

SSAA NEWS

March 2011

Welcome to this short edition of the newsletter.

This newsletter is to remind you that it is now time to renew your membership to the club.

Here we are into March 2011 with so much happening at the club. We have already hosted the biggest State Titles ever held in this State and in fact the country and we are about to start work on the Nationals being held in April over Easter. So this newsletter is to bring you up to speed on what is going on and what we need your help with. Please take the time to read all of the information supplied as some of it will pertain to you.

SIGN-ON AT THE RANGE

The SSAA has instituted a new sign on method at the front gate at Eagle Park. You **MUST** produce your SSAA membership card at the front gate for swiping. This gets rid of the need for you to sign on at the gate and filling in the tear off docket you used to get and also confirms your SSAA membership. Failure to provide your membership card at the gate may result in you having to pay the non members gate entry fee, \$30.00 instead of \$15.00. So please make sure you have your card **EVERYTIME** you come to the range.

CLUB RENEWALS

It is renewal time again very soon and they will be sent out very soon. Once again you will be given the opportunity to pay early and receive a discount for doing so, but you are reminded that back dated cheques will not get you the discount, paying on time will. Sorry but too many people try this on every year and it is a bit selfish. The Secretary has asked that you all take an extra couple of minutes to ensure that you read, fill in and ensure that all of your details are correct. She also asks that you print neatly so that she can read your details correctly. We also require that you provide a photocopy of your **CURRENT** SSAA membership card to verify that you are still a member of the SSAA. We report to the LSD from this paperwork and we do not want to cause you any grief by writing in something that is not correct because we could not read your writing. So please help us to help you and provide us with all the information we ask for. If you are not going to renew, please let us know so that we do not send you lots of reminders. You will also find on the renewal form if you are required to pay the fee for non attendance at our working bee requirements. Remember to qualify for the early bird fee; we **MUST** receive your payment no later than 31st May 2011. All renewals are due no later than 30th June 2011 and those not paid by 31st July will be notified to the LSD as not being members of a pistol club.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Club competitions have been getting bigger and bigger over the last year and it is also good to see a rise in our own members in attendance. This will go a long way to ensuring that you have no problems with attendances. The next thing we have to improve on is getting people to the range on the Saturday before the comp to help set it up. We have a small dedicated crew who turn up each month to carry out the setups, but it would be great to see a few more of you helping also. You do not have to be there every month, but every other month or so would be a great help. We also need people to help pull down and put away the stages after the match. This is so much easier than building them, but none the less a requirement. Please look at how you are situated and help your fellow club members with this task.

RIFLE/SHOTGUN MATCHES

Sebastian Ziccone has been organizing and running rifle/shotgun matches for a while now and they are quite successful. As a result of these matches a lot of people say they are more interested in rifle only comps. We will therefore be running more rifle than shotgun events in the future, but will still hold shotgun events once or twice a year. A reminder that since it is a LONGARM match, you will not get an attendance for you handgun requirement by shooting the match.

2011 NATIONALS

By now most of you know that we will be hosting the 2011 National IPSC Championships at Easter 2011. We will be looking to start building the stages for this match in April and remind everyone that your assistance **WILL** be required. All working bees will start at 10.00am on both Saturdays and Sundays and if you are able to work on both days it would be a great help. If you want to stay overnight on the weekends, just bring your own dinner, Sunday breakfast and sleeping gear and you will be good to go. The club has showers etc so no problem sin keeping clean. We have managed to keep everything in Werribee this time and not require people to move to a new hotel in Melbourne just to attend the dinner. By doing this we expect to see a lot more people in attendance. Match entry forms available online or at the club house. Various sub committees have been formed to carry out the tasks of ensuring that everything is in readiness. If you wish to help with any aspect of this match, please contact me as soon as possible. It would be really good if all PPLA members were able to attend this match as we are hosting it and I would love to see a lot of PPLA t-shirts moving around the stages. If you cannot attend the match, then at least come and help us build it and help make it the biggest Nationals ever held in Australia.

Working bee dates are shown elsewhere in this newsletter on the calendar.

WORKING BEES & ROSTERED DUTY DAY

Not a lot of people have turned up to assist on the ranges in the last 12 months, which will of course result in some of you paying a bit extra at renewal time. Belonging to a club, especially a club that is run by volunteers, means 'putting in' to assist the club with all it takes to run it. That is why we have a Committee and they do a lot of the work required. A number of members of the club have turned up innumerable times to working bees and carried out an enormous amount of work for the club and for this I thank them very much. So please, help out at your club and make it easy for us all. A full Rostered Duty Day listing was sent to everyone and is displayed on the notice board at the club house. Unfortunately some people se fit to rip it off the wall. If you have a problem with the information on their, please say so. All it shows is your name and phone number, not anything secret, no other information is provided. If you cannot make it on your day let me know and it can be swapped to another day, however when you do attend the jobs are to be carried out as per the job list on the notice board.

Well that's it for this newsletter. I hope to see you at one of club competitions very soon.

Bill Campbell.

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CLUB CALENDAR JANUARY-JUNE 2011

February

Saturday 5 Practice
Sunday 6 S/Titles SETUPS
Saturday 12 S/Titles SETUPS
Sunday 13 S/Titles SETUPS
Friday 18 State Titles Pre-Match
Saturday 19 STATE TITLES
Sunday 20 STATE TITLES
 Saturday 26 Practice
 Sunday 27 Practice

March

Saturday 5 Practice
Sunday 6 Training Day
 Saturday 12 Practice
Sunday 13 Practice/Trg Day
Saturday 19 Comp setups
Sunday 20 Club Comp (2) P
 Saturday 26 Practice
 Sunday 27 Practice

April

Saturday 2 Nats Setups
Sunday 3 Nats Setups
Saturday 9 Nats Setups
Sunday 10 Nats Setups
Saturday 16 Nats Setups
Sunday 17 Nats Setups
Wednesday 20 NATIONALS pre-match
Thursday 21 NATIONALS pre-match
Friday 22 NATIONALS 2011
Saturday 23 NATIONALS 2011
Sunday 24 NATIONALS 2011
Monday 25 NATIONALS 2011
Tuesday 26 Nats CLEANUPS
 Saturday 30 Practice

May

Sunday 1 Training Day
 Saturday 7 Practice
Sunday 8 Practice/Trg Day
Saturday 14 Club Comp setups

Sunday 15 Club Comp (3) P

Saturday 21 Practice
 Sunday 22 Practice
 Saturday 28 Practice
 Sunday 29 Practice

June

Saturday 4 Practice
Sunday 5 Training Day
 Saturday 11 Practice
Sunday 12 Practice/Trg Day
Saturday 18 Club Comp Setups
Sunday 19 Club Comp (4) P
 Saturday 25 Practice
 Sunday 26 Practice

2011 Important Dates

April

IPSC NATIONALS

The Second Training Day in each month is **only** for those members who have attained a Provisional License. Non license holders are required to attend the first Sunday sessions. Provisional License holders and any member can attend both Training Days.

All Working bees commence at 1030hrs and the club will provide a sausage sizzle lunch and a cold drink. You are expected to work for a minimum of 4 hours before an attendance is recognised and there is no shooting whilst a working bee is in progress.

Please note: All members are required to attend their Rostered Duty Day and a minimum of 2 working bees per membership year. Check the Duty Day list supplied to you to ensure that you fulfil your requirements and not having to pay the fee for non attendance.

All dates/comps subject to change without notice, check the website, www.ppla.org.au