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

John's contact details: PO Box 115 Malanda Q 4885 Ph: 40965309 M: 04177600

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.

A Coaching Seminar for International 1920 shooters, with Adrian Hunter, is in the planning stages: for October. 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.

- **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. Thirty-four clubs have been visited so far. If your Club hasn't as yet had a visit a QAPSA representative will be in contact with you as time allows. These visits will continue in 2008.

- **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

Sport and Recreation Qld has advised that funding for State Sporting Organisations (eg QAPSA Ltd) will require that the organisation has an appropriate disputes resolution policy in place by July 1 2008. Our Association is currently investigating an addition to our AISL Member Protection Policy to address this requirement.

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

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 One round

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Phone: 07 3395 1322 Fax: 07 3395 1344

QAPSA Website On Line www.qapsa.org

to go this year: Submissions due December 31.

Looking through the 'Easy Grants' Newsletter the GCBF is probably the only funding avenue for sporting clubs generally. With one of the aims of the grant being 'to provide leisure activities and opportunities for Queenslanders' clubs may wish to investigate this funding avenue.

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 soon to come under review, with a panel now in place. Chairperson for this Panel is Mr John English, and Deputy Chair is Carolyn Male (Member for Glasshouse). QAPSA has a representative on the panel, due to an approach by President Michele Sandstrom. Michele has agreed to be QAPSA's representative, after being nominated for the position at the Aug 15 COM Meeting. Review Panel meetings have been set down for November 2 and 23.

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: Statements of Attainment are now again flowing as usual.**
- **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.**
- **SANCTIONING OF OPEN SHOTS:**

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: joan.yetfoy@bigpond.com

- **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** in mind for a representative from your Club to attend the QAPSA AGM at the Belmont Complex. 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 have been invited 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: Bruce Favell
- Holster Proficiency information: Ted Collins
- 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 an Open Forum on the Saturday evening: Please ensure that your Club's rep comes prepared to present the views, needs and recommendations of your club at the forum.

Here is the chance for your club to have positive and constructive input into the association!

Expression of Interest Forms (enclosed Aug #2 Newsletter) must be returned asap.

Thank you to those many clubs who have already done so – this gives us a chance to access more economic flights. Please ignore the enclosed reminder notice if your club has replied.

Official notice of AGM and deadlines for nominations and notices of motion are enclosed. Proposed Program is also enclosed – some small changes may be made.

• **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.

QAPSA Board members, coordinators, referees, coaches and team managers do all their duties in their own time – and enjoy competing too! 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 October 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. Available at all newsagents.

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:**

The new brochure is in the formatting stage. As soon as it is completed bulk copies will be sent to each QAPSA Club. The brochure is intended to be very useful as something to give to prospective or 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. Will hopefully have these ready to distribute to club reps at the AGM

Conference.

- **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
Prospective trainers will be supported financially to undertake the course: See COM Minutes Sept 19 for details.

- **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 (including the sanctioned shoot number) signed off by the designated referee or QRC representative.
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 be followed from September 1 2007.

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

**ENCOURAGE YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS GREAT EVENT: TO EXPERIENCE A NATIONAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP IN THEIR HOME STATE!
WATCH AUSTRALIA'S TOP SHOOTERS IN ACTION – SHOOTING BESIDE THE CLUB SHOOTER.
THIS IS THE GREAT THING ABOUT A PISTOL AUSTRALIA CHAMPS – YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A TOP SHOOTER OR A STATE TEAM MEMBER TO COMPETE!**

- **ICORE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

As noted in the Minutes of the September 19 COM Meeting we have been advised by SSAA Insurance Brokers that ICORE shooters shooting the ICORE event are not covered by any insurance. ICORE is not an event registered with our insurance brokers (through SSAA Insurance Brokers, operating as an authorised representative for City Rural Insurance Brokers), through our Pistol Australia/QAPSA Insurance and does not cover SSAA members either for this event.

Apparently this is because ICORE is not actually a registered match or Association.

Clubs would therefore need to arrange separate insurance for their ICORE shooters to cover them whilst shooting this event.

Please note: Even though ICORE may be listed on your Range Approval and ICORE shooters may also be QAPSA members they have no insurance cover when shooting this event, unless independent insurance has been negotiated by the club.

• 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. If they have been issued with the Blue Card via QAPSA we have this on record already – it is just those members who may have done their application through another organisation we are looking to put on our database.

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.

Thank you for your help with this.

• SHOOTERS COMING FROM INTERSTATE AND/OR OVERSEAS:

We have clarified procedures with WLB, for Concealable Licence Holders transferring permanently from interstate or overseas wishing to apply for a Qld Licence.

Procedures are:

Interstate: STEPS:

1. Join a Queensland Pistol Club

To join a Pistol Club the transferee would need to confirm the following with their new Club:

- (a) Confirmation of current membership of their previous club.
- (b) Pistol Australia Transfer Form from their previous club (may not have this as this seems to be unavailable in some states)
- (c) Interstate Concealable Licence

Interstate permanent transfers do not have to have an Eligibility Statement to join a club. The Act states that the new Qld resident has 7 days to apply for his/her Qld Licence from when they become a permanent resident. The interstate licence is recognised until the time the Qld licence is issued, providing application has been made within the 7 day period. **However** WLB has confirmed that this time period is flexible and these applications are often treated in the same way as a Firearms Licence (3 months to apply).

To apply for their Queensland licence the transferee would need to:

1. Apply for their licence using forms QP 518B and QP 415 (list of firearms)
2. Produce their interstate licence
3. Produce proof of residence
4. Produce confirmation of Club membership on the QPS form plus a separate letter on a club letterhead stating that they are a financial member of the club and that the pistols they have are suitable for use on that club's range or can be used on other ranges at open events.

Overseas: STEPS

1. Will need some form of Eligibility Statement, preferably from QPS, prior to joining the club.
2. Will need to produce their overseas licence re above, and to the new club.
3. Will need to produce confirmation of current membership of their previous club.
4. Transferees will need to be in their new Qld club for 6 months before applying for a Qld licence.
5. Pistols cannot come into Qld until they have their Qld licence, otherwise Customs will seize.
6. Transferees will not have to do the WSC if 2 and 3 are in place.
7. Transferee to complete the application forms as per #1 for interstate shooters with #4 for interstate shooters included.

IN BOTH CASES MEMBERSHIP OF THEIR PREVIOUS CLUB AND THEIR NEW CLUB MUST BE CURRENT AND CONTINUOUS.

• WA 1500 RANGE OFFICER GUIDES.

A laminated copy of this guide is enclosed, even if your club does not shoot the event as yet. Range Officer Guides for all PA events are on the Pistol Australia website, in the NRC section, under resources. These can be downloaded for your club's use at any time. Website: www.pistolorg.au

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**