



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

The following items are enclosed:

- Updated Calendar
- Minutes of April 21 COM Meeting
- Financials from April 21 COM Meeting
- Fee Schedule for 2010 – 2011 year
- NRC Information Sheet re Inner Tens
- 50 000 Shot Week papers
- Updated Club Contacts list

PREVIOUS NEWS:

- **Our 2010 CONFERENCE will be held on November 20 – 21**
MAKE THIS A DATE CLAIMER NOW!!
Two delegates from every club (Full or Partial Member Club) will be funded to attend. Keep your club up-to-date with legislation, marketing, club management and development, peak bodies, grant applications and much more. Here's your club's chance to have input into our sport. Clubs will also learn the importance of QAPSA Ltd/Pistol Australia affiliation.
- **AFFILIATING NEW MEMBERS:**
New members can be affiliated on a weekly or monthly basis – whichever suits the club best. Many clubs are doing this already and it certainly helps keep our databases current and ensures your members have all insurances in place and are receiving their paperwork quickly. We recommend that the club includes payment along with the PA Member Notification Form (MNF) when advising of new members. This way we can process on the day of receipt from the club and forward your new members their membership card and welcome letter the same day.

New Member adult:	\$64.00	New Member Junior:	\$32.00
From May 1 2010 (pro rata):			
New Member adult:	\$32.00	New Member Junior:	\$16.00

- **GRANT APPLICATIONS**
The Queensland Government has released information on its new grant programs:
www.sportrec.qld.gov.au/funding/newfundingprograms

NEW INFORMATION

- **CALENDAR:**
Updated Calendar is enclosed – all State Championships are now confirmed:
PLEASE NOTE:
ISSF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE TO BE HELD AT THE CITY OF BRISBANE PC.
- **MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**
The following QAPSA meetings and/or activities have been confirmed:

19	May	QAPSA COM meeting
26	May	Sports CONNECT Forum
28	May	Media Workshop: Administrator to attend
5-6	June	Holster Examiner Course: City of Brisbane PC
16	June	QAPSA COM Meeting
28 – 29	August	QAPSA Board Meeting
18 – 25	September	50 000 Shots Week: Cancer Council of Qld Fundraiser
20 – 21	November	QAPSA Conference and Annual General Meeting

- **PISTOL AUSTRALIA ISSF, SERVICES & WA 1500 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2010**

The 2010 Pistol Australia Nationals were a big success with 233 shooters registering to compete over the 8 days. QAPSA Ltd was the host association with the City of Brisbane and Metropolitan Pistol Clubs supplying the venue on the Belmont Shooting Complex in Brisbane.

The Championship began on Sunday March 28 with Service Pistol and the Opening Ceremony performed by the State Member for Chatsworth, Steve Kilburn MP. Councillor Adrian Schrinner from the Brisbane City Council also took part in the Opening Ceremony and medal presentations.

This set the scene for daily medal presentations by various Government Ministers, Government department reps, Order of Australia medal recipients and peak body representatives.

We were very pleased to welcome the following people to the Belmont Shooting Complex and the City of Brisbane and Metropolitan Pistol Clubs, to be part of the medal presentations:

Peter Cummiskey (CEO of Q Sport); Phil Reeves MP (Minister for Sport); Inspector Mike Crowley (WLB); Peter Anderson OAM (for Services to Pistol Shooting); John-Paul Langbroek MP (Leader of the Qld Opposition); David Bartholomaeus (Sports Development Coordinator for Sports CONNECT); Jo Weaver (Board Member Qld Olympic Council); Philip Adams OAM (services to Pistol Shooting); Paul Feeney (President Qld Shooting Association); Joan Yet Foy OAM (services to Pistol Shooting) and Catherine Fettell (President of Pistol Australia).

Having these special guests participate was very worthwhile, particularly the Government ministers, as this gave them a clearer insight into competitive target shooting and the disciplined sport of pistol shooting.

25 events were shot over the 8 days, ranging from the Service events and WA1500 Revolver and Pistol through to events for juniors and ISCD shooters, and all the ISSF events.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who participated – many of these were competitors, but a great many arrived from clubs far and wide just to help out in the time they could spare over the 8 days.

For some it was the first time they had been part of a shooting event on such a large scale, and was a real eye-opener for many!

It was a huge team effort involving Judges, Range Officers, scorers, patchers, target changers, canteen staff, armoury staff and many more.

A special thanks to the City of Brisbane and Metropolitan Pistol Clubs for their commitment and dedication to the smooth running of the event, and to Murrumba PC who supplied quite a crew of workers to help out. Many of our QAPSA clubs were represented in the volunteer contingent and 68 competed as well – great work!

These major events are very important not only to the sustainability of the Belmont Shooting Complex, but to the positive promotion of the sport of Pistol Shooting, from which all pistol shooters benefit.

Talking positive promotion – QAPSA employed a media person to report on the event and there was substantial coverage in the 8 April 'Country Life', various metropolitan newspapers and in some rural Queensland papers where successful competitors call home. The Courier Mail featured one of our successful juniors, Alfio Casagrande. This was quite an achievement as the Courier Mail rarely features shooting in its sports coverage.

Copy was also sent to newspapers Australia-wide.

Many of the Commonwealth Games Team aspirants competed. We wish them well in the selection period. Queensland shooters were successful in a range of events and several QAPSA teams took out first placings.

See the full results on the Nationals website: www.2010panationals.com Photos too!

Queenslander results will also be in the June QPN.

- **WEAPONS ACT REVIEW**

QAPSA's member on the Review Panel, Michele Sandstrom, has received the draft Act and Regulations and has attended the panel meetings to provide feedback.

Proposed tabling date for Parliament is June/July, possibly later.

- **FEES FOR THE 2010 – 2011 YEAR**

As per the enclosed 'Prior Notice'.

- **QUEENSLANDER ON PISTOL AUSTRALIA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Ben Sandstrom, previously Senior Vice President of QAPSA Ltd, has been elected to the position of Second Vice President of the management Committee of Pistol Australia.

Congratulations Ben. Well done!

- **SHOOTING EVENTS ACCORDING TO THE RULES: PLEASE READ THIS – IT IS MOST IMPORTANT!!**

IS YOUR CLUB SHOOTING ALL EVENTS ACCORDING TO THE RULES?
AS THE RANGE OPERATOR THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ALL EVENTS LISTED ON THE CLUB'S RANGE APPROVAL.

This means that any matches: QAPSA/PA; SSAA; IPSC; QRA; QTS etc must be conducted according to the rule book for these events.

Matches conducted on your range must be events from a recognised rule book, from a recognised association, and can only be events listed on your club's Range Approval.

This impacts on Holster Accreditation, as each association's event has different holster accreditation requirements ie to shoot Pistol Australia events your members must have PA holster accreditation; to shoot IPSC events they should have IPSC holster accreditation, and so on.

If all criteria is met QAPSA insurance will cover your QAPSA members to shoot any association's events on your range.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL THE ABOVE ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR MEETING INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS – ANY CLAIMS ARE VERY CAREFULLY SCRUTINISED RE ADHERENCE TO THE MATCH RULES.

As the Range Operator your Management Committee needs to be aware of what its members (and any visitors) are doing. The Range Operator is responsible for all activities on its ranges.

Responsible governance protects not only our members, but the sport of Pistol Shooting.

- **FORM 33 or 33A**

Please remember: Shooters without a Category H licence must sign a Form 33 or 33A each time they shoot on a range.

These shooters must sign the Range Register as well.

Category H licence holders cannot sign a Form 33 or 33A if they arrive at the range without their Category H Licence: a Form 33 or 33A is for unlicensed persons only.

The Range Officer must sight a person's completed Form 33 and ID or Category H or Minors Licence (or interstate licence) prior to them shooting on a range.

These are all Weapons Licensing Branch requirements.

- **QAPSA REFEREE COUNCIL**

Our Referee Council has been very busy in the early part of 2010, with Range Officer, Holster Examiner and Judge B courses in ISSF and International 1920 Match being conducted.

If you have members in your club wanting to gain any sort of accreditation read the following.

- **WEAPONS SAFETY COURSE TRAINERS:**

Does your club need a Weapons Safety Course trainer, or perhaps an extra WSC Trainer?

QAPSA now has over 50 qualified trainers around the state.

QAPSA will fund QAPSA members to become accredited as a trainer ie. QAPSA will pay half the course fee (about \$750.00) for the member, the member paying the balance, which will be refunded when that trainer has completed 2 years of WSC courses for QAPSA Ltd.

If you have members wanting to do this, the request will need to come to Elaine Gilliver (QAPSA Training Manager), at QAPSA Office. The club needs to also provide a supporting letter confirming that it is approved that this member/s operates as a WSC Trainer in the club.

- **HOLSTER EXAMINER COURSES:**

These courses have stepped up considerably this year, with a course being conducted at the City of Brisbane PC on June 5-6 and one planned for Richmond a little later in the year.

If you have members wishing to gain accreditation as a Holster Examiner the club needs to nominate them, being mindful that they must already have PA holster accreditation and have some experience in the Pistol Australia holster events.

Holster Examiner accreditation is fully funded by QAPSA, and is free to QAPSA members.

- **COACH ACCREDITATION:**

Coaching accreditation can be gained through QAPSA, at no cost to QAPSA affiliates.

Club Secretaries have a 'Request for Coaching' form on file and this can be used to request coaching for shooters, in any PA discipline; or to gain coaching accreditation through the Australian Sports Commission.

Your club needs to request this – coaching is available to any QAPSA club, for QAPSA affiliates, anywhere, on request.

Please note: the phone number in the March QPN, for our new Coaching Coordinator, Peter Heuke, was incorrect. It should have read: 4778 4601

- **NEW JUDGE B'S:**

QAPSA has some new Judge B's added to our list of accredited officials:

Bob Campbell and John Wright (ISSF)

Bryan Blakey and Brett Foster (International 1920)

Well done to these members. These courses also produced some 'judges in waiting' – with some further training required for them to acquire their accreditation.

This accreditation is gained at no cost to the participants.

- **50 000 SHOTS WEEK:**

50 000 Shots Week runs from 18 September to 25 September 2010.

All monies raised go to the Cancer Council of Queensland, for cancer research.

We look forward to your club participating. Paperwork is enclosed.

- **DVD'S IN PROGRESS:**

Our DVD introducing prospective new members, community groups etc to our sport is progressing and should be available for distribution to the clubs in mid-June.

Our Coaching Coordinator is also working with another state and another Qld Coach to put together a coaching DVD.

These DVD's will be free to QAPSA clubs and coaches.

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- **SPONSOR THANKS NATIONALS 2010**

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES, OR INDIVIDUALS, FOR THEIR INVALUABLE SUPPORT OF THE 2010 PISTOL AUSTRALIA NATIONALS:

Accent Press; Alan Bloore; Australian Stationery Supplies Underwood; Candan Industries (Inox); City of Brisbane PC; Inky's Print & Design; Joan Yet Foy; Lee Targets; Metropolitan Pistol Club; Office Works Capalaba; PBP Inspections; Potter Firearms; The Stanthorpe Apple Shed.

Their support is much appreciated by Pistol Australia and Pistol Shooting Queensland.

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