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Visit our [Competition](#) page. Competitions close October 31.



September WINNERS!!

Congratulations to these lucky members from the **September** competitions:

- Nitecore Prize Pack – Lyndsay E, Elanora, QLD
- Leupold RX-1400 Rangefinder – Hamish M, Brisbane, QLD
- Children's Hunting Book Pack – John D, Chinchilla, QLD 



Riflescope preview:

*ZeroTech x Shoot2Hunt Trace
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Two years in the making. The Trace Advanced 3-18x44 THLR Illuminated is the result of a collaboration between ZeroTech, Shoot2Hunt

and the Rokslide community, a precision optic built for backcountry hunting and whatever the mountain puts in front of you.

It was engineered against the Rokslide drop-test standard, the most punishing zero-retention protocol in the industry: the rifle bonded to its chassis so nothing but the scope can move, then dropped and fired from 45cm and 90cm inches on every side. A scope either holds its zero through all of it or it doesn't pass. That's the bar this optic was built to.

Reputation precedes this one - it's already on backorder, due to hit our shores early 2027.

The Report features the full review in the February

2027 issue. Visit [ZeroTech](#) for more information. 





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The Report:

October issue and new e-newsletter



Spring is in full swing in Australia – and its a great time to get out bush with your hunting partner – maybe your daughter as this issue showcases - to see the flowers in bloom and chase your chosen game. Writer Neil Schultz shares his journey of creating a wildcat, we look at the 100+ year-old .270 Winchester, the legendary SLR and tackle external ballistics with Ben J. Anderson. Reviews are aplenty, including Fiochi ammo, Primos shooting sticks, ZeroTech's Thrive spotting scope and a very cool fridge/freezer from EVAKOOL – an



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Not a telescopic sight in sight.

SSAA Queensland Lever Action Championships

By Discipline Chairman Kerry Guinea

Not a telescopic sight in sight – that's how it is done in Lever Action. Two categories, Open where aperture (peep) rear sight and tunnel foresight can be used, and Classic Calibre, where iron or open (Post & V notch) sights are used to take aim at paper targets.

If you like to prepare excuses for poor scores before the event just in case they are needed, the weather in Townsville on the weekend of September 5 and 6, 2026 could not be one of them.

The host branch, SSAA Townsville Inc did as fine a job of ordering the weather as they did on preparing and conducting the 2026 Championships.

Saturday's Open match was preceded with the ceremonial firing of the cannon and once the smoke cleared and the first two targets at 100m shot in any field position, Dennis Gorrington held a three-point lead from David Lord. A prize from Outdoor Man Australia (Townsville) was on offer for the highest score on the next target, a pig at 100m. With a score of 48, Lord outscored Gorrington by three, to tie up the lead.

The move to the first of the 50m targets did not split the competitors but introduced a third shooter into the fray, Les Challacombe, now only four behind. By the end of the four 50m targets, Lord and Gorrington were tied on 315 in spite of Gorrington's near perfect 50.4 score on the fox head target. The only other shooters over 300 were Challacombe on 306 and Jacob Guinea on 304.

The final target, a 25m, ten-second, five-shot rapid fire would be make or break for the top four. Guinea top scored on the target, 12 ahead of Lord, eight ahead of Gorrington and 11 ahead of Challacombe, to substantially rearrange the standings.

The outright medal went to Dennis Gorrington (351.7), with Jacob Guinea (348.2) and David Lord (347.8) just behind. It could not be much closer.

OPEN Results by Grade

AAA	Jim	Ellis	313.02	1					
AA	Dennis	Gorrington	351.07	1	B	Russell	Cook	283.01	1
AA	Jacob	Guinea	348.02	2	B	Derek	Hansen	277.02	2
AA	David	Lord	347.08	3	B	Julie	Olufson	145.01	3
A	Shaun	Peirce	333.04	1	C	Graham	Olufson	255	1
A	Brett	Prasser	308.01	2	C	Kim	Fehlhaber	241	2
A	Dale	Fehlhaber	303.04	3	C	David	Allen	224	3

On Sunday, the firing of the cannon heralded the start of the Classic Calibre match where the allowed basic sights are matched with cartridges that are restricted to those commercially available before 1939. Most shooters find the use of open sights more difficult to gain consistent scoring target to target and often have at least one bad target during a match. The third target, a goat at 100m, again attracted a prize from Outdoor Man Australia (Townsville) and this time it was Dennis Gorrington who top scored to draw within one point of Les Challacombe.



Townsville Branch Secretary Julie Olufson presents Les Challacombe with the Two-Gun trophy.

The first of four 50m targets was the fox head and in spite of his near perfect score on this target the previous day, shooting it standing unsupported proved to be Gorrings's 'bad target', which allowed Challacombe to slip away, not to be challenged for the remainder of the match. David Lord recovered from an early 'bad target' to close the gap a little on the now considerable lead, helped by a 50.1 on the 50m pig target.

The outright win went to Les Challacombe (359.2), rewarding his consistent scores throughout the day, followed by David Lord (333.4) and Dennis Gorrings (328.2).

An additional prize was offered for this match to encourage shooters to strive to attain higher scores and move up in the grades. The Cast Bullet Engineering/Simplex Reloading prize went to Russell Cook who shot a score 16 above his grade range.

Classic Calibre Results by Grade

AAA	Jacob	Guinea	275.01	1					
AA	Kerry	Guinea	275.01	1	B	Brett	Prasser	312.01	1
AA	Jim	Ellis	274.01	2	B	Tony	Hilleard	264.02	2
AA	Desmond	Prowse	258	3	B	Derek	Hansen	258	3
A	Les	Challacombe	359.02	1	C	Russell	Cook	285.02	1
A	David	Lord	333.04	2	C	Graham	Olufson	235	2
A	Dennis	Gorrings	328.02	3	C	Julie	Olufson	219.01	3

Aggregation of the scores from the weekend saw the Two Gun award being taken out by Les Challacombe (698.4) followed by David Lord (680.12) and Dennis Gorrings (679.9). Each of these shooters received valuable vouchers from Total Solutions Engineering, which has been a long-time supporter of the Lever Action discipline.

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Discipline Chairman Kerry Guinea presents Russell Cook with a Cast Bullet Engineering/Simplex Reloading prize.

Perpetual trophies were awarded to Dennis Gorrington – Open Champion; Les Challacombe – Classic Calibre Champion and Les Challacombe as the Two Gun Champion. Full results, including target-by-target scores, are available on the SSAA Queensland website in the Lever Action Discipline section (ssaaqld.org.au/discipline/lever-action) The 2027 Queensland Lever Action Championships will be hosted by SSAA Warwick Branch on September 4-5, 2027.

For further information on the Lever Action Discipline, contact Discipline Chairman Kerry Guinea on leveraction@ssaaqld.org.au 

Your New Online Shop is Here!

Welcome to the [Australian Shooters Alliance Shop](#), proudly brought to you by SSAA Queensland. Show your support for Australia's largest shooting and hunting association with a growing range of quality merchandise. The online shop features patches, caps, YETI bottles and more, with plenty of exciting products still to come. But wait there's more - delivery is free on every order Australia-wide.

One of our early favourites is Stewie, the Australian koala plush toy, and a mascot for our Association. Stewie tips his hat to SSAA Queensland's important koala conservation work at Stewartdale, where a dedicated koala corridor coexists with the shooting ranges. Stewie is not just great for kids



as a cuddly mascot though, he represents the conservation contribution made by responsible shooters and hunters. Proceeds from every Stewie sold will directly support ongoing koala conservation efforts at Stewartdale. Visit the new [ASA Shop](#) online and see what's available today: asashop.com.au 



Shoot for a Cause with SSAA Townsville



Shooting sports bring people together, building friendships and giving communities a chance to support a good cause. Most passionate shooters don't need a 'reason' to head to the shooting range, but those who've never tried shooting or who are not regular shooters themselves might need some persuading. And what better reason than to raise money for charity?

Earlier this year, SSAA Townsville hosted its annual Shoot for a Cause event, in conjunction with the Townsville Northern Suburbs Lions Club. One-hundred members of the public attended and \$6,000 was raised for Angel Flight - a charity providing free, non-emergency flights and ground transport so those living in rural and regional Australia can access specialist medical treatment. Angel Flight was started in 2003 by the late Bill Bristow OAM, who, as a pilot, combined his passion for flying with his desire to assist people in need.

The event was supported by 33 SSAA members and 13 Lions volunteers who helped keep the day running smoothly.



Joe McIlwian claimed the individual honours with a score of 93.6, ahead of runner-up Wally Laity on 88.1. The team competition was particularly close, with Seaview Bigshots scoring 374 to edge out Blind Shooters by just half a point.

The feedback was positive, with attendees telling organisers they had enjoyed a fabulous day. Follow-up emails echoed those sentiments, particularly highlighting how much the younger shooters enjoyed themselves and expressing their enthusiasm to return again next year.

With a close finish, plenty of smiles and a generous fundraising result, the shoot showed what can be achieved when local volunteers and the shooting community work together. 🎯

Lions Club volunteers on hand, helping SSAA Townsville ensure the event ran smoothly.

Riddle me this!



If you've done the quiz from the October magazine, don't forget to test yourself with an extra set of questions on our website: [Shoot Off! Quiz!](#) 