

Club profile



SSAA Qld United Field and Retrieving Branch Inc



THE SSAA QLD United Field and Retrieving (UFR) Branch Inc was formed in July 2007 under the SSAA umbrella by a dedicated group of gundog enthusiasts who were keen to forge a new direction for retrieving trials in Queensland, setting their sights on ways to market and grow the sport.

Training for and competing in retrieving trials is a way of enjoying the hunting and retrieving experience with a gundog and friends throughout the year. Artificial game is used and competitors are judged by experienced handlers under SSAA guidelines and rules. Competitions run across the four levels of ability, from beginners to advanced, with the first state titles being hosted in the near future.

The founding and still current president Jim Jeffrey has owned, bred and competed in retrieving trials with his chosen breed, flat coated retrievers, for more than 30 years. Many of the members have also been competing in retrieving trials for up to 30 years and have vast experience in training gundogs and competing in retrieving trials both in Queensland and interstate. The members are keen to pass on their knowledge to the growing number of new enthusiasts joining the club and regularly do so through training days and demonstrations.

Cathie Jackson from UFR says, "We strive to make our competitions a friendly, social, family environment where our competitors can not only compete, but have fun with their canine companions."

The competitions are held at various locations throughout South-East Queensland and in the Bundaberg area.

Competitors are often encouraged to camp over and it is at these times that members are able to enjoy the camaraderie and friendships that develop with people of similar interests. Competitions run under the SSAA are open to all breeds of gundogs, with or without pedigree papers.

UFR is currently the only club of its kind operating in Queensland and with the support of the SSAA it is now growing in membership and those members are growing in enthusiasm for the future of this great sport.