



President's Message

At the recent SSAA Queensland AGM I had the honour and good fortune of being nominated and elected as the President of the association. I would like to sincerely thank Hellen Gill for her tireless work as the former President and welcome her continued service.

Now I'd like to share a little more about myself. I was first introduced to firearms in the mid-to-late 1970s. Like many people in Queensland at the time, my first firearm was a .22 semi-automatic Stirling, which I purchased from Kmart. It served me well for several years until I eventually left the Caboolture area.

In 1988, I moved out west with my young family for work. My background is mechanical, and I took over the management of an outback mechanical RACQ at Kynuna. That's when I began using larger calibres for hunting pigs and shooting kangaroos for skins, obtaining my allocation of tags each year.

By 1991, I had returned to the Sunshine Coast to start my own business and continued with hunting and recreational shooting. Around that time, I applied for my first firearms licence. Like many Queenslanders, I was told it would be a lifetime licence with no expiry, but unfortunately, that proved not to be the case.

A few years later, I became interested in pistol shooting. After visiting several clubs, I came across the SSAA Caboolture Branch in 1995. I attended a few meetings, got involved, and soon found myself serving on the committee. My first role was treasurer, followed by vice president, and then president. I also became involved in delivering firearms safety courses.

I am still proud to serve as a Caboolture's committee member. Over the years, I've had the privilege of working with an excellent committee. Together, we secured a lease on land and successfully built multiple ranges, which was a major milestone for the branch.

In 2022, I joined the SSAA Queensland executive as treasurer. Now, as the President of SSAA Queensland, I am continuing my long-standing commitment to the association and the shooting community. I look forward to working alongside the SSAA Queensland committee to deliver the best possible outcomes to Queensland members and their ranges.

Jeff Ross 

Working Gundogs on the Apple Isle

By Jim Jeffrey, Photos Mario Fennick

In July 2025, the Working Gundog Queensland Discipline Chairman Jim Jeffrey travelled to Tasmania to observe the Working Gundog Association of Australia (WGAA) Tasmania AGM and judge an important Retrieving Trial.

WGAA Tasmania is making great progress in assisting new members to SSAA and aiding them to work successfully in their dog/handler teams. This work has only been possible with SSAA assistance and the dedication of a solid band of enthusiastic members ably led by their Presidents, Mr David Mansfield, Mr Karl Britton and now Mrs Edwena Adcock. We can look forward to even more great events such as the Spaniel and Hunt Point and Retrieve Field Trials that are in the planning stages for 2026.



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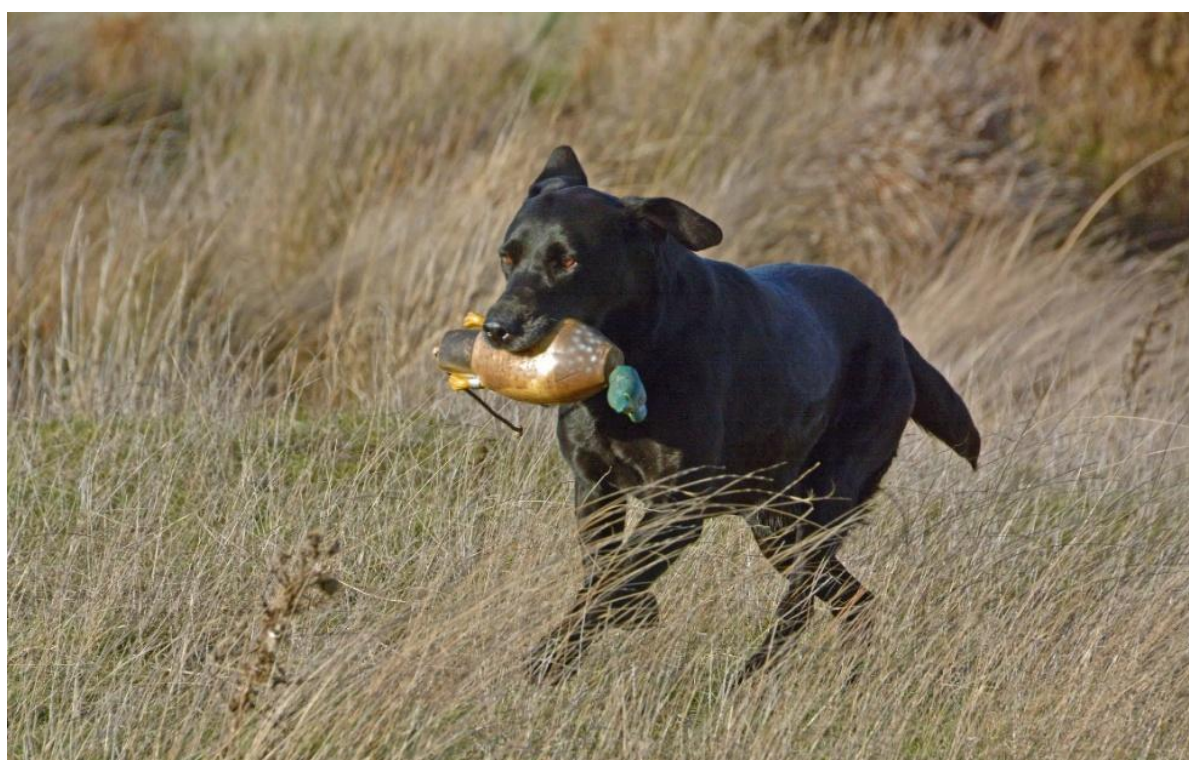
The Working Gundog Association of Tasmania held a very successful Retrieving Trial following their AGM, on a very picturesque private property in the Ross Area. The weather was cold but fine and sunny with consistently solid windy conditions.

The dogs in the two stakes contested worked extremely well as the judges and their assistants put the dog and handler teams through some very testing duck hunting scenarios.

Once the dog and handler team have collected a shotgun loaded with blank shells, marks are set up and the team moves to a point where they observe a 'Dokken' (an artificial duck) fired into the air at varying distances and across various obstacles, such as dams, creeks, gullies and associated heavy covering vegetation. The dog is then required to retrieve the duck in an efficient manner and deliver it to the handler.

Judges can set up marks in many different configurations: single, double, triple, simultaneous double marks and walk-up marks.

Blinds are set up when the



The winner of the Open Competition was the team of Mr Paul Hennessy and his Labrador Retriever 'EVIE' (HUNTOGUN THE MAGIC OF EVIE).

handler, having collected the shotgun and blank cartridges, places his/her dog in a concealed location and moves to a firing point and fires in the direction of the Dokken that has been placed in a location across the same type of obstacles. The owners then call their dog to 'Heel' and it is sent out on the retrieve.

Judges can set up blinds as stand-alone single or double blinds and/or combined with any of the other types of marked retrieves.

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The newly elected President of the Branch, Mrs Edwena Adcock, presented the awards to the winners and other place getters and thanked all those involved for their outstanding camaraderie and willingness to assist with the running of this Retrieving Trial.

If you are interested in observing or competing in this type of SSAA competition, please contact:

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2025 Bianchi Cup

SSAA Marksmen Leave Their Mark on the International Stage

The 2025 CMP Bianchi Cup International Pistol Tournament, held in Columbia, Missouri, USA, once again confirmed its status as the pinnacle of action pistol shooting. Among the world's most elite marksmen and women, SSAA fielded a four-man all-Queenslander contingent that proved formidable across individual and team events. Ryan McQuilty, Glenister Ayre, Chris Regan, and Daniel Fitzpatrick all delivered standout performances, cementing SSAA's position as a serious international contender.



Daniel Fitzpatrick, Chris Regan, Ryan McQuilty and Glen Ayre performed brilliantly at the 2025 Bianchi Cup, firmly placing Australia on the Action Pistol stage.

A World-Class Showing in the Team Events

In the International category of the 2-Man Team Event, SSAA fielded two teams: SSAA Team A, comprising Ryan McQuilty and Chris Regan, and SSAA Team B, represented by Glenister Ayre and Daniel Fitzpatrick.

Both SSAA teams finished tied for first place along with Target Pistol Australia A, each achieving an aggregate score of 1,910 points. SSAA Team B edged slightly ahead in X-counts with 150, just ahead of SSAA Team A with 147, placing them second and third overall respectively, behind Target Pistol Australia A, who secured the top spot with 154 Xs.

In the 4-Man Team Event, the SSAA squad secured fifth place with an aggregate of 1,908 points and 146 Xs. They finished just ten points behind the top three teams, all of whom scored an impressive 1,918, with 'Making Action Great Again' clinching first place on X-count (175). SSAA Australia matched Target Pistol Australia in score, though the latter edged ahead on Xs (148). Finishing ahead of seasoned international teams such as Accuracy X and Kurofuno further underlined the strength of the Australian delegation.

Daniel Fitzpatrick, Ryan McQuilty, Glen Ayre and Chris Regan proudly display their well-deserved hardware.

All four of our competitors shot in the esteemed High Master category. Their performances were consistent and contributed to the strong team performance.

Ryan McQuilty led the group with a total score of 1,909-144X, placing him within the top ten of the High Master field. He displayed remarkable consistency across all four matches, shooting a perfect 480 in every event leading into the Moving Target, making him one of only seven competitors to do so this year.



Chris Regan finished with 1,890-145X, delivering a balanced performance throughout. Unfortunately, mechanical issues on the Falling Plates cost him 20 valuable points. Despite this setback, Regan’s strong showings in earlier matches played a crucial role in SSAA Team A’s podium finish in the 2-Man event.

Glenister Ayre posted a score of 1,892-140X. After a modest start in the Practical event, Ayre found his rhythm in the Barricade and Mover matches, finishing strongly and contributing significantly to SSAA Team B’s shared top score in the 2-Man competition.

Daniel Fitzpatrick rounded out the team with a score of 1,890-153X, the highest X-count among the four. His ability to stay on target consistently was a notable asset in both team events, and his precision shooting was instrumental in Team B’s success.

Raising the Bar for SSAA’s Global Presence

Often described as the Wimbledon of action pistol shooting, the Bianchi Cup demands both skill and mental fortitude. In 2025, the SSAA’s top-tier shooters proved they belong among the best, gaining not only scores but international respect.

With the 2025 Bianchi Cup now in the rear-view mirror, attention turns to building on this success. The performances of McQuilty, Ayre, Regan, and Fitzpatrick have demonstrated a strong foundation of skill, teamwork, and competitive spirit. With this blend of talent and international exposure, SSAA is well-positioned to further climb the ranks in global Action Pistol events, as well as at home at club competitions.

Championship Standings

Overall, though, the 2025 CMP Bianchi Cup Champion title was claimed by Bruce Piatt for an extraordinary eighth time, finishing with a near-flawless score of 1920-174X. Piatt narrowly edged out 20-time champion Douglas Koenig and Joey De Leon, who both finished on 1918, with Koenig taking second place thanks to a higher X-count of 182. Rounding out the top four was Mark Itzstein, an Australian expat now residing in the United States, who also posted 1918, just behind on X-count with 162. 🎯

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