



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

**The following items are enclosed:**

- Registration Form: Delegate/Rep to AGM Conference
- AGM Conference Program
- Minutes of October 15 COM Meeting
- Satisfaction Survey
- Event Calendar 2009

**PAST NEWS:** (Received in past Newsletters)

**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 many clubs who have paid already: the members of these clubs have received their 2008-09 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 SHOOTS 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.

• **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.

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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.

• **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 (or equivalent overseas or interstate) Concealable Licence.
2. QAPSA (or equivalent interstate PA pistol club) 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 equivalent interstate or overseas 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.

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- **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.

- **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ISSF 2008:**

Some new initiatives will be introduced at our 2008 ISSF State Championships: City of Brisbane PC Oct 31, November 1, 2 2008.

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.

- **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. Thank you to the clubs who have been doing this.

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

- **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.

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**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 ...."

- **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.

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## NEW INFORMATION:

- **50,000 SHOTS!!**

An update: 8 clubs participated; 11 693 shots were fired by 93 participants. Money raised was \$243.00 and this will be forwarded to the Cancer Council of Queensland, as the majority of participants signified the cancer charities as their preferred recipient of our donation.

**Warwick PC members fired the most number of shots (2 751) but Toowoomba PC had the greatest number of participants and raised the greatest amount of money – \$52.00. WELL DONE!**

- **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: 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. If your Club has not replied as yet there is another Registration Form enclosed for your Club's use.

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, in a positive way.

**A delegate from each club is fully funded to participate, and this year a second club person will be fully funded to attend. We are asking clubs to nominate two representatives.**

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

- **AGM Conference Update:**

Conference Program is enclosed: Some extras may be added as we are negotiating with Pistol Australia and AISL to have representatives here also to present a session and be available to answer any questions your club may have.

Please be aware the Open Forum sessions and discussion sessions are not just about QAPSA giving solutions but about clubs sharing the ways they handle various aspects of managing a club.

• **2009 EVENTS CALENDAR:**

The QAPSA Competition Calendar will be confirmed at the Conference so that Clubs can apply for sanction numbers before year's end. Please check the enclosed Calendar if you are yet to nominate a date for your event.

Some dates will show a clash of events.

**IF YOUR EVENT CLASHES WITH ANOTHER, WHICH MAY IMPACT ON NUMBERS ATTENDING YOUR EVENT, YOU MIGHT LIKE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE CLUB/S IN QUESTION AND/OR SELECT ANOTHER DATE. THE NEW DATES CAN THEN BE RATIFIED AT THE AGM CONFERENCE.**

• **SATISFACTION SURVEY:**

A Satisfaction Survey is included with this mailout. It can be returned in hardcopy or electronically. 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.

• **AISL Youth Nationals: Sydney International Shooting Centre**

A Queensland Team of juniors will be funded by QAPSA Ltd to compete at the Youth Nationals. Team Manager, Michele Sandstrom, has been in contact with seven juniors. We will announce the team once we have received confirmation from parents and/or participants.

• **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:**

A Membership Drive motion was put to an electronic vote by Board members this week, following discussion at the last Board Meeting. The Board voted in favour of this idea, with the understanding that the result of the drive would be evaluated at the final Board Meeting in 2009.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**FROM NOVEMBER 1 2008 TO OCTOBER 31 2009 NEW MEMBERS WILL BE REGISTERED AS A QAPSA LTD AFFILIATED MEMBER WHEN A \$60.00 AFFILIATION FEE (NOW \$95.40) IS PAID FOR AN ADULT MEMBER AND \$30.00 (NOW \$47.40) FOR A JUNIOR MEMBER.**

This will apply to all new members being registered with QAPSA Ltd from Nov 1 2008 – 31 October 2009. Even if they have previously been a QAPSA member, but have let their affiliation expire, they will be classed as a 'new' member. This will not apply to members on your current capitation list who you may reaffiliate after October 31 this year.

Remember also, the 'free' month is now from 1 September – 30 September 2009. That is, if your Club affiliates a member in September and the Member Notification Form shows he/she joined your club in September 2009, there will be no pro-rata payment due. Previously this 'free' month was October, but now that we are ensuring all members are reaffiliated by October 31 this has to change.

We advise and recommend that your Club affiliates its members with QAPSA as soon as they join your club. This way all aspects of insurance are in place. If a member is not on our database they are not registered with us as an insured person under our policies. It is part of the Club's duty of care to ensure that they have all affiliation requirements in place promptly if they want their members covered under our policies (Public Liability, Product Liability and Volunteer Liability).

**To summarise:**

- **CAPITATION FEES: NEW MEMBERS**  
2008 – 2009 ADULT FULL YEAR \$60.00 JUNIOR FULL YEAR \$30.00

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ADULT PRORATA	\$30.00	JUNIOR PRORATA	\$15.00
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PRORATA BEGINS MAY 1  
'FREE' MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2009

- **ELIGIBILITY STATEMENTS:**

Please ensure that the date showing the joining date for a new member is later than the one shown on the new member's Eligibility Statement. **A person cannot join your club until they present the club with their Eligibility Statement.**

Please be mindful of this as a few clubs have had to answer a 'please explain' from WLB re accepting membership of an applicant prior to the date shown on the applicant's Eligibility Statement.

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