

PPLA NEWS

May 2011

Welcome to this short edition of the newsletter.

This newsletter is to provide you with your annual renewal paperwork and inform you of what is happening around the club.

Please take time to read the newsletter fully as there will be something here that you will need to know.

SIGN-ON AT THE RANGE

A Reminder that the SSAA now has electronic sign-on at the gate and that you **MUST** have your membership card with you or you will be required to pay the full gate entry fee. Things are on the improve with this method as most of you have now been through the process and your information is now confirmed. If you have not been 'swiped' at the gate, it will take a few minutes of your time to update your info. 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 the form is enclosed with this newsletter. 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

The **2011 NATIONALS** have been run and won and this year has to have been the best Nationals ever run, not only by the PPLA, but in the country. 292 competitors was the final count and there were little or no problems encountered in the entire match. This can be attributed to the group of people who organized and laid out the plans to ensure that the club looked great and the match was everything we could provide. Quite a few club members worked VERY hard on this match and almost every member turned up at one stage or another to assist. Pity there was a handful that could not make it to assist, there were days when an extra hand or two would have been a welcome relief. Well maybe next time.

I have listed a number of people who turned up to EVERY working bee day to help build the match. There were people from all over coming to help and it was gratifying to see members of other clubs turning up to help too. People from Sale, Oakleigh, Mt Gambier, Cranbourne and Warranbool PC's all turned out to help and I thank you all.

Obviously with so many people helping I may have missed someone, but I know who turned up and your contribution is appreciated.

Big thanks to the 'full time' work crew:

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| Dean Hateley | Greg Moon | Bill Campbell | Joe Sullivan |
| Rob Josipovic | Mark Broadbent | David Scott | Steve Munday |
| Neil Osborne | John Moss | | |

And to **ALL** the other great members who contributed to the building, running, kitchen and cleaning up at the match.

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 see 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 MAY-SEPTEMBER 2011

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

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

July

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| Saturday 2 | Practice |
| Sunday 3 | Training Day |
| Saturday 9 | Practice |
| Sunday 10 | Practice/Adv Trg Day |
| Saturday 16 | Club Comp Setups |
| Sunday 17 | Club Comp (5) P |
| Saturday 23 | Practice |
| Sunday 24 | Practice |
| Saturday 30 | Practice |
| Sunday 31 | Practice |

August

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| Saturday 6 | Practice |
| Sunday 7 | Training Day |
| Saturday 13 | SSM Setups |
| Sunday 14 | SSM Setups |
| Friday 19 | SSM Pre Match |
| Saturday 20 | SSM (1) |
| Sunday 21 | SSM (1) |
| Saturday 27 | Practice |

Sunday 28 Practice

September

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| Saturday 3 | Practice |
| Sunday 4 | Training Day |
| Saturday 10 | Practice |
| Sunday 11 | Practice/Adv Trg Day |
| Saturday 17 | Club Comp Setups |
| Sunday 18 | Club Comp (6) P |
| Saturday 24 | Practice |
| Sunday 25 | Practice |

2011 Important Dates

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| August 20/21 | IPSC Vic SSM 1 at PPLA |
| September 10/11 | IPSC SSM 2 at Wodonga |
| October 23/24 | TAS State Titles at Launceston |
| November 24-26 | New Zealand Nationals in Rotorua |

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 licensed 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