



## NEW MEMBER INFORMATION PACK 2024

### THE DARWIN PISTOL CLUB

DPC was established in 1965 it moved to the current premises in the Mickett Creek Shooting Complex in 1996 when the NT Government relocated the club to make way for the construction of Tiger Brennan Drive.

The relocation saw the club gain an excellent, purpose-built facility, arguably one of the best in Australia. This enables the club to offer a safe and secure environment for those interested in the sport of competitive pistol shooting, with regular competitions both within the club and between other clubs. The club also hosts regular NT Titles in various disciplines and has hosted the Pistol Australia Action Pistol Nationals on four occasions, the last being in May 2023.

There are 13 outdoor ranges with fixed, turning and moving targets, a 200-metre metallic silhouette range and an indoor air pistol hall with 10 shooting bays. The club also features an administration centre, a kitchen, licensed bar and indoor and outdoor social areas. Strong emphasis is placed on the social aspect of pistol shooting and the club holds regular BBQ's, especially after major competitions.

The Darwin Pistol Club is the only pistol club in the Darwin area that is affiliated with both Pistol Australia and IPSC Australia. The club conducts competitions in **most** sanctioned disciplines available in Australia. As a result, the club has a strong membership base and welcomes applications from all interested.

### CLUB COMPETITIONS

Club competitions are held every Saturday and Sunday morning commencing at 8.30am matches according to the Club Calendar. IPSC and 10m Air Pistol Matches are also held on Tuesday evenings commencing at 7pm. IPSC matches are also held on some Wednesdays. Corporate clients also use the club's facilities for training during the week.

Shooting at the club is conducted under strict protocols and rules. All shooting takes place under the supervision of trained Range Officers with specific rules applying to the handling and storage of handguns, both on and off the shooting ranges. The Range Safety Officer (RO) is in charge of the range and controls each match. Any directions from the RO **MUST** be followed at all times.

A RED FLAG is erected whenever shooting is being undertaken on the range, in the case of DPC red flags are flown all the time.

### RANGE ETIQUETTE

All members and guests **MUST** sign the RANGE ATTENDANCE REGISTER upon arrival at the range. There is a register in the Club Room for sanctioned matches and one in the Safety Bay near range 5 for training or when the club rooms are locked. It is both for a legal requirement and necessary for insurance purposes. **ENCLOSED FOOTWEAR, EYE AND EAR PROTECTION MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE SHOOTING IS IN PROGRESS ON THE RANGE.** Visitors to the club wishing to observe matches are required to wear enclosed footwear and eye and ear protection as well.

**SAFE AREA** The safe area is a specifically designated area where pistols can be removed from cases and placed into holsters or where cleaning and minor adjustments can take place. Ammunition and magazines are not permitted in the safe areas. **SAFETY BEHIND THE FIRING LINE** Firearms are **NOT** permitted to be handled behind the firing line unless you are in the safe area.

All members are responsible for the safety of themselves, fellow shooters and any other person on the range. Under no circumstances can an individual handle a firearm unless they are licensed to do so.



Dear Prospective Member,

Welcome to the Darwin Pistol Club (DPC) and congratulations on your decision to join our club.

The process for joining a pistol club and obtaining a H Class firearms licence is interlinked, **you must be a financial member of a pistol club to hold a handgun licence**. To receive a H Class firearms licence, you need to have a genuine reason. The **genuine reason** for using firearms at the Darwin Pistol Club is for sports shooting. Like most sports you will be required to know the rules of the discipline that you are participating in, (See the DPC Club Rules, Policies and Code of Conduct) and must attend regularly and on time to scheduled matches.

Current Disciplines are:

- International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC)
- International Sports Shooting Federation (ISSF/UIT )
- International Confederation of Revolver Enthusiasts (ICORE)
- Service Pistol
- Metallic Silhouette
- NRA Action
- Black Powder

To progress your interest in joining Darwin Pistol Club you will be required to attend an introductory interview with the Membership Secretary or their nominee. Interviews are held on Sundays from 10:30am to 12pm.

If you have not held a H class firearm licence previously it is recommended that you participate in an open day supervised shoot, which is held once a month. To register, you must complete and sign a declaration that you are not a prohibited person, 3 weeks prior to the scheduled day, DPC will forward this to the NT firearm Unit for an appropriate individual permit. You are permitted to attend one (1) before making application to join the club. The cost for attending an open day is \$20, this covers the use of firearms and ammunition.

The Darwin Pistol Club does not charge additional joining fees. Membership is from 1 July to 30 June.

Once you have joined the Club and obtained a H Class Permit, we will guide you through the process of participating in an approved safety course and competing in club competitions. The Club has pistols available for your use until you are able to acquire your own as per legislative requirements.

During this time, you are required to be assessed as competent in the Darwin Pistol Club Safety Course prior to making application for a H Class Licence. Once you have obtained your H Class Sport Shooters Licence and to maintain this, you are required to attend and regularly participate in PISTOL SHOOTING COMPETITIONS and to keep a RECORD OF PARTICIPATION.

To join the Club, you must

1. Complete the application for Membership form and sign and date the declaration,
2. Pay the appropriate Membership fee,
3. Provide two written character references (this is required as part of your application for a H Class Shooters Permit), or if transferring from another shooting club a letter of introduction,
4. Provide a current photo.
5. Junior applicants must provide written confirmation of support from parent or guardian, who will be required to accompany the Junior member on all attendances at the Club.

As part of the application process, you will be required to familiarise yourself with and sign off on having read and understood the Club Rules, Policies and Code of Conduct.

We look forward to seeing you at the Range.



You must have a **GENUINE REASON** to obtain and hold a **H CLASS SPORT SHOOTERS PERMIT/LICENSE**. **A GENUINE REASON** – You must be a member of an approved **FIREARMS CLUB**, with a certificate of membership that confirms that you are a current and active financial member of the club and that you are actively participating in the sport. You are required to regularly participate in the required number of matches for the year that you are a financial member.

**THE APPLICATION PROCESS:**

**1. ENQUIRIES**

The first thing to do to progress your interest in joining Darwin Pistol Club is to attend an introductory interview with the Membership Secretary or their nominee. Interviews are held on Sundays from 10:30am to 12pm.

**Interested persons who do not hold a H class license:** - If you have not held a H class firearm licence previously it is recommended that you participate in an open day supervised shoot, which is held once a month. To register, you must complete and sign a declaration that you are not a prohibited person, at the club, 3 weeks prior to the scheduled day. DPC will forward this to the NT Police Firearms Unit for an appropriate individual permit. You are permitted to attend one (1) before making application to join the club. Arrangements for this can be made at the introductory interview. It will cost you \$20, collected on the day, to participate.

**Interested persons who have a current H Class license** – can proceed to completing the application form.

**2. Membership FORM and REFERENCES** - complete the attached form with personal details/data.

1. Sign the declaration and date the form which includes an awareness of the Club’s Rules, Policies and Code of Conduct.
2. Include **two written references** from people who have known you for more than 2 years, this is important and is required as part of your application for a H Class Shooters licence. If you are transferring from another club or applying as an Associate member, a letter of introduction or evidence of your current membership is required instead.
3. Get two full members to Propose and Second your application.
4. Include a photo – can be digital.
5. Junior applicants must provide written certificate of support from parent or guardian - Junior members must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on all attendance at the Club.

**3. FEE**

The Darwin Pistol Club does not charge a joining fee. Membership is current until 30 June of the year you join. After that, to remain a financial member of DPC you will need to renew your membership for the following year before the 30 June of that year.

The current membership fee structure is:

Full/Ordinary Member \$260	Family/Student \$110	Senior/Concession \$130	Junior (12-17yrs) \$30	Associate \$130
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Pro rata fee is available after January for new members only.



#### 4. CERTIFICATE OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Certificate of Club Membership is the Club support of Application for a PERMIT to use a Category H Firearm under supervision (FORM PF474A) and must be signed by an approved signatory of Darwin Pistol Club. You will also be required to present this to Firearms Unit to change your membership if transferring.

**WHERE TO LODGE:** The Palmerston Police Station is the place to submit your FORM PF474A. At this time, you will be required to complete a PF444 and submit with 100 points of identification. The Firearms Unit will do a full criminal history check for every application.

#### 5. CATEGORY H SPORTS SHOOTERS PERMIT

The PERMIT is posted to you. The usual processing time is 28 days. On receipt of this PERMIT, you must plan to undertake a SAFETY AND/OR HOLSTER COURSE with the Discipline Representative of the DISCIPLINE that you wish to participate in. Remembering that to maintain a H CLASS Permit/licence you are required to participate in the sport.

**Always carry your permit or licence with you when at the range. You could be asked at any time to present it.**

#### 6. SAFETY AND HOLSTER COURSE

On receiving your permit, you must satisfactorily complete a **Safety and/or Holster Course**. You are required to come to the Club and introduce yourself to the Discipline Representative when you receive your permit. The best time is on Sunday mornings after 10:30am.

While you have this permit you will be required to participate under supervision for three to six months, approximately 10-12 attendances, during which time you are required to complete a Holster Proficiency/Safety Course. Near the end of your permit period your **ATTENDANCE, SAFETY** and **ATTITUDE** will be assessed.

Unless the assessment is UNSATISFACTORY, you will be assessed as satisfactorily completing the appropriate Safety/Holster Course of the discipline that you will participate in, (the PISTOL NT Firearms Safety Training Course, the IPSC Safety and Holster Proficiency Course or the ICORE AUSTRALIA Safety and Holster Proficiency Course 2013). A **Certificate of compliance** will be completed by the discipline representative or instructor as appropriately meeting the requirements of the Darwin Pistol Club Safety Course.

#### 7. CATEGORY H SPORTS SHOOTERS LICENSE – A CERTIFICATE OF SUPPORT AND PERMISSION TO STORE

You will be given a **Certificate of Support for Application for a H Class Shooters Licence PF474B** and a **Permission to Store Firearm Notice PF492** when you have completed the requirements of the above course/s. The PF492 is required so that you can satisfy the Safe Storage Provision of the *Firearms Act and Regulations*. It is a requirement of licence that safe storage be provided at the time of the application.

#### 8. PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORT

Once you have obtained your H Class Sport Shooters Permit/License and to maintain this, you are required to attend and compete in **PISTOL SHOOTING MATCHES** and keep a **RECORD OF PARTICIPATION**. This means you are required to attend a minimum of 12 sanctioned shoots per year, and at least 3 shoots per quarter throughout that year. *If for any legitimate reason you are unable to fulfil this requirement, you should immediately notify the club of your circumstances in writing prior to the event occurring. Your record of participation will need to be produced when renewing Club membership in June. Read the DPC Club Rules, Policies and Code of Conduct.*



## 9. USE OF CLUB FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

During the six month permit period, new members have access to club firearms to complete the mandatory Holster Proficiency/Safety Course. When using the club firearms, only club ammunition is permitted, and this is available at the club for a fee. For a limited time when you receive your licence, further arrangements can be made to continue to use club firearms until you are able to obtain your own.

## 10. PURCHASE OF FIREARMS

The licence category you are applying for is dependent on the type of firearms that you can own, propose to acquire, or use and must be relevant to your 'Genuine Reason'. You must provide supporting documents justifying the 'Genuine Reason' or 'Genuine Need' applicable to the licence category.

To purchase you will be required to have a **CERTIFICATE OF FIREARM CLUB MEMBERSHIP** – Support of Application to Purchase Category H Firearm (PF474C). For a permit to be granted to use in a specially accredited discipline you must be a member of the national or international body that administers that discipline. You can apply for an application to purchase after you have held your H Class Licence for more than 6 months.

## 11. CAPITATION REQUIREMENTS

You will be required to be affiliated by obtaining capitation with a peak body(ies) of the discipline(s) that you participate in ie IPSC, PNT, ICORE, SSAA. You will need to provide proof of your capitation to enable you to receive certificates in support of your permit, licence and purchasing applications and renewing your membership with DARWIN PISTOL CLUB. Further information can be obtained from the appropriate discipline representative or the Membership Secretary. Capitation/Affiliation with a peak body is separate to maintaining your membership with the Darwin Pistol Club and is your responsibility.

## 12. CLUB RULES, POLICIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT refer to [www.darwinpistolclub.org.au](http://www.darwinpistolclub.org.au)

It is mandatory that all members and visitors to the range complex observe the safety and protective apparel requirements as posted on the range. This includes signing the range book, and wearing protective hearing, eyesight and footwear. **Please Note:** Offensive slogans or logos on clothing are prohibited. Camouflage or Paramilitary style clothing is prohibited. All members are required to adhere to the **CLUB RULES, POLICIES and CODE OF CONDUCT**.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TO REMAIN FINANCIAL WITH THE DARWIN PISTOL CLUB YOU WILL NEED TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE THE 30 JUNE EACH YEAR.**



APPLICATION FORM 2024

Please Print and complete the form completely:

Form with fields: LAST NAME, GIVEN NAMES, Date of Birth, Phone Contact, Residential Address, Postal Address, Email, Occupation, Employer

SHOOTER LICENCE DETAILS (if applicable):

Form with fields: Classes, Place of issue, Expiry, Licence No

How did you hear about the Darwin Pistol Club? .....

Are you currently a member of another Shooter's Club? YES/NO Name:.....

Are you applying for Associate membership, what is the Pistol club, you are a full financial member of?:

Empty text box for membership details

Are you Affiliated with a Peak Body? YES/NO please circle: IPSC PNT SSAA ICORE Other.....

If not, what Peak Body will you join: .....

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: (please circle) Full Family Junior Student Senior/Concession Associate

DECLARATION:

- 4 checked items: I am a resident of the Northern Territory, I have no criminal history..., I undertake to provide Darwin Pistol Club with a Criminal History Check..., I acknowledge that submitting this application...

I understand one of the requirements to joining the Darwin Pistol Club is to have read and understood the Club Rules, Policies and Code of Conduct:

Signature of applicant: Date:

PROPOSER AND SECONDER:

We, and being the proposer and seconder, respectively and being financial members of the Darwin Pistol Club, support the above applicant's application for membership.

Signature of proposer: Signature of seconder:

OFFICE USE ONLY: Checklist:

- Form completed fully and signed, 2 references received, Photo received, Fee received and receipted, Certificate of Membership issued, Amount Received \$..., Being for, Membership Fee \$..., Payment Type..., Entered on Club Database: By: \_\_\_