

W elcome to this edition of your newsletter.

Firstly an apology for the delay in getting this newsletter out to everyone. The hard drive on my computer cracked up just after I had completed the newsletter the first time and it has taken a while to get a new hard drive and then reload a lot of info on to it to bring me back up to speed. I have had to prioritise what I loaded first and work my way through everything else. Now that the various IPSC web pages are up and running and most people are using them to keep up with the latest news, gossip and information, I have decided that this will be the last hard copy newsletter that will go out. With your IPSC renewals coming, most are showing an email address and I will start using this as a way of contacting everyone and will just put the latest newsletters on the IPSC Vic/Tas web page. So if you have not previously supplied an email address, send me an email and I will add you to the mail out listing.

The year in IPSC has been some what hectic, what with the State Tiles and then four weeks later the Nationals and small group of us have been run off our feet. So for a couple weeks anyway we have been trying to take a bit of a rest with restricted attendances. However we are back in the thick of it again, what with IPSC renewals and club renewals it seems that we have not yet stopped. By now you will have received your IPSC renewal and I ask that you send it in with your payment and completed paperwork as quickly as possible please. **DO NOT** give it to your club delegate or your club as this will inevitably result in long delays in you getting your renewed card sent out to you. Please send it directly to the address shown in the top right hand corner of the form and then we will be able to process it quicker for you. Club renewals should be sent out very soon and it is important that clubs get this paperwork returned by the next mail if possible. We need this payment before we can send out the individuals new cards

NATIONALS & WORLD SHOOT

This year is a World Shoot year and it is pleasing to see many Victorians will be attending the match in Bali. Congratulations to all of those who were selected to be a member of the Australian Team contingent and you are wished all the luck you need to be successful. The World Shoot will be held at the end of October/first week in November. The 2009 Nationals will be held in Darwin as part of the ARAFURA Games during May 2009. Accommodation is fast filling and I suggest that if you are interested in going that you book your and flights and hotels now if possible. It will be held at the same range as the 2007 Nationals and the Opening and closing ceremonies are said to be spectacular. Hope to see you there. Please check the IPSC Australia web page for more information.

STATE MATTERS

The State Tiles were a resounding success with the numbers slightly down on last year's huge count. I suspect that this was because the Nationals were to be held 4-5 weeks later and a lot of people were unable to get the additional time off from work etc. Still it was a huge match with more than 185 competitors in attendance.

The Nationals were equally as big with over 300 competitors from all over Australia and a number of competitors and Range Officers from New Zealand and the Philippines in attendance also.

Congratulations to Brodie McIntosh on another win, I think it is now 9 times in ten years??? Either way a fantastic effort and we look forward to Brodie doing well at the World Shoot later in the year. Great efforts too from the winners of Standard, Steve Clough, and Production Division, Gary Tueno, too. Matches such as these do not happen without the hard work of dedicated people. The PPLA hosted the match and with a little help from a few people from the other clubs in Victoria to put on a great match. Our sincere thanks goes to the fantastic assistance we received from the various firearm businesses around the country. Our major match naming sponsor was PBA IMPORTS; a big thanks to Paul Britton for all of his help and contribution to the match. The match sponsor was NVT Australia and thanks go to Greg Anderson for his great contribution also. To all the other sponsors, we thank you too for your help; we could not have produced a world class match such as this one without your help. I ask that all members think of these sponsors and purchase from them as soon as you can.

The State Selection match season is back upon us and as usual will be kicked off by the PPLA on the 17th August with a one day match. This will be followed two weeks later by a two day match at Wodonga Pistol Club. Entry forms are included and you are asked to get them in to the respective clubs as quickly as you can to help them provide you with the best match possible.

We are still looking for other clubs to host Selection matches and if any club is interested, drop an email or give me a call and we will see what we can work out.

TASMANIA

The Tassie State Titles will be returning to the South of the island this year and again will be hosted by two clubs. You will shoot at one club on the Saturday morning and the other club on the Sunday afternoon. This method was tried in the first two years of the match and works very well. This year should be no different. The entry form is also included for your use. Hope to see you there. If Alistair has anything to do with the stages, they will be sneaky and tricky. Alistair puts a lot of thought into his stage designs and a greater amount of work too. Both he and Kip put on great stages at their respective ranges. I look forward to the match.

See you on the range soon.

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