



SSAA News

This month saw the hosting of the 2025 SSAA Queensland Annual General Meeting at Captains Mountain near Millmerran.

With more than 75 delegates, observers and staff in attendance, it was an opportunity to discuss the achievements and challenges of the past 12 months and to swap stories in between the formal discussions with fellow shooters from across our vast state.

President Hellen Gill presented the Executive Report and informed the meeting that this was her last day in that position and that she endorsed Treasurer Jeff Ross to take on the position. Jeff was duly elected as President and the delegates thanked Hellen for her committed service.

See the November issue of *The Report* for details of this year's AGM. 



Hellen Gill endorsed Treasurer Jeff Ross to step into the position of President on her retirement. The delegates thanked Hellen for her committed service.

Application for Collector Licences


A number of members applying for Collector Licences are having their applications put on hold due to two major issues: not supplying a current declaration (QP517) stating they are members of the Q60 Branch and not answering all the questions on the application. You must give sufficient information as to why you want a Collectors License. Ignoring the question will result in your application being put on hold.

You will need to address several points such as:

- Your history of firearms uses. (Explain for example how you enjoy shooting ex-military rifles and wish to build a collection of military rifles.)
- How long you had an interest in collecting firearms, how did your interest begin?
- Examples of firearms and or other relevant items that you have collected to date.
- Do you have a collection of books /magazines relating to your interest or relevant items (e.g., bayonets, webbing) you may have collected to date?
- Do you spend time online researching particular firearms/ themes, etc?
- Do you attend firearms fairs?

Being a member of an Approved Historical Society and paying a fee for the licence application is not enough.

Renewing a Collectors Licence – please see instructions below. You must submit a declaration (QP517) from the branch stating you are in good standing.

A reminder in regard to online PTA Applications – Some not unreasonable confusion is arising when members are applying online for an Application for PTA for an H Class firearm on a Collectors Licence. The system will prompt you for a QP517 declaration. Do not request a QP517 from the branch. Substitute a Collectable Firearm Substantiated Evidence Form in lieu of the QP517. If you need this new form, Branch Q60 can email you a Word version. Contact: historicalarms@ssaaqld.org.au 



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Centrefire 4 Gun Championships

By Leea Cherry

The Springsure Benchrest Club played host to the 2025 Queensland State Centrefire 4 Gun Championship at Captains Mountain Complex in August, and what an unforgettable four days it was! From sunshine to hail, shooters experienced *all four seasons in one weekend*.

Unlimited

The Championship kicked off under clear skies with the Unlimited Class, where Paul Sullivan made an early statement with a *screamer* group of .196 at 100 yards. Paul also claimed the small group at 200 yards and went on to win the 'overall' - a brilliant start to his weekend.

Light Centrefire

If Unlimited was pleasant, Light Centrefire was the polar opposite - extremely cold with two hailstorms sweeping through. 100 yards saw Annie Elliot delivering a *jaw-dropping* .060 group so small and tidy it turned heads and made eyes squint all along the firing line. The 200-yard shoot saw John Babic take honours, with a .386 small group; yet it was Jason Edwards who took home the win. He is one of the new and upcoming shooters to benchrest and proving to be one to watch. Paul Sullivan kept his great start for the weekend and took out the Aggregate for Light.



Chilly winds and hailstorms ensured any potential placegetters had to perform at their best.

Heavy Centrefire

Day three brought wild, blustery winds that tested everyone's patience and skills. 100 yards saw Keith Sewell tame the gusts with a .129 group. 200 yards was all Annie Elliot's, again showing her consistency with a .297 group, which earned her the overall Heavy Centrefire win.

Congratulations also to John Babic, who claimed the Light & Heavy 2 Gun title - a well-deserved achievement in truly challenging conditions.

Sporter

The final day saw the mercury rise, with shooters finally starting to defrost. The 100-yards small group went to Les Fraser, who impressed with a .145 group. 200 yards saw Paul Sullivan adding another small group win with .305. However, it was William Greer who emerged as the Overall Sporter Champion, with solid, consistent shooting across the board.



Sun and warmer temperatures were a welcome sight for all attendees.

Overall results

- 3 Gun Champion: John Babic
- 4 Gun Champion: Paul Sullivan

A huge thank you to all competitors, especially those who travelled long distances to attend. Most importantly, our deepest gratitude goes to our dedicated volunteers. Without you, events like this simply wouldn't be possible.

Four days. Four guns. Four seasons in one weekend. The Queensland State Centrefire 4 Gun Championship for 2025 will be remembered for fierce competition, wild weather and the camaraderie that makes benchrest shooting so special. 🎯

COMPETITION PLANNER

2025

State Championships in Queensland

- Rifle Silhouette: SSAA Brisbane, October 3-6
- United Field and Retrieving SE Qld: September 27-28

Nationals

- Action Match: SSAA Bundaberg, September 19-21
- Combined Services: Windamere Shooting Complex, NSW, September 19-21
- Air Rifle: SSAA Tin Can Bay, September 26-28
- Single Action: Chisholm Trail at Captains Mountain, September 28 – October 5

Postal Shoots

- Muzzleloading: July 1- December 31
- Muzzleloading: Pacific Zone Postal Shoot, July 1 – September 3
- Single Action: Chisholm Trail at Captains Mountain, September 28 – October 5

The Report – September 2025



September's issue of *The Report* is out now. You can catch up on all the great content [here](#). Highlights from this issue include:

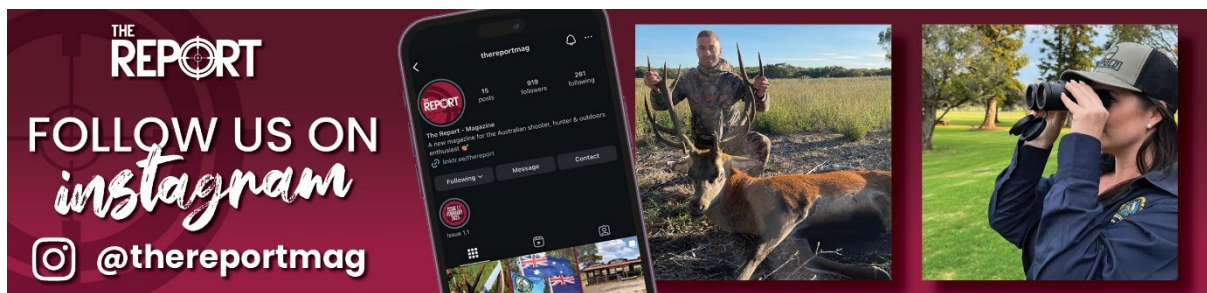
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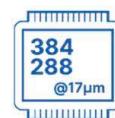


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Extra compact pocket-size design

The Axion Compact line is known for its pocket-size form factor, with the Axion XQ19 being the most compact model yet. Ideal for quick access and all-day carry, it adds minimal weight to your setup and fits easily into almost any pocket or pouch.



Equipped with a 384x288 resolution thermal sensor, the monocular delivers reliable heat signature detection. Whether scanning densely vegetated terrain or navigating urban surroundings, this sensor ensures dependable performance.



With a thermal sensitivity rating of less than 18 mK, the Axion XQ19 excels in capturing even the smallest temperature differences. This results in crisp, high-contrast imagery even in challenging weather conditions.



The Axion XQ19 Compact is the first Pulsar monocular to feature a 19 mm lens. This contributes to its ultra-compact size while maintaining cost-effectiveness without compromising essential thermal detection performance.