

QPA Challenge Trial a Success

At the 2017 QPA AGM the then President Charles Brook advised the meeting that the Management Committee was going to replace the Queensland Zone Championships on a 1 year trial with a new type of carnival. Clubs would be moved from one Zone to another to even the playing numbers around the State. Zone uniforms would still be used and all divisions still competed for. Nominations for a host venue were taken from the floor and a vote was held with Tansey Club the victors.

Over the past 16 months the QPA Management Committee has worked very hard to make Zone groups even in numbers and develop some workable guidelines for the QPA Challenge. Our aim was to provide a carnival that all members could take part in if they wished. They would be able to play in a competition that suited their grade and have fun while playing. It would be open for all age groups and



Photo by Kelly Mullins

all standards. It was also decided this would be a compulsory selection carnival for the 2020 State teams. By doing this all Queensland players and supporters could come along to one place and watch the best in the State play. We promised that every player that nominated would get a game and we made sure that happened.

I take this opportunity to thank all the players that attended and played. It was

wonderful to see 54 teams compete in the Masters, Senior, Intermediate and Juniors. Plus I cannot forget the Mini Juniors out there on the main field showing their stuff. I thank the Tansey Club on hosting a wonderful carnival for all to attend. We realise there are things that can be improved if we continue with the QPA Challenge but we also think the majority really enjoyed the concept of the event.

The Management Committee is after feedback and will be sending out a short survey to make sure that members are keen to try this again in two years. We will discuss and vote on the future of the QPA Challenge at the QPA AGM in December so please make sure your club knows your thoughts about the event. Lastly but not least thank you to everyone that made the QPA Challenge happen.

Christine Franklin
President



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Alex Rowe Champion Lady Player of the Carnival Memorial recipient Sam Allen with Terrance Rowe



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Nick Muller Memorial Award Winner Anthony O'Leary

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A Grade Junior Winners Outback Zone



A Grade Mens Winners Capricornia with PAA President Graham Lane

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A Grade Mens Winners Capricornia taking on Far North Queensland in the final

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Outback v South East Queensland Zone in the A Grade Juniors Final

QPA Challenge Results

- A Men Winners** - CAP
- A Men Runners Up** - FNQ
- A Men Beaten** - SEQ
- Best Horse and Rider** - Blake Wells
- B Men Winners** - FNQ 2
- B Men Runners Up** - FNQ 3
- B Men Beaten** - OB 3
- Best Horse and Rider** - Wes Thumm
- C Men Winners** - FNQ 5
- C Men Runners Up** - FNQ 4
- A Women Winners** - FNQ
- A Women Runners Up** - CAP
- Best Horse and Rider** - Beth Hafey
- B Women Winners** - LEICH 2
- B Women Runners Up** - FNQ 2
- Best Horse and Rider** - Katie Grimmond
- C Women Winners** - SEQ 3
- C Women Runners Up** - CAP 2
- Best Horse and Rider** - Kate Lahr
- Masters Men Winners** - LEICH
- Master Men Runners Up** - OB
- Masters Open Winners** - FNQ
- Masters Open Runners Up** - CAP
- Masters Best Horse and Rider** - Clay Colless
- Intermediate Mixed Winners** - Central West
- Intermediate Mixed Runners Up** - SEQ

- Best U21 Girl** - Caitlin Brook
- Best U21 Boy** - Callum Brook
- Intermediate Open Winners** - FNQ 1
- Intermediate Open Runners Up** - FNQ 2
- Best Horse and Rider** - Jaeban Loy
- A Junior Winners** - OB
- A Junior Runners Up** - SEQ
- Best Horse and Rider** - Laura Shultz
- B Junior Winners** - CAP 2
- B Junior Runners Up** - LEICH 2
- Best Horse and Rider** - Tracey Betts
- C Junior Winners** - FNQ 2
- C Junior Runners Up** - SEQ 3
- Best Horse and Rider** - Tom McMahon
- Champion Junior Girl** - Jasmine Bowden
- Champion Junior Boy** - Riley Edmiston
- Nick Muller Best Intermediate Player of the Carnival Memorial** - Anthony O'Leary
- Champion Horse of Carnival** - Michael Markham-Gaudin (Terry Waters horse - Chance)
- Burnsy Champion Lady Horse of Carnival Memorial** - Sam Allen
- Alex Rowe Champion Lady Player of the Carnival Memorial** - Sam Allen

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Queensland's Youngest Learn from the State's Best Players



More than 70 participants of all levels of Junior and intermediate players took to the field for 2 days of intensive coaching at the QPA youth camp held at Tansey in July. The youngsters were coached by players who are among some of Australia's best, including those

who have represented Australian and Queensland. The training, both on foot and horseback covered areas such as ball skills, tactics and horsemanship. The camp was developed to give Queensland youngsters the knowledge to stay safe and be competitive.



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Women take Centre Stage at Toowoomba

The QPA Women's Carnival held in Oakey in June saw a record number of nominations with 17 teams competing over 4 grades.

Toowoomba Polocrosse Club provided 2 fields dedicated to the Women's competition and we managed to get everyone through.

A big thankyou to Penny Kelly for her help, it certainly was a massive job.

Our guest speakers were very well received. Cameron Shepherd and Kath Madder both engaged the audience with some great discussion as a result. Many thanks to them both.

From the feedback I have received, everyone had a lot of fun and got a lot out of the experience. The coaches were great as were the mentors.

Mirella O'Sullivan



It is Easy to Keep Family and Friends in the Polocrosse Loop!

Thank you for all the positive comments about our exciting Behind The Goal Post eNews. The newsletter was initially developed to be sent to QPA members but we have received a lot of requests to add non member emails so family and friends can be kept in the loop about polocrosse. Please contact the QPA office via email poloxqld@bigpond.net.au or call 07 4632 3045 to have your family and friends email addresses added to receive future action packed editions of Behind The Goal Post eNews.

We Want Your Memories!

Photo by Charlie Keegan



Lauren Sillitoe

Photos needed for 2020 Calendar and 2019 printed Magazine

Queensland Polocrosse Association will be putting together their 2020 wall calendar and printed Behind the Goal Post Magazine in October and would like to use photos taken by people around the sidelines of play and social moments during 2019. Ideally we would love to showcase a cross section of photos from as many Queensland Clubs as we can.

We are looking for great photos taken during this season and we welcome submissions. If you take a photo you think would look great in the calendar or magazine, you can send it to me any time throughout the season on poloqld@bigpond.net.au.

ALL GOOD PHOTOS ARE WELCOME HOWEVER as there is a website gallery as well as the online publications which we need photos for.

The guidelines for the Calendar and Magazine are as follows:

The photos must have been taken in 2019.

The photos must be landscape orientation (Calendar).

The photos must be 300dpi or better resolution so they print really well in large size or a minimum of 2MB in file size. Unfortunately, if they don't meet these specifications, the graphic artist is unlikely to be able to use them.

Please send the name of the people in the photos if you know who they are and where and when the photo was taken, plus the photographer's name. If you can rename the photo with these details in the photo name before

sending it to me, it makes it a lot easier for the committee reviewing the photos.

If you are sending a lot of large file size photos, we can set up a digital Dropbox for you to copy and paste the photos into so you don't use all your data and clog up your email sending them to us. Please contact me at poloqld@bigpond.net.au to let me know if you need a Dropbox.

With the volume of photos we receive, not all photos will be used. The photos will be assessed for use in the calendar and/or magazine and if any of your photos are selected, you will get the photo credit in the publication.

We look forward to receiving a great mix of photos that show what an amazing sport polocrosse is.



Wandoan v Roma

Photo by Anne Maree Lloyd