



- **Enclosures**

**The following items are enclosed:**

- Minutes of April 2 Committee of Management Meeting + Financials
- Request for Coaching Form
- 2008 Calendar (a few additions & changes)
- Club Committee advice form (for clubs which haven't as yet returned)
- Updated Club Contacts list
- Survey of Clubs Form (for those who have not returned this)

- **Capitation Fees: 2007-2008: Adult full year \$90.40**

**Junior full year: \$45.20**

**Prorata**

**begins May 1 (half yearly fee) \$45.20 adults \$22.60 junior**

**2008-2009: Adult full year \$95.40 Junior full year: \$47.70**

**Pro-rata: Adult \$47.70 Junior \$23.85**

The increase in affiliation fees was agreed upon at the 2007 AGM.

**WE ENCOURAGE OUR CLUBS TO AFFILIATE ALL THEIR MEMBERS – INSURANCE MATTERS, NEWS ABOUT OUR SPORT AND ASSOCIATION, LEGISLATION DEVELOPMENTS, FUNDING AND INFORMED KNOWLEDGE OF OUR SPORT ARE THEN AVAILABLE TO ALL YOUR MEMBERS.**

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS A MAJOR CHANGE AS TO WHEN REAFFILIATIONS WILL BE DUE THIS YEAR:**

As confirmed at our February 2-3 Board meeting the following procedure is advised:

1. Clubs will receive a list of club members (as per our records at that date) and an invoice for those members in the first week of **SEPTEMBER** each year.
2. The list of members needs to be edited (as per 'Affiliations' page of the Secretaries Manual) and returned to QAPSA. (It's a huge help if you can return the edited list!)
3. Your club can pay then, if numbers match up, or you are confident that you have calculated correctly at your end, otherwise we will send an updated invoice.
4. **THIS ACCOUNT WILL BE PAYABLE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ORIGINAL INVOICE.**
5. Members will be issued with their new cards as soon as possible after receipt of the club's payment:  
**CARDS WILL THEN SHOW: Expires 30.09 2009**

This change has come about due to the substantial number of clubs who did not pay their affiliation until after the Christmas break. This caused problems such as:

1. Members not registered and therefore not covered by insurance in the new year.
2. Some Squad members not eligible for State Team selection because they weren't affiliated.
3. Cards were still being issued in mid-January and early February, when they should have been in the shooters' hands prior to the end of December.
4. Some shooters competed in January and February at QAPSA sanctioned Opens believing they were affiliated, but were not.

This change will also ensure that all delegates are representing affiliated clubs at the AGM Conference weekend.

- **ROLLING AFFILIATIONS:**

Registering your new members as soon as they join your club is a great idea – for you and the Association. This way your members are registered with us, and therefore covered by our insurance, at the earliest opportunity.

It was a concern, whilst doing 2007's reaffiliations, noting that some clubs had members for up to 5 months prior to registering them with us.

- **COACHING REQUEST:** If your Club is wanting coaching, in any discipline, fill out the enclosed form and return to the office. John McGlew (QCC Coordinator) will then organise coaching for your Club.
- **Queensland Pistol News**

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Deadline for our June issue is June 6. **Deadline is strictly adhered to.**

**Remember, if your Club is holding an Open this year, get all the details to the Office so we can put together an ad for your event – to be used in conjunction with the generic entry form.**

Apologies for the late arrival of the March QPN, but it was thought this would give more current results for the Nationals and our Queensland participants. The Top 10 is now 'Top Shots' – to show the top 15 scores and shooters, to involve more of our shooters in this 'competition'.

- **SHOOTING CALENDAR:** Is enclosed for your information. The Calendar can be updated easily, so if you now have a date for your Club's Open let us know asap and we will get details to the website and in the QPN.
- **ANNUAL CONFERENCE and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: QAPSA's AGM Conference will now be held 15-16 November 2008, one week earlier than previously advertised.** This has come about because of the availability of a venue. It was thought we needed somewhere nearer to Belmont, and we have now booked the Carindale Library Meeting Room, which is situated in the Carindale Shopping Centre precinct.

One delegate from each affiliated club is funded to attend. Make sure your club is represented this year – there will be several very important decisions to be made.

- **BLUE CARD DATABASE:**

The Association's Member Protection Policy specifies that we keep a register of Blue Card holders who use their Blue Card in relation to pistol club/association activities. To help us do this we are asking that clubs forward the names of Blue Card holders in their clubs who have not been issued their Blue Card through QAPSA. We will need: Name, BC number, expiry date.

**Please note: We only need them for our register if they are using their Blue Card for pistol shooting activities in your club, or our association.**

- **CLUB OFFICIALS UPDATE FORM:**

Some clubs will receive a cream/beige Club Officials Form with this Newsletter– only if it has not as yet been returned to QAPSA Office.

This information is needed for two reasons:

1. So that we have a record of your Club's officials, and several points of contact.
2. So we can crosscheck to ensure all your Committee are QAPSA affiliates if your club is planning to be covered by Pistol Australia's Association Insurance (or Directors and Office Bearers Insurance) – this is an insurance company requirement, as it is the whole Committee which will be covered.

Thank you for your help with this, and thank you to those clubs who have already returned these forms.

- **MEETING DATES:** QAPSA's next Board meeting is **MAY 24- 25 (PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE)**  
Next **Committee of Management** meeting: May 21

- **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday:	8.00 am – 12 noon
Tuesday:	8.00 am – 4.00 pm
Wednesday:	8.00 am – 4.00 pm
Thursday:	8.00 am – 4.00 pm
Friday:	8.00 am – 12 noon

- **WELCOME!!**

We welcome **ROCKHAMPTON PC** back into the association, and the Central Zone. Some new faces and some very familiar faces amongst the group. Secretary is Kev O'Sullivan. All contact details on the enclosed Club Contact list.

- **REIMBURSEMENT FOR COACHES AND RANGE OFFICIALS:**

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Coaches and Range Officials visiting clubs for coaching or Range Officer seminars are currently reimbursed for fuel and accommodation. The QAPSA February Board meeting made a unanimous decision to cancel mileage payments for the time being, with the action to be reviewed at the next Board Meeting. If any coaches or RO's have a proposal they would like put forward for discussion at the May 24-25 Board Meeting, it needs to be received at QAPSA Office by Monday 19 May.

- **STATE TITLES: ISSF, BLACK POWDER:**

Currently we do not have a host club for either of these events. Interested clubs are asked to submit and expression of interest to QAPSA Office for consideration by the Board.

**The ISSF State Titles are set down for November 7-8-9.**

- **AFFILIATION PROPOSAL:** Some clubs and their members would by now be aware of the proposal put forward by QAPSA Board, following the February 2-3 Board Meeting. The Zone Directors were given the responsibility of getting the information to their Zone clubs, and some are still in the process of doing this.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** This is a discussion point only – to be adopted it must be put up as a Notice of Motion at the AGM to be voted on by the delegates from each club.

- **NATIONALS: BRISBANE 2008**

QAPSA Ltd (Pistol Shooting Queensland) extends a warm and sincere thank you to the two host clubs – Metropolitan Pistol Club and City of Brisbane Pistol Club.

Along with volunteers from both these clubs were volunteers from many other Queensland clubs who worked, in some cases, for the whole week. Some of our volunteers did not fire a shot, but cheerfully manned the ranges (and kitchen) throughout. This was a Queensland Nationals and it was wonderful that so many saw it this way. Interstate shooters were also squadded to work after their shooting for the day and this was a huge contribution to the work load as well.

The 08 Nationals were rated very highly by Pistol Australia (some were saying the 'best ever') and it was a very good chance for us to publicise our sport to some of our guest presenters. We were pleased to welcome Mr Chris Bombolas (Member for Chatsworth and representative for Police Minister Judy Spence), Peter Cummiskey (Executive Director of Sports Federation Qld), John English (Member for Redlands and panel member of the Weapons Act Review Committee) and Inspector Mike Crowley (WLB Brisbane) who all took part in trophy presentations. Along with these guests we also had some Qld ex-National Champions, as well as Rex Wigney and Paul Feeney (Queensland Shooting Assn executive members) participating in presentations.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED TO MAKE THE 08 NATIONALS A HUGE SUCCESS – IT WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND WAS A GREAT TEAM EFFORT.**

- **LICENCE RENEWALS:**

As stated in the latest QPN processing of renewals is a little slower than normal. WLB is working hard to catch up but some licences will not be received by the shooter in time. Your members need to remember to do the following when applying for their licence renewal:

1. Keep their old licence and the receipt received from the police station where they submitted their renewal application.
2. If the new licence has not been received after 42 days the shooter will need to organise for another licensed shooter to store all his/her firearms on that licence for them. This person can transport the firearms to the range for the person waiting on a licence, to use.
3. The 'unlicensed' person must sign a Form 33 or Form 33A (if shooting often) each time they shoot, until their new licence arrives.

- **FORM 33 OR 33A:**

A REMINDER: **It is a requirement of the Weapons Act** that any unlicensed person participating in shooting on a Club range signs a Form 33 or Form 33A prior to shooting. The Form 33 is recommended for the 'one off' casual shooter, whilst the Form 33A hastens the paperwork a little if the person is a regular visitor to the club (having done the Form 33 on his/her first visit).

Sharyn Petersen  
**Administrator**