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- **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.

Ted has asked that the following notice goes into the Newsletter:

**NOTICE TO ALL QAPSA LTD HOLSTER ACCREDITATION EXAMINERS**

**PRIOR TO PUTTING ANY PERSON THROUGH THE HOLSTER ACCREDITATION COURSE CHECK THAT THE PERSON HAS A CATEGORY H LICENCE AND IS AFFILIATED WITH QAPSA LTD/PISTOL AUSTRALIA.**

**IF THEY ARE NOT AFFILIATED DO NOT PUT THEM THROUGH THE COURSE UNTIL THEY ARE AFFILIATED.**

- **COACHING**

As advised previously, QAPSA's Coaching Director is: John McGlew

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

Email: [jjmcglew@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jjmcglew@bigpond.net.au)

- **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](mailto: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 in 2008, with over half our clubs visited so far.

- **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](http://www.ausport.gov.au/ethics)

[www.playbytherules.net.au](http://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 current Member Protection Policy through AISL addresses this requirement for QAPSA Ltd.

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**The accredited 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](http://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](http://www.gcbf.qld.gov.au) One round to go this year: Submissions due 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 and Range Approval. 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. When you have received your new Range Approval and Club Approval remember to forward the Association a copy of these new approvals. This way we have a list of your Club's approved events for insurance purposes - **it is important that we have a copy on register.**

- **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](http://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](mailto:joan.yetfoy@bigpond.com)

- **Affiliation Cards:**

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Post: PO Box 306, Carina Qld 4152 Email: [gapsa@in.com.au](mailto:gapsa@in.com.au)  
Phone: 07 3395 1322 Fax: 07 3395 1344

**QAPSA Website On Line [www.qapsa.org](http://www.qapsa.org)**

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**

**Does your club have a representative coming to our Two Day AGM Conference?**

**Here is your Club's chance to have a say in the direction and function of our Association – and be fully funded to do so!**

To date the following groups have been invited to conduct a session at the AGM:

- Range Operator Course: Rex Wigney
- Qld Police Service WLB: Annual Return, forms, procedures
- 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: Sharyn Petersen
- Weapons Act Review progress summary: Michele Sandstrom

**What else would your Club like to see on this program? Let us know so we can include it in the Open Forum session.**

The Open Forum will be 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.

**Some topics that have been asked for in the Open Forum are:**

- Membership options/ideas/recommendations.
- Promotional Kit: What does your club consider important for this mobile facility?
- Statewide 'Shootathon' event: your club's views on managing this proposed annual event.
- Requirements from QAPSA Ltd for *your* club.
- Marketing name '**PISTOL SHOOTING QUEENSLAND**': How, when and where it will be used.
- Outline of daily function of QAPSA Ltd, Pistol Australia and AISL, their funding, paid positions etc.
- Individual Open Shoot entry forms (paid for by the individual clubs) in the QPN.

Expression of Interest Forms (enclosed Aug # 2 Newsletter) must be returned asap, even if your rep is not requiring air flights. We need to know numbers to begin to prepare resources and to notify our guest presenters so they can do the same.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S VIEW:**

It has been pleasing to hear the positive reaction to this initiative from many clubs, but also a little disappointing in that quite a few clubs have stated that they don't have anyone interested, or have the time to come along. Four (4) months' notice was given and grant funds put aside so that clubs could find someone to represent them, without any financial outlay.

Sadly, the clubs not attending pass up on the opportunity to have direct, positive input in a forum where their views can be heard by other club delegates and those who are managing your sport.

Important decisions will be made that will affect your club – you need to have someone there to vote on these decisions!

Perhaps your club could offer a delegate's position to another club member if no-one on your Management Committee can attend.

Remember our Association is managed predominantly by volunteers - **we need your views, ideas and support to help our sport grow and, more importantly, to survive.**

If your club is not amongst the clubs registered so far, ask why!

**CLUBS FORMALLY REGISTERED ON EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM:**

Bowen, Bundaberg, Burdekin, Cairns TSC, Cairns ICSC, Callide Dawson, City of Brisbane, Dalby, Emerald, Far North Qld, Gladstone, Gold Coast PA, Innisfail, Isis, Mackay, Millmerran, Moranbah, Murrumba, South Burnett, Tarawera, Toogoolawah.

We have received info that the following clubs may be represented, but nothing official received as yet: Fraser Coast, St George, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Warwick.

**We look forward to hearing from more clubs next week!**

**• 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.

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 has taken out a full page advertisement for the sport of Pistol Shooting in both the August and October issues. Available at all newsagents; to promote our sport in the wider community.

**• QAPSA BROCHURE:**

The new brochure is in the formatting stage. As soon as it is completed bulk copies will be given to each QAPSA Club. The brochure is intended to be useful as something to give to prospective or new members, or to distribute at promotional events and 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 : talk to Elaine if interested.

**• PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF OPEN SHOOT SCORES: from September 1 2007**

**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.**

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Phone: 07 3395 1322 Fax: 07 3395 1344

**QAPSA Website On Line [www.gapsa.org](http://www.gapsa.org)**

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

- **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. Website to keep up-to-date with developments is [www.pistolnationals.com](http://www.pistolnationals.com)

**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:**

SSAA was approached again, re the previously advertised information (Sept 07 Newsletter), as some conflicting advice had been received. Liz Jan of SSAA Insurance Brokers has confirmed the previous advice. ICORE shooters in your Club would therefore need to arrange separate insurance cover for 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.**

**We will monitor this situation and let you know if conditions do change.**

- **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.

- **MARKETING NAME:**

For marketing purposes: on brochures, DVD's, flyers, promotional days etc the name Queensland Amateur Pistol Shooting Association Ltd will not be used. 'Pistol Shooting Queensland' will be used instead for **promotional work and answering the office phone etc.**

No official name change is needed and this move has been decided upon by the Board after receiving advice from marketing experts, and the need to update the Association's image in the promotional arena.

- **FREE INFORMATION RESOURCE:**

Matt Baxter of Sports Sponsorshop News Australia has advised of a free information source for those who run grassroots sporting clubs. Go to: [www.grassrootsnews.com.au](http://www.grassrootsnews.com.au) and sign up in the 'Join free Enewsletter' section.

Has information on funding, grants, sports development and is updated daily.

- **RANGE TIMERS:** Information available at [www.itronicswas.com.au](http://www.itronicswas.com.au)

*Sharyn Petersen*     **Administrator**