



- **Enclosures**

The following items are enclosed:

Minutes of the Board meeting: July 21-22 2007
 Financials Board Meeting July 21-22
 Zone Delegate & Coordinators Reports from Board Meeting
 Weapons Act Review submissions: QAPSA and Qld Shooting Association
 PA Delegate to the Firearms Advisory Council Report to PA Management
 Qld Government Media Statement re Association auditing
 QAPSA Ltd Qld Map of clubs.
 Entry Form: Townsville Service/WA 1500 Open

- **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 juniors
- **Queensland Pistol News**
Deadline for our September issue is September 7.
 Editor Sharyn Petersen welcomes technical, club articles and Open results. Email to gapsa@in.com.au
 Designate as QPN for easy recognition. Hardcopy is also OK. **Deadline is strictly adhered to.**
- **Member Notification Forms:** Sent in monthly helps keep our database and mailing list up to date and alleviates the problem of many 'Return to Sender' items. Your new members also get their affiliation cards promptly. Thank you to those Secretaries already doing this.
- **SHOOTING CALENDAR: Are you planning your Open for next year?** If you get all the details to QAPSA Office early, information can be inserted in the Open Shoot Competition Information page of the QPN, as well as the Rolling Calendar.

If you want your event publicised nationally you need to get your Club's Open Shoot details to QAPSA Office by the end of December. This will then be passed on to the PA Bulletin for the first issue in 2008.

The following info is needed:

Club venue and address	Dates and sanction number
Events being shot	Closing date
Entry fees	Other fees or details (eg dinner)
Camping or accommodation details	Contact & postal address details

The generic entry form can then be used accessing these details.

- **Office Hours:**

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday:	8.00 am – 6.00 pm
Thursday:	8.30 am – 4.30 pm
Friday:	Closed

QAPSA Office is often open outside these hours – check with a phone call. Leave a message if the Office is unattended – we often have to attend meetings and seminars – and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

- **Holster Proficiency and Examiners Courses:**

Contact Ted Collins (1920 Match Coordinator and Holster Proficiency Coordinator) on 4632 7305 if you have members wishing to obtain a Holster Proficiency Card. Holster Courses can be arranged at your Club if you have no Club Examiner. If you have members wishing to become examiners contact Ted also.

- **COACHING**

As advised previously, Qld has a new Coaching Director: John McGlew

John's contact details: PO Box 115 Malanda Q 4885 Ph: 40965309 M: 0417760060
Email: jjmcglew@bigpond.net.au

A 'Beginning Coaching General Principles' course is available free of charge through the Australian Sports Commission and is a 6 hour course. Go to <https://learning.ausport.gov.au> to access.

Coaching is being held at the following clubs this month: Millmerran (ISSF), Sunshine Coast (Air Pistol).

A Coaching Seminar for International 1920 shooters is in the planning stages: for Sept or Oct. More information later

• RANGE OFFICERS COURSES

If you have members who wish to gain qualification as a Range Officer contact our Qld Referee Council Coordinator Joan Yet Foy on 5594 1669 or joan.yetfoy@bigpond.com.au.

The Judges Update Seminar was held over the weekend of July 28-29, at Belmont.

• RANGE OPERATORS COURSES

Range Operators Courses are conducted through the Qld Rifle Association and Qld Police Service, with Rex Wigney and Sgt Gerry O'Connor. Clubs can contact Rex direct at QRA Office on 3398 4309.

• CLUB VISITS:

Club Visits are continuing. Twenty-nine clubs have been visited so far and at the recent Board meeting more clubs were allocated to Board members for visits this year. If your Club hasn't as yet had a visit a QAPSA representative will be in contact with you very soon.

• MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

Remember – the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian has advised that all sporting bodies should have a Member Protection Policy in place by **January 1 2007**.

For QAPSA Clubs it is just a matter of adopting and referring to the AISL Policy, which was forwarded with the December 2006 newsletter. QAPSA has already adopted the AISL Policy as our reference (see QAPSA website). This policy is reviewed annually by lawyers so is up-to-date and applicable.

Your Club must have a **written** policy to refer to – so keep this document on file once you have adopted it as your Club's policy – make sure it is registered in the Minutes as being adopted by your club. Similar procedure for your Risk Management Policy.

There is also information re these policies, and templates on the following websites, so if your club does not want to adopt the AISL policy it can devise its own.

www.ausport.gov.au/ethics

www.playbytherules.net.au

Several clubs have expressed concerns about adopting the MPP, for a variety of reasons. I contacted the Australian Sports Commission re clubs not adopting the policy and Debbie Simms, Manager of the Sports Ethics Unit of the Commission, listed the following as problems for the club, if it did not adopt and follow the policy:

- is more difficult for the club to take a proactive, positive and preventative approach to behaviour
- is more difficult for the club to deal with/take disciplinary action for inappropriate behaviour
- is more difficult for the state or national body to resolve the issue (if escalated) as most don't have jurisdiction over club members.
- increases possibility of individuals taking their concern/complaint externally (to anti-discrimination commission, court and/or media)
- increases possibility of vicarious liability (club found liable for actions of its members).

The Member Protection Information Officers for QAPSA Ltd are Michele Sandstrom and Sharyn

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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.qapsa.org

Petersen. Contact details:

Michele Sandstrom	3395 1322	PO Box 306 Carina	4152
Sharyn Petersen	3395 1322	PO Box 306 Carina Q	4152

• Grant Applications:

Guidelines and application forms for Dept of Sport & Recreation grants available at: www.sportrec.qld.gov.au or telephone 4615 3676 (Jim Grassick).

Dept of Sport and Rec Grant submissions are closed for the year, apart from the Youth Assistance Grants Program.

Gaming Commission applications are still available: Website is www.gcbf.qld.gov.au Two rounds to go this year: Submissions due September 30 and December 31

Once you have details of your project organised, contact QAPSA with details of your project and we will write a Letter of Support to go with your submission.

• JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR:

Does your Club have someone who is a great organiser and coordinator, and has some time to spare? Our State organisation is in need of a **Junior Development Coordinator**- if you know of someone who is interested contact the office.

• RENEWAL OF SHOOTING CLUB PERMIT:

Many Clubs are going through the process of renewing their Shooting Club Permit. For this the club will require a letter from QAPSA to state your club's affiliation and insurance status – contact the office if your club is renewing and needs a letter.

• WEAPONS ACT:

The Weapons Act is under review at the moment, a draft will then be forwarded to stakeholders for comment and negotiation.

If you are wanting to check out the current Act (Weapons Act 1990 or Weapons Regulations 1996) go to: legislation.qld.gov.au. Go to 'Search' and then select Weapons Act 1990 or Weapons Regulations 1996. These can be printed out in full.

The website for Qld Police is: www.police.qld.gov.au Forms can be downloaded and current fees are advertised.

- Revised WSC is Course No. 30655: There has been a slight slow-down in the issuing of Statements of Attainment as we are currently waiting on the OK from DET for reregistration after the annual audit. All paperwork is with DET- please explain to those waiting on certificates that all the paperwork has been done from our end, approximately two weeks ago now, and we just need to be patient in the final signing off stage.***

- PLEASE NOTE: REMINDER TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND WSC TRAINERS: YOUR CLUB'S RANGE MUST ONLY BE USED FOR THOSE MATCHES AND CALIBRES FOR WHICH IT HAS BEEN APPROVED. ENSURE YOUR CLUB IS FOLLOWING THE LETTER OF THE LAW IN THE WAY IT IS CONDUCTING ITS PROGRAM, IN BOTH COMPETITIVE TARGET SHOOTING AND TRAINING PURPOSES.***

• Submissions to the Weapons Act Review:

Submissions put into the Legislation Review Unit, from the QSA (Qld Shooting Association), of which QAPSA is a member, and QAPSA, are enclosed for your information. Our President, Michele Sandstrom has also personally contacted the Chairman of the Review Panel asking that QAPSA be represented on the

panel, as we had been advised that SSAA was the only body representing the pistol shooting fraternity. As the only pistol shooting body which offers a pathway to the Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games etc QAPSA Management felt it was imperative that we were also represented in the review process. Michele has been assured that QAPSA will be represented on the panel.

- **SANCTIONING OF OPEN SHOOT:**

Remember sanctioning of Open Shoots is done by Joan Yet Foy. Forms to be returned to Joan, as QAPSA's Referee Council Coordinator, at 127 Alison Rd Carrara 4127 or fax to 55944190. Joan has a new email address – shown on the revised form sent out with the last mailout to clubs.

- **Affiliation Cards:**

Cards for new members are now issued on a daily basis, on receipt of the PA Member Notification form from clubs. A 'Membership Benefits to QAPSA Members' document is also enclosed for the new member's information.

As soon as clubs get their member notifications to the Office, we issue the cards to the new members!

- **DATE CLAIMER: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Please keep **December 8-9** clear for a representative from your Club to attend the QAPSA AGM at the Belmont Complex. Some QAPSA funding will be available for travel, meals and accommodation for one representative from each QAPSA club (preferably a Management Committee person) to be part of the two day seminar. Our aim is to have each club represented – so plan for this now so your Club can be involved. Other interested members are very welcome also – at their own expense.

To date the following groups will be asked to conduct a session at the AGM:

- Range Operator Course personnel
- Qld Police Service WLB: Annual Return, forms, procedures
- ASADA (Drug Agency)
- Weapons Safety Course (Elaine Gilliver)
- Administration procedures & Secretaries Manual (Sharyn Petersen)
- Referee Council, Range Officer Courses: Joan Yet Foy
- Coaching Council (John McGlew)
- Qld Govt: Dept of Sport & Recreation: Grant applications
- Computer programs to help your club
- Holster Proficiency information
- Open Shoot Guidelines

What else would your Club like to see on this program? Put it in writing, with a short rationale as to why it needs to be added, and we will include it in the program.

We are also planning a Workshop/Brainstorming session on ways our state association can work with clubs to attract the younger generation into our sport, and promote our sport in general.

Think about this, and have your representative ready to bring your Club's ideas to the table in a productive and positive way.

- **MEETINGS:**

QAPSA reps will attend/conduct meetings in the coming weeks:

- National Firearms Management System meeting: Aug 8
- Sports Federation Qld Outdoor Sports Meeting Aug 8
- QAPSA Committee of Management Meeting: Aug 15
- Nationals 2008 planning meeting Aug 11

- **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all those members and club administrators who are working positively and cooperatively with the Association. We greatly appreciate your wonderful efforts and input into the association.

It is very important that we present a strong and professional front in our dealings with Government and community bodies. All our club workers are volunteers and we thank our club executives for the work they do to keep the sport viable in their area.

QAPSA Board members, coordinators, referees, coaches and team managers do all their duties in their own time – and they also like to compete occasionally! Trainers and our Training Manager also work voluntarily to put participants through the Weapons Safety Course.

The QPN setup and packaging is done voluntarily.

The Administrator's position is the only paid position in our Association, for 28 hours per week – hopefully to take some of the load off the volunteers.

Again, a huge thank you to you all – keep up the great work.

- **ALPHA MAGAZINE AD:**

Have your members purchased a copy of the Alpha sporting magazine yet? Pistol Australia, in an initiative put forward by our President, has taken out a full page advertisement for the sport of Pistol Shooting in both the August and October issues.

The philosophy is to advertise and promote the sport in the wider community, as a sport for everyone, and to present a more positive image, in a proactive way.

- **QAPSA BROCHURE:**

As you will note from the enclosed Minutes, QAPSA Management is designing a professional brochure which will also promote a positive image of the sport and the people who participate in it. This is being put together at the moment and as soon as it is produced bulk copies will be sent to each QAPSA Club. The brochure is intended to be very useful as something to give to new members, or to distribute at promotional events or Open Days.

- **OPEN SHOOT GUIDELINES:**

Management is currently setting up a 'Guidelines to Conducting an Open Shoot' guide. The guide will be useful for clubs whether they have previously conducted an Open Shoot or not. The hope is that the guidelines will help promote consistency and some standards for these events, as well as helping clubs run an efficient, relaxing shoot.

- **METALLIC SILHOUETTE BIG BORE TEAM:**

Our Metallic Silhouette Team for the Big Bore Nationals in Narrabri (Sept 14-16) is: Marel Donaldson, Judy Harding, John Harding and junior Natalie Armstrong.

- **WEAPONS SAFETY COURSE TRAINERS: WANTED!!**

Our Weapons Safety Course Training Manager, Elaine Gilliver is looking for more trainers out there in the Clubs. Does your club have someone who fits the bill? Preferred qualification needed:

BSZ 40198 Certificate 4 in Assessment and Workplace Training

Ring Elaine on a Monday or a Wednesday at the Office: 33951322

- **PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF OPEN SHOOT SCORES:**

Our recent Board meeting changed this procedure slightly. These are the steps for the host club to follow:

1. Have the score results and report signed off by the designated referee or representative for the QRC.
2. Send the signed score sheets to QAPSA Office, as hardcopy or email.

Once the score sheets are certified by the Ref on the day the club is free to forward the results to the QAPSA website, or any other media outlet they choose.

QAPSA Office will forward the score results to:

1. Qld Referee Council
2. QAPSA Classification Officer
3. QPN
4. Team Managers

This procedure to come into effect gradually this month, but to be followed definitely by September 1 2007.

- **A CURRENT AFFAIR REPORT:**

Some of our members may have seen the ACA Report on Channel 9 last week which highlighted the fact that politicians' wives visiting Canberra with their husbands next time will be going to the Canberra Pistol Club to try the sport of Pistol Shooting. ACA has, of course, presented a fairly biased account of this planned exercise – sensationalising it to the extreme and doing no research into Pistol Shooting as a sport whatsoever.

From this, QAPSA's President, with the support of the Committee of Management and the City of Brisbane PC, is planning a Media Educational Day at the City of Brisbane PC. Plans are in the early stages at the moment, but the idea is to invite representatives from all media outlets and some Government Departments to attend the 'Educational' to find out what Pistol Shooting is *really* about, and what procedures are followed when choosing to become a pistol shooter, in Queensland, and indeed, Australia.

This will be a professional, well organised half day session which will hopefully give the media reps a more balanced, informed and positive view of our sport, as well as giving them a chance to try pistol shooting. More updates on this later.

- **NATIONALS 2008**

Remember – Queensland is the host state for the Pistol Australia National Championships for ISSF/PA events in 2008. The Championships will be conducted on the City of Brisbane Pistol Club, Metropolitan Pistol Club and Qld Small Bore Air range facilities on the Belmont Shooting Complex from March 15-23.

Encourage your club members to enter this great event – as a shooter and a helper.

Planning meetings have started – all enquiries and offers of assistance to QAPSA Office.

Remember – if you need help or information contact the Office and we will do our best to assist you and your Club.

Sharyn Petersen **Administrator**