



President's Message

It's been a busy time at SSAA Queensland and, of course, in the state.

The state election results are in, and we welcome a new premier and ministerial team. Firstly, we would like to thank Mark Ryan for his accessibility to us and other stakeholders with an interest in firearm legislation as Police Minister for the past seven years. Secondly, we welcome the new Police and Emergency Services Minister Dan Purdie and look forward to having a strong and productive working relationship. We also welcome the re-election of Robbie Katter, who is a long-time supporter of ours.

SSAA Queensland has had some wins of our own recently, being awarded the equivalent of 'best on field' nationally for the implementation of our membership program; we have upgraded our IT and membership office to take on managing the membership of our state, rather than our membership being managed interstate by SSAA Inc. This has given us greater cybersecurity protection, increased privacy and means we are now totally self-reliant. The award is given to organisations that are achieving great things for their members. It's also another reason you can be proud of SSAA Queensland, as we represent you to be the largest, most powerful and modern shooting organisation among the various SSAA states and territories, let alone other shooting organisation brands.



Finally, we are thrilled to announce we have started a new magazine for SSAA Queensland's near 80,000 members. Called *The Report*, the first digital version will be emailed to members in December and then be additionally printed every second month from February next year.

While the magazine is proudly Queensland-based and will feature many a hunting and target sports story from this state, it will have pieces from all across Australia and even internationally. It's just another benefit you get from your membership with us. SSAA Queensland *is* your genuine reason and *now* so much more.

Safe shooting.

Hellen Gill

SSAA Queensland President

2024 State Championships, Nationals and International Results – Qld Roundup

(Click the links for full reports and results)

The stakes have been high the past six months for Queensland shooters from numerous disciplines, with seven state, national and international events either being hosted in Queensland and/or won by our inspiring Queensland members. We've seen well-run and attended championships from Big Game Rifle, Action Match, Field Rifle, Air Rifle, Lever Action, and Working Gun Dogs. Below is a brief snapshot of these events, with links to full reports and results available on the Discipline sections of our website.

The 'biggest' event of the 2024 SSAA Qld competitive season surely had to be the [International Big Game Rifle Championships](#) held in Darwin. Hosted by the Northern Territory Big Game Rifle Club at the SSAA Mickett Creek Shooting Complex in August, it welcomed 40 competitors, but it was our own *Graeme Wright** who came out on top and was crowned World Champion!



***Note:** Just to prove his International BGR win was no fluke, Graeme claimed his seventh BGR National title at the National Championships in October!

Image: Andy Armstrong (SSAA Darwin President), Graeme Wright receiving the overall winner's trophy and Mick Connor (SSAA Darwin BGR Captain).

The [Queensland State Lever Action Championships](#) were held at SSAA Eidsvold in late August/early September. 28 competitors took part. The hosts put on a good show, with numerous branch volunteers managing the logistics; their contributions at the range allowed the shooters to focus solely on their shooting to put up impressive results. Open Calibre champion was Craig Oliver (347); winner of the Classic Calibre was Les Challacombe (324.02) and Don Chesworth (661.09) claimed the Two Gun Aggerate title.



A strong field of 28 competitors took part in the Championship.




Sunny Tin Can Bay was host of the [National Air Rifle Field Target](#) competition at the SSAA MacRae Range. Targets were placed to meet international requirements and to test the skills of the competitors, ensuring our shooters were match ready for international competitions. An Australian team made up of four Queenslanders will be heading to the USA this month. At this National Championship, Darius Krivanek was named 2024 National Champion.

On a picturesque private property in the Dayboro, Queensland area in September, the [SSAA United Field & Retrieving Branch Inc Queensland](#) held 'The

Queensland Cup', an event contested since the 1970s. The final winner, and this year's deserving retrieving champion team is Margaret Sullivan (Qld) (pictured) and her beautiful Labrador Retriever, 'Tori' – RTCD RTCH Roughwater, Victoria.



Outgoing Big Game Rifle SDC, Hazel Bozic, said the [SSAA Qld State Big Game Rifle Championships](#) held at SSAA Fraser Coast in October had a good turnout. She was pleased to see visitors from NSW and Victoria taking part as well as one Junior from the Fraser Coast Branch. Thirteen individual events were shot, with impressive results. Final results saw Mark Savage in first, Mark Hibbert close behind for second and in third, Rod Williams.

The [National Lever Action Championships](#) took place at the Townsville range in early October. If any of the 40 competitors were looking for poor-shot excuses, the fine and hot Townsville weather with a not too unfriendly breeze, did not offer any. While no Queensland shooters placed individually in the top three places, the final event for the Championships was the State Teams match, which was won by the Queensland Team of Jacob Guinea, David Mitchell, Robert Luther and Kerry Guinea. 



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