



- **Enclosures**

The following items are enclosed:

AGM Booklet: including all reports (if not collected at the Conference)
Minutes of 2007 AGM
Correspondence Register
Administrator's Action List (if not collected at Conference)
Request for Coaching Form
'Support Your Sport' flyer (as given to each member with 08 affiliation card)
2008 Calendar
New Secretaries Manual (if not collected at the Conference)
Correspondence Register (if not collected at Conference)

- **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

Treasurer Elaine Gilliver has sent out invoices, club membership listings for checking and an affiliation guide (pink): Thank you to those clubs who have returned their edited lists already.

REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE THE ORIGINAL LIST WE SENT YOU, SHOWING YOUR DELETIONS OF NON-MEMBERS. NEW MEMBERS NOT YET REGISTERED WITH QAPSA LTD SHOULD BE DONE ON THE USUAL PA MEMBER NOTIFICATION FORM.

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.

As soon as your Club's reaffiliation is received your members will be issued with their 2008 QAPSA membership card – we have started processing these now.

Twenty-five clubs have reaffiliated so far and their members all have received their new cards individually.

- **Queensland Pistol News**

Deadline for our March issue is March 7. **Deadline is strictly adhered to.**

December issue should be delivered late this week, or early next week.

- **SHOOTING CALENDAR: Your Club Open for next year?**

Each Club was sent a form with the October Newsletter asking for certain information regarding your Club's Open. Once received here the info can be inserted in the Open Shoot Competition Information page of the December 2007 or February 2008 QPN, as well as the Rolling Calendar, PA Bulletin and the QAPSA website. The 2008 Calendar is enclosed – some shoots may be missing, although we know clubs are definitely holding an Open they have not advised of a date as yet.

- **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

QAPSA Management would like to sincerely thank all those clubs who participated in our conference. We realise some clubs could not send a delegate for varied reasons, but hopefully you can be there in 08.

This was our inaugural conference and Management is planning this to be an annual event. The exchange of ideas, opinions and information made the event a very worthwhile one for delegates and management. Club reps seemed to go away with a better understanding of how the association was run and the reasons behind many decisions. Sadly, some clubs which had expressed concerns to others about some aspects of the association, chose not to attend the conference. This would have been the perfect place to be heard, and to learn about the inner workings of our Association (the Qld Governments' recognised State Sporting Association for Pistol Shooting) and the sport. All departments that clubs come in contact with were there!

Not all issues will be solved and recommendations put in place instantly but the Association is now more aware of what the attending clubs want. Our next Board meeting will see Management work out the strategies and activities to help clubs.

Some topics that were discussed in the Open Forum were:

- Membership options/ideas/recommendations: the general consensus was that clubs ideally should affiliate all their members for these reasons, although no ruling was made.
 - to support the **SPORT**.
 - increase numbers for submissions and proposals to Government departments
 - support junior development (who is going to take over the running of your club when you are no

longer there?)

- to keep affiliation fees stable: more affiliates – less increase in fees necessary.
- increased funds available to service our clubs with promotional, coaching and official material
- Promotional Kit: If we receive the proposed grant from Sport & Recreation Qld this kit will be available to all affiliated clubs.
- Statewide 'Shootathon' event: Positive response received to this idea, to increase participation throughout the state.
- Marketing name '**PISTOL SHOOTING QUEENSLAND**': Will be used only in promotional events and where needed in other areas. No changes at this stage to letterheads and stationery, and in other official fields.
- Outline of daily function of QAPSA Ltd, Pistol Australia and AISL, their funding, paid positions: This was outlined in a very detailed way to explain the important link we have through Pistol Australia to AISL (Australian International Shooting Ltd). AISL is closely linked to the Australian Sports Commission and is recognised by the Australian Government as the peak body for shooting sports in Australia. SSAA is not affiliated with AISL.
Pistol Australia has one paid staff member: the Administrator Deidre Houston. All the other office bearers are volunteers.
QAPSA Ltd has one paid staff member also: Sharyn Petersen the Administrator. All members of our Board, WSC Training Manager and Trainers, QPN Editor, Coaching and Referee Coordinators are volunteers and do their quite demanding jobs in their own time.
- Individual Open Shoot entry forms: A new format has been decided upon: Each club sending details of their Open/s as per information requested in the September and December QPN's will be given a half page ad to advertise their event, with the generic entry form then to be used.
- Open Shoot Guidelines: Are now complete and included in each Secretaries Manual. These guidelines should help your club whether you are running an Open for the first time, or are old hands. It is hoped the Guidelines will give some consistency of standards and procedures throughout the state.

CLUBS REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE WERE: Beaudesert, Bowen, Bundaberg, Burdekin, Cairns Inner Circle, Cairns Target Shooters, Callide Dawson, City of Brisbane, Dalby, Emerald, Far North Qld, Fraser Coast, Gladstone, Gold Coast, Innisfail, Isis, Mackay UIT, Millmerran, Moranbah, Murrumba, South Burnett, Toogoolawah, Townsville, Warwick, Winton.

Those who had intended to be present, but had to cancel at the last minute for personal reasons were: North Arm, Toowoomba and Tarawera.

Dimbulah and Richmond were represented by proxy at the AGM.

Extra attendees came from Fraser Coast and City of Brisbane pistol clubs.

WAS YOUR CLUB REPRESENTED? IF NOT, ASK WHY. YOUR CLUB'S VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT TO THE ASSOCIATION – MAKE SURE YOUR CLUB HAS SOMEONE THERE IN 2008.

- **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: it is just those members who may have done their application through another organisation we are looking to put on our database. 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.

- **WEAPONS ACT LEGISLATION REVIEW:**

President Michele Sandstrom is our representative on this panel and has attended three meetings so far. The panel discusses each submission and either approves or rejects to go to the next step in the process. Clubs and members were asked to put submissions in to QAPSA or the Legislation Unit direct.

ONE OF OUR CLUBS RESPONDED DIRECTLY TO THE ASSOCIATION!

This Review is a part of normal procedure: a Review is scheduled every five years.

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Michele gave a progress report on the Review to date, at the QAPSA Conference. No major changes are envisaged. QAPSA's submission, along with those of the QSA (Queensland Shooting Association) has been advised in previous Newsletters.

• **CLUB OFFICIALS UPDATE FORM:**

This green form was enclosed in the November Mini-Newsletter mailout.

This is important so that we have a record of your Club's officials, and several points of contact. Please get these back as soon as your Club has its new Executive for the coming year. We appreciate your help with this. Thank you to those clubs who have already returned these.

• **WEAPONS SAFETY COURSE:**

Weapons Safety Course Training Manager, Elaine Gilliver, has been very busy since August 07 – issuing 642 Statements of Attainment. The majority of these are category A&B, but there is a trickle of category H.

• **AGM CONFERENCE EVALUATION:**

Please ensure you, and your club members have a careful look at the AGM reports: this will give you all a very good idea of what the Association has done over the past 12 months.

Please note increase in fees was approved by the AGM: 37 for 1 against Affiliation Fees for the 2008-2009 year: \$ 95.40 Senior \$47.70 Junior (CPI Increase for QAPSA and PA of \$1.50 each + \$2.00 QAPSA increase = \$5.00 increase overall).

Positive feedback and ideas from the evaluation sheets given out at the conference were:

- Should have annually
- Top weekend – well organised
- A great conference – look forward to 2008 being positive
- Great food
- Good, relevant content
- Atmosphere was such that you could ask anything
- Open Forum speakers should have set time period to state their case
- Everyone had an opportunity to have their say, and most were happy with the results
- Longer sessions need a mid-term break
- Clubs and their members need to know what their club wants/expects/needs from the Association before coming to the conference
- Organisers have a great commitment to the sport, the Association and its members
- Excellent to network with WLB officers
- Weapons Act Review info was great to take back to the club
- Must retain the WLB session in 08 to maintain the close working relationship already in place
- WLB reps were very obliging and willing to answer any questions
- WLB session was very informative and it was a great chance to personally meet the officers
- Open Forum involved lively discussion
- Open Forum was excellent – should be more of these
- Open Forum saw sound discussion – very healthy
- The Open Forum was very valuable to air issues and hear explanations, to take back to our members
- More strategies need to come out of the Open Forum so QAPSA can follow up with planning.

QAPSA LTD PLANS TO HAVE NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE ABOUT 22-23 NOVEMBER: PLAN NOW TO HAVE A DELEGATE THERE! DATE TO BE CONFIRMED, BUT WE DO WANT TO MAKE THE CONFERENCE A LITTLE FURTHER FROM CHRISTMAS NEXT TIME.

PISTOL SHOOTING QUEENSLAND
(qapsa ltd)
WISHES ALL CLUBS AND THEIR MEMBERS
A HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS
AND A SATISFYING AND SUCCESSFUL 2008
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND SUPPORT THROUGHOUT 2007
AND REMEMBER

MAKE A DATE TO PARTICIPATE IN '08! ☆

