

PENINSULA PISTOL CLUB INC.

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Black Powder Nationals

Our Ern Smith being a member of the Victorian State Team and shooting in the Brisbane National championships a few months back, came 5th in the Blackpowder 25mtr and 2nd in the Blackpowder 50mtr.

Ernie had a score of 367 in the 25mtr and 357 in 50mtr. He also won the Black Powder aggregate shield on which his name is now engraved along with a very small select group of other Victorian shooters.

The Vic team also won the Manton trophy and the Phil Adams shield.

All in all they did us proud.

Annual Fee Increase

As advised in the last newsletter, the committee has been considering numerous avenues in an attempt to overcome the current financial situation resulting from the effects of the gun buy-back and subsequent reduction in membership at our club, and resulting reduced income for our club.

As a consequence of the above, a motion was passed at the last committee meeting that annual fee's be

increased from \$210 to \$240 for adult members, and be increased from \$120 to \$135 for spouses and juniors.

Whilst we have opted for the lower increase as detailed on the report provided from the independent auditor (as also provided with the last newsletter), we are hopeful that the minimal \$30 & \$15 increases, supplemented by the range participation fee's, the voluntary levy payment by life members and the numerous other cost saving measures that we have implemented, will help us to overcome our current financial concerns.

Historically we tend lose a few members each year when the annual fee's are due, but these are usually offset by new memberships. This year though, we have only had 2 new members join to date.

Over the next 12 months we will gain a clearer picture of membership numbers and associated ongoing costs and be in a better position to measure the effectiveness of our current measures.

In the meantime we will continue to monitor our operations, look for any new or improved cost saving measures, and implement

any that are considered practical or beneficial for our club.

Annual Fee's 2005 / 06

Your annual fee's renewal letter is included with this newsletter and fee's should be paid by the 30th June 2005.

Relevant member details are also shown on the bottom of the letter. If your details have changed, or have been recorded incorrectly, then please enter the correct details on your payment slip.

Competition Calendar & Duty Officer Roster

A draft copy of the competition calendar and duty officer roster for 2005/06 is attached for your reference.

Please note that the competition cycle changes each January and consequently, we are unable to provide this information until Nov/Dec when we receive the relevant information from VAPA.

In July we will be preparing the duty officer roster for 2005/06 (when we have a clearer picture of which members have opted for the type 2 membership). In the meantime, those of you

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paying the type 1 membership can record your name for your preferred day/s.

Additionally, please remember that you can perform additional duty officer functions in lieu of attending working bee's, ie, each additional duty officer function performed = 1 working bee attendance.

LAWN MOWING

Interest has been expressed by some members in mowing the grass at the PPC on a roster type basis, so if you are interested, then please contact Hank Vanetten on 9783-4064 so that we can prepare a suitable roster.

Ideally the grass should be cut on a more regular basis than on the 4 official working bee's, and as everyone is aware, we have terminated the services of the external lawn mowing contractor as a cost saving measure, and are now relying on support from our members for this activity.

If the grass is cut only every 3 months, then it becomes a major task, whereas if it is cut monthly or thereabouts, it becomes more manageable.

Working Bee Attendances

For those of you that may have trouble attending weekend working bee's due to other commitments, please note that it is possible to perform working bee activities on days more suitable for you, eg weekdays.

A list of working bee type activities is displayed in the clubhouse, however the major areas that we require assistance in, is the lawn mowing and the cleaning of the clubhouse.

Please remember to write your name and date in the working bee book identifying the activity/s you performed.

Member Participation Recording

The participation recording database is operational and we are now in a position where we can provide attendance details on a regular basis.

Please note, that the only attendances that are used for our annual reporting to the police, are those that are recorded in the "yellow" participation recording books at the club, and it is important that all required details are

entered, including serial number and/or PRN for the handgun used. It also helps if you print clearly, otherwise some details could get recorded incorrectly.

An up-to-date summary listing will be displayed in the clubhouse sorted by handgun licence number sequence. We will also mail a comprehensive list to each member a few times each year, however members who have their email addresses recorded with the club will receive updates on a more regular basis (anyone would think I was giving a big hint wouldn't they ☺)

Ritchies Community Benefit Co-op

Did you know that by shopping at Ritchies you can benefit the club ?.

Well, it's true, all you have to do is to use the PPC's registration number 92153 for your purchases from Ritchies.

Total purchases against 92153 by all members, cumulate each month, and for every dollar over \$1,000 the PPC receives a percentage.

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