



- **Enclosures** (not all available through the website):

The following items are enclosed:

Minutes of June 25 Committee of Management Meeting + financials
2008 Calendar – some minor changes
Insurance Cover – updated document
Safety Incident Reporting – updated document
50 000 SHOTS: Flyer, Information + Registration Form
QAPSA Volunteer Awards Information + Nomination Form
Club Contacts – updated/edited list
Blue Card info sheets
Locker Room info for some clubs
QAPSA Organisational Chart
Black Powder State Titles Entry Form
Info Sheet: From Inspector Mike Crowley

- **Capitation Fees:**

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

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

Prorata begins May 1

The increase in affiliation fees was agreed upon at the 2007 AGM. PA has increased its affiliation fee slightly (for the 2008-09 year), but this has been absorbed by QAPSA Ltd in the above increase.

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 FINAL 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 Oct 2009

- **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. These members are then quickly inducted into the sport through the magazines and information they then receive.

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

- **Queensland Pistol News**

Deadline for our September issue is September 5. **Deadline is strictly adhered to.**

Clubs are asked to start thinking about their Open shoots for 2009 – get your preferred dates to QAPSA office so we can advertise them through all the usual channels. If your Club wants its event/s listed in the PA Bulletin's Calendar, dates need to be here before December 19.

- **SHOOTING CALENDAR:** Is enclosed for your information: some additions.
- **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.

- **NEW BLUE CARD LAWS:**

New laws re the Blue Card have recently been introduced. From July 1 2008 applications must be done on the **new form**. From June 2 2008 it will be an offence for a disqualified person to apply for the Blue Card. Please check the enclosed information sheets. Contact details are included if you need to make contact with the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

- **CLUB OFFICIALS UPDATE FORM:**

Some Clubs have still not sent this form back. 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:**
Next Committee of Management Meeting: July 16
Next Board Meeting: August 23-24
Administrator attended Sport Federation General Meeting on July 7.

- **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

- **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.

- **AFFILIATION CONFIRMATION:** Some of our clubs have reported that WLB has asked for confirmation of their affiliation with an Association when renewing their shooting club permit. To date the Association has been providing a letter stating how many members of the club are registered with us and whether the club's Management Committee consists of members affiliated with us. At the present time our Association is formulating a criteria a club would need to meet to be registered as an affiliated club with QAPSA Ltd. This is the criteria which will be part of the affiliation proposal mentioned above.

- **LICENCE RENEWALS:**

Licence processing seems to be back on track, but 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.

QAPSA House, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont Qld 4153

Post: PO Box 306, Carina Qld 4152 Email: gapsa@in.com.au

Phone: 07 3395 1322 Fax: 07 3395 1344

QAPSA Website On Line www.gapsa.org

2. If the new licence has not been received after 42 days the shooter will need to organise for another licenced 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. These pistols do not have to be transferred to the licence of the person 'baby-sitting' these firearms.
3. The 'unlicensed' person must sign a Form 33 or Form 33A (if shooting often) each time they shoot, until their new licence arrives.
4. **WLB has advised that if your card is not back by the 42nd day the shooter should ring WLB to check on progress: If the renewal has been processed and approved the shooter does not have to go through the above.**

Our President, Michele Sandstrom, had been in direct contact with John English MP (Member for Redlands, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Weapons Act Review panel Member), as notified in a previous email (20 June 2008). For those who don't have email contact that email read:

'Just to update you a little on our contact with WLB re the slow processing of licence renewals and/or new licence applications.

QAPSA office has had regular contact re the difficulties being experienced by our members – current and prospective – in getting their licences attended to in the time frame stated.

Our President (Michele) made personal contact with John English MP several weeks ago and following this Mr English wrote to Police Minister Judy Spence re the problem and the impact on our clubs and their members.

Yesterday we received an acknowledgement of this letter by Judy Spence, from Mr English's Office.

Yesterday afternoon Inspector Mike Crowley rang QAPSA Office to update us on the developments happening within WLB. WLB has a new Superintendent (Ms Tonya Carew) and Inspector Crowley stated that a review of the Branch's operations was to be conducted to try and help solve the problems being experienced, now, and to put procedures in place for the future.

This morning our Office had a quick personal visit from Spt Carew and two other WLB representatives – they also had a look around the Belmont Complex. Spt Carew stated that more meetings would be scheduled with the shooting associations to get their input into how processes can be streamlined to ensure that the processing of new licences and renewals doesn't run into difficulties again. Other processes re club returns, Permits to Acquire etc will also be looked at.

WLB will be contacting each club re some procedures being put in place very soon. WLB will also pass this info on to QAPSA. As soon as we get more information we will pass it on to you.'

- **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).

- **INSURANCE:**

Please find enclosed updated **Insurance Cover** document and **Incident Reporting** document. The previous pages relating to these two topics in your Secretaries' Manual need to be taken out and replaced by the enclosed. Please be aware: it is only your affiliated members who are covered by these policies.

- **AGM CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 15-16 2008**

Has your club selected a delegate yet?

Remember – one Club delegate is fully funded to attend: travel and accommodation, with meals provided, to attend the conference. Last year we had half our clubs represented – this year it would be great to have 75% represented. It is very important that all our clubs have a say – here is your club's chance to be part of the decision making and forward planning for our Association and sport.

A second club person is very welcome to attend, but they will not receive QAPSA funding.

Funding for this conference is received from Sport and Recreation Qld to help improve 'Organisation Management' which filters down to Club Management.

Paperwork re the Conference will come out after our August Board Meeting.

- **QAPSA Sanctioned Shoots:**

QAPSA sanctioned shoots are for QAPSA affiliates only.

The reasons behind this are:

1. Participants are fully aware of match rules and procedures and commands for the various events.
2. Participants are fully aware of specifications for pistols and ammunition for the events.
3. The events shot at a sanctioned open are registered to Pistol Australia, and therefore QAPSA Ltd.
4. Correct Holster Accreditation is in place.
5. All the Range Official expertise has come through PA – funded by affiliates: all updated on a regular basis via PA/QAPSA support
6. Insurance requirements and policies are clear cut and in place.

The only variance to this is for Regional or International Games (eg Maryborough Masters Games, Pan Pacific Masters, Australian Shooting Games, North Qld Games etc). The Pistol Shooting section of these Games can be sanctioned by QAPSA, but the event will continue to be accessible to shooters from any Association. This is because the organising body for these events is an independent, outside organisation.

If clubs want shooters from other associations to compete at their Open they have the option of conducting a non-sanctioned event.

- **50, 000 SHOTS!!**

Information is enclosed regarding this event. Our Association encourages your club to participate – no matter how small your membership. All the information is in the enclosed information document and flyer. Looking forward to hearing from your club by September 27!!

- **VOLUNTEER AWARDS PROGRAM:**

Information on this initiative is also enclosed – here's a chance to thank your Club's workers, and let the whole Association know who they are. Names of all nominees will be listed in the QPN, as will the eventual quarterly winners and annual winner. Looking forward to your Club's nomination/s. Please note: Nominees must be QAPSA affiliates.

- **GRADING CARD;**

The Association is in the process of setting up and publishing a new Pistol Shooting Qld grading card. The previous card no longer caters for all the events our members shoot, so it was felt a new card needed to be devised. These will be distributed to all members free of charge, with the QPN, before the end of 2008.

- **APPROVED VARIATIONS TO MATCHES:**

A document re approved variations to matches is to be sent to clubs soon, as per information received from Sergeant Gerry O'Connor at WLB. Just waiting on confirmation from Sgt O'Connor, on an association summary forwarded to him last week. As he has been in the north inspecting ranges Sgt O'Connor has not been able to confirm. We will pass on to clubs via email or post next week.

- **NEW FEES FOR WEAPONS SAFETY COURSE:**

New fees for the WSC were approved at the May 24-25 Board Meeting. These are:

Cost to non-affiliated participant:	\$90.00
Cost to QAPSA affiliated participant:	\$60.00
Cost to junior participant	\$50.00 (affiliated or non-affiliated)
Trainers to be reimbursed:	\$20.00 per participant
Club to receive:	\$15.00 per participant

New fees came into place on 1 July 2008.

- **STATE TITLES ISSF 2008:**

Some new initiatives will be introduced at our 2008 ISSF State Titles.

1. **Veterans' Aggregate:** Will be calculated over 25m Standard Pistol; 10m Air Pistol (first 40 shots); and 25m Pistol (Women)/ 25m Centre Fire (Men).
A Veteran will be classed as such if he/she is 68 years of age, or older this calendar year.
 2. **Club Team Trophy:** To be calculated over three events: 10m Air Pistol (Women or Junior Women); 10m Air Pistol (Men or Junior Men).
Three (3) person team for each event to be pre-nominated by the Club (nominated teams to be received by Thursday October 30)
Awards to be presented for each of these three events.
 3. **Participation Award:** To be awarded to the Club with the highest percentage of their affiliated membership participating in the State Titles.
- **STATE TITLES: ISSF**
City of Brisbane PC will conduct this event but please **NOTE A CHANGE OF DATE.**
This event will now be held on October 31, November 1-2.
This date has been changed as it clashed with two events:
 - ISSF International Grand Prix Sydney
 - Gold Coast Masters Games ISSF & Black Powder
 - **STATE TITLES: BLACK POWDER:**
Beaudesert PC will be the host club for this event on Sunday 28 September.
Organising Secretary is John Crowther 3804 1949
25m Black Powder and 50m Black Powder to be contested. \$12.00 per event.
Generic entry form can be used: Post to Organising Secretary: 16 Riley Ct Windaroo 4207 or refer to Entry Form enclosed with this mailout. Entry details are also on the QAPSA website.
 - **OLYMPIC SHOOTING TEAM IN BRISBANE:**
Many of the members of the Olympic Pistol Shooting Team will be training at the City of Brisbane PC from 20-28 July. We are hoping to get some positive media coverage through this – President Michele has set the ball in motion for this. These shooters are all Pistol Australia affiliates – this is the only pathway that will give them access to the Olympic Team. As our association is part of this connection we are very proud to have the team in our state and recognise the importance for our sport in having this connection and pathway. Your members' affiliation with our association then gives them this important link also.
 - **NIL RETURNS:** Member notification forms showing a nil return are not necessary. Clubs only need to notify when they have new members, change of address, resignation, transfers etc. We do encourage clubs to register these changes asap so our records are up-to-date and our members receive our correspondence correctly.
 - **ISSF/PA NATIONALS 2010:** These National Champs will once again be held on the Belmont Shooting Complex over the Easter period.
 - **OPEN SHOOT RESULTS:** When forwarding Open Shoot results it would be appreciated if Clubs could list how many shooters participated in their event: Men, Women, Junior.
Part of our return to SRQ each year must now show participation trends – with the hope that this will show an increase. If clubs can just add this info, as a note, with their results it will help immensely (ie the Administrator won't have to count them!) to have these figures at hand at the end of each year when we have to submit a progress report.

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