



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

The following items are enclosed:

- Flyer: Veterans' Aggregate
- AGM Agenda
- AGM Notices of Motion
- Accommodation list: Venues close to Belmont Shooting Complex
- QAPSA affiliation Benefits Flyer
- Sections of the Constitution relating to proposed changes

PAST NEWS: (Received in past Newsletters)

- **Capitation Fees:**

2008-2009: **Adult full year \$95.40 Junior full year: \$47.70**

Pro-rata: **Adult \$47.70 Junior \$23.85**

Prorata begins May 1

From this amount Pistol Australia receives \$43.00.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE: DEADLINE OCTOBER 31 2008

1. All clubs have received their membership list according to our records: Posted in the first week of September.
2. The list of members needs to be edited (as per 'Membership: Pistol Shooting Queensland' page: first September newsletter). Please return the edited list with your return. Additional members can be added via the normal Pistol Australia Member Notification Form.
3. Your club can pay then, if numbers match up, and you are confident that you have calculated correctly at your end, otherwise we will send an updated invoice.
4. **THIS ACCOUNT WILL BE PAYABLE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE FINAL INVOICE.**
5. Members will be issued with their new cards as soon as possible after receipt of the club's payment, and will be sent individually to each member.

CARDS WILL SHOW: Exp 31 Oct 2009

6. **Thank you to the clubs who have paid already: the members of these clubs have received their 2009 cards, individually, in the mail.**

- **COACHING REQUEST:** If your Club is wanting coaching, in any discipline, fill out the Coaching Request form (previously forwarded) and return to the office. John McGlew (QCC Coordinator) will then organise coaching for your Club.

- **OPEN SHOTS 2009:**

We have a slightly different procedure in place for sanctioned events.

The process is:

1. Submit your preferred dates to QAPSA Office.
2. We will check your preferred date to ensure it doesn't clash with another event within close proximity.
3. QAPSA Office will advise your club if the date is OK (or not).
4. Another date can be put forward if the first preference is not accepted (this would be rare).
5. QAPSA Office will advise QRC Coordinator Joan Yet Foy of approved dates and events.
6. The Club can then apply for a sanction number from QRC.
7. Joan will be given regular updates of dates and events approved by QAPSA Ltd via email.

QAPSA will then forward all details on to: QPN, QAPSA website, Pistol Australia (for first PA Bulletin of 2009). For events to be included in the PA Bulletin: Details of these need to be QAPSA approved and sanctioned by December 17.

A blank Calendar (with some tentative dates already submitted) was enclosed with the first September Newsletter, and a 'Notice of Intent to Conduct an Open Shoot/s' is enclosed for your return to QAPSA Office.

- **CLUB OFFICIALS UPDATE FORM:**

Some Clubs have not sent this form back. This information is needed for two reasons:

1. So that we have an up-to-date record of your Club's officials, and several points of contact.
2. So we can crosscheck to ensure all your Committee are QAPSA affiliates if your club is planning to be covered by Pistol Australia's Association Insurance (or Directors and Office Bearers Insurance) – this is an insurance company requirement, to cover all your Club's officials.

Thank you for your help with this, and thank you to those clubs who have already returned these forms.

- **OFFICE HOURS: Now open 35 hours a week:**

Monday:	8.00 am – 1.00 pm	Tuesday:	8.00 am – 4.30 pm
Wednesday:	8.00 am – 4.30 pm	Thursday:	8.00 am – 4.00 pm
Friday:	8.00 am – 1.00 pm		

- **AFFILIATION CONFIRMATION:** WLB is now asking for confirmation of a Club's affiliation with an Association when renewing the Club's Shooting Club Approval.

To date the Association has been providing a letter stating how many members of the club are registered with us, whether the club's Management Committee consists of members affiliated with us and confirms insurance details.

- **FORM 33 OR 33A:**

A REMINDER: **It is a requirement of the Weapons Act** that any unlicensed person participating in shooting on a Club range signs a Form 33 or Form 33A prior to shooting. The Form 33 is recommended for the 'one off' casual shooter, whilst the Form 33A hastens the paperwork a little if the person is a regular visitor to the club (having done the Form 33 on his/her first visit). These forms must be fully completed.

- **AGM CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 15-16 2008**

Has your club selected a delegate yet? Thank you to those clubs who have already informed us of their delegate: an official registration form has been forwarded previously.

The response so far has been excellent – we have interesting, informative and educational sessions planned.

Here is your club's chance to be part of the decision making and forward planning for our Association and sport.

A delegate from each club is fully funded to participate, and this year a second club person may be funded to attend. We are asking clubs to nominate two representatives – we will advise of the second representative's funding asap after we receive the returns from clubs registering their club's representatives.

Funding for this conference is received from Sport and Recreation Qld to help improve 'Organisation Management' which filters down to Club Management.

- **QAPSA Sanctioned Shoots:**

QAPSA sanctioned shoots are for QAPSA affiliates only.

The reasons behind this are:

1. Participants are fully aware of match rules and procedures and commands for the various events.
2. Participants are fully aware of specifications for pistols and ammunition for the events.
3. The events shot at a sanctioned open are registered to Pistol Australia, and therefore QAPSA Ltd.
4. Correct Holster Accreditation is in place.
5. All the Range Official expertise has come through PA – funded by affiliates: all updated on a regular basis via PA/QAPSA support
6. Insurance requirements and policies are clear cut and in place.

The only variance to this is for Regional or International Games (eg Maryborough Masters Games, Pan Pacific Masters, Australian Shooting Games, North Qld Games etc). The Pistol Shooting section of these

Games can be sanctioned by QAPSA, but the event will continue to be accessible to shooters from any Association. This is because the organising body for these events is an independent, outside organisation. If clubs want shooters from other associations to compete at their Open they have the option of conducting a non-sanctioned event.

PLEASE BE AWARE: IF YOUR CLUB IS CONDUCTING A SANCTIONED OPEN SHOOT COMPETITORS MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE 3 THINGS FOR SIGHTING BY THE HOST CLUB:

1. Queensland Concealable Licence
2. QAPSA membership card
3. Pistol Australia Holster Accreditation (if shooting PA holster events)

• **CLUB EVENTS:**

Club organisers conducting club events need to sight:

1. Qld Concealable Licence or Firearms Licence (if shooting rifle events) or Form 33 documentation & ID
2. If using a holster: the appropriate holster accreditation ie. for PA/QAPSA events, PA holster accreditation is required. If shooting SSAA holster events, SSAA Holster Accreditation is needed, and if shooting IPSC events, IPSC Holster accred is needed.
That is: holster accreditation is not transferable, nor recognised between organisations.

• **VOLUNTEER AWARDS PROGRAM:**

Don't forget to thank a club Volunteer by nominating them for our QAPSA Volunteer Awards Program. Next quarter's deadline is October 31.

We have some nominations for this quarter so far – there is still time to nominate someone from your Club.

• **GRADING CARD;**

Our new Grading Card was enclosed with the September QPN. Members of clubs which renewed their membership prior to the QPN received these by mail with their new membership card, prior to delivery of the QPN.

The card needs to have a cross inserted in the appropriate grade columns for the events shot. If breaking grade or downgrading the specific cell needs to be initialled by your Club Scorer.

Grades for all ISSF/PA events are on page 30 of the September QPN – to help your members ascertain their grades.

Metallic Silhouette is not included on the new card as silhouette shooters have their own grading card system.

• **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ISSF 2008:**

Some new initiatives will be introduced at our 2008 ISSF State Championships.

1. **Veterans' Aggregate:** Will be calculated over 25m Standard Pistol; 10m Air Pistol (first 40 shots); and 25m Pistol (Women)/ 25m Centre Fire (Men).
A Veteran will be classed as such if he/she is 65 years of age, or older, this calendar year.
2. **Club Team Trophy:** To be calculated over three events: 10m Air Pistol (Women or Junior Women); 10m Air Pistol (Men or Junior Men) and 25m Standard Pistol.
Three (3) person team for each event to be pre-nominated by the Club (nominated teams to be received by Thursday October 30)
3. **Participation Award:** To be awarded to the Club with the highest **percentage** of their affiliated membership participating in the State Championships.

• **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: ISSF**

City of Brisbane PC will conduct this event on **October 31, November 1-2.**

Entry Form in the September QPN, or use the generic entry form.

- **OPEN SHOOT RESULTS:**

When forwarding Open Shoot results it would be appreciated if Clubs could list how many shooters participated in their event: Men, Women, and Junior.

Part of QAPSA's return to SRQ each year must now show participation trends – with the hope that there will be an increase. If clubs can just add this info, as a note, with their results, it will help immensely (ie the Administrator won't have to count them!) to have these figures at hand at the end of each year when we have to submit a progress report.

This helps with continued funding for not only the Association, but our Sport in general.

- **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD:**

The recent letter/survey to our state's juniors has received a promising response.

A tentative date has been set for our first Pistol Shooting Queensland 2009 Junior Camp. January 16-17-18 has been pencilled in with the plan to follow this up with another camp in September 2009.

Juniors who have contacted us via the survey will receive notification of the January Camp very soon. QAPSA will be sending a junior team to the AISL Youth Nationals in Sydney (at the Sydney International Shooting Centre) on the last weekend of November. These Nationals allow QAPSA/PA members from 11- 24 years to participate. We are currently going through our membership lists to identify our younger members who are participating regularly, have some competition experience and have a Minors Licence.

These juniors will be contacted by QSDS Coordinator, Michele Sandstrom in the coming weeks to ascertain their interest and availability. This event will include a coaching component as well. These juniors will be fully funded by QAPSA Ltd to attend.

- **AFFILIATION SURVEY:** Thank you to the many clubs who have returned this survey – this gives us some idea of the make-up of your clubs and will provide data relevant to the membership proposal to be discussed at the AGM. We are still waiting on a few clubs to return theirs.

- **HOLSTER ACCREDITATION:**

If your club members are shooting holster matches (ie a loaded pistol is being drawn from a holster), according to the events listed on your Range Approval, they must have holster accreditation specific to that event. Pistol Australia/QAPSA Ltd events requiring Pistol Australia Holster Accreditation (confirmed by a Pistol Australia Holster Proficiency Card) are: International 1920 Match (previously NRA Action Match) events, WA 1500 and Service Pistol.

If your members are shooting SSAA holster events they will need to have SSAA holster accreditation and IPSC events will need IPSC holster accreditation.

None of these events can be shot according to the rules unless they have the specific holster accreditation related to that event. This would be a major requirement by any insurance company, and certainly is with our insurers. A local club holster accreditation is not possible as all pistol clubs have to be shooting events from a recognised association and its associated rule books, which would state the holster accreditation required.

- **SHOOTERS REJOINING PISTOL CLUBS AFTER A 5 YEAR ABSENCE:**

It has been confirmed yesterday that:

1. These members are eligible to remain a member of the Club for those 5 years.
2. These members can shoot using the Form 33 or 33A.
3. These members can begin their 6 month period 6 months prior to the end of their 5 year absence.

PLEASE NOTE ONE CHANGE: In the section (June QPN page 7) relating to members who have not maintained continuous membership, where it reads that these members are eligible to apply for a concealable licence the day after the 5 year anniversary of their concealable licence: **THIS SHOULD READ:** 'are eligible to apply for club membership the day after the 5 year anniversary etc'

- **PISTOL SHOOTING QUEENSLAND: NEW SHIRTS FOR QAPSA MEMBERS**

The Association is in the process of updating its merchandise and a new Pistol Shooting Queensland shirt is in the design process. We are hoping the shirts will be ready for release at the AGM Conference.

- **RANGE APPROVAL UPDATES:**

Clubs are requested to send a copy of the Club's Approval of a Range and/or Approval of a Club if they have recently been renewed. QAPSA Ltd needs a copy of these so we have your Club's events registered re insurance cover for your QAPSA members. If these QAPSA members are also shooting events registered to other recognised shooting associations we need to have the names of these events and the rules and procedures they are being conducted under on file also. These members are then covered by your QAPSA/PA insurance whilst shooting these events, providing the appropriate holster accreditation is in place, if they are shooting holster events from these other associations.

- **RANGE OPERATOR COURSES:**

These courses have slowed down a little due to Rex Wigney of QRA not being able to conduct these courses, on request, at this stage. QAPSA has spoken to Rex about this and he has indicated that he is in favour of QAPSA Ltd having some of our members qualify as Range Operator Trainers for our clubs. This will be discussed at the AGM Conference and expressions of interest are called for from our members. At this stage no decision has been made on funding, training, time needed etc.

NEW INFORMATION:

- **50, 000 SHOTS!!**

Our 50 000 shots weekend was supported by only a small number of clubs: seven (7) in all at this stage. If your Club did participate but have yet to forward the details on to the Association please do so asap so we can finalise our donation to the most nominated charity organisation.

Deadline for this is extended to Oct 31.

Progress to date: 7 Clubs participated 82 shooters 9 839 shots \$217.00

Well done to Warwick PC – leading the participation field so far with the total number of shots fired: 2 751!

Thank you to the other 6 clubs who have registered their participation so far: we appreciate your interest and support: Burdekin, City of Brisbane, Emerald, Gladstone, Moranbah and Toowoomba.

- **QRA ACCOMMODATION ISSF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS CITY OF BRISBANE PC;**

Accommodation at the QRA complex is booked out due to a major rifle event coinciding with our State Champs. This was sent as an email last week and is enclosed as hardcopy with this newsletter for those without email.

- **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ISSF 2008:**

Encourage your members to participate at our State Champs at the City of Brisbane PC on Oct 31, Nov 1, Nov 2. Remember it is not just for the top performers, as it is in many other sports – our events are all graded so everyone is catered for: new, experienced, developing, young, old, able and disabled, Master Grade to D Grade.

Your members' support of our State Champs (in whatever discipline), is support of the sport in general. Don't forget those extra awards this year – listed in the PAST NEWS section.

- **AGM Conference Update:**

Enclosed with this mailout is the Agenda and Notices of Motion for the Annual General Meeting on November 16.

Draft Program Information Sessions are shown below: confirmed Program will come to your Club early next week.

1. Club Governance Workshop: help and guidance in managing a sporting club.
2. Weapons Licensing Branch: The reviewed Act and question time
3. Grant Writing: practical tips for grant applications (by professional grant writer)
4. Short information sessions from all our Coordinators
5. Range Operator Courses, Standing Orders, Duty of Care and such
6. Administrator: Help for Management Committees
7. Weapons Safety Course Overview
8. Open Forum – your Clubs' representatives chance to have a say.
9. Helpful computer programs for pistol clubs
10. Marketing Material and promotional plans for the future
11. Annual General Meeting

• **Satisfaction Survey:**

A Satisfaction Survey will be forwarded to your club early next week (via email and hardcopy). We ask that your Club has it back to us by November 7 so that the results can be collated for discussion at the AGM Conference. This survey is to ascertain each Club's satisfaction level regarding the many points of contact, policy, communication etc with QAPSA Ltd.

• **OFF TO THAILAND!**

Congratulations to John (Dutchy) Lisiewicz from Moranbah PC and Wayne Hartley of Murrumba PC who have been selected in a Pistol Australia team to compete at the Thailand National Championships in early November. City of Brisbane PC junior, Alfio Casagrande, has also been invited to attend as an up and coming younger shooter.

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL and GOOD LUCK and GREAT SHOOTING!

Sharyn Petersen
Administrator

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