TEAM	Redcliffe city	73.5 points
	Barry James Jnr, Lochie Black, Tom Barry, Blake Stuczyk	
CHAMPION ANGLER	Barry James Jnr (Redcliffe City)	43.3 points
RUNNER-UP	Nick Edwards (Blue Fin)	35.4 points
3 rd	Lochie Black (Redcliffe City)	19.3 points
4 th	Brandon Stainer (Victory)	9.4 points
Heaviest Fish	Barry James Jnr Flathead	0.47 kg
	Brandon Stainer Bream	0.47 kg



Q.A.F.CA. Inc. BOAT ESTUARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On a breezy weekend in the State's beautiful tropical north, Postele Fishing Club (Cairns Division) hosted the State Boat Estuary Titles on Saturday, 4th October. They were to have hosted the State Offshore Titles on the Sunday, but strong winds blew up and it was considered unsafe to venture out.

62 competitors from 6 divisions participated in the Boat Estuary Titles, with 6 brave souls coming from as far south as Ipswich and South Queensland. Fish were not easy to find with the top catch being 8 fish. 14 competitors caught only one fish each, and another 24 didn't even trouble the scorer.

However, the lack in fish numbers was more than made up for by the warm, friendly welcome afforded by our northern cousins, who put on a welcome BBQ on Friday night, free hamburgers after the weigh-in on Saturday and a sumptuous presentation dinner on Sunday evening.

The following is a summary of the results –

CHAMPION TEAM	Cairns	206.6 points
	Kevin Jensen, Denis Knight, Barry Smart, Troy Knight, Dave Anderson, Darren Sanders	
RUNNER-UP TEAM	Ipswich	88.6 points
	John Crone, Allan Savage, Graham Pitt	

CLUB TEAM	Postele No 1		223.8 points
	Lynette Binder, Barry Smart, Dave Anderson, Darren Sanders		
CHAMPION ANGLER	Darren Sanders (Postele)		94.0 points
RUNNER-UP	Dustin Morgan (Postele)		65.2 points
3 rd	Shane Moller (Cairns Rod & Reel)		65.0 points
4 th	Denis Knight (Edmonton)		36.4 points
Most Points Veteran	Laurie Payne (Kalka CQ)		34.6 points
Most Points Lady	Lynette Binder (Postele)		86.8 points
Most Points Junior	Beau Rogers (Postele)		26.4 points
Heaviest Fish	John Mondora	Barramundi	8.08 kg

POSTELE CALCUTTA CHALLENGE 2014

Since the State Offshore Titles were cancelled, the Postele Fishing Club decided to put on a Postele Calcutta Challenge. I still haven't been able to work out why it's called a 'Calcutta' challenge, but here's a description of the event from the competition secretary, Jason masters.

"The Postele Fishing Club in Cairns each year holds its annual Postele Challenge, which is an Estuary fishing competition between the local Cairns affiliated QAFCA clubs. This is normally held over the long weekend in October. Clubs nominate their teams and prizes are given for champion team, champion angler and various species awards. The venue for the event for the past few years has been the Hinchinbrook Channel, with the weigh-in occurring on the foreshore at Cardwell on the Sunday afternoon.

With the Postele Club being awarded the Boat Estuary and Offshore State Titles for 2014, it was decided to postpone this year's Postele Challenge and concentrate on the running of the State Titles. As the weeks drew closer, the club was hoping that the weather gods would play a part and allow for the Offshore Titles to happen. If the gods went crazy and decided to blow out the Offshore comp, then a decision would be made by the committee to hold the Postele Calcutta Challenge, where the names of all anglers that were to fish the Offshore would go into a hat and random draws would be made to form teams of 4. This was decided so as to mix anglers in teams and provide an opportunity for people to meet new people from different areas and also provide an opportunity to share in some of the prizes on offer.

Well, the State Titles weekend had arrived and the weather gods decided that we were not to go offshore, so the decision was made on Saturday before the weigh-in that the Postele Calcutta Challenge was to be held. The draw for the teams took place after the weigh-in of the State Boat Estuary Titles and it was watched in anticipation by all those in attendance to see who they were to be teamed with. In the end, there were 14 teams that were to compete on the Sunday, with not one team being made up of members from the same club.

The day started with a mad rush to get to fishing spots with lines in at 6a.m. and lines up at 2p.m. followed by the weigh-in at 4p.m. on the Sunday. As everyone returned for the weigh-in, team mates were meeting to compare catches and see how everyone else went. There were some impressive catches with some nice Barra and Golden Trevally being weighed, as well as various other species. The final results and awards were to be presented at the dinner that night, with everyone keen to find out if their team had taken out the top award.

The awards started and it was explained that the reasoning behind the comp was to get anglers to mix with other anglers that had come to enjoy the tropical north and for them to catch a few fish, but most importantly we were all there to have fun. The results were in and the Champion Team was Team 8 – Lois Berlund (Postele), Ben Ivers (Keppel), Christine Maloney (Apex AAAC) and Phil Walsh (Sth Qld). The champion team was made up of 4 anglers from 4 different clubs. Could you ask for a better result? Also the runner up team had 3 different clubs represented. The Champion Angler went to John Mondora from Cairns Rod & Reel Club who weighed in an impressive 8.08kg Barramundi.

From a club perspective and from the feedback that we received, the Postele Calcutta Challenge was a great success and everyone enjoyed the way the competition was held and run. It would have been

good to fish the Offshore competition, but to be able to see anglers from away mix and mingle the way they did and share their stories was a great sight. The club must thank all the anglers that travelled from away to participate in the State Titles and Postele Challenge and make the weekend what it was.”

From the editor: *Having fished the day before, most anglers had more of an idea where to go, so some good catches of fish came across the scales, with only 14 anglers missing out. There were 89 fish caught for a total weight of 99.78 kg, a big improvement on the previous day's effort*

Results were as follows –

<i>Champion Club Team</i>	<i>No. 8</i>	<i>236.6 points</i>
	<i>Christine Maloney (Apex CQ), Ben Ivers (Keppel CQ), Lois Berlund (Postele Cairns), Phil Walsh (Victory SQ)</i>	
<i>Runner-up Team</i>	<i>No. 11</i>	<i>166.6 points</i>
	<i>John Mondora (Rod & Reel Cairns), Jason Masters (Postele Cairns), Ken Grobe (Waterside SQ), Gary Woodrow (Postele Cairns)</i>	
<i>Champion Angler</i>	<i>John Mondora (Cairns Rod & Reel)</i>	<i>112.4 points</i>
<i>Runner-up</i>	<i>Ben Ivers (Keppel CQ)</i>	<i>97.2 points</i>
<i>3rd</i>	<i>Phil Walsh (Victory SQ)</i>	<i>86.8 points</i>
<i>4th</i>	<i>John Crone (Aberdare Ipswich)</i>	<i>78.0 points</i>

As well as running 4th, John Crone also managed to catch the most variety of fish.