



NEW MEMBER INFORMATION PACK

Dear Prospective Member,

Welcome to the Darwin Pistol Club and congratulations on your decision to join our club. We offer one of the finest purpose-built shooting complexes in the country, together with a friendly and relaxed social atmosphere. The club currently conducts sanctioned competitions in all nationally recognised shooting disciplines except the Western Action Match. Matches are conducted at 7.00pm every Tuesday evening and 8.30am every Sunday morning (disciplines vary according to the Club Calendar which can be obtained from the web site).

On initial examination, the process to obtain your Category H Sports Shooters licence is complicated. This pack is intended to provide you with all the necessary paperwork, and guidance, to make the process run smoothly. The aim is to get you participating in an approved safety course and/or competing in club competition as soon as possible.

During the time taken to process your application it is hoped that you will be able to attend the club and introduce yourself to the Discipline Representative of any specific matches in which you intend to participate. We are a friendly mob, so don't be afraid to approach someone and ask for assistance.

The current Disciplines are;

- International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC)
- Service Pistol
- Metallic Silhouette
- NRA Action
- International Sports Shooting Federation (ISSF/UIT)

All members are required by law to capitulate to the peak body of the discipline(s). You will need to provide proof of your capitulation to enable you to receive certificates in support of your permit, licence and purchasing applications.

The attached checklist is fairly self-explanatory. Please don't hesitate to ask for help if there is anything that needs clarification. Committee members are *almost* always available on shooting days to assist you.

You can obtain further information on www.darwinpistolclub.com or email dpc@inet.com.au

We look forward to seeing you on the range.

Yours sincerely,

Membership Secretary
2015
www.darwinpistolclub.com

DARWIN PISTOL CLUB INCORPORATED



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Surname:		Given Names:	
Date of Birth: / /	Telephone: (W) (H)		
Male Female	(Mob)		
Residential Address:		Postal Address:	
Email:			
Occupation:		Employer:	

Shooter Licence Details

Number:	Place of Issue:	Expiry:	Classes: () () () ()
Sighted: Y/N ()	Other Membership or affiliations:		

APPLICATION TYPE: FULL SENIOR/ CONCESSION FAMILY STUDENT JUNIOR ASSOCIATE

IN COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP I DECLARE AND STATE THAT:

I am a resident of the Northern Territory.
 I have no criminal history that would prevent that NT Commissioner of Policy issuing a "H Class" Firearms licence to me.
 I undertake to provide the Darwin Pistol club with a Criminal History Check provided through the Northern Territory Police.
 I acknowledge that submission of this application and the prescribed membership fee does not constitute acceptance of the application and that acceptance or rejection of the application is at the sole discretion of the Darwin Pistol Club committee in accordance with the Club's constitution.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: / /

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 of the Darwin Pistol Club.
 Signature of proposer: _____ Date: / /
 Signature of seconded: _____ Date: / /

How did you hear about the Darwin Pistol Club?	
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OFFICE USE ONLY

Joining Fee (if applicable)	\$	
Annual Membership Fee	\$	_____
TOTAL	\$	GST included: \$
Date paid: / /	Receipt Number: # _____	
Transferee from another Club? YES / NO Name of Club: _____		
Association Affiliation (Circle one)	IPSC/NT	PNT SSAA
Probation commenced: / /	Membership Approved: / /	
Entered on Club Database: / /	By: _____	

NOTE: Two Passport size photographs are to be submitted with this application

DARWIN PISTOL CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. **Application for Membership form**

Fully complete the attached form with your personal details

- Sign the declaration and date the form
- Get two full members to Propose and Second your application
- Include one small passport size photos.

2. Pay appropriate **Membership Fee**. Pro-rata fees apply if joining part way through the financial year.

3. Include **two references** from people who have known you for more than 2 years
Junior applicants **must** provide written certificate of support from parent or guardian.

4. **Application for Category H Sports Shooters Permit form (PF474A)**

Fully complete the form and submit to the club nominee, together with your completed Application for Membership form and fees.

5. Upon approval of your membership, the **Application for Category H Sports Shooters Permit form (PF474A)** will be signed by the club delegate and returned to you. Present the signed Application for Category H Sports Shooters Permit form (PF474A) at a Police Station and pay the appropriate fee (Junior applicants **may** be required to present their **Birth Certificate** at this time.) 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.

6. Your Category H Sports Shooters Permit will be posted to you. The usual processing time is a mandatory 28 day.

7. Once you have received your permit, you will be required to shoot under supervision for a minimum of three months, approximately 10 attendances, during which time you may be required to complete a **Holster Proficiency/Safety Course**. At the expiration of your three month permit period your attendance, safety and attitude will be assessed and you will, unless the assessment is unsatisfactory, be given a **Certificate of Support for Application for a Category H Sports Shooters Licence**. This will allow you to make application for a H Class Shooters Licence. As there is no renewal system in the NT - each and every application is a fresh application under the Act, and all supporting documentation must be provided on each occasion.

8. Further to this you will be required to present a **Permission to Store Firearms Notice -PF492**. This is required so that you can satisfy the Safe Storage provisions of the *Firearms Act & Regulations*.

9. All members are also required by law to join the peak body of the discipline(s) they intend to shoot. This is currently the responsibility of individual members, and you will be required to provide proof of your capitation to enable you to receive certificates in support of permit, licence and purchase permit applications. For further information about capitation applications and fees please consult the relevant Discipline Representative or a member of the Executive.

10. For further information on the Club Rules and Code of Conduct expected of Club Members please refer to the Darwin Pistol Club Information Brochure which can be found on the website.

11. The Darwin Pistol Club does not charge a joining fee. The current membership fee structure is:

Full/Ordinary Member \$260	Family/Student \$110	Senior/Concession \$130	Junior \$30	Associate \$130
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SOME USEFUL NOTES

The Peter Macaulay Centre at Berrimah is the best place to submit your Police forms as they have direct access to the Firearms Registry staff and are more familiar with processing firearms documentation. Suburban or rural Police Stations are also able to process your application.

Always carry your permit or licence with you when at the range. You may be asked to present it when accessing club guns under supervision.

Listen to the Range Officer and obey all his/her instructions. If unsure of anything, ask for it to be repeated. **SAFETY IS ALWAYS PARAMOUNT**

During the three months 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 further arrangements can be made to continue to use club firearms.

After a period of not less than six (6) months holding a Category H Sports Shooters Licence, you are permitted to apply for a Purchase Permit to own the following;

- One .22 calibre pistol or one centrefire pistol,
- One .177 calibre air pistol,
- One black powder muzzle loading pistol.

After a period of not less than twelve (12) months holding a Category H Sports Shooters Licence, you are permitted to apply for additional Purchase Permits for firearms deemed appropriate for the specific discipline you participate in.

The approval of any Purchase Permit is dependent on the member having appropriate storage facilities for the firearm. As a member of the Darwin Pistol Club, you are permitted to store firearms in the club armoury for a limited time while organising your own storage facility.

To re apply for your Category H Sports Shooters Licence you will be required to provide the police with your Record of Participation Card. In supporting your application, the Pistol Club is required to endorse your capitation, and as such you will be required to provide evidence that you have the necessary capitation. You are also 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 must **immediately** notify the club of your circumstances in writing prior to the event occurring. It is also necessary to notify the police and request special consideration of your circumstances.

Finally, enjoy the facilities our club offers and enjoy the companionship that competitive shooting fosters. Please seek the help of a Discipline Representative or Committee Member if you have any questions.

For further information refer to Firearms licences, permits information on the NT Government Website.