



QCTA State Sporting Carnival

Townsville Gun Club 25th & 26th June 2022

Once again, the Townsville Gun Club proved to be a terrific venue for the 2022 Queensland State 5-Stand Sporting Carnival with 4 very different layouts offering shooters a wide variety of targets. It was plain to see the work that had gone into preparing the grounds for the 95 shooters that travelled to attend this event, with the layouts looking green and pristine for the competition. We couldn't have asked for more perfect weather for the weekend.



Carnival Sash Winners

Saturday's event was the 100 target Top Shot 5-Stand Championship, generously sponsored once again by Dean Crouch from Top Shot

Industries, who put in many hours of travel and work to assist in presenting great targets to the competitors.

Overall winner of the Top Shot 100 and 2021 defending champion was Aaron Knowles from the Gold



Left: Top Shot OA Champ Aaron Knowles

Coast Club shooting 89/100 to take the title, cash and Top Shot sash. Antony Ballarino was 1st in AA grade shooting 85/100, with Martin Scott from Toowoomba 2nd on 84/100. Townsville locals Matt Baldwin

and Chris Barber were 1st and 2nd in A grade shooting 86/100 and 85/100 respectively, and Megan Baldwin won B grade with 89/110 from Peter Ballarino 87/110. 1st in C grade was Noah Schefe 73/100 with Darryl Chapman 2nd in C, shooting 71/100. Top junior was Max Baldwin on 78/100, Meagan Baldwin was the best Lady



Townsville GC President Wayne Benson welcomes shooters



Top Shot 2nd A Chris Barber



Top Shot Junior Max Baldwin



Top Shot Veteran Vinnie Vitale with Brian Muirson



Top Shot Ladies Meagan Baldwin

79/100 and Vinnie Vitale from Quilpie Sporting Clays won the Veterans category with 81/100.

A great incentive by QCTA State President, Davo Back, saw the introduction of the inaugural Zone Sporting Teams challenge where the top 3 shooters off the gun in each Zone contested the championship in a 25 target round

across the layouts. With only 2 targets between each Zone it was an extremely close competition – congratulations to the Northern Zone who finished victorious. Zone team members and scores were 1st Northern Zone – Matthew Baldwin, Chris Barber and Antony Ballarino 66/75, 2nd Western Zone – Vinnie Vitale, Les Sutton and Lachie Broom 64/75, 3rd South East Zone – Martin Scott, Anthony Sheridan and William Swainston 62/75, 4th Central Zone – Glenn Johnson, Rob Cary and Corey Tremlett 60/75. Thank you to all Zones for submitting teams for this event which was enjoyed by the spectators cheering on their Zone representatives. The QCTA was very pleased to welcome new sponsor Rohan Warwick from Extreme Excavators who generously sponsored the 100 target championship event on the Sunday, along with the Carnival High Gun prize. Antony Ballarino was the overall winner of the 100 target Extreme Excavators 5-Stand Classic with an impressive 94/100. 1st in AA grade was Aaron Knowles 92/100 with Paul Moloney from Toowoomba 2nd on 86/100. Bronson Barden won the A grade prize shooting 88/100 with Glenn Johnson from Mackay Sarina close behind on 87/100. Max Baldwin was 1st in B grade with 84/100, Peter Ballarino 2nd 91/110, with Lachie Broom shooting 75/100 to finish 1st in C grade and Tambo's Jack Brandt, new to sporting,



Northern Zone winning team

2nd in C with 73/100. Max Baldwin won the Junior trophy with 84/100, Meagan Baldwin was the top Lady 80/100 and Phil Craig from Cooma won the Veterans prize with 84/100.

Congratulations to the Queensland Sporting Team representatives



Antony Ballarino
Extreme Excavators OA Champ



Extreme Excavators 1st A
Bronson Barden



Extreme Excavators B 2nd
Peter Ballarino



Extreme Excavators 1st C Lachie Broom & sponsor Rohan Warwick



Extreme Excavators 1st AA
Aaron Knowles



Extreme Excavators 2nd AA
Paul Moloney

for 2022, with the Open team to compete at the Nationals in 2023. Open Team – Aaron Knowles, Antony Ballarino and Bronson Barden, with 1st reserve Steven Ryder. Ladies Team – Meagan Baldwin, Debbie Young and Michelle Russell. Junior Team – Max Baldwin, Jack Brandt and Athan Phillis. Veterans Team – Vinnie Vitale, Mike Swale and David Williams. Well done to all team members.

Great shooting by Aaron Knowles to win



Overall High Gun, the Queensland title, State badge and cash with 181/200. This was Aaron's second consecutive year as State Champion. Thanks again to Extreme Excavators for their very generous sponsorship of the Overall title.

We greatly appreciated sponsorship of the

Left: Extreme Excavators
Best Veteran Phil Craig



Queensland State Open Team



Queensland Junior Team members



Queensland Veteran's Team members



A Grade High Gun Bronson Barden & Brian Muirson



President Davo Back, OA High Gun Aaron Knowles, sponsor Rohan Warwick



C grade High Gun Noah Scheff



Veterans High Gun Vinnie Vitale



Ladies High Gun Meagan Baldwin



Junior High Gun Max Baldwin

grade high guns this year with Beefer BBQ from Ilfracombe and Marto Hoolihan generously contributing the cash prizes for these awards. Port Denison's Antony Ballarino won AA grade High Gun shooting 179/200 and proving his worth as a terrific all rounder in multiple disciplines. Bronson Barden from the Gold Coast took out the A grade High Gun with an impressive 172/200. Townsville's Max Baldwin was the B High Gun gun winner with 162/200, and Noah Scheffe won C High Gun shooting 140/200.

Yet more generous sponsorship was forthcoming for the section high guns with Townsville Gun Shop providing the prizes for all section winners – thank you so much for your support for this event. Max Baldwin won the Junior High Gun 162/200, Meagan Baldwin won the Ladies High Gun with 159/200, and Vinnie Vitale took out the Veterans High Gun 165/210.

Sporting carnivals and events are particularly labour intensive and require a large amount of effort, equipment and expertise to present quality targets to competitors. Thank you to Townsville Gun Club president Wayne Benson, his committee and members for a fabulous effort to host this carnival at such an impeccable standard. Shooters appreciated the efforts of the bar and kitchen staff who catered to everyone's needs over the weekend, office and grounds workers, and all who helped in any capacity to make this event such a success.

Traps and assistance were also provided from

across the Northern Zone and we thank Charters Towers Gun Club, Herbert River Gun Club and all the additional support from neighbouring clubs and across the Northern Zone for their loan of equipment and their assistance with this carnival. Thanks also to Dean Crouch, Brett Chambellant, Matthew Baldwin, Grant Paviour and the many other shooters who assisted with set-up, trapping, maintenance and with the many jobs required to keep the shoot running smoothly.

As arguably one of our most successful Queensland State 5-Stand Sporting events, we cannot thank our sponsors enough for their generous contributions to shooters. We could not have conducted this event without their support. Thank you to Rohan Warwick from Extreme Excavators, Marto Hoolihan from Beefer BBQ, Dean Crouch from Top Shot Industries, Townsville Gun Shop and Rob Cary from Consolidated Engineering. Please continue to support the sponsors that support our sport.

Thank you to all who travelled to the beautiful Townsville Gun Club to attend this event and congratulations to all the winners. We look forward to seeing you at Caboolture in 2023.

Debbie Young, QCTA

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