

IPLA

NEWSLETTER

January 2010

Welcome to this short edition of the newsletter.

Firstly I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. We are putting out a small newsletter as there are a few things that you must know and I am sure that not everyone gets to read the club webpage. LSD requires that the club sends them a complete attendance record for all members within the first few weeks of the new calendar year. In order for the club to do this, **YOU** must send us your attendance record if you have shot anywhere else other than our own club. This will include any time you attended our range and were unable to sign the attendance register in the clubhouse due to the clubhouse being locked.

I also must remind you that the originals of your "Personal Attendance form" must be received by me no later than 29th January 2010. As we have to send in our Annual report soon after. If you do not send it in on time, I am sorry but you will miss out, we cannot continually wait for latecomers and place those members who do the right thing in jeopardy. There are some people who think that they are not required, so I guess we will see who gets to keep their license this year and who does not.

Personal Attendance forms must be used whenever you are shooting away from your own club and whenever you are at the clubhouse and it is locked up. They **MUST** be signed by an official of the club you shot at and not left blank. They are required to be signed by a person in a position of supervision, such as a Range Officer who looked after you whilst you were on the range or, if at Eagle Park, the Range Manager or a staff member.

It is of **VITAL** importance that you ensure that the forms are filled in correctly. Some of the Attendance forms that we have received so far are not filled in correctly! This results in two things. One, we either enter only those details that are correct as per what the LSD requires or two, we spend a considerable amount of time double checking the information and/or correcting it to ensure that you get an attendance. This is not our job. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that you **CORRECTLY** enter all of the details as required by the LSD or you will suffer the consequences. Since we do this work as elected, volunteers, I remind you all again that you have responsibilities too. If you think that you do not require signing the club attendance register or that entering in a competition is good enough, then I am sorry you are in for a surprise. All attendances for 2009 will be taken from the sign on book in the clubhouse and your Personal Attendance form when you send it in at the end of the year.

The Personal Attendance forms are much more simplistic. I have included one for your use and strongly recommend that you photocopy it a few times before writing on it so that you have spares. They are very simple to fill in and just to make sure that you don't accidentally fill it in incorrectly, I will step through each heading for you. Your entity number is the first six digits of your license number.

The biggest mistakes made by members are simply not following the headings on the form. You **MUST** use the heading information as it is shown on the form. Writing 'Yes' for competition type means nothing. Event name is just that, it's either IPSC or Service Match or Field Pistol or whatever you shot, **NOT** Open or Standard. The next major error is under the heading 'Principal Club'. This is where the match took

place, simple enough I would have thought, but still we get people shooting in say Queensland either writing Yes or PPLA, when they should be writing the NAME of the club they shot at!!

So please make it easier for us to help you by taking the time to **READ** the form and **FILL** it in correctly!! It's not that hard to do. Finally I ask that you photocopy the form before you use it so that you have a spare and please ensure that you get it signed as a computer listing with no signature is **NOT** accepted by the LSD. Help us to help you, without giving the Secretary additional work.

Date: The date you were shooting

Participated as... C = Competitor, **RO** = Range Officer

Competition Type: M= Competition, **TS** = Practice

Event name: **IPSC** or **discipline** shot. NOT OPEN or STANDARD

Class of Firearm: 3 or whatever firearm used as per list on the sheet.

Serial number/PRN: Your guns serial number only

Principle Club: **YES** or the name of the club you shot at.

Supervisors Signature: Fairly self explanatory

Supervisors Name: Fairly self explanatory

There it is then, really simple is it not?? Finally, **PLEASE** print in **NEAT** block letters, Thank you.

EVERYONE must use this form and submit it to the club at the end of the year otherwise your attendances outside of the club will not be counted. Please only use this form or the one downloaded from the PPLA web site. All other forms are incorrect.

OK onto other items.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Club comps will continue as normal on the third Sunday of each month starting this month. As previously explained you must have 6 comps during each calendar year and your club hosts at least 13 per annum. We will also look at continuing the Rifle/Shotgun matches providing that Sebastian gets the assistance to put the matches together and all those people who complained that we did not run them actually turn up.

ROSTERED DUTY DAY

Far too many people have **NOT** been turning up for this requirement. Bad for you and good for the club as you will be levied an additional \$25.00 on your renewal fees when they fall due. A number of people do turn up, but unfortunately spend so much time 'story telling' rather than getting on the with job, resulting in their "attendance" not being counted. You have to be there to help please. Do not leave it to the few who do the right thing by their club. All members are required to help and the same applies to Working Bees. Two working bees per annum on top of your Duty, otherwise an extra \$25.00 on your fees per non attendance.

WORKING BEES

With the club hosting the State IPSC Titles in February, a number of working bees have been organized. The dates and times are listed below so that you can get organized and come to help out. We will start at 10.30am on each day, with the exception of the weekend working bees when we will get going at 9.30am on the Sunday. Please remember during the designated working bee days there will be **NO SHOOTING** on the ranges. If you come to the range intending to shoot, you will be asked to leave the ranges and go to the main firing line and no Working Bee attendance will be recorded unless you **WORKED** for at least 4 hours. And I do mean worked, no hanging around drinking coffee or 'story telling'. We have jobs to do and ranges to build so that you can enjoy your shooting on our ranges.

THE YEAR JUST GONE

During the year just gone the club ran many events and competitions. The State Championships, Selection matches and of course Club competitions. It was really good to see so many people turning up to assist with some or all of these matches and it would be remiss of me not to thank them for their fantastic contribution to the preparing, running and cleaning up of them. So to the following people I say thank you for the extraordinary work you put in to make them all so successful:

Greg Moon	Dean Hateley	Joe Sullivan	Joseph Sullivan
Jon Craig	John Moss	Stephen Munday	Julie Campbell
Dale Aitken	John Willis	Sebastian Ziccone	Jeff Peterson Jnr

Big thanks also go to those members of the club who are NROI or IROA Range Officers, thanks for all your work during the year too.

There were no doubt others who helped during the year turning up at club comps and helping out, but the above members worked very hard at major matches and almost every club comp to make them the success that they were. Thank you for all your efforts.

As previously stated with most people having Internet access, hard copy newsletters will be few and far between and you are asked to keep an eye on our webpage, the Victorian and National WebPages for more information.

The club still has club t-shirts and Nationals t-shirts for sale. They are \$35.00 each if you pick them up from the clubhouse or \$40.00 posted out to you. Club t-shirt sizes are M to 3XL and Nationals shirts are L to 3XL. We also have caps and jackets can be made to order as required.

Please keep in mind what I said about the LSD requirements; the last thing we need is for our sport to lose people because they do not make their attendance requirements. Play by the rules and keep your license, it is easy to attend the ranges often enough to get the right numbers.

Well that's it for this newsletter.

I hope to see you at one of club competitions very soon.

Bill Campbell.

WORKING BEE DATES-STATE TITLES FEBRUARY 2010

Saturday/Sunday 6/7 February 1030 start

Saturday/Sunday 13/14 February 1030 start

Friday 19 February 1030 am start

As always the club will provide a sausage sizzle lunch and a soft drink.

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PRACTICAL PISTOL LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

CLUB CALENDAR JANUARY-JULY 2010

January

Saturday 2 Practice
 Sunday 3 Practice
 Saturday 9 Practice
 Sunday 10 Practice
Saturday 16 Comp setups
Sunday 17 CLUB COMP 1 (P)
 Saturday 23 Practice
 Sunday 24 Practice
Saturday 30 Comp setup Rif/Shtg
Sunday 31 RIFLE/SHOTGUN Comp

February

Saturday 6 Working Bee
Sunday 7 Working Bee
Saturday 13 Working Bee
Sunday 14 Working Bee
Friday 19 Working Bee
Saturday 20 State Titles
Sunday 21 State Titles
 Saturday 27 Practice
 Sunday 28 Practice

March

Saturday 6 Practice
Sunday 7 Training Day
 Saturday 13 Practice
 Sunday 15 Practice
Saturday 20 Comp Setups
Sunday 21 Club Comp 2 (P)
 Saturday 27 Practice
 Sunday 28 Practice

April

Saturday 3 Practice
Sunday 4 Training Day
 Saturday 10 Practice
 Sunday 11 Practice
Saturday 17 Comp setups
Sunday 19 CLUB COMP 3 (P)
 Saturday 24 Practice
 Sunday 25 Practice

May

Saturday 1 Practice
Sunday 2 Training Day
 Saturday 8 Practice
 Sunday 9 Practice
Saturday 15 Comp setups
Sunday 16 CLUB COMP 4 (P)
 Saturday 22 Practice
 Sunday 23 Practice
Saturday 29 Comp setup Rif/Shtg
Sunday 30 RIFLE/SHOTGUN Comp

June

Saturday 5 Practice
Sunday 6 Training Day
 Saturday 12 Practice
 Sunday 13 Practice
Saturday 19 Comp setups
Sunday 20 CLUB Comp 5 (P)
 Saturday 26 Practice
 Sunday 27 Practice

July

Saturday 3 Practice
Sunday 4 Training Day
 Saturday 10 Practice
 Sunday 11 Practice
Saturday 17 Comp setups
Sunday 18 CLUB Comp 6 (P)
 Saturday 24 Practice
 Sunday 25 Practice
 Saturday 31 Practice

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.

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