

PPLA NEWS

April 2009

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.

So far this year everyone has come to grips with the LSD new method of recording range attendances. Almost 95% of the club membership is up to date with their attendance which is a good thing, as the LSD is being very strict in calling people up who have insufficient attendances from the 2008 year. A few club members were called up and after some double checking, it was found that the LSD had gotten their sums wrong and our members were in the clear. This was only possible by those members having made sure that they filled in not only the sign-on book in the clubhouse, but also their own personal attendance sheets. I was able to confirm attendances to the LSD thus avoiding a member having their license suspended or cancelled.

It is of vital importance that you attend the club and maintain your own records at all times. The LSD originally also stated that any attendances out of State or the Country would no longer count as part of your minimum requirements. This was soon revoked and as long as you are attending a proper IPSC shooting match and have your personal attendance sheet signed by a local Range Officer, you will not have any problems according to the LSD.

CLUB RENEWALS

It is renewal time again and enclosed with this newsletter you will find the paperwork required to carry out your renewal. 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 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. Thank you.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

The club competitions have been gaining more and more competitors and have been running really well. The set-up crew does a great job on the Saturday before each club comp and they turn up each month regardless of the weather to ensure that everything is in readiness for a great comp. One thing that the Committee would like to see is a few more people helping out with the pull down and putting away of the props from the smaller ranges after the match. It does not seem fair that the build crew have to also go out and pull down the stages too. It would also be a nice thing if people did not 'Shoot and Scoot' at the comps too, a number of people go to great lengths to ensure that a club comp is produced and we still see people rolling in later than most and then disappearing as soon as they have finished shooting. Hang around and have a chat or a drink with your fellow club members and shooters.

SAFETY AREA

A change to the Safety Area in the Club house has been made and a notice was placed on our webpage recently. Basically the change is to improve safety, effective immediately there is to be **NO** handling of any firearm within the club house. **NO** de-bagging/bagging, stripping, cleaning, showing or practice drawing. A new Safety Area has been built outside of the clubhouse at the far end of the veranda; please ensure that this is where you do all your work now. Handguns in a holster can still be worn in the clubhouse, just do not handle it.

RIFLE/SHOTGUN MATCHES

Sebastian Ziccone has been organizing and running rifle/shotgun matches for those who like to play. They are held in months with 5 Sundays in them and always on the last Sunday of that particular month. The recent match saw about 30 people having a great time and enjoying IPSC with long guns. The next match will be on the 31st May and everyone with a Longarms license is invited to join in. The matches are IPSC style events, so you do not have to be an IPSC member to compete. Bear in mind though, that since it is a LONGARM match you will not get an attendance for you handgun requirement.

CLUB COMMITTEE

It is with pleasure that I congratulate Jon Craig on joining the Committee as Fund Raising Officer. Jon has been working on a few projects with regards Fund Raising for the club and it only seemed natural that he should join the Committee and carry on his good work. Jon has a few good ideas on how we should carry out fund raising and I ask you to help him out where you can. He is looking at other items of Club clothing so that we can stay warm during the coming winter months.

The Treasurers position is still vacant if anyone would like to step up to the plate. The job has been ultra simplified over the last year thanks to some great work by Steve Munday creating an Excel database to cover all the requirements of the job. If you are interested in taking on the position until the AGM, contact me and I will explain what is required. Suffice to say that you will need about 4-6 hours and one Monday evening per month to attend the Committee meetings in Springvale. The rest is really simple.

2010 NATIONALS

By now most of you know that the 2010 National IPSC Championships have been transferred to Perth. We were going to host them again, but for various reasons, none the least that IPSC WA may get considerable government funding if they were to host the match, it was decided to pass it to them. However IPSC Victoria will host them in 2011. If anyone is interested in assisting with 2011 match in any way, let me know and we can add you to our match planning. We will be looking for stage designers and builders and people to help all the other jobs that go to making a great National Championships, at least this time we will not have 5 months to do it all.

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 with the 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.

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.

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CLUB CALENDAR MAY-DECEMBER 2009

May

Saturday 2	Practice
Sunday 3	Training Day
Saturday 9	Practice
Sunday 10	Practice
AUSTRALIAN National Championships	
10-12 Darwin ARAFURA GAMES	
Saturday 16	Comp setups
Sunday 17	CLUB COMP 4 (P)
Saturday 23	Practice
Sunday 24	Practice
Saturday 30	Comp setup Rif/Shtg
Sunday 31	RIFLE/SHOTGUN Comp

June

Saturday 6	Practice
Sunday 7	Training Day
Saturday 13	Practice
Sunday 14	Practice
Saturday 20	Comp setups
Sunday 21	CLUB Comp 5 (P)
Saturday 27	Practice
Sunday 28	Practice

July

Saturday 4	Practice
Sunday 5	Training Day
Saturday 11	Practice
Sunday 12	Practice
Saturday 18	Comp setups
Sunday 19	CLUB Comp 6 (P)
Saturday 25	Practice
Sunday 26	Practice

August

Saturday 1	Practice
Sunday 2	Training Day
Saturday 8	SSM Working Bee
Sunday 9	SSM Working Bee
Saturday 15	SSM Working Bee
Sunday 16	SSM (1)
Saturday 22	Practice
Sunday 23	Practice
Saturday 29	Practice
Sunday 30	Practice

September

Saturday 5	Practice
Sunday 6	Training Day
Saturday 12	Practice
Sunday 13	Practice
Saturday 19	Comp setups
Sunday 20	Club Comp (7) P
Saturday 26	Practice
Sunday 27	Practice

October

Saturday 3	Practice
Sunday 4	Training Day
Saturday 10	Practice
Sunday 11	Practice
Saturday 17	Comp Setups
Sunday 18	Club Comp (8) P
Saturday 24	Practice
Sunday 25	Practice
Saturday 31	Practice

November

Sunday 1	Practice
Saturday 7	Practice
Sunday 8	Training Day
Saturday 14	Comp setups
Sunday 15	Club Comp (9) P
Saturday 21	Practice
Sunday 22	Practice
Saturday 28	Practice
Sunday 29	Practice

December

Saturday 5	Practice
Sunday 6	Training Day
Saturday 12	Practice
Sunday 13	Practice
Saturday 19	Comp setups
Sunday 20	XMAS Club comp (10) P

Merry Christmas to all, see you in January 2010

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